

WORLD DARTS FEDERATION

ASIA-PACIFIC CUP

Format and Playing Rules

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1. GENERAL

- 1.01 The Asia-Pacific Cup, a regional darts tournament of the World Darts Federation (WDF), shall be held every two years in the even-numbered years. Except where amended by these rules, the WDF Playing Rules shall apply to the Asia-Pacific Cup.
- 1.02 The entities eligible to enter teams in the Asia-Pacific Cup shall be:
- a) All Asian WDF Member Darts Bodies and
 - b) Those WDF Member Darts Bodies which countries border the Pacific Ocean west of the International Date Line.
- 1.03 There shall be a World Darts Federation Asia-Pacific Darts Council (WDFAPDC) which shall have authority to adopt and amend the Format and Playing Rules of the Asia-Pacific Cup, recommend to the WDF the host countries of the Asia-Pacific Cups, and decide such other matters as it shall determine to be necessary and proper for the Asia-Pacific Cup.
- a) Each WDF Asian Member Darts Body and each WDF Pacific (west of the International Date Line) Member Darts Body shall be a voting member of the WDFAPDC.
 - b) Regular Meetings shall be held during each Asia-Pacific Cup.
 - c) Special Meetings may be held, so long as proper notice is given, at the time of the WDF World Cup or at the time of the WDF Conference. However, if a majority of WDFAPDC members are not present at a Special Meeting then the only matters that may be voted on shall be such emergency matters the deciding of which cannot be delayed to the next Asia-Pacific Cup.
- 1.04 All WDF Asia-Pacific Member Darts Bodies shall be entitled to host an Asia-Pacific Cup.

2. TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- 2.01 Each Asia-Pacific WDF Member Darts Body may enter one Asia-Pacific Cup team, which shall be selected by the respective Member Darts Body in a manner of its own choosing.
- 2.02 With the approval of the WDFAPDC, the darts associations of other Asian or Pacific (west of the International Date Line) countries may be invited to enter Asia-Pacific Cup teams. The invitation shall be based on the stated intention of such association to join the WDF, evidenced by the filing of the WDF Membership Application form and payment of the application fee, and may only be exercised once for each country that does not have a WDF Member Darts Body.
- 2.03 Each Asia-Pacific Cup team shall consist of four men and two women.
- 2.04 If a team plays in the tournament with less than a full team of six players, it shall forfeit all doubles games in which it does not have the required two players and all singles games in which it does not have players. The Team Game shall be played, but a team that does not have six players shall forfeit the throws in the turns where the absent players would normally throw; that is, in a Team Game between a full and a partial team, in each round of play, after all the partial team players have thrown, the full team's players shall continue to throw, one after the other, until all six of the full team's players have thrown before starting the next round.

- 2.05 After the start of the tournament there shall be no substitutes allowed.
- 2.06 The draw for the order of play between the countries shall be conducted by the Host prior to the tournament. The draw for section placing of Men's Doubles teams and Men's and Women's Singles players shall be conducted the day before the tournament and one official of each entered country shall, if possible, be present for this draw.
- 2.07 Before the draw, each entered country shall list the names of its players for each event as follows:
- a) Team,
 - b) Women's Doubles team,
 - c) Two Men's Doubles teams,
 - d) Two Women's Singles players,
 - e) Four Men's Singles players.
- In the team and doubles events, each country shall specify the order of throw of the players, which order shall not be changed during the tournament.
- 2.08 In the Men's Doubles and Women's Singles events, each country's teams or players shall be placed, one in each, in the two sections the team manager from each country. In the Men's Singles, each country's players shall be placed, one in each, in the four sections by the team manager from each country.

3. PLAYING FORMAT

- 3.01 There shall be a round-robin format for the preliminary rounds in each event and a knockout format for the qualifiers of each event.
- 3.02 If there are six (6) or fewer teams entered, all the teams shall form one group for the round-robin preliminary rounds. If there are seven (7) teams entered, there may either be one group or the teams may be divided into two groups for the round-robin rounds. If there are eight (8) to twelve (12) teams entered, the teams shall be divided into two groups for the round-robin rounds. If there are thirteen (13) to fifteen (15) teams entered, the teams may be divided into either two groups or four groups for the round-robin rounds. If there are more than fifteen (15) teams entered, the teams shall be divided into four groups for the round-robin rounds. In the cases where there is an option of the number of groups, the determination shall be made by the Host in its sole discretion, based on the time needed to complete all matches in three days of play.
- a) If there are two groups for the round-robin rounds, the group membership shall be determined as follows: On the basis of how the teams finished in the previous Asia-Pacific Cup, the first place team goes in Group I, the next two placed teams in Group II, the next two placed teams in Group I, and so on with alternating the next two teams for each group. Teams that did not compete in the previous Asia-Pacific Cup shall be placed, by random draw, in the two groups so as to make the groups as nearly equal in size as possible.
 - b) If there are four groups for the round-robin rounds, the group membership shall be determined as follows: On the basis of how the teams finished in the previous Asia-Pacific Cup, the first place team and eighth place team go in Group I, the fourth and fifth place teams go in Group II, the second and seventh place teams go in Group III, and the third and sixth place teams go in Group IV. All other teams shall be placed, by random draw, in the four groups so as to make the groups as nearly equal in size as possible.

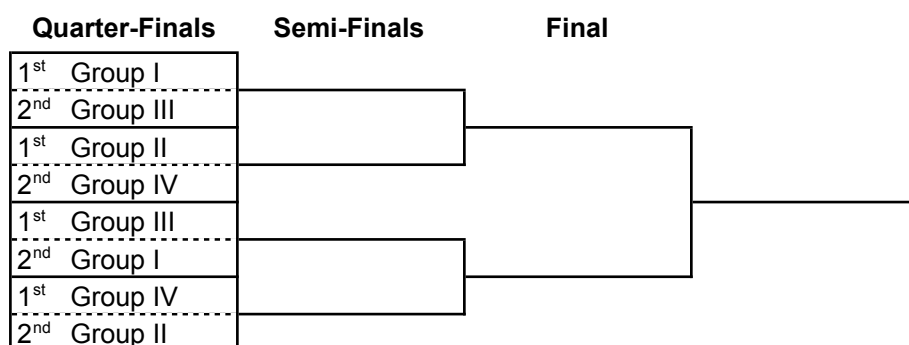
- 3.03 In the preliminary, round robin, rounds each country team shall play one match against each other team, in its group, in the order of the draw. A match between countries shall consist of all of the events to be played.
- 3.04 The order of throw for each game shall be decided by a throw for the Bull. The player or team throwing nearer the center shall throw first in the first leg and in all subsequent odd-numbered legs and the loser shall throw first in the second leg and in all subsequent even-numbered legs.
- There shall be a coin toss to determine the order of Bull throw, with the winning side throwing first. In Teams and Doubles the first listed player shall throw for the Bull.
 - A dart must remain in the board in order to count and rethrows shall be made until a dart remains.
 - Rethrows shall be called for if both darts are in the Bull, if both are in the '25' ring, or if the official cannot determine which is nearer the center. A rethrow in this case shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw.
 - If the first dart is in the Bull or the '25' ring, the second thrower may ask for its removal before throwing.

4. EVENTS

- 4.01 In the preliminary, round-robin, rounds, in each match between two country teams there shall be played the following games in the following order:
- Team Game - six-a-side: one dartboard,
 - Men's Doubles (2) and Women's Doubles: 3 dartboards, and
 - Men's Singles (4) and Women's Singles (2): 6 dartboards or, at the discretion of the Host, 3 and 3 dartboards in two periods of play.

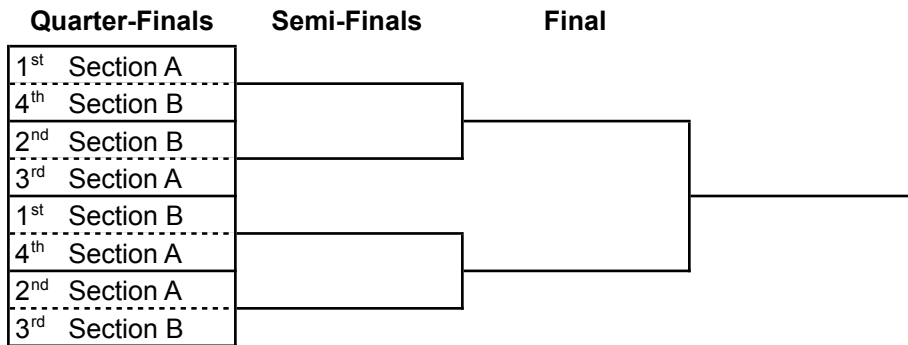
In the Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, and Men's Singles the teams/players shall only play against the teams/players in their section (A, B, etc.).

- 4.02 The knock-out rounds in the Team Game and the Women's Doubles shall be played as follows:
- If one group: 1st place qualifier plays 4th place qualifier and 2nd place qualifier plays 3rd place qualifier. Finals shall be between the winners of the Semi-Finals.
 - If two groups: 1st place qualifier of Group I plays 2nd place qualifier of Group II and 1st place qualifier of Group II plays 2nd place qualifier of Group I. Finals shall be between the winners of the Semi-Finals.
 - If four groups:

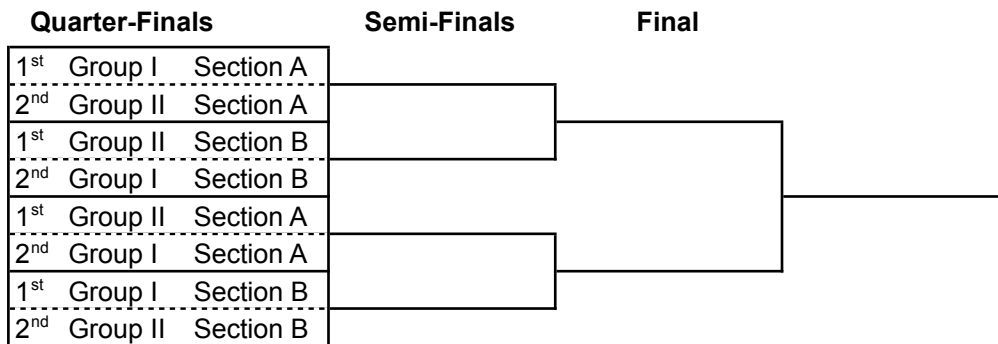


4.03 The knock-out rounds in the Women's Singles and Men's Doubles shall be played as follows:

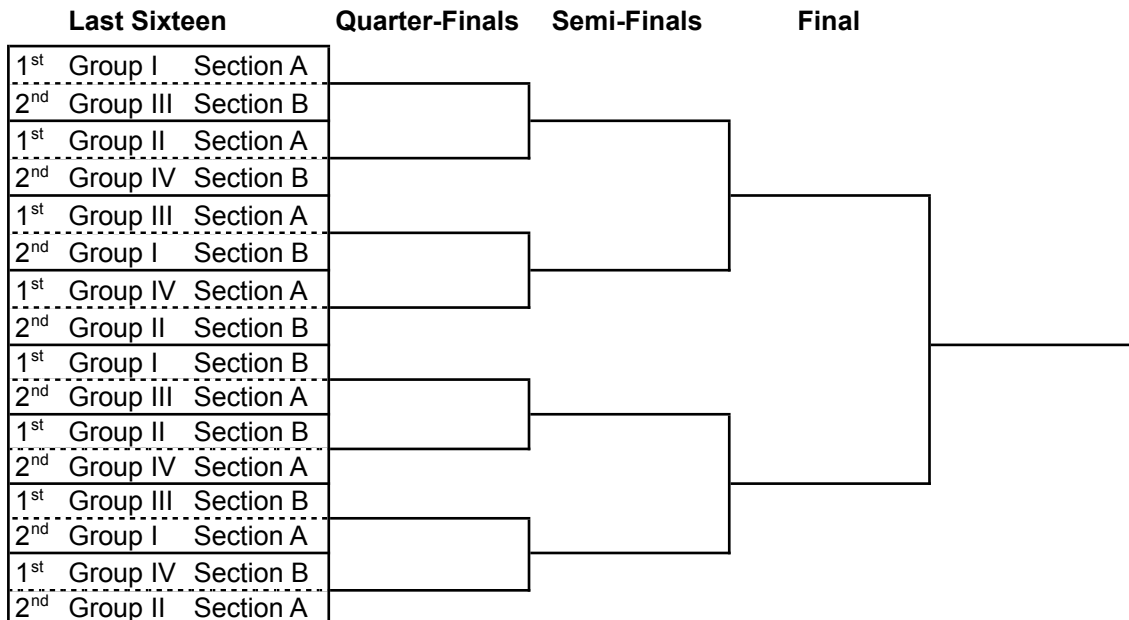
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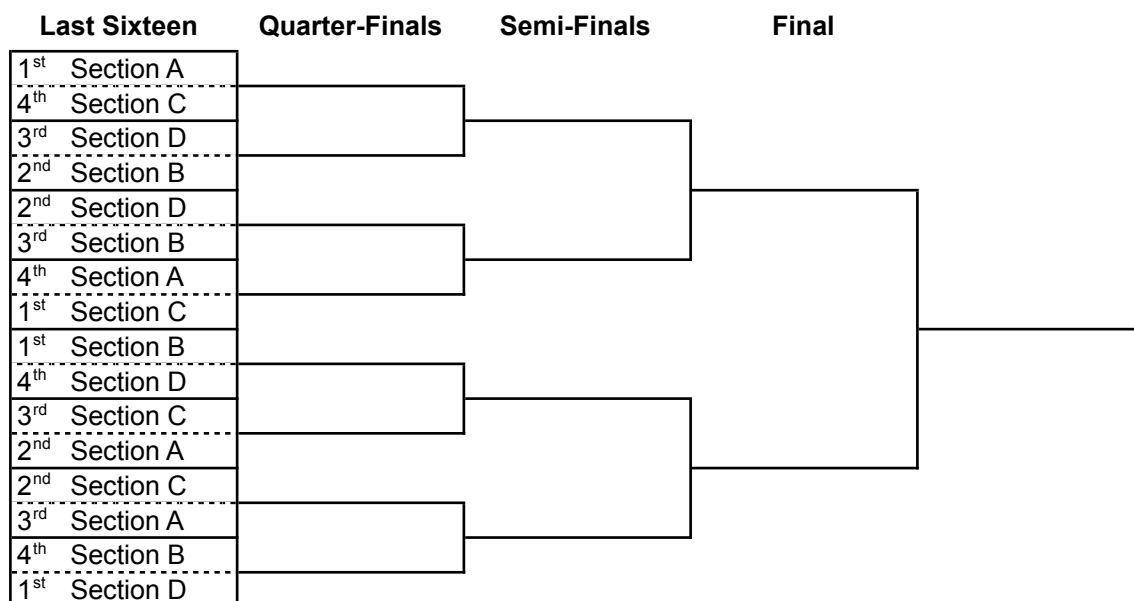


c) If four groups:

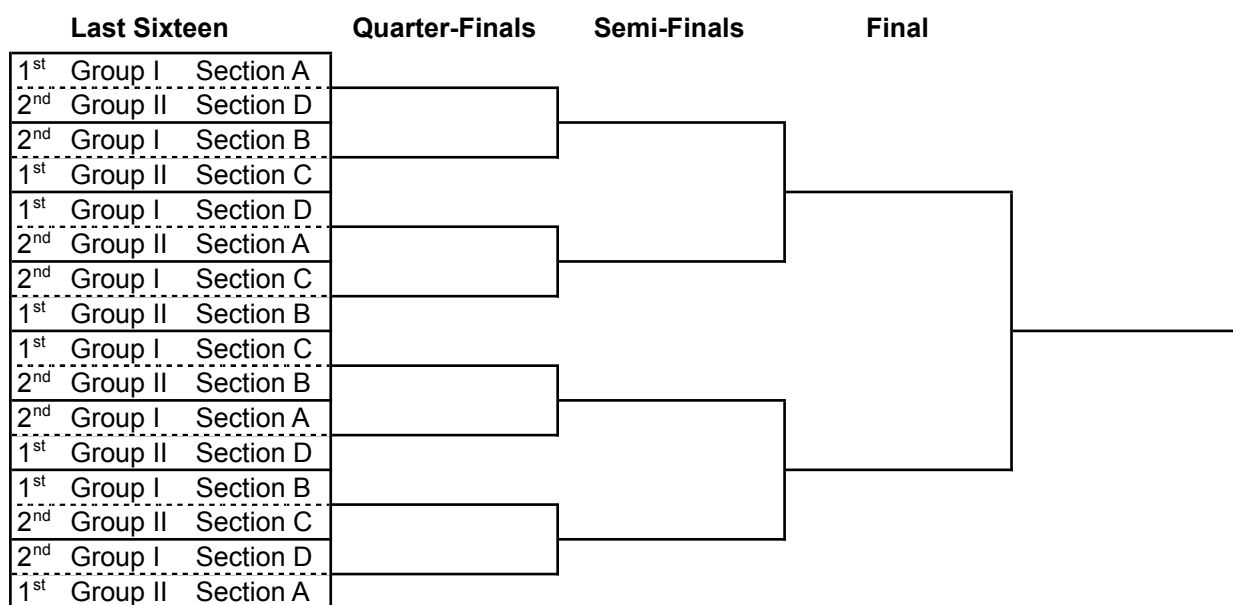


4.04 The knock-out rounds in the Men's Singles shall be played as follows:

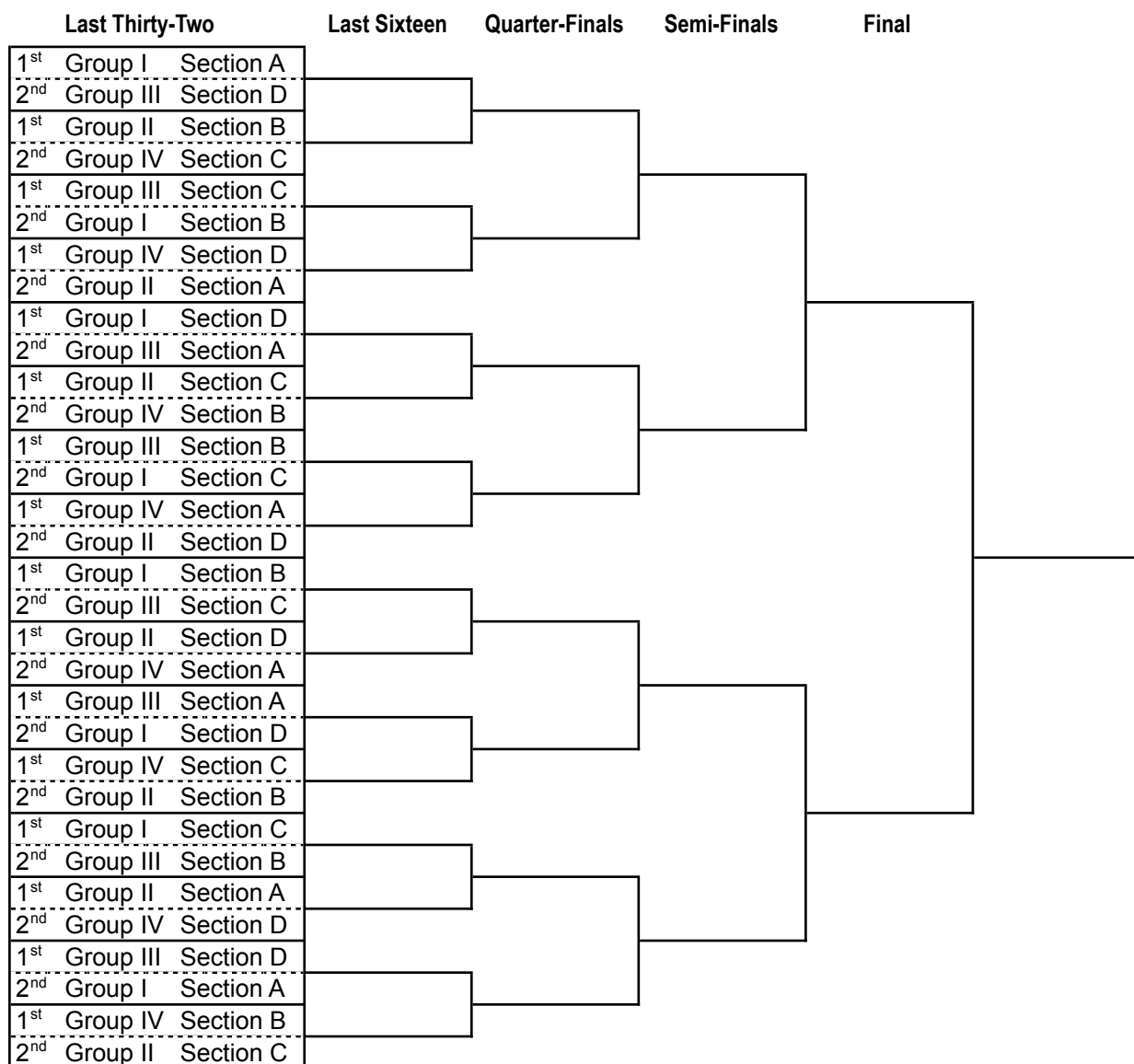
a) If one group:



b) If two groups:



c) If four groups:



4.05 In the event of a tie for placing in the knock-out rounds or in the event of a tie among qualifiers (where determination of place is necessary), the following Tie-Breaker rule shall apply:

- a) As far as possible, the placing shall be determined by legs difference, i.e. total legs won minus total legs lost in the Preliminary, Round Robin, games.
- b) If two teams/players remain tied in legs difference, then the game played between them in the Preliminary round shall determine the tie.
- c) Any ties remaining shall be played off under the following Tie-Breaker rule:
 - i. All tied players or teams will play on one dartboard; the game shall be one leg of the regular game (1001 in Teams and 501 in Doubles and Singles),
 - ii. To determine order of throw, the players or teams shall draw lots,

- iii. The first team/player to double out shall be the winner; if a further determination is required, the remaining teams/players shall continue the leg until one of them has doubled out and then that team/player shall be the runner-up; and so on until all placings have been determined.

5. GAMES AND LEGS

5.01 The games shall be:

- a) Team: 1001, straight start,
- b) Doubles: 501, straight start, and
- c) Singles: 501, straight start.

5.02 The number of legs for each event shall be:

- a) Preliminary rounds: Best of five (5) legs,
- b) All Knock-Out rounds except Finals: Best of five (5) legs, and
- c) Finals: Best of seven (7) legs.

6. POINTS ALLOCATION

6.01 Points are allocated to each country for the positions attained by each player or team in each event.

6.02 The country achieving the highest aggregate number of points for the five events of the Asia- Pacific Cup shall be declared the WDF Asia-Pacific Cup Champions.

6.03 In the event of a tie in the total number of aggregate points then those countries shall be declared Joint WDF Asia-Pacific Cup Champions.

6.04 The points shall be:

a) Team / Women's Doubles:

First Place	-	48	Points
Second Place	-	32	Points
Joint Third Place	-	22	Points
Non-Qualifiers	-	2	Points for each game won

If more than one group then the 2 points for games won in the Preliminary rounds shall only be awarded if the groups are equal in number of teams.

b) Men's Doubles / Women's Singles:

First Place	-	48	Points
Second Place	-	32	Points
Joint Third Place	-	22	Points
Joint Fifth Place	-	16	Points
Non-Qualifiers	-	2	Points for each game won

If more than one group then the 2 points for games won in the Preliminary rounds shall only be awarded if the groups are equal in number of teams.

c) Men's Singles:

First Place	-	48	Points
Second Place	-	32	Points
Joint Third Place	-	22	Points
Joint Fifth Place	-	16	Points
Joint Ninth Place	-	12	Points
Non-Qualifiers	-	2	Points for each game won

If more than one group then the 2 points for games won in the Preliminary rounds shall only be awarded if the groups are equal in number of teams.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.01 The playing attire of countries can bear one piece of advertising material, slogan, or logo related to a marketable product or concern. If a country wishes to use more, they have to get the approval of the organiser and the WDF.
- 7.02 Youth events only: Advertising for alcohol, tobacco and gambling is not allowed.

8. REVISION NOTES

- 8.01 The second revised edition of the WDF Asia-Pacific Cup Rules has been amended to include the Executive remit that was adopted during the 23rd WDF General Meeting held on 3rd October 2017:
Introduction of Clause 7 - Advertising.
- 8.02 The third revised edition of the WDF Asia-Pacific Cup Rules has been amended to include the changes adopted during the Asia-Pacific Annual Meeting held on 9th October 2018:
Clause 2.08 - 'random draw' replaced with 'the team manager from each country'.