

BRITISH DARTS ORGANISATION

BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLES - GUIDELINES

The BDO has agreed to collate information, and produce **BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLES**, one for Men, and one for Women, who must be current registered BDO Playing Members.

The Grand Prix Tables will be based on the attainment of darts players participating in BDO Member County 'OPEN' darts events and other major BDO Members-Only events.

1.00 QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

- 1.01 The 'OPEN' darts events shall be promoted and organised by a BDO Member County Darts Organisation, or an Area Darts Association, Full, or Associate.
- 1.02 The title of the 'OPEN' event must include the name of the BDO Member County, to avoid confusion with other events possibly supported by the same Sponsor.
- 1.03 There shall be no restriction on the number of players wishing to enter an 'OPEN' event. Subject to the availability, size and the safe use of the playing venue.
- 1.04 Entry Forms/Posters shall be distributed as widely as possible, this is best achieved by direct mail shots to the entrants from previous events and the use of appropriate websites and other electronic communications. They must include an entry condition relating to a player's eligibility thus;

"This event is only open to those players who are eligible to play in the Winmau World Masters and the Lakeside World Professional Championships."

Without this entry condition then the incentive available in Clause 1.06 shall not be available to players that participate in that respective County event..

- 1.05 The 'OPEN' events shall be given as much publicity as possible, with advertising in recognised darts media; EG: Appropriate national and county websites, Darts World, and the local press. The draw for the event must be posted on the County or BDO website for access and consultation by players, and officials in order to verify compliance with the BDO eligibility rule.
- 1.06 Providing that compliance with Clauses 1.04 and 1.05 is verified and maintained and that the level of prize money being offered includes a minimum of £ 800 first prize for men and £ 400 first prize for women then the Men's and Women's Champions will be eligible to receive a direct invitation into the Winmau World Masters and the International play-offs for the Lakeside World Professional Championships.
- 1.07 To avoid confusion the words "**BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX POINTS APPLIED FOR**" must be included on all literature associated with the 'OPEN' event; - 'proof' copies of forms/posters to be submitted for approval before printing.
- 1.08 A BDO Member County shall be eligible to apply for more than ONE 'OPEN' event, Men's and/or Women's event in each Playing Season.
- 1.09 A BDO Member County must have run an event on at least ONE occasion, in the previous Season, with written proof of the tournament's viability, the number of entries, and the record of the payment of prize monies.
- 1.10 An 'OPEN' event must be staged on a date that has been agreed with the BDO Fixture Secretary. See APPENDIX 1 Page I 8.
- 1.11 A reasonable attempt must be made to avoid 'local' clashes with other BDO Member County 'OPEN' events , a distinct geographical North/ South, or East/ West difference could be acceptable, and in those circumstances where a clash is still inevitable, even on a geographical basis, then consideration should be given to reversing Men's and Women's events on that respective weekend.
- 1.12 An 'OPEN' event which is staged on a date that clashes with a scheduled BDO darts event, in which more than '32' players were involved in any One day, will be liable to be declared ineligible for inclusion into the **BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLES**.

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2.00 PLAYING FORMAT

- 2.01 An 'OPEN' event being promoted for the purpose of qualifying for the **BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLES** must be a 'SINGLES' darts event.
- 2.02 The Playing Format shall be based on a multiple number of legs of 501-up, with a straight start, and a double, or Bull to finish.
- 2.03 An 'OPEN' event must be played under the **BDO PLAYING RULES**.

3.00 POINTS ALLOCATION

- 3.01 When a **BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLE** comprises of eight , or more events, then an individual player's performance shall be determined by taking the aggregate points total from the 'best' points attained in 75% of the events of the Table in question.

IE: The same principle as adopted in the BDO Invitation Tables System.

- 3.02 Points shall NOT be awarded for an 'OPEN' event UNLESS the relevant information, verifying the placings of the first eight/sixteen players, plus the correct number of entries received, is forwarded, on the official Returns Form, within '7' days of the event, to the compiler of the **BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLES**.
- 3.03 Points will be allocated to each player's placing in a recognised event as indicated in the table below;

RECOGNISED EVENTS	County Qual.	1 st Points	2 nd Points	Jt 3 rd Points	Jt 5 th Points	Jt 9 th Points	Jt 17 th Points
World Professional Championship County Qualifier	4						
Winmau World Masters County Qualifiers at National Play-offs	3						
Winmau Qualifiers to World Finals	3						
BDO Gold Cup Singles County Qualifiers at Gt. Britain Finals	4	12	10	7	4	3	2
British Classic		10	8	6	4	2	1
British Masters	3	10	8	6	4	2	1
British Open		10	8	6	4	2	1
BDO International Open		10	8	6	4	2	1
English Open		10	8	6	4	2	1
Scottish Open		10	8	6	4	2	1
Welsh Open		10	8	6	4	2	1
Torremolinos Open		8	6	4	2	1	
English Classic		8	6	4	2	1	
English Masters		8	6	4	2	1	
England National Singles		8	6	4	2	1	
Scottish Classic		8	6	4	2	1	
Scottish Masters		8	6	4	2	1	
Scotland National Singles		8	6	4	2	1	
Welsh Classic		8	6	4	2	1	
Welsh Individual Singles		8	6	4	2	1	
Welsh Masters		8	6	4	2	1	

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	New County Open Events (TBA)		6	4	2	1		
	New Holiday Centre Events (TBA)		6	4	2	1		
	Breconshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Cambridgeshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Central Open		6	4	2	1		
	Cheshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Cleveland Open		6	4	2	1		
	East Yorkshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Essex Open		6	4	2	1		
	Fife Open		6	4	2	1		
	Glamorgan Open		6	4	2	1		
	Gloucestershire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Gwynedd Open		6	4	2	1		
	Hampshire Open – Southampton		6	4	2	1		
	Haven Autumn Festival		6	4	2	1		
	Isle of Wight Open		6	4	2	1		
	Kent Open – Camber Sands		6	4	2	1		
	Kent Open – Folkstone		6	4	2	1		
	Lancashire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Lincolnshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Mid Lothian Open		6	4	2	1		
	Midland Open		6	4	2	1		
	Mill Rythe Open - Spring - Hampshire		6	4	2	1		
	Mill Rythe Open - Autumn - Hampshire		6	4	2	1		
	Hampshire Echo/Novotel Open		6	4	2	1		
	Nottinghamshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Northamptonshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Renfrewshire Open		6	4	2	1		
	Somerset Open		6	4	2	1		
	Sussex Haven – Hastings		6	4	2	1		
	West Lothian Open		6	4	2	1		
	Yorkshire Classic		6	4	2	1		

4.00 INCENTIVES TO PLAYERS

4.01 The top Players in the **BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLES**, at a particular time in the darts calendar shall be invited to enter into the Preliminary Play-offs, or into the World Finals of ‘major’ BDO darts events, subject to them taking place.

EG: World Masters {Men & Women} - Top 5 placed players into the World Finals.
World Professional {Men & Women} - Top 5 placed players into the International Play-offs.

In the instance that a ‘top placed’ player has already qualified for the first round proper of the ‘major’ event then the next player in the table shall be invited.

4.02 The number of players being invited into the Preliminary Play-offs, or World Finals, shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the appropriate time.

The number of ‘major’ BDO darts events into which the top players may be invited shall be reviewed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

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5.00 REGISTRATION OF BDO MEMBER COUNTY OPEN EVENTS

- 5.01 Application Forms to submit details of Qualifying Conditions for an OPEN EVENT are available on request from the BDO Headquarters, when completed they must be submitted for consideration before any event literature is printed.
- 5.02 Providing that an OPEN EVENT has met the Qualifying Conditions laid down in Clause 1., then that OPEN EVENT will be considered for acceptance for Registration upon receipt of a completed BDO Application Form, which must be accompanied by the appropriate Registration Fee.
- 5.03 The Registration Fee for an OPEN EVENT is £ 50.00 + VAT = £ 60.00 {Includes Men and Women}
- 5.04 The Registration Fee for a 'stand-alone' Women's OPEN EVENT is £ 25.00 + VAT = £ 30.00
- 5.05 The Registration Fees for OPEN EVENTS shall be pooled and the monies that accumulate, plus any interest derived therefrom, shall be used to defray the expenses incurred in the ;
- (a) administration of the **BDO BRITISH GRAND PRIX TABLES**, including postage charges for the distribution of entry forms, and copies of the **BDO BRITISH GRAND PRIX TABLES** when compiled for each issue date.
 - (b) travelling and accommodation charges for players invited to participate in Regional Play-offs and Grand Finals as referred to in Clauses 4.01 and 4.02.
- 5.06 The Registration Fees are not refundable,

6.00 ISSUE DATES

- 6.01 The **BDO BRITISH SENIOR GRAND PRIX TABLES** will be issued annually to coincide with the issue of the BDO Invitation Table Systems, (Men and Women), which shall be the 1st June or the day after the Welsh Open in each Playing Season.

7.00 AMENDMENTS and ADDITIONS

- 7.01 The Board of Directors reserve the right to add to, delete from, or amend these Guidelines as deemed necessary

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BDO BRITISH YOUTH GRAND PRIX TABLES - GUIDELINES

The BDO has agreed to collate information, and produce **BDO BRITISH YOUTH GRAND PRIX TABLES**, one for Boys , and one for Girls.

The Tables will be based on the attainment of youth darts players participating in BDO Member County 'OPEN' darts events and other major BDO Members-Only events.

Upper age limit is nineteen years of age, whereas the lower limit is subject to appropriate care being provided by suitable persons approved by players' parents.

1.00 QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

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- 1.02 The title of the 'OPEN' event must include the name of the BDO Member County, to avoid confusion with other events possibly supported by the same Sponsor.
- 1.03 There shall be no restriction on players wishing to enter an 'OPEN' event. Subject to the availability, size and safe use of the playing venue.
- 1.04 Entry Forms/Posters shall be distributed as widely as possible, this is best achieved by direct mail shots to the entrants from previous events and the use of appropriate websites and other electronic communications.
- 1.05 The 'OPEN' events shall be given as much publicity as possible, with advertising in recognised darts media; EG: Appropriate national and county websites, Darts World, and the local press.
- 1.06 To avoid confusion the words “ **BDO BRITISH YOUTH GRAND PRIX POINTS APPLIED FOR** “ must be included on all literature associated with the 'OPEN' event; - 'proof' copies of forms/posters to be submitted for approval before printing.
- 1.07 A BDO Member County shall be eligible to apply for more than ONE 'OPEN' event, Boys and/or Girls event in each Playing Season.
- 1.08 An 'OPEN' event must be staged on a date that has been agreed with the BDO Fixture Secretary. see APPENDIX 1 Page I 8.
- 1.09 A reasonable attempt must be made to avoid 'local' clashes with other BDO Member County 'OPEN' events , a distinct geographical North/ South, or East/ West difference could be acceptable, and in those circumstances where a clash is still inevitable, even on a geographical basis, then consideration should be given to reversing Boy's and Girl's events on that respective weekend.
- 1.10 An 'OPEN' event which is staged on a date that clashes with a scheduled BDO darts event, in which more than '32' players were involved in any One day, will be liable to be declared ineligible for inclusion into the **BDO BRITISH YOUTH GRAND PRIX TABLES**.

2.00 PLAYING FORMAT

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- 2.02 The Playing Format shall be based on a multiple number of legs of 501-up, with a straight start, and a double, or Bull to finish.
- 2.03 An 'OPEN' event must be played under the **BDO PLAYING RULES**.

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3.00 POINTS ALLOCATION

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3.02 Points will be allocated to each player's placing in a recognised event as indicated in the table below;

An event must have a minimum of 16 players participating in the first round of a Boys/Girls event.

In the instance of a mixed event being staged then points will be awarded in the appropriate table.

IE: If a girl wins then her attainment is included in the girls table and,
If a boy wins then his attainment is included in the boys table.

RECOGNISED EVENTS	County Qual.	1 st Points	2 nd Points	Jt 3 rd Points	Jt 5 th Points	Jt 9 th Points	Jt 17 th Points
Winmau World Masters County Qualifiers at National Play-offs	3						
Winmau Qualifiers to World Finals	3						
BDO International Open – Brean Sands		10	8	6	4		
English Open		10	8	6	4		
Scottish Open		10	8	6	4		
Welsh Open		10	8	6	4		
British Teenage Open		10	8	6	4		
Northern Youth Singles Champion		8	6	4	2		
Southern Youth Singles Champion		8	6	4	2		
PLUS							
New County Open Events (TBA)		6	4	2	1		
New Holiday Centre Events (TBA)		6	4	2	1		

4.00 INCENTIVES TO PLAYERS

4.01 The top Players in the **BDO BRITISH YOUTH GRAND PRIX TABLES**, at a particular time in the darts calendar may be invited to enter into the Preliminary Play-offs, or into the World Finals of 'major' BDO darts events, subject to the taking place.

EG: Winmau World Masters {Boys & Girls} - Top 2 placed players will be given expenses to the World Finals.

4.02 The number of players being invited into the Preliminary Play-offs, or World Finals, shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the appropriate time.

The number of 'major' BDO darts events into which the top players may be invited shall be reviewed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

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- 5.02 Providing that an OPEN EVENT has met the Qualifying Conditions laid down in Clause 1., then that OPEN EVENT will be considered for acceptance for Registration upon receipt of a completed BDO Application Form,
- 5.03 The Registration Fee for a Boys/Girls/Mixed OPEN EVENT is £ 10.00 + VAT = £ 12.00.
- 5.04 The Registration Fees for OPEN EVENTS shall be pooled and the monies that accumulate, plus any interest derived there from, shall be used to defray the expenses incurred in the administration of the **BDO BRITISH YOUTH GRAND PRIX TABLES**.
- 5.05 The Registration Fees are not refundable.

6.00 ISSUE DATES

- 6.01 The **BDO BRITISH YOUTH GRAND PRIX TABLES** will be issued annually to coincide with the issue of the BDO Invitation Table Systems, (Men and Women), which shall be the 1st June or the day after the Welsh Open in each Playing Season.

7.00 AMENDMENTS and ADDITIONS

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BDO BRITISH GRAND PRIX TABLES – GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR & YOUTH EVENTS

APPENDIX 1 - SANCTION OF FIXTURES AND DARTS EVENT TITLES

FIXTURE DATES

Certain Member County Darts Organisations/ Associations stage Special darts events ; Opens ; and other similar events, in which the Organisers, and Sponsors, would like as many players as possible to participate.

In order to assist in this objective, Organisers are advised to contact the BDO Fixture Secretary and inform him of the proposed dates under consideration.

At the time of writing the BDO Fixture Secretary is;

Sam Hawkins Esq., 4 Wellington Avenue, Blackfen, Sidcup, Kent, DA15. 9HG.
Tel/Fax: 0208-303-6319. E-mail: samhawkinsmarie@talktalk.net

and, the Compiler of the Grand Prix Tables is;

Vic Sexton Esq., 5, Newfield Road, Newhaven, Sussex, BN9 9ND.
Tel: 0127-351-5749. E-mail: vicsexton@talktalk.net

This procedure will determine any darts events already laid down in the BDO Darts Calendar, and by mutual agreement and adjustment, either party could afford greater participation of players by avoiding a clash of dates, and/or geographical proximity. This must be in the best interests of all the parties involved.

A copy of the current BDO Darts Calendar is available on the BDO website for your immediate reference which includes all 'major' darts events.

SANCTION OF A DARTS EVENT TITLE

Any Member County Darts Organisation, or Association, can obtain sanction for the title of a darts event from the Board of Directors, provided that the request is made through the Member County Secretary on County headed notepaper.

If the sanction is granted, then the Organisers are authorised to state within the promotional literature for the event, any, or all, of the following terms ;

- (a) 'sanctioned by the BDO'
- (b) 'BDO Playing Rules apply'
- (c) 'Under the jurisdiction of the BDO'
- (d) In some special cases the Board of Directors may request that the term, 'on behalf of the BDO' be used as well.

Again if the sanction is granted, the Organisers are authorised to use the BDO logo on the following items of promotional literature for an event.

- (a) Letter headings associated with the darts event.
- (b) Entry Forms.
- (c) Score Sheets/ Pads .
- (d) Posters advertising the darts event.
- (e) Programmes being sold at the darts event.
- (f) Admission tickets for the Play-offs, or Grand Finals of the darts event.

Artwork for the design of the BDO logo is obtainable from the BDO Headquarters. The logo is a registered trademark of the British Darts Organisation Limited and shall not be used on marketable goods unless a licence to do so has been granted by the BDO to the manufacturer of the goods.

Unless a darts event is sanctioned in the approved manner laid down above then the BDO Insurance Cover will not be valid in the instance of any claim for Public Liability.