

WDDA INTERNATIONAL EVENT RULES.

Tournament Application

1. Each country can apply to host a WDDA titled event annually.
2. Currently there are two World Regions that hold all major WDDA events. These are EUROPEAN & INDO-PACIFIC.
3. Each individual country will hold ranking events throughout their national season. The WDDA recommends that seasons are from 1 September to 31 August.
4. Each country will decide their own ranking point system.
5. A submission for a WDDA international event must be put before the WDDA board showing a financial outline of how it will be funded and sponsorship partners.
6. Any submission must not be in conflict with or create division with National Darting Bodies. Priority will be given to events that are held cooperatively within National darting programmes or schedules.
7. The WDDA Board will require a financial outline of tournament prize monies to be paid out. The WDDA will require a 20% stake of any financial profits, to be paid to the WDDA. (The WDDA will Not be held responsible or take responsibility for any financial Loss of International or titled events)

Tournament and Event Advertising.

1. Once the tournament has been agreed with the WDDA any advertising or promotion of the event must indicate that it is a WDDA endorsed event for the year 20XX.
2. It must clearly state that it is open to players/teams of all WDDA registered countries and how to enter.
3. All advertising/promotion must be shared with on the WDDA Facebook pages.
4. Tournament directors name and contact details must be advertised and confirmed with the WDDA.
5. Winmau are the main WDDA Sponsor and all details must include their name. Winmau must be given all details for advertising and promotional purposes.

Tournament Format.

1. There are currently three (3) Divisions. Divisions are Classic, Compris and Ladies.
2. A round Robin will take place with the first to 4 wins, best of 3 legs in team events. Best of 3 singles in singles events in groups of 3 to 6 persons max, down to the last 32, 16 or 8 depending on numbers entered. Then a straight knockout to the finish. (this will be at the tournament Directors discretion)
3. 501, best of 3 legs through to the semi- finals. The Semi Finals and Final are to be played as best of seven (5 or 7) legs. (anything other than above must be advised by the tournament director to all players/countries before the tournament begins).

Players Eligibility.

1. All players must have a disability in line with their classification certificate and meet the WDDA's Eligibility Criteria.

2. The WDDA reserves the right to request any player to provide them with appropriate documentation to confirm eligibility, at the players expense.
3. Classification Certificates are now given by each country to all players. Failure to produce this documentation at WDDA Titled events will stop the player from entering any WDDA tournament. Without Exception !

Tournament Organisers will Provide.

1. A venue that caters for Disability.
2. The facilities for the tournament including the registration system, equipment, officials, markers and be overseen by the host nation's co-ordinator and a tournament Director. In effect, they will run the tournament in it's entirety on behalf of the WDDA.
3. In line with our Winmau sponsorship contract, Winmau Dart Boards (Blade 5) must be used for all WDDA Endorsed events. No other darts supply manufacturer or promotion of any other darts company is permitted without granting of a special waiver from both Winmau and the WDDA Board.
4. Access to both standard height boards and wheelchair height boards must be readily available and used at all WDDA events.
5. No raised oche will be used in any Classic event (raised oche can be used for both Compris and Ladies unless there is a wheelchair user playing in any of these categories) Using Tape with a Winmau oche line makes this easier for wheelchair players and referees and officials to see if the oche line is breached.
6. The Host nation must provide a tournament director who will be responsible for maintaining records of countries and players entered, A list of recorded results, A timescale no less than 48 hours from the beginning of a tournament for full entry registration.
7. The tournament Director will collate all names and results and send these to the WDDA's Tournament Director within 48 hours of the events ending.

Prize Fund/Sale of merchandise/sponsorship/ Nett Profits.

1. A prize fund is not required for an International tournament and is at the discretion of the tournament organiser.
2. Any prize fund must be clearly advertised on all promotional material. Cash in, cash out can be advertised for events.
3. The total prize fund must not exceed £1000 for the event, to ensure it is less than the WDDA Winmau World Championships prize fund.
4. Selling raffle tickets and selling any tournament merchandise is permitted that use the WDDA name or sponsorship finances etc. A levy of 20% of all Nett Profit after the event must be paid to the WDDA within seven days. This levy will assist with the legitimate cost of any WDDA representative required to attend International events.

National Ranking and WDDA International Events.

1. The WDDA have opted for an internal ranking system run in each member country. Players from other countries will be allowed to travel and take part but, no ranking points will be given to any visiting player.

2. The WDDA will hold the WDDA Winmau World Championship annually. This event will be up for countries to apply to host the event. The ranking system from each country will allow the top 6 players in all three divisions to automatically qualify for their Division. Two wildcards from the bottom 6 of each country's ranking system will also qualify. These players will be selected by each country's co-ordinator and finally decided by the WDDA board.
3. The WDDA Winmau World Cup is a team event and is held biannually. The top 8 players from each division automatically qualify. 1 reserve per team of 4 players is permitted and must be used in the pairs event.
4. The WDDA Winmau Indo-Pacific event is a team event held biannually between the years of the World Cup. All World cup rules apply. All Indo-Pacific nations can apply to host these events.
5. The WDDA Winmau European Championships event is a team event and held biannually between the years of the World Cup. All World Cup Rules apply. All European nations can apply to host these events.
6. The WDDA are looking to hold and Indo-Pacific – v – Europe from 2023 which will be held during the World Cup. This will replace the Festival of Disability Darts which Scotland are hosting in 2021.
7. All these events give a Fairer system to all and give two WDDA Major International events each year for players to enter. Each year will see the World Championships Singles event and a team event via World Cup or Indo-Pacific or European event.
8. All players selected for any of these events must produce their classification certificate

PLAYING RULES.

1. Wheelchair players can choose to play at either the standard height board or the lower wheelchair height board, being 137cm height from floor to bull. They must advise of their choice when entering the competition and confirm when registering on the day.(CLASSIC DIVISION ONLY)
2. Players must advise that they are playing either as a standing player or a wheelchair when they enter a competition and confirm this when registering on the day. After registration they cannot change their choice during the tournament.
3. Positioning of the wheelchair at the oche- If using a standard self-propelling wheelchair with larger rear wheels the point the rear wheels touch the ground must be behind the oche. If using a different type of wheelchair, the positioning at the oche must be so that the torso is behind the oche and agreed by a tournament official on the day.
4. Players are allowed to have a retriever to collect their darts from the dartboard. The retriever must be provided by the player and must not disturb the play. They must stand behind the eyeline of both players and observe the same rules as the players with regards to communication during the game play. In addition, they must not drink at all whilst retrieving.
5. If a player steps over the oche or the rear wheel (or any other part of the wheelchair advised by the tournament official as the oche marker) goes over the oche a no throw will be called by the caller/chalker then the points scored during that throw are lost.
6. Players or Retrievers must not remove their darts from the board until they are happy that the caller/chalker has called the correct score. If a score is disputed after the darts have been withdrawn from the board the caller/chalker's decision is final on the score.

7. If a player's darts equipment becomes damaged or lost during the course of a throw the player shall be allowed up to 3 minutes to repair or replace the equipment. As per the WDDA playing rules.
8. If a player's disability aids become damaged during the course of play the player shall be allowed up to 10 minutes, at the tournament organiser's discretion to repair or replace the item.
9. If during the course of a match, a player has an urgent reason for leaving the playing area, the Referee may, in his or her sole discretion, allow the player to depart the playing area for up to 5 minutes and up to 10 minutes in the event of a medical reason.
10. If a player wants clarification on rules or codes of practice that are affecting the game they are playing, they can in the first instance refer to the caller/chalking. If further clarification/ruling required they can request the game be suspended until the Tournament Director can be consulted and a final decision given.
11. . WDDA dress code at all events unless the tournament officials advise otherwise. Footwear for example may cause blisters when standing for long spells. Black plimsolls or unmarked black trainers can be used. Black trousers are preferred but black unmarked jogging pants can be used. No shorts must be worn at any time at the oche during play.
12. No drinking alcohol whilst playing on the stage at any time. Only water is permitted for hydration. Alcohol must remain at the players table during matches throughout a tournament.
13. We abide by the World Darts Federation Anti-Doping Rules and members will agree to drug testing if required by the WDDA.
14. All players must have a disability that falls within the WDDA Eligibility criteria as laid down by the WDDA. Classification certificates must be shown and displayed during games.
15. The WDDA can request any player to be assessed or provide evidence of their eligibility status at any time during the year and withdraw eligibility if required.
16. Players must advise the WDDA of any changes in their medical condition which may affect the way the player throws their darts to the WDDA, failure to do so may result in membership being withdrawn.
17. These playing rules apply to the Classic and Compris Divisions as laid out by the WDDA Charter.
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On the Day Of A Tournament.

- 1.** Players must register at the control desk and collect their playing cards during the times given at each tournament. Failure to do so will result in elimination from the tournament.
- 2.** Players must report to the control desk 10 minutes before the time they have been given for their next match to start. Failure to do so will result in elimination from the tournament.
- 3.** The Winner and loser of a match must sign the score card with the referee. The referee/chalker will take the score card to the control desk and scores will be registered.
- 4.** The loser of a match must stay on the board and mark the next game or they must arrange for someone to mark in their place (markers will be allocated at some competitions depending on their format e.g Round Robin). Failure to do so may result in not been able to compete at the next tournament. All International events will have the boards marked by a chalker/referee put in place by the home nation.

- 5.** Players must practice on boards which are designated as practice boards once the competition has started. Players who are about to start a scheduled match on a specific board will be allowed to practice on that board once it is available.
- 6.** Players are not allowed to drink alcohol during their matches. Players may have water on the tables provided but not inside the playing area. Unless agreed by the tournament director. No alcohol to be consumed on stage at any event.
- 7.** Only players who are playing or marking a match are able to be inside the playing area. Unless there is a retriever for a wheelchair player. Any player can ask the referee how many points they have remaining. The referee cannot tell them which double or how to finish a match.
- 8.** Any disputes or complaints are to be handled by the Tournament Organiser or Official (a non player) or other allocated WDDA Officials (who will be named on the day of the tournament) away from the playing area and control desk to minimise disruptions to games which are being played. The Tournament Organiser can then refer to the WDDA Tournament Director if a final ruling is required.
- 9.** Any dispute which affects a game which is being played is to be suspended until the matter has been resolved by the Tournament Director or WDDA official. Once a match is finished the result of that game cannot be changed.
- 10.** We operate a zero tolerance to abusive behaviour, anyone deemed to be abusive to another player or official will be eliminated from the tournament and suspended from future tournaments pending a review by the WDDA committee.
- 11.** The use of flash photography is not allowed during matches.
- 12.** At International team events, each country must show a badge of their country on each player's shirt if no team shirts are worn. This will identify the player and the country they represent.
- 13.** All Major tournaments and events must be scored by score sheets on paper then after verification be put through a computer using Darts for Windows or other suitable darting programme recognised by the WDF.