

ANNUAL REVIEW OF BDO INVITATION TABLES CRITERIA - 2011 PERIOD

The Board of Directors has reviewed the current criteria for the BDO Invitation Tables and has agreed to introduce several changes to the Criteria for the 2011 period of the Tables.

This review and the amended Criteria will supersede the details published in the current BDO Diary.

The possibility of comparing players' relative positions in the BDO and WDF tables may be compromised if the events recognised and listed by the BDO are not also listed and recognised by the WDF.

To overcome this anomaly the events listed in the BDO Invitation Tables should also be recognised and listed in the WDF Ranking System Criteria so that the comparison of tables used to differentiate between players in 'tied' positions can be properly evaluated.

An analysis of ALL the event returns for the 2010 period and an indication of the overall prize money on offer in 2011 was used to determine a revision of the categorisation of the events recognised and listed in the tables

Promoters/Organisers of BDO recognised events are encouraged to include the Category allocated within this Criteria on the entry forms and any promotional literature.

The Category for each event has been set by the Board of Directors and will remain as advertised until the end of the current review period – if an event does not match the parameters set out in the Criteria then it will be subject to review and possible re-categorisation for the next period.

A +/- 10 % margin of error will be allowed in assessing this situation. IE: An event can be upgraded as well as downgraded

The listing and categorisation of Men's and Women's events have now been separated and in some instances a revised category has been allocated.

Whilst it is disappointing to learn of the collapse of the Grand Tour of the Lowlands with two events not being continued the Board of Directors has agreed to continue recognising the remaining four events within the Criteria for the 2011 Period.

IE: Antwerp Open, {BDB}; Centre Parcs Masters, {BDB};
Flanders Open, {BDB}; and the Mariflex Open, {NDB}.

NEW EVENTS

The 2011 Latvian, Lithuania, Poland, and Romanian Open events have been accepted and are included in Category 'E'.

POINTS ALLOCATIONS – EUROPEAN EVENTS

Category 'A' - will now be allocated to the last 64 players only.

Category 'B' - will now be allocated to the last 32 players only.

Category 'C' & 'D' - will now be allocated to the last 16 players only.

Category 'E' - will now be allocated to the last 8 players only.

POINTS ALLOCATIONS – EVENTS OUTSIDE EUROPE

Category 1 - points will now be allocated to the last 32 players only.

Category 2 & 3 - points will now be allocated to the last 16 players only.

Category 4 - points will now be allocated to the last 8 players only.

OVERALL ANALYSIS OF BDO RECOGNISED EVENTS

26 BDO recognised events are now listed in the 'Outside Europe' region.

30 BDO recognised events are now listed in the 'European' region.

Players in the Australasia Region now have access to 13 BDO recognised events within that region; these do not include the singles events in the WDF Asia-Pacific Cup and the WDF World Cup.

Players in the North American region now have access to 12 BDO recognised events within that region; these do not include the singles events in the WDF Americas Cup and the WDF World Cup.

Players in the UK region now have access to 12 BDO recognised events within that region; these events do not include the singles events in the WDF Europe Cup and the WDF World Cup.

WINMAU WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

At this stage the dates for the 2011 Winmau World Masters Championships have not yet been determined. As in previous years this is subject to the scheduling of ALL sporting events by the BBC

With this in mind players and officials should arrange their tournament schedules to provide details of national qualifiers and BDO recognised Champions by Wednesday 1st September 2011.

Any national play-offs or BDO recognised events played after that date will not be included in the 2011 Winmau World Masters Championships.

The seeding of the top players for the event will be determined at the end of August 2011.

INTERNATIONAL PLAY-OFFS – 2011 WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

As in previous years the International Play-offs will be scheduled to be played in conjunction with the 2011 Winmau World Masters Championships and will be played the day before that event starts.

WORLD PROFESSIONAL 2012 – CUT-OFF DATE FOR INVITATIONS & SEEDING

As in previous years this will coincide with the weekend on which the Klondike Open {Canada} is scheduled to be played. IE: Monday 10th October 2011 will be actual cut-off date for seeding and invitation purposes.

ANNUAL REVIEW

During October 2011 the annual review of the Criteria for the 2012 period of the BDO Invitation Tables will be conducted during which the allocations of points and the categorisation of all the listed events will be under consideration. The scheduled release date for the next review will be 1st November 2011.

It should be noted that the Board of Directors reserve the right to add to, delete from, and amend the System as deemed necessary.

Dave Alderman
BDO Chairman
1st November 2010.