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**Winmau World Masters
Championships**

**Rules
Procedures
Invitation Criteria
Qualifying Events**

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SECTION ONE – RULES & PROCEDURES

1.00 INTRODUCTION

The World Masters Championships are a means whereby those players, Men, Women Boys and Girls who have been successful during the year in winning BDO & WDF recognised Tournaments and qualifying play-offs or have achieved other special distinctions in listed qualifying BDO recognised events and tables can be brought together by invitation to contest who can earn the Title of 'Masters Champion of the World' in each of the above categories. Since 1974 these Championships have been supported by the Winmau Dartboard Company

2.00 INVITATION CRITERIA

- a. **SECTION TWO** of these Rules contains the categories and listings of qualifying events and achievements from which the players as eligible will be entitled to invitation for participation the World Masters Championships Finals.
- b. The determining of the criteria for invitation is solely at the discretion of the BDO Board of Directors

3.00 INVITATION PROCEDURES

3.01 Invitations

- a. Invitations to participate in the BDO World Masters Championships Finals will be extended to those players fulfilling the criteria as detailed under Section Two of these Rules
- b. The BDO reserves the right to withdraw invitations as they see fit without assigning a reason for so doing

3.02 Eligibility for Participation

In order to participate in the World Masters Championship Finals a player;

- a. Must be a member of the BDO or another member darts body of the World Darts Federation
(Lists of which may be found on Page 10 of this document)
- b. Must not be serving a period of ineligibility imposed by the BDO, the World Darts Federation or any member darts body of the World Darts Federation
- c. Must not be a registered holder of a currently valid Professional Darts Corporation [PDC] Tour card
- d. Must not have participated in any PDC Players Championships in the current year

3.03 Conditions of Invitation Acceptance

- a. By accepting the invitation to participate in the 2018 Men's or Women's section of the World Masters Championship each player agrees that should he/she be successful in winning the World Masters men's or women's Championship he/she will commit to participation as an invited player in the 2019 BDO World Professional Championships Finals
- b. All travel and accommodation arrangements and costs incurred are the responsibility of the respective recognised Organisation / Darts body / player

3.04 Multiple Qualifications

- a. Whilst some players may qualify for invitation via more than one category players can only accept one invitation to participate regardless of how many categories as qualified from
- b. Where invitation qualification is linked to a specific range of positions in a rankings or merit table then in no circumstances can the invitations list be extended to include players placed outside of the range of positions as specified

3.05 Age Qualification – Boys & Girls

- a. All finalists in the Boys and Girls World Masters Championships must be under the age of 18 by the completion date of the respective Boys or Girls World Masters Championships Finals
- b. It is recognised that during the period between qualification for the Boys or Girls World Masters Championships and the completion date of the Boys or Girls World Masters Championships Finals some players may attain the age of 18.
- c. In order to address this, and providing that the set criteria as laid down is met then in such cases Rule 3.06 below shall apply

3.06 Age Dispensation – Boys & Girls

- a. In all BDO Sanctioned Youth Events that carry qualification or invitation to compete in the BDO World Masters Championships Finals where it is a condition of participation that players must be under the age of 18 by the completion date of the respective Youth Event then any player gaining such qualification and reaching the age of 18 before the completion date of the World Championships Boys or Girls finals shall be placed in the draw for the respective Adult section and if eligible under Section 3.05 also shall be placed in the draw for the for the respective BDO World Professional International Play Off
- b. Should the above apply It is the responsibility of the relevant Darts body Officers to indicate 'over age' alongside the players date of birth on the BDO Entry Form

3.07 Registrations and closing date

- a. It is the responsibility of the respective organisation ensure that the BDO are notified of the names of the players within their system that have qualified for the Championship Finals by the closing date as detailed in [c] below
- b. It is the responsibility of the respective darts body to ensure that all relevant play offs and qualifying procedures are completed and results notified to meet with the closing date
- c. **FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON THIS CLOSING DATE SHALL BE: 30th AUGUST 2018**
N.B. Unless special dispensation has been agreed with the BDO Tournament Director then this deadline will be rigidly enforced
- d. The notification of qualifiers must be effected by using the online facility accessed via the BDO Website www.bdodarts.com
- e. The online entry form will detail all information required and in the event of any questions contact: winmau@bdodarts.com
- f. A passport style photograph will be required to be uploaded when registering
- g. The Date for the Finals shall be set by the BDO Board of Directors and shall be posted on the BDO website Diary page for the year as relevant Ref: www.BDODarts.com/diary.php
[see also Appendix Four of the Document

4.00 SEEDING OF PLAYERS

- a. In the National Play Offs there will be no seeding of players
- b. In Qualifying Tournaments the normal system of seeding those Tournaments will apply
- c. In the World Masters Championships Finals only there the seeding procedures are:

4.01 MEN'S SEEDING CRITERIA

- a. A number of Men qualifiers as determined by the BDO Board of Directors will be seeded as per their position in the BDO Invitational Rolling Tables at the date as follows
- b. **FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON THIS DATE SHALL BE: 9th SEPTEMBER 2018**
- c. The players seeded will each be placed against those players reaching the point in the tournament corresponding to the number of seeded players e.g.16 x seeds will be matched against the last 16 players in the tournament, 8 x seeds will be matched against the last 8 players in the tournament etc.

4.02 WOMEN'S SEEDING CRITERIA

- a. A number of Women qualifiers as determined by the BDO Board of Directors will be seeded as per their position in the BDO Invitational Rolling Tables on the date as follows:
- b. **FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON THIS DATE SHALL BE: 9th SEPTEMBER 2018**
- c. The players seeded will each be placed against those players reaching the point in the tournament corresponding to the number of seeded players e.g.. 16 x seeds will be matched against the last 16 players in the tournament, 8 x seeds will be matched against the last 8 players in the tournament etc.

4.03 BOYS & GIRLS

- a. There will be no seeding of players in the Boys and Girls Events

4.04 BDO SEEDING FORMULA

- a. The seeding formulae as used will be:

16 x seeded players	1 – 16 – 8 – 9 – 5 – 12 – 4 – 13 – 2 – 15 – 7 – 10 – 6 – 11 – 3 – 14
8 x Seeded Players	1 – 8 – 4 – 5 – 2 – 7 – 3 – 6 .
4 x Seeded Players	1 – 4 – 2 – 3

5.00 MATCH PLAY

5.01 Playing Rules

- a. Unless specified as otherwise the BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the BDO World Masters Championships Finals including any qualifying play offs
- b. The Bracket system will apply to the Men's Women's, Boys and Girls draws

5.02 Playing Schedules

- a. The BDO will publish on the BDO website a full schedule for the World Masters Championship to include venue details, registration times, formats, prize structures and any other information as relevant

5.03 Player listings & Draws

- a. The BDO will publish on the BDO website full lists of players and match-play draws

6.00 PLAYING FORMATS

6.01 National Play Offs – Playing Formats

- a. All legs 501 up, straight start, finish on a double
- b. Minimum leg numbers being for Quarter finals onwards shall be:
 - Men's = Minimum of best of 7 x legs 501
 - Women's = Minimum of best of 5 x legs 501
 - Boys = Minimum of best of 5 x legs 501
 - Girls = Minimum of best of 5 x legs 501

6.02 World Finals - Playing Formats

- a. All legs 501 up, straight start, finish on a double
- b. All sets being best of 3 x legs 501 [except where tie breaker rule is applicable]

A. Men's Playing Format

- All Rounds to the last 16 = Best of 5 x sets
- Quarter Finals = Best of 7 x sets
- Semi Final = Best of 9 x sets
- Final = Best of 11 x sets Tie breaker rule to apply

Order of Throw

- a. Each player shall throw for bull to determine who throws first in the 1st leg
- b. The player that is named first in the match draw shall throw first for bull
- c. Darts that remain in the Bull or 25 rings to be withdrawn before the second player throws
- d. Darts that rebound from the board shall be thrown again
- e. If the darts thrown for the bull prove to be tied then both players shall throw again alternately until a winner of the bull is decided
- f. The player throwing nearest the bull shall throw first in the 1st and 3rd legs of odd numbered sets and in the 2nd leg of even numbered sets
- g. The 3rd leg of any set is only played if it contributes to the result of that respective set

Tie Breaker Rule – Men's Final Only

- a. If the final set is still a draw after 8 x legs have been played then for the 9th leg the following tie breaker rule shall apply
- b. Each player shall throw for bull to determine who throws first in the 9th leg
- c. The player that threw first in the match shall throw first for bull
- d. Darts that remain in the Bull or 25 rings to be withdrawn before the second player throws
- e. Darts that rebound from the board shall be thrown again
- f. If the darts thrown for the bull prove to be tied then both players shall throw again alternately until a winner of the bull is decided
- g. The player that wins the 9th leg of the final set of the respective final match shall be declared the match winner

B. Women's Playing Format

- a. All Rounds to last 8 = Best of 7 x legs 501
- b. Semi Final and Final = Best of 9 x legs 501

C. Boys & Girls Playing Formats

- a. All Rounds = Best of 7 x legs 501

7.00 PRIZE STRUCTURE

- a. The Prize structure will be as determined by the Promoter/Sponsor
- b. If a player is not present at the official presentation ceremony to receive prize money, or prizes, without the prior permission of the Promoters/Organisers then that player shall forfeit the right to receive such prize money, or prizes that may be due.
- c. An Overseas player will be subject to UK. Withholding Tax on any prize money won.

8.00 PLAYING ATTIRE

- a. All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No: 25.00 shall apply in all matches played in the BDO World Masters Championships and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.
- b. In the BDO World Masters Championships Finals the Playing Attire of any participating player shall be subject to BDO approval.
- c. Any unacceptable Playing Attire must be changed before that player can participate in any introductions, Match play on stage, interviews, and introductions.
- d. Any player refusing to meet with BDO approval shall be liable to forfeit that respective match, and shall be reported to the appropriate darts body for Disciplinary Proceedings to be considered.

9.00 ADVERTISING

- a. All the terms of BDO Playing Rules shall apply in all the matches played in the BDO World Masters Championships and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.
- b. Any special sponsor or TV regulations on advertising will be detailed in the published schedule

10.00 DRINKING

- a. No alcoholic drinks shall be allowed to be consumed, or introduced by any player or match official into the playing area designated for the staging of the BDO World Masters Championships
- b. All venue licensing conditions will be applied in full

11.00 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- a. The terms and conditions laid down in the BDO Code of Practice No 6: Anti-Doping Policy shall apply to all players and officials participating in The BDO World Masters Championships

12.00 BETTING CODE

- a. The terms and conditions laid down in the BDO Code of Practice No 9: Betting and Related Activity shall apply to all players and officials participating in the BDO World Masters Championships

13.00 OFFICIALS

- a. The number of Officials required to organise The BDO World Masters Championships shall be determined and appointed by the BDO Directors giving due regard to those persons previously appointed and to the budget for The BDO World Masters Championships

14.00 PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CONDUCT

- a. Any player's or match official's conduct which is considered to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute shall be liable to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against that player, or that official.
- b. Such Disciplinary Action shall be instigated by the Promoters/Organisers, and shall be conducted in Accordance with the relevant BDO Code of Practice as laid down in Volume One of the BDO Authorised Handbook. Ref: www.bdodarts.com

15.00 INCIDENTS

- a. When an 'incident' occurs which is not specifically covered within The BDO World Masters Championships Playing Rules and Format, or the BDO Playing Rules, then the Promoters/Organisers decision shall be final and binding.
- b. Any decision made under Clause No. 13.00 (a) shall be referred to an ensuing BDO Board Meeting, when that decision shall be considered for inclusion within a revised version of these Rules.

16.00 NOTES TO THE RULES & CONDITIONS

- a. The Qualifications for the BDO World Masters Championship are reviewed annually at a BDO Board Meeting
- b. In these Rules and Conditions for the BDO World Masters Championship the term 'Promoters/Organisers' shall mean the British Darts Organisation Limited, or a subsidiary of that Company.

17.00 INTERPRETATIONS

- a. The interpretation of the BDO World Masters Championships Rules shall be determined by the BDO Directors and whose decision on any matter shall be final and binding
- b. Any matters not expressly covered in the -- BDO World Masters Championships Rules shall be determined by the BDO Board of Directors
- c. Information concerning such interpretations or matters as determined under (a) or (b) above shall be forwarded to the BDO Board of Directors for consideration and possible inclusion in a revised version of the BDO World Masters Championships Rules

SECTION TWO – QUALIFYING EVENTS & CRITERIA

Listed below are the categories of Men's, Women's, Boys, and Girls Events that qualify for representation at the respective World Championships Finals

Inclusion in the listings is subject to compliance with all criteria as listed in sub-section 5.00 below

1.00 MEN'S QUALIFYING EVENTS

Reference also Rule 3.07

A. BDO Invitational Rankings Tables Invitations

The men in positions 1 to 128 inclusive of the BDO Men's Main Invitation Rolling Tables as valid on **30th August 2018**

B. National Men's World Masters Championships Play Offs

Qualifying numbers from UK National Play-offs:

1. England Member Counties Play Offs 8 x Men
2. Scotland Member Counties Play Offs 4 x Men
3. Wales Member Counties Play Offs 4 x Men
4. WDF Member Countries Play Offs 4 x Men

C. BDO Recognised Singles Events Champions [Men's]

1. The current and 4 x years previous World Masters Men's Champions as eligible
2. The current and 4 x years previous World Professional Men's Champions as eligible
3. Current British Gold Cup Men's Champion
4. WDF World Cup Men's Champion in the year as won
5. WDF Europe Cup Men's Champion in the year as won
6. WDF Asia/Pacific Cup Men's Champion in the year as won
7. WDF Americas Cup Men' Champion in the year as won
8. All Events that are included in the current BDO Invitational Rankings Men's Main Tables
9. National Men's Singles Championships & Open Singles Events that have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member Country Event
10. Member County Men's Open Singles Events for which the total prize fund is £1,000 and which have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member County Men's Open
11. BDO 18-25 Tournament Male Qualifiers for the current year = 4 x Qualifiers

D. BDO Recognised Pairs Events Tournament Champions [Men's]

1. Current BDO British Gold Cup Men's Pairs Champions

E. BDO Associate Member Countries Performance Ranking Tables invitations [Men's]

[Ref: Associate Member Country listings in Section Three – Appendix 1.00 of these rules]

1. Those players in positions 1 to 4 only in BDO recognised National Ranking Tables valid at the notification closing date i.e. **30th August 2018**

F. BDO British Inter County Championships [Men's]

[Ref: BDO Full Member County listings in Section Three – Appendix 2.00 of these rules]

1. 100% Playing record - Players with a 100% record of wins from the total fixtures available to them in the 2017-2018 BICC season
2. Dynamic Dart Average - Players in positions 1 to 20 inclusive only in the overall Divisional DDAV Table in the 2017-2018 BICC Season with no replacements for any players already qualified

G. Other Invitations

1. 2 x Men's Sponsors Invitations

2.00 WOMEN'S QUALIFYING EVENTS

Reference also Rule 3.07

A. BDO Invitational Rankings Tables Invitations

The women in positions 1 to 64 inclusive of the BDO Women's Main Invitation Rolling Tables as valid on **30th August 2018**

B. National World Masters Play Offs [Women's]

Qualifying numbers from UK National Play-offs:

1. England Member Counties Play Offs 4 x Women
2. Scotland Member Counties Play Offs 2 x Women
3. Wales Member Counties Play Offs 2 x Women
4. WDF Member Country Play Offs 2 x Women

C. BDO recognised National Singles Tournaments [Women's]

1. The current and 4 x years previous World Masters Women's Champions as eligible
2. The current and 4 x years previous World Professional Women's Champions as eligible
3. Current British Gold Cup Women's Champion
4. WDF World Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
5. WDF Europe Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
6. WDF Asia/Pacific Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
7. WDF Americas Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
8. All Events that are included in the current BDO Invitational Rankings Women's Main Tables
9. National Women's Singles Championships & Open Singles Events that have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member Country Event
10. Member County Women's Open Singles Events for which the total prize fund is £500 and which have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member County Women's Open
11. BDO 18-25 Tournament Female Qualifiers for the current year = 2 x Qualifiers

D. BDO recognised Pairs Events Tournament Champions [Women's]

1. Current BDO British Gold Cup Women's Pairs Champions

E. BDO Associate Member Countries Performance Ranking Tables invitations [Men's]

[Ref: Associate Member Country listings in Section Three – Appendix 1.00 of these rules]

2. Those players in positions 1 to 4 only in BDO recognised National Ranking Tables valid at the notification closing date i.e. **30th August 2018**

F. BDO British Inter County Championships [Men's]

[Ref: BDO Full Member County listings in Section Three – Appendix 2.00 of these rules]

3. 100% Playing record - Players with a 100% record of wins from the total fixtures available to them in the 2017-2018 BICC season
4. Dynamic Dart Average - Players in positions 1 to 20 inclusive only in the overall Divisional DDAV Table in the 2017-2018 BICC Season with no replacements for any players already qualified

G. Other Invitations

2. 2 x Men's Sponsors Invitations

3.00 BOYS QUALIFYING EVENTS

3.01 Application of Age Qualification and Age Criteria

It must be noted that all terms as laid down in SECTION ONE Subsections 3.05 and 3.06 of these Rules and Procedures shall apply to all Boys events as listed below

3.02 Boys Events include:

A. National Boys World Masters Championships Play Offs

Qualifying numbers from UK National Play-offs:

1. England Member Counties Play Offs = 4 x Boys
2. Scotland Member Counties Play Offs = 2 x Boys
3. Wales Member Counties Play Offs = 2 x Boys
4. WDF Member Country Play Offs = 2 x Boys

B. BDO recognised Boys Singles Tournament Champions

1. BDO World Masters Boys Champion in the year as won
2. WDF World Cup Boys Champion in the year as won
3. WDF Europe Cup Boys Champion in the year as won
4. WDF Asia/Pacific Cup Boy's Champion in the year as won
5. WDF Americas Cup Boy's Champion in the year as won
6. BDO World Youth Champion in the year as won [if the Champion is a boy]

C. BDO recognised Boys Singles Events

1. Invitations will be extended to cover Boys Youth Championships and Boys Open Singles Tournament as organised by recognised National Darts Bodies which have fulfilled an entry criteria of at least 16 x boys for each qualifying event and which have successfully applied to the BDO for recognition of the event in question

D. BDO Recognised National Boys Ranking tables

1. Boy players in positions 1 to 4 inclusive in BDO Recognised National Boys Ranking Tables as applicable at 31st December in the relevant year

E. Word Darts Federation Rankings Tables Qualifiers

1. Boy players in positions 1 to 3 inclusive in WDF World Ranking Systems at 31st December in the relevant year = 3 x players
2. Boy players in positions 1 to 3 inclusive in each of the WDF Area Tables i.e. European, Americas and Asia/Pacific Regions of the WDF Boys Ranking System at 1st January in the relevant year = 9 x players total

F. BDO Recognised Boys Inter County Championships performances

1. Invitations will be extended to boys that have achieved a 100% playing record in the relevant seasons in the Youth Inter County Championships as organised by the Youth Darts systems as officially recognised by the BDO:

G. BDO British Inter County Championships

As the rules of the BICC allow for players under the age of 18 to be registered then the following will apply

1. 100% Playing record – Boy Players with a 100% record of wins from the total fixtures available to them in the previous BICC season
2. Dynamic Dart Average - Boy Players included within overall positions 1 to 20 inclusive in the overall Divisional DDAV Table in the 2017-2018 BICC Season.

H. BDO Recognised International Boys Teams

1. Upon application to BDO Invitations may be extended to current members of the Official BDO/WDF Member International Boys Teams

4.00 GIRLS QUALIFYING EVENTS

4.01 Application of Age Qualification and Age Criteria

It must be noted that all terms as laid down in SECTION ONE Subsections 3.05 and 3.06 of these Rules and Procedures shall apply to all Boys events as listed below

4.02 Girls Events include:

A. National Boys World Masters Championships Play Offs

Qualifying numbers from UK National Play-offs:

1. England Member Counties Play Offs = 4 x Girls
2. Scotland Member Counties Play Offs = 2 x Girls
3. Wales Member Counties Play Offs = 2 x Girls
4. WDF Member Country Play Offs = 2 x Girls

B. BDO recognised Girls Singles Tournament Champions

1. BDO World Masters Girls Champion in the year as won
2. WDF World Cup Girls Champion in the year as won
3. WDF Europe Cup Girls Champion in the year as won
4. WDF Asia/Pacific Cup Girls Champion in the year as won
5. WDF Americas Cup Girls Champion in the year as won
6. BDO World Youth Champion in the year as won [if the Champion is a girl]

C. BDO recognised Girls Singles Events

1. Invitations will be extended to cover Girls Youth Championships and Girls Open Singles Tournament as organised by recognised National Darts Bodies which have fulfilled an entry criteria of at least 8 x girls for each qualifying event and which have successfully applied to the BDO for recognition of the event in question

D. BDO Recognised National Girls Ranking tables

1. Girl players in positions 1 to 4 inclusive in BDO Recognised National Girls Ranking Tables as applicable at 31st December in the relevant year

E Word Darts Federation Rankings Tables Qualifiers

1. Girl players in positions 1 to 3 inclusive in WDF World Ranking Systems at 31st December in the relevant year = 3 x players total
2. Girl players in positions 1 to 3 inclusive in each of the WDF Area Tables i.e. European, Americas and Asia/Pacific Regions of the WDF Girls Ranking System at 1st January in the relevant year = 9 x players total

F. BDO Recognised Girls Inter County Championships performances

1. Invitations will be extended to boys that have achieved a 100% playing record in the relevant seasons in the Youth Inter County Championships as organised by the Youth Darts systems as officially recognised by the BDO:

G. BDO British Inter County Championships

As the rules of the BICC allow for players under the age of 18 to be registered then the following will apply

1. 100% Playing record – Girl Players with a 100% record of wins from the total fixtures available to them in the previous BICC season
2. Dynamic Dart Average - Girl Players included within overall positions 1 to 20 inclusive in the overall Divisional DDAV Table in the 2017-2018 BICC Season.

H. BDO Recognised International Girls Teams

1. Upon application to BDO Invitations may be extended to current members of the Official BDO/WDF Member International Girls Teams

5.00 QUALIFYING EVENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- a. It is the responsibility of the respective BDO Recognised Darts bodies to submit an e-mailed application to the BDO Rankings Tables Director i.e. rankings@bdodarts.com in order to gain official recognition or ratification of an event or tournament not already listed or included in the Winmau Qualifying listings
- b. On acceptance of the application it will be the controlling Darts Body's responsibility to ensure that the BDO are notified of all qualifiers as they emerge and in any instance by no later than the closing date as indicated in the relevant BDO Diary page www.BDODarts.com/diary.php for the year of qualification or as detailed in Appendix Four of this document
- c. All notifications of players as qualified must be accompanied by the relevant documentation of verification as requested as laid down
- d. It is the responsibility of the relevant darts body to ensure that the BDO are notified of all qualifying players intention to participate
- e. The BDO Directors reserve the right to amend all listings as they deem appropriate at any time
- f. Applications to include Open Tournaments that are not BDO ranked must be aware that minimum prize funds are applied i.e. Men £1,000 minimum and Women £500 minimum
- g. Application for boy and girls Open Tournaments must be aware that minimum entry numbers are: 16 x Boys and 8 x Girls

SECTION THREE – APPENDICES

APPENDIX ONE - BDO – ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES [W.D.F. MEMBERS]

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

As at: 6th January 2018

I.M. = Interim Member

Lapsed Members on 31-12-17 - Bulgaria, Nepal, Nigeria

APPENDIX TWO - BDO 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 PERTSHIRE
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	

As at 12th February 2018

WEST LOTHIAN resigned



APPENDIX THREE - SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO 2016-2017 VERSION

Whilst the body of the rules has not undergone any major amendments other than a few changes in wording to hopefully serve to better understanding of the rules as written

One change however is one as suggested by a player concerning the number of qualifiers at present qualifying from the BDO Rankings Tables i.e.

QUALIFIERS FROM BDO RANKINGS TABLES

To amend the Rules that allowed for top 20 x Men and 20 x Women to qualify for the Winmau Finals from the respective Men's & Women's BDO Main Invitational Ranking Rolling Tables

These rules have been revised to read:

MEN

A. BDO Invitational Rankings Tables Invitations

The men in positions **1 to 128** inclusive of the BDO Men's Main Invitation Rolling Tables as valid on **30th August 2018**

WOMEN

A. BDO Invitational Rankings Tables Invitations

The women in positions **1 to 64** inclusive of the BDO Women's Main Invitation Rolling Tables as valid on **30th August 2018**

The objective is to give more opportunities to players that participate in Ranked events whilst not detracting from the achievements of those that gain invitation through other means.

Research has shown the increase in qualifiers from the BDO Tables will not create a massive rise in numbers qualifying from the tables as many will have already qualified from other sources

The only real change will be in that where a specific number of players qualify from a ranking or merit table then that number will reduce should any players qualify from another source [i.e. it will not be added to from players in positions further down the rankings]

This system will also assist when collating the entry lists

Players can also monitor their progress in the Tables during the year

BICC COUNTIES LIST

Note that WEST LOTHIAN have withdrawn from the BICC

APPENDIX FOUR - CLOSING & CUT OFF DATES

With the Winmau unfortunately not yet having a set weekend it becomes a problem each year to set dates that suit everyone and which allows players time to organise travel, accommodation etc.

For the 2017 – 2018 Season the dates are as follows

WINMAU WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Finals Dates

**Thursday 4th to
Sunday 7th October 2018**

Closing Date for registration of all invited qualifiers

Thursday 30th August 2018

Cut-off date for BDO Ranking Table Qualifiers

Thursday 30th August 2018

Winmau Seeding Cut Off Date

Thursday 9th September 2018

This date will enable the determining of the seeded players in the Winmau World Finals using the BDO Invitational Ranking Rolling Tables for the period 10th September 2017 to 9th September 2018 inclusive

WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

World Professional International Play Offs

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

All players that qualified for World Masters adult finals are invited plus any that attained the age of 18 prior to 3rd October 2018

Any current adult International Team members not already qualified

1 x Man and 1 x Woman qualifier from each BDO Member County

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday 3rd October 2018