

# The British Darts Organisation

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## MEMBERSHIPS

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## **1.00 CATEGORIES**

- 1.01 Membership of the British Darts Organisation Limited is divided into five distinct categories as defined in Section 3.00 and which comprise: -
- A Full County Membership
  - B Associate County Membership
  - C Playing Membership - Super League and Inter-County Players/Officials
  - D Honorary Life Membership
  - E International Membership –
    - E-1 Home Countries
    - E-2 Associated Countries
- 1.02 Other possible categories of Membership which are not catered for at the time are Darts Club, and Darts League Memberships, which are being revised from time to time by the Board of Directors and could be introduced at a later date.
- 1.03 Although Individual Membership of the BDO is not catered for at the present time, those players and officials registered for, and playing in, Full Member Championship matches are Playing Members of the British Darts Organisation Ltd

## **2.00 APPLICATIONS**

- 2.01 Applications to join a Membership category of the BDO by Counties, or Countries can only be accepted for consideration when the Board of Directors is satisfied that the applicant is an officially constituted Darts Body with democratically elected Officers and an Executive Council, Applications must meet in full all the qualifying conditions laid down therein.
- 2.02 Individuals wishing to become Playing Members of the BDO may do so by completing and signing either a Super League Registration Form, or an Inter-County / International Registration Form. This form of Membership is also open to all Super League and County Officials.

## **3.00 CATEGORY DEFINITIONS**

### **A Full County Membership**

This long term category of Membership is open to officially constituted County Darts Organisations operating in England and Wales, and to Area Darts Associations operating in Scotland. An applicant must satisfy all the qualifying conditions set out below:

- A.01 The County Darts Organisation's members, or the Scottish Darts Association in respect to Area Associations, shall define the recognisable boundaries of the area covered by the Darts Body, which shall not conflict with any of the existing, or potential Member Counties. Such definition must be included in the Darts Body's Constitution.
- A.02 The Darts Body must have an official Constitution which has been duly approved by its own Members delegates at a General Meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the document must be submitted to the Board of Directors with the application for approval, further revised copies should be submitted after acceptance as a Member County. Such document may be referred to in the instance of any disputes involving the Darts Body's own Members, or any neighbouring Darts Bodies.
- A.03 The officers and Executive Council of the Darts Body must be democratically elected in an Annual General Meeting
- A.04 The Darts Body must be financially sound and shall conduct its financial business in a recognised approved manner with the production of audited accounts and balance sheets at each Annual General Meeting.
- A.05 The Officers and Executive must be responsible for the management and control of the Member County Super League operating within the area defined (A.01).
- A.06 The Member County Super League must have an official set of Playing Rules which have been duly approved by County Super League delegates at a General Meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the document must be submitted to the Board of Directors with the application for approval, further revised copies should be submitted after acceptance as a Member County. Such document may be referred to in the instance of any disputes involving the Super League's own Members, or any neighbouring Super Leagues.

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- A.07 The Officers and Executive Council must be holding regular Meetings with its own Member's delegates for the purpose of conveying information, debating, and making resolutions, on any darts matters relative to the area defined ( A.01) Minutes of such Meetings shall be kept by a Minute Secretary and circulated to all Members entitled to receive them. Those applications that meet all the qualifying conditions above to the Board of Directors satisfaction shall be recommended by them for acceptance at the next BDO Full Council Meeting. At such a Meeting the representatives of the Darts Body shall be required to make a formal request to the existing Member Counties for their approval of the application. The representatives of existing Member Counties shall ask such questions, and seek explanations, on any points relative to the application in order to be satisfied that the Board of Directors recommendation meets with their approval, If accepted as a Full Member County the Darts Body will be required to show that it can meet the further conditions set down below ;
- A.08 To produce County headed notepaper indicating Full Membership of the BDO, and using approved form of the BDO logo to signify that Membership.
- A.09 To conduct all Inter-County business on such headed notepaper.
- A.10 To meet all financial obligations on demand.
- A.11 To engage in all scheduled Inter-County fixtures.
- A.12 To comply with all the conditions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of the British Darts Organisation Limited.
- A.13 To submit all the information on request as is relevant to being accepted as a Full Member County.
- A.14 On acceptance a Full Member County will be provided with electronic access to all relevant documentation in the form of the BDO Authorised Handbooks, the contents of which shall be used by the Member in order to comply with all the Rules and Regulations governing all darts events under the jurisdiction of the BDO.  
In all such documentation the term "Member County" shall mean a County Darts Organisation, or Area Association.
- A.15 A list of Full Member Counties is shown on Page 4.

### **B. Associate County Membership**

- B.01 Those Darts Bodies unable to meet the qualifying conditions listed above, or those wishing to associate to the BDO to gain experience in BDO affairs, may apply to become an Associate Member County.  
Such applications shall be considered on their merit and providing that their acceptance will lead to the Darts Body becoming a Full Member County then the Board of Directors may recommend to a BDO Full Council Meeting that they be accepted, - again the representatives of existing Member Counties may ask such questions, and seek explanations, on any points relative to the application in order to be satisfied that the Board of Directors recommendation meets with their approval,
- B.02 At the present time there are no Counties registered as Associate Member Counties
- B.03 Providing that the playing members of an Associate Member County are participating in a County Super League, and that all players have been entered into the BICC database, and the appropriate levy paid for each player, then those players shall be entitled to play in BDO Members-Only darts events subject to the payment of the entry fees for each event as designated by the Board of Directors.

### **C. Playing Membership**

- C.01 Individual players wishing to play in Member County Super Leagues and in the British Inter-County Championships are required to sign the appropriate official BDO Registration/Agreement Form.
- C.02 The act of signing the form safeguards that Player's right, subject to meeting the commitment to the BDO system, plus all the relevant qualifying and entry conditions, to enter into all BDO Members-Only darts events for a period of eighteen months.

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- C.03 The membership period has been set to cover the possible participation of a Player in BDO Members-Only darts events in which the Great Britain Play-offs are staged at a time outside the conventional period of a Super League.
- C.04 This extended membership period serves to safeguard the right of a Player that is no longer playing for a particular Super League Team, or Member County, but has qualified to proceed to Regional, and Great Britain Play-offs after the end of the respective Playing Season.
- C.05 The act of signing the forms also acknowledges the Player's right to be covered by the BDO Insurance Cover for Public Liability subject to the Player's parent body having paid their Insurance Levy.

### D. Honorary Life Membership

- D.01 This category of Membership shall be conferred by the Board of Directors on those persons within the darts fraternity whose services to the Sport of Darts in relation to the activities of the BDO are deemed worthy of such an honour.

At the present time this honour is held by seven such persons;

**BILL GIBSON**

**SAM HAWKINS**

**MARIE HAWKINS**

**JOAN McCLINTOCK**

**PETER MURRAY**

**MARLENE MURRAY**

**KEN PARKER**

### E. International Membership

This category of Membership is open to officially constituted Country Darts Organisations which are recognised as the governing bodies responsible for the management and the control of the Sport of Darts in their respective countries.

Such recognition is usually met by that Darts Body's membership of the World Darts Federation, although the Board of Directors may invite a Darts Body from a country not already represented in the WDF to become an International Member.

For clarity this category is subdivided into **TWO** parts as shown below;

#### E.01 '6' NATIONS CUP Membership

For the purpose of staging the annual '6' Nations Cup event the Host shall extend invitations to the **SIX** Participating Countries, i.e.

ENGLAND	- England Darts Organisation	- EDO
NETHERLANDS	- Nederlandse Dart Bond	- NDB
NORTHERN IRELAND	- Northern Ireland Darts Organisation	- NIDO
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	- Irish National Darts Organisation	- INDO
SCOTLAND	- Scottish Darts Association	- SDA
WALES	- Welsh Darts Organisation	- WDO

#### E.02 Associate International Membership

Those Country Darts Bodies wishing to be associated with the activities of the BDO shall be accepted by the Board of Directors as **Associate International Members** and are listed on Page 5.

International Members of the BDO are not required to pay any Membership Fees.

**4.00      LISTS OF MEMBERS**

**BRITISH DARTS ORGANISATION Ltd  
LISTS OF FULL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS  
7th NOVEMBER 2018**

**A. FULL MEMBER COUNTIES**

1	ANGUS	23	ESSEX	45	NORFOLK
2	AVON [W.O.E.]	24	FIFE	46	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
3	AYRSHIRE	25	GLAMORGAN	47	NORTHUMBERLAND
4	BEDFORDSHIRE	26	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	48	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
5	BERKSHIRE	27	GRAMPIAN	49	OXFORDSHIRE
6	BORDERS	28	GWENT	50	PEMBROKESHIRE
7	BRECONSHIRE	29	GWYNEDD	51	PERTHSHIRE
8	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	30	HAMPSHIRE	52	RENFREWSHIRE
9	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	31	HERTFORDSHIRE	53	SHROPSHIRE
10	CENTRAL	32	HIGHLAND	54	SOMERSET
11	CHESHIRE	33	HUMBERSIDE	55	STAFFORDSHIRE
12	CLACKMANNANSHIRE	34	ISLE OF WIGHT	56	SUFFOLK
13	CLEVELAND	35	KENT	57	SURREY
14	CLWYD	36	LANARKSHIRE	58	SUSSEX
15	CORNWALL	37	LANCASHIRE G.M.C.	59	TAYSIDE
16	CUMBRIA	38	LEICESTERSHIRE	60	TYNE & WEAR
17	DERBYSHIRE	39	LINCOLNSHIRE	61	WARWICKSHIRE
18	DEVON	40	LOTHIAN	62	WEST MIDLANDS
19	DORSET	41	LONDON	63	WILTSHIRE
20	DURHAM	42	MERSEYSIDE	64	WORCESTERSHIRE
21	EAST RENFREWSHIRE	43	MIDDLESEX	65	YORKSHIRE
22	EAST STIRLINGSHIRE	44	MONTGOMERY & RADNOR		

**B. INTERNATIONAL MEMBER COUNTRIES**

**'6' Nations Cup International Members**

1	ENGLAND	3	NORTHERN IRELAND	5	SCOTLAND
2	NETHERLANDS	4	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	6	WALES

**C. ASSOCIATED MEMBER COUNTRIES**

1	AUSTRALIA	24	GIBRALTAR	47	NORTHERN CYPRUS
2	AUSTRIA	25	GREECE	48	NORTHERN IRELAND
3	BAHAMAS	26	GUYANA	49	NORWAY
4	BARBADOS	27	HONG KONG	50	PAKISTAN
5	BELGIUM	28	HUNGARY	51	POLAND
6	BELIZE	29	ICELAND	52	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
7	BERMUDA	30	INDIA	53	ROMANIA
8	BRAZIL	31	IRAN	54	RUSSIA
9	BRUNEI	32	ISLE OF MAN	55	SCOTLAND
10	BULGARIA	33	ITALY	56	SERBIA
11	CANADA	34	JAMAICA	57	SEYCHELLES [Interim Member]
12	CATALONIA	35	JAPAN	58	SLOVAKIA
13	CAYMAN ISLANDS	36	JERSEY	59	SOUTH AFRICA
14	CYPRUS	37	KOREA	60	SPAIN
15	CZECH REPUBLIC	38	LATVIA	61	SWEDEN
16	DENMARK	39	LITHUANIA	62	SWITZERLAND
17	EGYPT	40	LUXEMBOURG	63	THAILAND [Interim Member]
18	ENGLAND	41	MACAU	64	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
19	ESTONIA	42	MALAYSIA	65	TURKEY
20	ETHIOPIA	43	MALTA	66	TURKS & CAICOS
21	FINLAND	44	MONGOLIA	67	UKRAINE
22	FRANCE	45	NETHERLANDS	68	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
23	GERMANY	46	NEW ZEALAND	69	WALES