DARTS AUSTRALIA RANKING RULES

And specific rules for Grand Prix events.

All Grand Prix events will now attract World Ranking points under the WDF Regional Table.

DA Ranked events, Grand Prix Events, Australia Open, and Pacific Masters will form part of the Darts Australia Ranking Table.

All Grand Prix events will be played as per WDF Systems Criteria Seniors and Darts Australia Specific Rules.

1.0 RANKING POINTS & EVENTS

1.1 Ranking points may be accumulated from eight (8) tournaments in the previous twelve (12) months period, i.e., the ranking table would be continuous revolving table and reflect the last twelve (12) months performance.

1.2 Players may enter as many tournaments as they wish and, whilst points may be awarded in more than the allowable number of events, only the points scored in eight (8) tournaments will be shown in the current rankings list. In this instance the eight (8) tournaments shown will reflect the greatest number of points earned by the player.

1.3 Ranking points shall be awarded to approved, ranked singles tournaments only.

1.4 Australian ranking points will only be awarded to a Darts Australia member.

1.5 All players must complete the tournament registration form at all events.

1.6 Tournament poster (flyer) to include Darts Australia ranking.

1.7 Flyer to be sent in 6 weeks prior to the event to the Darts Australia Administrator and the Webmaster. Failure to submit a flyer 6 weeks prior will attract a fine of $500.00 for the Event Host/State.

1.8 Flyer to include Darts Australia sponsors logos and Darts Australia logos and will need to be approved by Darts Australia.

1.9 No Darts Australia event can be played on the same weekend as a Grand Prix event without prior approval by Darts Australia. If a Grand Prix event is scheduled after the calendar is ratified by Darts Australia at the AGM, they must not be scheduled on the same time as a DA Event.

2.0 RULES

2.1 Each State and Territory to have their events along with the format of play and prize money on display for all players to view prior to the commencement of the event.

2.2 Each event to have a poster stating the format and must include:

- 2.2.1 Round Robin or Knock Out
- 2.2.2 Sets or Legs
- 2.2.3 Straight start or Double Start
- 2.2.4 Entry Fee

2.2.5 Starting Times

2.3 Round Robin groups and the number of players per group would decide how many legs would be played. E.g., 6 players or less, best of 5 legs.

2.4 All Darts Australia ranked events are to start with a Round Robin then going into Knockout or played as a straight knockout event.

2.5 Seeding:

2.5.1 All tournaments are to be seeded.
2.5.2 Seeding is to be completed before the Round Robin commences.
2.5.3 There is to be no re-seeding after the Round Robin before going into the Knockout.
2.5.4 All players must be placed in the draw.
2.5.5 Refer to the PDF Seeding to refer to locations of each seed to each group.
2.5.6 As a general rule if the number of entries is **below 32** participants, eight (8) players are to be seeded. This applies to both Male and Female draws as separate entities.
2.5.7 If the number of entries **exceed 64**, sixteen (16) players are to be seeded. This applied to both Male and Female draws as separate entities.
2.5.8 The eight (8) or sixteen (16) seeded players will be determined in order as they appear on the **Darts Australia Full Ranking Table.**

3.0 CALENDAR

3.1 For the official Darts Australia Ranked Events Calendar for the following year, Active Members shall notify the Darts Australia Events Director and the Darts Australia Administrator of their ranked tournaments for the next year before the 1st of October. The Events Director will produce a calendar for ratification by the States.

3.2 Failure to do so will mean your events **will not** be included and may not be allocated points.

4.0 RANKING LISTINGS

4.1 The Rankings listings to be placed on the Darts Australia website at the end of each calendar month and provided to Active Members, Executive, Chairman of Selectors and Australian Team Captain.

5.0 FORMS COMPLETION

5.1 Claim forms for ranking points are to be submitted by the Secretary/Events Coordinator of the Active Member together with a copy of the respective draw/result sheet.

5.1.1 The Active Member shall ensure the accuracy of the claim and forward to the Darts Australia Events Director and the Darts Australia Administrator Director within 2 days of the date of the tournament. A fine of $100 will be imposed on Active Members for failure to forward results of Darts Australia ranked events within the allocated time.

5.2 Social Media and website information is required to ensure a full coverage of the events.

5.3 Contact person is responsible to cover the event at least 2 weeks prior to the Darts Australia Webmaster. This is to enable the media person from My Sports Live to contact.

5.4 Supply results as they happen during and after the event with coverage for example:

5.4.1 Draws/Results and Photos (All photos must use Darts Australia's Media Wall and or Sponsors Dart Board and signage).

6.0 TOURNAMENT RANKING

6.1 The following tournaments allocated to each Active Member shall be Australian ranked tournaments:

6.1.1 State Singles Championship (Men and Ladies) – closed to registered players of the Active Member.

6.1.2 Each Active member to advise of events to be held in their State/Territory. Maximum number of events per State/Territory to be 10

6.1.3 The events are for both men and ladies in which all Darts Australia members are eligible to play.

6.2 If an event, which is awarded ranking points in one year, is replaced by a different event in the following year, points will remain current until the points awarded for the new event are honored. In the instance where the second event is played before the end of this (12) twelve-month period, then the replacement event points allocation will be considered current.

6.3 Where segregated tournaments are conducted each shall be considered a separate event for the purpose of awarding points.

6.4 Active Members are to ensure that all advertising (posters, flyers, Internet, print media, radio, and television) of events carrying Darts Australia Ranking Points do not conflict in anyway with Darts Australia sponsorship and policies.

7.0 ALLOCATION OF POINTS

7.1 It is considered preferable that a Round Robin then going into Knock Out format be adopted for Darts Australia ranked tournaments, however, subject to sponsor requirements, other formats are allowable.

7.2 Ranking points are determined on the finishing position in a Darts Australia Ranked event, for example:

1st
2nd
3rd to 4th
5th to 8th
9th to 16th

7.3 If a double life system is used a player can only receive points in one (1) life only. The highest position points will be awarded only (Players cannot receive double points).

8.0 RANKING PLACE POINTS

To qualify for Australian ranking points, Active Members must notify all States /Territories of the staging of the event by listing them in the Darts Australia Calendar. Active members must notify the Darts Australia Events Director of any change to the tournament date.
Players may play in as many events as they wish, and the total points will be collated over the best of the Darts Australia Ranked events (Total of 8 events)

8.1 Points structure for Darts Australia Ranking:
All events including Darts Australia Events, Grand Prix, Pacific Masters and the Australian Open -

Placing	Points
1st	18
2nd	14
3rd to 4th	8
5th to 8th	4
9th to 16th	2

9.0 PLAYER REWARDS: DARTS AUSTRALIA RANKINGS

9.1 The following prize money will be paid to the following:

#1 Male & Female	$500 each
#2 Male & Female	$400 each
#3 Male & Female	$300 each
#4 Male & Female	$200 each
#5 Male & Female	$100 each

9.2 A state prize will also be awarded to the top Male or Female player (who has not received any of the prizes above at the end of the ranking year). The prize will be determined each year by the Darts Australia Board and advised prior to the closing of the ranking period. A player cannot receive more than one (1) prize per year. To qualify for any state prize, they must have played in at least five (5) Darts Australia events.

10.0 DARTS CONNECT

10.1 It is recommended that all Darts Australia ranked Tournaments use the Darts Connect scoring system. Grand Prix events must use dart Connect and will not be approved without the use of Dart Connect.

11.0 DRUG TESTING

11.1 Drug testing may occur at any of the ranked events.

12.0 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

12.1 Alcohol is not to be consumed by any player or official in the playing area. During a game, a player cannot leave the playing area and therefore cannot consume alcohol whilst the game is in progress. Doing so will result in the loss of the game and

subsequently if the player continues to do so, will be removed from the event. This rule applies to all Darts Australia and WDF events.

13.0 RIGHT TO AMEND

13.1 Darts Australia reserves the right to amend any part of this document and the information contained therein without prior notice at any time.

14.0 SEEDINGS: Refer to Page 10 & 11

WDF GRAND PRIX RULES

It is advisable to read the WDF Rules/World Ranking System Criteria

DARTS AUSTRALIA Specific Rules

1. **Darts Australia Grand Prix Tournaments**
    a. Darts Australia have been granted by WDF a total of 16 Grand Prix Events - two per Active member.
    b. If there are GP events which have not been applied for by an active member, then other active members may apply to Darts Australia for another GP event.
    c. All GP events are to be listed on the Darts Australia Calendar and to be submitted by 1st October.
    d. All GP events will be played using Dart Connect. (Senior and Junior)

2. **WDF Regional Table**

The best eight (8) tournament results shall count toward a player's total. (Refer to World Ranking System Criteria – seniors 16.05)

3. **WDF Overall Table**

The best ten (10) tournament results shall count toward a player's total. (Refer to World Ranking System Criteria – seniors 16.05)

Note: For all rules in reference to the Australian Grand Prix's go to the World Ranking System Criteria on the WDF website.

4. **Applications for Grand Prix Events**
    a. Refer to World Ranking System Criteria Seniors 4.
    b. The Administration Director will apply to WDF for all Grand Prix applications.
    c. Flyers, programs, prize money and other required information are to be sent to the Administration Director and the Events Director 3 months prior to the event. This will enable the Administrator to have them submitted to the WDF by the required timeframe. Refer to WDF Rankings https://dartswdf.com/rules

5. **Seeding Order**

Seeding is taken from the WDF Seeding which is provided by Darts Australia prior to the event. Confirmation of the correct order should be made once nominations have closed and should be confirmed by the Darts Australia Events Director prior to the draw (unless previously approved).

6. **Ranking Point Claims & Reporting**
    a. Complete the WDF Seniors/Juniors reporting claim forms.
    b. Event Information including the completed draw sheet and the names and nationalities of each player who received ranking points must be sent within **12 hours** of the completion of the relevant event.
    c. This information is to be recorded on the ranking claims form and forwarded to: -

Administration Director Audrey Mullen dartsaustraliasecretary@gmail.com	Events Director Kerry Crowdey Daevents.director@gmail.com 0418 757 350

Failure to the comply with the above there will be a forfeiture of all ranking points for the tournament - as per WDF Rules. This is a requirement of the WDF.

7. **Tournament Details**
    a. Tournament host must provide the details of the contact/s person for the tournament to the Secretary of Darts Australia, e.g.name, contact details etc, and a brief report on the event.
    b. Social Media and website information is required to ensure a full coverage of the events.
    c. Contact person is responsible to cover the event at least 2 weeks prior to the Darts Australia Webmaster. This is to enable the media person from My Sports Live to contact. (Player's permission to televise to be placed on the nomination form)
    d. Supply results as they happen during and after the event with coverage for example Draws/Results and photos.
    e. All photos must use Darts Australia's Media Wall and or Sponsors Dart Board and signage.
    f. Note: The tournament controller for the event, must contact the DA Event Director prior to the event to confirm the format on Darts Connect and the seeding for the event on the morning of the event.

8. **Darts Australia – Player Rewards: WDF Regional Table**

The highest World Ranked Male and Female Player (currently playing with Australia) at the conclusion of the Pacific Masters will receive the following:

A return airfare with an entry into the WDF World Championships (Lakeside) for the same year of the cycle in which the player finished highest. A reasonable economy Airfares will be booked and paid for by Darts Australia. If a WDF World Championships is not held, the player will receive the sum of $1000.

Note:

a. The Darts Australia Directors may decide, if extenuating circumstances exist, to nominate another international tournament.
b. If the top placed prize winner, declines or is unable to take up the option to play in the WDF World Championships the second placed player may be offered the prize. Darts Australia Board may approve this option where required.
c. Points are determined as recorded in the WDF Regional Table as at that date.
d. A separate ranking system table will not be kept within Darts Australia.

9. Grand Prix Nomination Fees

a. A minimum of $30 for all Grand Prix events shall be applied. Any fee must cover the levies that apply. (WDF levy of $5.00 and Darts Australia levy of $3.00 applies)
b. The host is also responsible to pay the WDF sanction fee as determined for the event. DA will invoice the host this fee directly.
c. Nomination fee for the Pacific Masters will be $30. (Fees to be determined by the Darts Australia Board on an annual basis). This fee includes a $2,500 sanction fee to the WDF plus the WDF and DA levies.

10. Approved Dartboards

All Dartboards used in Grand Prix Tournaments **must** be approved by Darts Australia including the practice boards. If available, only DA sponsored boards are to be used.

11. Dress Code

WDF dress code applies to all Grand Prix Tournaments. (Page 16 of the WDF Playing and Tournament Rules)

12. Sponsors

a. No conflicting sponsor brands are to be displayed in any form throughout the tournament, this includes playing shirts, venue, equipment, and logo's as well as any other items of clothing without approval from Darts Australia.
b. All Event sponsorship to be approved by Darts Australia.
c. The tournament hosts must produce a program/Flier with foreword, sponsors, program of events etc.

13. Darts Australia Advertising and Merchandise (where applicable)

In agreement with the host, an area to be set aside for official merchandise if required.

14. Darts Connect

All Grand Prix Tournaments must use the Darts Connect scoring system as a condition of Grand Prix status. (Failure to use Dart Connect could result in your event not being recognised). Dart Connect technology will be used to determine the placings after the Round Robin. The placings are determined on Win/Loss Ratio and in the event of a tie the three-dart average methodology will be used.

15. WDF Tournament Rules apply. (Refer to WDF for full set of rules)

16. For events played within Darts Australia region –

a. Round Robin to be best of three (3) or five (5) depending on nominations. Five (5) is preferable if the appropriate number of boards are available.
If over 8 per board (Men) and 6 per Board (Ladies) must be best of three.

b. Knock Out per the table below:

	GOLD		SILVER		BRONZE	
	Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies
Final	Best of 13	Best of 11	Best of 11	Best of 9	Best of 11	Best of 9
Semi-Finals	Best of 11	Best of 9	Best of 9	Best of 7	Best of 9	Best of 7
Q-Finals	Best of 9	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7
Last 16	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7
Last 32	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5
Last 64 (if numbers permit)	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5

17. All WDF Ranked Tournaments shall be seeded in the following way:

a. Seeding for Platinum graded tournaments shall be agreed on a tournament-by-tournament basis.
b. Gold graded tournaments shall carry 32 seeds.
c. Silver graded tournaments shall carry 16 seeds.
d. Bronze graded tournaments shall carry 8 seeds.
e. Seeding shall be taken from the WDF Main Ranking Tables (see section 16). Where not enough players, or not enough WDF ranked players, enter a WDF Ranked tournament to allow for a full complement of seeds, the number of seeds shall be reduced to 16, 8, 4, 2 or 0 as required.
f. Tournament seedings shall be based on the WDF Main Ranking

Dart Connect Seeding Technology

The following is the WDF and Dart Connect Seeding Method for Round Robins.

4 Groups (4 Seeds)	
Group A	Seed 1
Group B	Seed 2
Group C	Seed 3
Group D	Seed 4
8 Groups (8 Seeds)	
Group A	Seed 1
Group B	Seed 2
Group C	Seed 3
Group D	Seed 4
Group E	Seed 5
Group F	Seed 6
Group G	Seed 7
Group H	Seed 8
4 Groups (8 Seeds)	
Group A	Seed 1 and 6
Group B	Seed 2 and 5
Group C	Seed 3 and 8
Group D	Seed 4 and 7
8 Groups (16 Seeds)	
Group A	Seed 1 and 10
Group B	Seed 2 and 9
Group C	Seed 3 and 12
Group D	Seed 4 and 11
Group E	Seed 5 and 14
Group F	Seed 6 and 13
Group G	Seed 7 and 16
Group H	Seed 8 and 15

The following link can be used to determine order if not listed in the table.
https://tv.dartconnect.com/rr-bracket/bracket.html