

BRITISH DARTS ORGANISATION

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The British International Championships shall be played between Full International Men's and Women's Teams from England, Scotland and Wales.

The Full International Men's and Women's Teams shall be selected by the elected representatives of the **England Darts Organisation (BDO), the Scottish Darts Association and the Welsh Darts Organisation.**

1.00 FIXTURES

- 1.01 Each International Men's and Women's Team shall play-off on a **'Round Robin'** basis in International Fixtures, which shall be slotted into the BDO calendar of darts events in each Playing Season.
- 1.02 The dates of the International Fixtures shall be agreed between the International Delegates from the respective English, Scottish and Welsh International darts bodies at a BDO International Meeting.
- 1.03 Each International Fixture shall be reversed from **'Home'** to **'Away'** in the ensuing Playing Season.
- 1.04 The promoters of the British International Championships reserve the right to amend the agreed Fixture Dates in order to meet the particular requirements met in negotiation with Sponsors and Television Authorities.

2.00 PLAYING SQUADS

- 2.01 Each International darts body shall name a Playing Squad of **'13'** Men and **'7'** Women for the British International Championships.
- 2.02 The date for naming the International Playing Squads shall be set and agreed in the BDO International Meeting held in the Spring/Autumn of that year, and shall normally be convened in the December of that same year.
- 2.03 Each Men's Team shall consist of **'12'** players with **'1'** reserve named or listed in the order of preference. (See Substitution Rules 4.02 - 4.05)
- 2.04 Each Women's Team shall consist of **'6'** players with **'1'** reserve named or listed in the order of preference. (See Substitution Rules 4.02 - 4.05).
- 2.05 Every selected International player shall sign an official BDO Registration / Agreement Form for each and every Playing Season that the player is selected to play in.
(See Page F 5 - Specimen BDO International Registration / Agreement Form)
- 2.06 A selected International Player shall also declare his/her correct Nationality when signing the official BDO International Registration / Agreement Form.
- 2.07 A players Nationality may be determined from **'ONE'** of the following conditions:-
 - (a) The player's own Country of Birth.
 - (b) The player's Father's Country of Birth.
 - (c) The player's Mother's Country of birth.
 - (d) By proving that the player is currently residing in **and** has resided in the Country for which he/she wishes to play, for a period of not less then **'3'** years
NB : Such proof could be provided by information from the Electoral Roll
- 2.08 Once an International player has declared his/her Nationality and has played for that Country in an International Match, he/she shall **NOT** play for any other Country, except **ONLY** in those circumstances where it is discovered and proven that the original declaration was incorrect.
- 2.09 A player that has participated in a British International Championship match shall be credited with an **'International Appearance'**.

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3.00 PLAYING FORMAT

- 3.01 The BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the British International Championships.
- 3.02 Each Men's match shall consist of **'12'** sets of singles, each set being the best of **'5'** Legs of 501 up, straight start and finish on a double
- 3.03 Each Women's match shall consist of **'6'** sets of singles, each set being the best of **'5'** Legs of 501 up, straight start and finish on a double.
- 3.04 The points structure in each British International Championship is as follows :-
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| Each Match | 'ONE' point per set won, the Team with the most sets is the Match Winner, if equal points then the match is drawn. |
| Championship Points | 'TWO' points per Team for an overall Match Win.
'ONE' point per Team for a Draw. |
- 3.05 The Team attaining the highest aggregate of Championship Points from the 'Three' International Fixtures shall be declared the British International Champions Men's or Women's respectively.
- 3.06 In the instance of a 'Tie' the Championship 'Title' shall be decided on 'Sets Difference', before comparing the difference between 'Legs Won' & 'Legs Lost' for each team in the 'Tie'
- 3.07 In the instance that the Teams are still 'Tied' after comparing 'Legs' difference then the Championship 'Title' shall be shared for **'ONE'** year by those Teams that have 'Tied'.

4.00 DRAW

- 4.01 The Draw for the Order of Play shall be made between the respective Team Managers, when **'ALL'** the selected International Players of each Team in the respective Championship match **must** be present in the Playing Venue.
- 4.02 The Draw for opponents in a match shall be made approximately '60' minutes before the scheduled start time of a Championship match, and **ALL** players in that respective match must be present in the Playing Venue at least '90' minutes before the scheduled start time.
- 4.03 Mitigating circumstances shall be taken into account in the instance of a player being unable to play, in which case the named Reserve Player shall be substituted in that player's place in the Draw.
- 4.04 The substitution procedure shall allow any player to be substituted at any time up to the start of the respective Set that a player has been drawn to play
- 4.05 The substituted player must comply with the following conditions :-
- Eligibility
 - First of all the substituted player must be of the same Nationality as the player being substituted, **OR**
 - be a guest player providing that the player has never held International Status by BDO definition.
 - A substitute player cannot attain International Status as a result of playing as a substitute in any International Match.
- 4.06 The promoters reserve the right to amend the sequence of the Order of Play for the Men's and Women's matches in order to meet the particular requirements of the Sponsors and the Television Authorities.
- 4.07 The **'AWAY'** Team shall throw first in the **ODD** numbered Legs of the **ODD** numbered Sets in both the Men's and Women's matches.
- 4.08 See Page F 6 for reference to a specimen Draw Sheet, which is normally included in the official Match Programme.

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5.00 PLAYING ATTIRE

- 5.01 All the terms of BDO playing Rule No 25 shall apply in all the British International Championship matches.
- 5.02 The Playing Shirts shall be provided by the National Darts Body that is responsible for each respective team playing in the British International Championships.
- 5.03 In the Official Reception, the Playing Venue and during any Official 'Photo - Calls', **ALL** players shall wear their National Uniform or the Official Playing Attire approved by their respective National Darts Body.
- 5.04 Rule 5.03 shall apply to **ALL** players, whether playing in or attending at the Playing Venue, and in particular during the presentations of the Playing Squads, both before and after the Championship match.

6.00 ADVERTISING

- 6.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No 27 shall apply in all the British International Championship matches.

7.00 SMOKING

- 7.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No 28 shall apply in all the British International Championship matches.

8.00 DRINKING

- 8.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No 29 shall apply in all the British International Championship matches.

9.00 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- 9.01 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 British International Championships.

10.00 PROGRAMMES

- 10.01 Each International Darts Body shall supply head and shoulders black and white photographs of each of the '13' Men and '7' Women, plus 'ONE' Team manager for inclusion in the Official Match Programme.
- 10.02 Such information and any requested biographical details must be sent to the BDO Headquarters by not less than '6' weeks before the scheduled start of the British International Championships.
- 10.03 In the instance of the items referred to in Rule N0 9.01 not being available at the time required then the Promoters reserve the right to print the match programme omitting the items, but shall declare them as "**Not Available at the Time of Going to Print**".

11.00 TROPHIES

- 11.01 The promoters shall provide '60' overall Commemorative Trophies bearing the names of all selected players, and Team Managers participating in the British International Championships
- 11.02 The trophies shall be presented to the players and the Team managers during the course of the British International Championships, as decided by the promoters and shall be retained by the recipients.
- 11.03 The Men's and Women's Team perpetual Championship Challenge Trophies shall be held by each respective Champion Team or International Darts Body for a period of 'ONE' year.

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- 11.04 In the instance of a 'Tie' in the Championship 'Title' the Challenge Trophy concerned shall be held for a period of **'SIX'** months by each Championship Team in the 'Tie' or by their respective International Darts Bodies, as decided by the Promoters.
- 11.05 The Championship Challenge Trophies shall each be returned to the BDO Headquarters as requested by the promoters.
- 11.06 In addition to the Trophies referred to in Rule Nos. 11.01 and 11.02 a Man and a Woman of the Match Trophy shall be awarded for each British International Championship Match.
- 11.07 The man and Woman of the Match Trophies shall be awarded to the Man and Woman achieving the 'Highest Winning Darts Average' in the match.

In the instance of equal 'Highest Winning Darts Averages' being recorded, then the Man or Woman of the Match Trophy shall be awarded to one of those players with :-

- (a) The best two winning legs.
- (b) If still equal the players remaining from (a) with the fastest winning leg or
- (c) if still equal the player from (b) with the highest check out.

12.00 **PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS CONDUCT**

- 12.01 Any Player's or 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 Official.
- 12.02 Such Disciplinary Action may be instigated by the Promoters, or by the respective International Darts Body whichever is the more appropriate Body concerned.
- 12.03 Any Disciplinary Action shall be conducted in accordance with the BDO Code of Practice No 3 as laid down in Volume One of the BDO Authorised Handbook.
- 12.04 Masters of Ceremonies and International Referees shall not invite a player to use the microphone at any time during a British International Championship, without being officially invited to do so.
- 12.05 During Televised Match play any player or official using offensive language, or seen to be **'Mouthing'** any offensive language shall be deemed to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute, and shall then be subject to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against that player or official.

13.00 **OFFICIALS**

- 13.01 The number of Officials required to organise a British International Championship match shall be determined and appointed by the promoters giving due regard to those persons nominated to assist by their respective International Darts Bodies.

14.00 **INCIDENTS**

- 14.01 When an **'Incident'** occurs which is not specifically covered within these Playing Rules and Format, or the BDO Playing Rules then the Promoters decision shall be final and binding.
- 14.02 Any decision made under Rule No 14.01 shall be referred to an ensuing BDO International Meeting, when that decision shall be considered for inclusion within a revised version of these Rules.