

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 25 YEAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

When reading through this document remember that there is a need to support players coming through the system and keep our young players interested in improving their game after finishing their time at junior level and school. It will also give young players a vision where they can see a pathway for them to partake in the sport through their whole career.

The Australian Under 25 Year Championship shall be held biannually. (Played on even years) The Under 25's will have the opportunity to compete at the Arafura Games in odd years for the period that darts are played at the games.

The Australian Under 25 Year Championship is to be played in the first week of May with the 2010 Championships being played in Perth Western Australia from May 3rd – 8th. The age limit for the championships shall be 18 years to 25 years (inclusive). No player will be allowed to compete who is younger than 18 years or older than 25 years of age as at the day immediately following the completion of the championship. The ages of players are to be confirmed by their State body on the Official Nomination Form.

The Australian Under 25 Year Championship to be hosted by each Affiliate in turn on a roster basis. This would mean hosting once every 14 years if all States are involved. States that do not participate at a Championship would move to the end of the rotation. If a State does not wish to host a Championship, all other States can bid for that Championship. At the DFA Mid Year Meeting [July] participating Active Members are required to register their participation in the Australian Under 25 Year Championships or Arafura Games for the following year.

Hosting of the Australian Under 25 Year Championships is allocated to each Active Member in turn on a roster basis. The current roster order is: (hosts state not set in stone)

- Western Australia 2010
- Tasmania 2012
- New South Wales 2014
- Queensland 2016
- Victoria 2018
- Australian Capital Territory 2020
- South Australia 2022
- Northern Territory 2024

The Darts Federation of Australia Delegates who will advise the DFA Annual Meeting two year in advance will set the venue and date. At the Federation Mid-Year Meeting in the previous year the Host is to provide the Federation with a report covering: Details of the venue, location and proximity to the city centre and the location of the nearest suitable accommodation facilities, and availability of various means of transport.

The Federation shall officiate at the Australian Under 25 Year Championships. The Hosting Active Member shall manage the principal officiating of the Australian Under 25 Year Championships events and shall make all decisions in accordance with the standing DFA Rules and Hosting Guidelines.

Nominations for Teams will close on April 24th each year. The Players Seeding form and Players Pen lines will also need to be submitted by this date to the DFA Sports Marketing Manager.

Each State and Territory would be eligible to send a team of male and female players with the minimum of four players of each gender. Teams can have a maximum of two extra players if they wish with all players playing in Singles and Doubles events and be able to rotate their players in the Teams events where four players would play in each round. States are not restricted to one Team. If for example they have three Male Teams, all three can enter the Championships. Teams require a Captain – Playing or Non Playing.

The entry fee to play in the Championships is \$20.00 per player of the Team. (If five players make up the Team the fee will be \$100.00.) This fee covers trophies, medallions and running costs of the Championships.

Possible Championship events shall be Teams, Men's Pairs and Singles, Ladies Pairs and Singles, the Peter Mac Cup Format and Mixed Doubles. This will depend on the number of Teams entered. One week (seven days) after the close of entries the program of events and the order of play to fill the six days of darts will be released. Hosts of the Championships may play an Open Tournament with reasonable prize money on the day prior to or after the Championship.

The positions in the round robin draw shall be decided by a blind draw from a hat. The Federation will conduct the "Teams" draws once nominations are closed and will be recorded in the Championship minutes. The completed draws will be placed in the Championship Program and on the DFA Website prior to the Championships.

In all events except for the Teams event, all entries in each event will be divided into pools. Each pool will play a Round Robin with the top two players advancing into a single life knockout to obtain the winner(s) of each championship event. Byes in the section play will count as a win.

All legs played shall be 501, straight start, double finish for singles, 601 for pairs and 801 for fours. All games shall be a minimum best of 3 but may be increased by the organisers prior to the start of play depending on boards available and the number of entries. Pairs competing at the championships must be from the same State or Territory.

The Champion Team will be calculated on a points system taking into account all events played within the Championships

The Presentation Ceremony is to take place at the conclusion of the last event. The objective is to present all trophies at the one ceremony and conclude the championship formalities. The DFA shall provide medallions for the winner and runner up in each championship event.

At the conclusion of the Championships an Australian Team will be named.

An official Entry Form will be sent to all States by the Sports Marketing Manager. This form with the State entries must be returned prior to the closing date, to the Sports Marketing Manager. If the Sports Marketing Manager does not receive this entry form by the prescribed date the entries may not be accepted. Entries normally close 4 weeks prior to the event. As these are age group championships a copy of the Birth Certificate, Australian Passport, Australian Drivers Licence or any other form of legally accepted identification for each player entered must accompany the official entry form or sighted by the Active Members Secretary and signed on the nomination form. If this is not received with the entry form, entries for those players will not be accepted.

The Australian Under 25 year championships shall be played in accordance with the DFA Playing Rules.

All Teams sponsorship to be approved by the DFA. No conflicting sponsor brands to the DFA to be displayed, e.g. no logos whilst event is on.

Each individual State shall be responsible for the travel, accommodation and conduct of their players and officials. Accommodation and transport arrangements are each Active Member's own responsibility. How Teams are funded are up to the individual States to decide.

DRESS CODE: All players or teams representing their State shall wear their approved playing attire. Teams that are not official State Teams must wear the same playing shirts during competition. All players' attire shall conform to the good image of the sport, the minimum standard being collared shirt, slacks and covered shoes. Lady contestants should adjust their attire to an equivalent female standard but shoes must be fully enclosed. Where practicable, all players (or teams) should wear identification in the form of a recognisable team or State uniform endorsed with the player's name or an appropriate identification badge.

CONDUCT: During Australian Under 25 Year Championships all Players and Officials shall conduct themselves in a manner required by the DFA Code of Conduct. Any player found by the Organisers to be in breach the DFA Code of Conduct shall be deemed to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute and shall be disqualified from any further participation in the tournament.

DRUG TESTING: During Australian Under 25 Year Championships all Players and Officials shall be subject to Drug Testing.

Smoking shall be prohibited in the Championship venue for the duration of the Championship. This shall include the functions.

ACTION TIMETABLE

The following information needs to be supplied to the Sports Marketing Manager at the times shown:

WHAT	WHEN
Nominate for Participation	DFA Annual General Meeting in odd years
Nomination of Teams	By 24 th of April (Even years)
Provide Pen Pictures	By 24 th of April (Even years)
Pay Entry Fees	By 24 th of April (Even years)
Names and Seeding Form	By 24 th of April (Even years)

The following information needs to be supplied to the host Active Member at the times shown:

Advise No. of persons attending	By 24 th of April (Even years)
Notify Arrival details	By 24 th of April (Even years)
Pay Function/Transport Fees	By 24 th of April (Even years)

Possible order of events should be as follows: Starting at 10.00am each day

Sunday	Welcome Function
Monday	Captains Meeting Australian Teams [Rds 1 – 4]
Tuesday	Australian Teams [Rds 5 – ?]
Wednesday	Australian Doubles – Ladies & Men Get together – Light Meal
Thursday	World Cup Fours [Rds 1 – 5]
Friday	World Cup Fours [Rds 5 – ?] and Finals
Saturday	Australian Singles – Ladies & Men Presentations following the Singles Finals

The DFA Executive immediately prior to the Championships must approve any change to the above schedule. It is preferred that the timing of events is such that each days play will start at 10.00am each day and finish no later than 6.30pm.

The Darts Federation of Australia is to supply the dartboards required for the Championships.

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 25's CHAMPIONSHIPS - NOMINATION FORM

Team Name:		State:	
Captain:		Signature:	
Male or Female Team (circle one)		Contact Phone Number:	
Players Names		Age	State Signatory confirming Age
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
		Seed	Peter Mac Cup Format
Seed	Singles	1.	
1.		2.	
2.		3.	
3.		4.	
4.		Seed	Doubles
5.		1.	
6.		2.	
Penpics		3.	
Name		Association	
Name		Association	
Name		Association	
Name		Association	
Name		Association	
Name		Association	
Captain		Association	
<i>Active Members Name</i>		<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>