

2012 PDC Q-School Information

The 2012 PDC Q-School will take place on 19th to 22nd January 2012.

Venue: Barnsley Metrodome, Queen's Road, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S71 1AN

Following the great success of the 2011 event, the 2nd PDC Q-School, will take place from Thursday 19th January to Sunday 22nd January 2012. The 4 days of events will feature an individual daily event where players can gain points for games and legs won. The events will start at 12.00 noon on all days with an 11.00am registration prior to the draw. Players who qualify will win a place on the *PDC Pro-Tour* for 2 years and will then be able to compete on the PDC circuit and play for the £5 Million prize money on offer in 2012.

In the 2011 Q-School, players such as *John Henderson*, *Dave Chisnall*, *Shaun Griffiths* and *Brian Woods* gained Tour Cards and have made great impacts on the PDC Pro-Tour in 2011, with Chisnall already up to number 45 in the World Rankings earning over £30,000 in the first 7 months of 2011.

The PDC Q-School gives any player the opportunity to test their skills against fellow players over a 4 day period, with the semi-finalists of each day gaining automatic Tour Cards (16) for 2 years. Following the 4 days of events, all remaining players who didn't get automatic Tour Card places will be entered onto the Q-School Order of Merit Table - 'QSOoM'

A minimum of 15 from the top of the QSOoM will also gain PDC Tour Cards; the full amount of places will be pre-determined prior to the PDC Q-School with a minimum of 15 places available from the QSOoM table, this could be up to 39. All remaining players on the QSOoM table will remain as associate members.

As an associate member you are eligible to play in all 8 UK Open events, any Non-UK Players Championships and the PDPA World Championship qualifier. Associate members are also eligible to register for entry for UK Players Championships before the entry deadline and will be informed by the PDC after the deadline **if there are places available on a pro rata basis**. You will only be informed if your entry is void and a refund given.

FAQ

'Q' When do I need to enter and how much is it?

'A' The PDC Q-School is £200 to enter and you need to enter before January 18th at 12.00 noon

'Q' Is the Q School sanctioned by the DRA 'Darts Regulation Authority'?

'A' Yes, you are under the auspices of the DRA at any PDC/PDPA event and as a member you will have signed a DRA acceptance form when you joined the PDPA and will also receive a rule book and anti-doping information

'Q' If I get a Tour Card are there any further fees?

'A' Yes, you will need to be a full member if you gain a Tour Card and are required to pay the balance of £200, this is required to be paid within 7 days after Q-School has ended.

'Q' What if I can only make 1 or 2 of the Q School days?

'A' There is no restriction on how many days you choose to play.

'Q' If I enter Q-School but do not play, am I still an associate member?

'A' No, you will need to upgrade to full membership to have the opportunity to play in UK players championships

'Q' Can I still enter if I do not play Q-School

'A' After paying the full membership fee you will be placed after Q-School entrants to make up any shortfall in entries

'Q' If I don't get a Tour Card do I have to remain a member?

'A' No, any PDPA member can terminate their membership *'In writing only'* at any time in the season but must take note of the *'Restrictions Apply'* when terminating membership.

Restrictions Are:

1/If your membership is terminated or you resign at any point during the year/season you would only be available to play in the next PDC 'Q' School in 2013.

2/You would be restricted to only playing in the UK Open amateur qualifiers only after a period of 2 years from termination of your membership.

3/You cannot enter a Non-UK event as a day member for a period of 12 Months from the date of your membership termination.

'Q' What events can I play in if I do not get a Tour Card?

'A' You can still play in all 8 UK Opens, any Non-UK Players Championships, the PDPA World Championships qualifier and any UK Players Championships if the 128 entries is not gained on a pro rata basis based on your QSOoM placing

'Q' Can I still play BDO darts if I am an associate member

'A' The PDPA does not restrict this, however we do not have any jurisdiction on whether the BDO or any of the county organisations will do the same

'Q' As an associate member can I still play in UK Players Championships?

'A' Yes, but you have to enter before the deadline. If there is a shortfall in entries i.e. the 128 is not achieved the QSOoM players who have entered will be eligible in order of their QSOoM placing. To clarify, if 119 Tour Card holders enter a UK Players Championship this leaves 9 places, so the QSOoM players who have entered will be eligible to play in order of their placing on the table. Players will only be informed if their entry is made void and a refund given.

'Q' Is the Q-School open to Ladies

'A' Yes

'Q' How old do you need to be to play on the Q School

'A' To be a PDPA member the minimum age restriction is 18, however we will allow players from age 16 onwards on the understanding that the licensing laws in certain venues may prevent you from playing.

'Q' Can I be tested for drugs

'A' Yes, at any time and at any PDC event the UK anti-doping agency can attend and test random players at any event

'Q' Is the Q School seeded

'A' No; it is an open draw daily

'Q' What time does it start on the day?

'A' Toe the Oche 12.00 noon

'Q' Do I need to register?

'A' You need to register your attendance to the Registration desk at the venue before 11.00am each day or you will not be placed in the draw.

'Q' Do I need to sign anything before I play?

'A' When you join as a PDPA member you will also need to download and sign:

1-The PDPA Constitution

2-The PDPA Code of Conduct

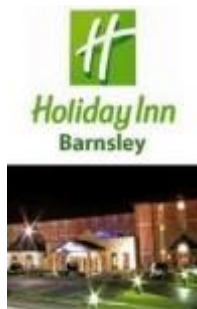
3-A DRA Acceptance form

All this information is on the 'PDPA Membership drop down Menu'. You will also need to sign a PDC playing contract which will be sent to you by the PDC or given to you at the venue if not done prior. The PDC will then enter you onto the servasport on-line entry system so you can then enter tournaments.

If you have any further questions, there is an 'Ask the PDPA' facility on the drop down menu.

The PDPA official Hotel is; The Holiday Inn, Barnsley Road, Dodworth, Barnsley, South Yorkshire - 01226 299 571 - www.holidayinn.com. The room rate is as follows;

- £ 50.00 BB for a Standard Double for a maximum of 2 x adults
- £ 60.00 BB for a Standard Twin for a maximum of 2 x adults
- £ 80.00 BB for an Executive Room or Suite



All rooms include full breakfast, Free Internet Access (WIFI), Free Parking, Free use of the leisure facilities including the 20.0m pool. Players can book directly with the hotel on 01226 299 571 or reservations@hibarnsley.com. To access the PDPA special rate just quote PDPA when booking. Each booking will receive their own reservation number and will take credit card details to guarantee the booking but no payment will be taken until check out.

The amount of rooms is limited, so early booking is recommended. We will also look at adding Dart Boards in a practice room if possible.

To enter click go to your membership drop down menu

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