



If there was ever any doubt that darts was the most inclusive world sport this announcement will put an end to any such thoughts.

Over the past few weeks the WDDA have been working to open a pathway of greater inclusion, and to this end, after much communication and discussion the WDDA is launching a new inclusive pathway within the WDDA infrastructure for the attainment and recognition of player achievements, whatever their impairment.

In sporting organisations a term often used is Les Autres; a classification given in French to athletes that are included within the Paralympic framework, this term translates to “the others”. This term has its limitations for inclusion in relation to darts and does not fully encompass the pathway the WDDA is opening to all dart players with impairment.

The WDDA have adopted the new term “Compris” also French, meaning “inclusive” for an open classification of event that includes any player with a Govt. recognised disability. These players will be welcomed by the WDDA as Registered Members automatically when taking out membership through any club, league or organisation holding Compris events, and will automatically bring them eligibility within the WDDA as a Compris player along this unique path.

In Compris events no separation of impairments will be made. It will give all new and currently registered players an opportunity to compete in an open and inclusive environment where the only entry requirement is legal proof of impairment.

Compris events will not replace or alter those already established with more the stringent eligibility criteria based on Paralympic Guidelines. It will instead enable the grassroots clubs and organisations to hold Compris titled events through a separate stream or pathway. We believe this will see new events held, some beginning in many small venues and will bring together players within a supportive darts fraternity.

This pathway will lead to larger, well attended, yet stand-alone events for Club, Local, Regional, National and even International “Compris” titles to be won as the wave of participation grows. The holding of these events is not an obligation on any WDDA Coordinator, but we would encourage them and your members to support events where held and direct the many inquiries you get from those ineligible through the current titles’ pathway to the one in which they will be warmly welcomed.



Since the initial concept of disability darts began in 2006 many hours of thought have gone into equipment that would enable participation of a wide range of impairments on a level playing field. In the coming weeks a WDDA “Innovations” Facebook Page will make public the designs created to aid players and enable inclusion in some form of most regards of impairment.

The WDDA Innovations Page will be a public outlet in which to share your own ideas and inventions, improve or modify what has already been designed, and ask questions on ways to build on inclusion and overcome concerns.

The WDDA consider no obstacle to inclusion is permanent, some are just be awaiting a solution. With 16 countries involved in disability darts we have a broad brains trust and this exciting new page will be of interest to us all as we expand our minds and exercise our inventiveness.

WDDA designs posted will have no restriction on their being copied for non-commercial use. These can usually be made locally by groups with a range of skill-sets amongst their members. Unique or hard to obtain components can be supplied at cost through the WDDA or assistance in finding the supplier given.

It is expected that everyone will respect the spirit in which the WDDA Innovations Page is created and no profiteering will be made from any items shown. Providing opportunities for the greatest inclusion at the lowest expense is the intention of the WDDA in this regard.

As we move forward with the greatest change in disability darts since its inception we look forward to sharing the journey with you all as our sport breaks new ground world-wide.

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