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### **ZONE OR DISTRICT QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS**

#### **1 ZONE OR DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1.1 Each Zone shall be responsible for holding three (3) Zone Qualifying Tournaments and shall:
- Organize, advertise, promote and secure venue(s),
  - Obtain trophies and awards at the Zone Level,
  - Collect and remit all applicable membership and entry fees,
  - Accurately report all results including names of all competitors,
  - Ensure all competitors are members of Darts Alberta and the NDFC,
  - Issue membership cards or receipts and collect membership dues from individual members,
  - Submit results to the Tournament Director, including a complete list of all zone players, by the applicable deadline dates,
  - Submit all fees to the Darts Alberta Treasurer, and
  - Submit all completed membership applications to the Darts Alberta Membership Director.

#### **2 ZONE OR DISTRICT QUALIFIER DEADLINES**

- 2.1 All zone or district playoffs shall be completed prior to January 15th of the current playing season.
- 2.2 All zone or district playoff results shall be submitted to the Tournament Director no later than February 1st of the current playing season.

#### **3 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1 Each player shall be a Darts Alberta and NDFC member prior to the start of play, in order to participate in the Zone Qualifier Playoffs.

#### **4 ENTRY FEES**

- 4.1 Entry fees, per member, for Zone or District Qualifier Playoffs shall be in accordance with the Policy for Fees and Rates Schedule

#### **5 PLAYOFF FORMAT**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the format of the Zone Qualifying Tournaments be consistent with the Provincial Championship, so that qualifying members are familiar with the format of play prior to their participation. However, the format shall be at the decision of each Zone. The recommended format is included in Article 9.0, contained herein.
- 5.2 Total points accumulated over the three (3) rounds of play shall determine seeded positions. The allocation of points shall be as identified in Article 9.7, contained herein.
- 5.3 With the exception of the NDFC Dress Code, NDFC Rules of Play shall be in effect throughout all qualifier events.

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **6 LOCATION**

- 6.1 The Provincial Championship shall be held annually, with the location of the event determined by a bidding and selection process, in accordance with the Policy for Provincial Championship Bid & Evaluation Process.

#### **7 SITE INSPECTION**

- 7.1 The proposed site for the Provincial Championship shall be inspected by a minimum of one Executive Member, prior to receiving approval to host the event.

#### **8 EVENT DATES & START TIMES**

- 8.1 The Provincial Championship shall be held over 3 days, on the Alberta Family Day Long Weekend.
- 8.2 The start of play shall be no earlier than 10:00 a.m. each day.

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### 9 FORMAT

- 9.1 The Provincial Championship format shall consist of round robin play leading to a double knockout playoff.
- 9.2 Format of Play for the Women's Singles shall consist of:
- (a) Round Robin - Best of 3
  - (b) Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 5
  - (c) Finals - Best of 7
- 9.3 Format of Play for the Men's Singles shall consist of:
- (a) Round Robin - Best of 3
  - (b) Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 7
  - (c) Finals - Best of 9
- 9.4 Each day of play shall be considered a separate event and points will be awarded upon the completion of each day's event.
- 9.5 NDFC Rules of Play shall be in effect throughout all events.
- 9.6 The NDFC Dress Code shall be in effect throughout all events.
- 9.7 Points, for each day, shall be allocated as follows:
- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 25 points
  - (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 22 points
  - (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 19 points
  - (d) 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 16 points
  - (e) 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 13 points
  - (f) 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Place – 11 points
  - (g) 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Place – 9 points
  - (h) 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Place – 7 points
  - (i) 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Place – 5 points
  - (j) 25<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> Place – 4 points
  - (k) 33<sup>rd</sup> to 48<sup>th</sup> Place – 3 points
  - (l) 49<sup>th</sup>+ Place – 2 points
- 9.8 The overall tournament results shall be based on the total of points earned by each player for each day of play.
- 9.9 Team Alberta shall consist of the top either (8) men and the top eight (8) women, from the final results of the Provincial Championship, plus alternates when funding permits.

### 10 CATEGORIES & ALLOTMENTS

- 10.1 The maximum participation in the Provincial Championship shall be:
- (a) Men's Singles - 64 members
  - (b) Women's Singles - 64 members
- 10.2 Participation shall be allocated, in the order as listed, by:
- (a) Invitational Qualification
  - (b) Zone or District Qualification
  - (c) Individual Buy-In provided maximum participation has not yet been reached.

### 11 ENTRY FEES

- 11.1 Entry fees, per member, for the Provincial Championship shall be in accordance with the Policy for Fees and Rates Schedule

### 12 ELIGIBILITY

- 12.1 In order to participate in the Provincial Championship, a player shall be a Darts Alberta and NDFC member in good standing, and has
- (a) Earned participation through Invitational Qualification, or

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- (b) Earned participation through Zone or District Qualification, or
- (c) Entered by exercising the Individual Buy-In option.

12.2 All participants shall be registered prior to the established cut-off time on the first day of play and under no circumstances shall a player be permitted to register after the tournament has officially started.

### 13 INVITATIONAL QUALIFICATION

- 13.1 The top four (4) male and top four (4) female members on the official Darts Alberta ranking lists as of April 30th each year shall receive an invitational qualification into the Provincial Championship, without being required to participate and advance through Zone Qualifiers.
- 13.2 In the event of any ties, the top four (4) male and top four (4) female members shall be determined by the Ranking List Tie-Breaker, as identified in the Policy for Adult Provincial Ranked Tournament System.
- 13.3 Where a Member League holds an annual singles darts competition, open to all of their members, the reigning champion shall receive an invitational qualification into the Provincial Championship, without being required to participate and advance through Zone Qualifiers.
- 13.4 Where a Member League consists of both male and female members and separate annual singles competitions are held for each, the reigning male champion and reigning female champion shall each receive an invitational qualification into the Provincial Championship, without being required to participate and advance through Zone Qualifiers.
- 13.5 Invitational qualification shall be non-transferable.
- 13.6 The Tournament Director shall forward a letter to each player that has achieved Invitational Qualification, advising them of their achievement and applicable deadlines.
- 13.7 The deadline to accept Invitational Qualification shall be January 1st, each year.
- 13.8 After the deadline has passed all spots held for players that have received Invitational Qualification shall be released and included in the total Zone Qualifying allotments.

### 14 ZONE QUALIFICATION

- 14.1 Each Zone or District in Alberta may host a Zone or District Qualifier, in order to send an allotment of representatives to the Provincial Championship.
- 14.2 Each zone's or district's allotment shall be based on participation in each category, based on a percentage of the total Alberta participation in that category.

<b>Example:</b>							
Total Allotment - <u>64 women</u>							
<u>Less 6 Spots</u> - allocated to the 6 women that choose to accept their Invitational Qualification							
Total Available Spots Remaining - <u>58 women</u>							
Zone:	Zone 1	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 8	Total
# for players:	18	28	14	6	30	8	104
% allocated:	17%	27%	13%	6%	29%	8%	100%
Allocation:	10	16	8	3	17	4	<b>58 women</b>

14.3 Should the maximum participation not be reached by the cut off time established on the first day of the championship, substitutes shall first come from Qualifying players from other zones or districts, taking priority over any players wishing to exercise their option to Buy-In.

### 15 INDIVIDUAL BUY INS

15.1 Any member may bypass the Zone Qualifying playoffs and buy their way directly into the Provincial Championship on the first day of the championship by registering and paying the Individual Buy In entry fee, provided maximum participation has not yet been reached.

### 16 RESULTS DISTRIBUTION

16.1 The Tournament Director shall distribute the results of the Provincial Championship to each Executive Member, Zone Director and the Darts Alberta Webmaster within thirty (30) days of the event.

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### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **17 PLAYER AGREEMENT**

- 17.1 Whenever a member is chosen as a player representative of Darts Alberta for the National Championship, that member shall be required to sign a "PLAYER AGREEMENT" outlining the responsibilities of both the member and Darts Alberta.

#### **18 PLAYER DRESS CODE**

- 18.1 The team uniform shall consist of a Darts Alberta shirt, black dress pants or skirt, and respectable footwear.
- 18.2 During the National Championship, all player representatives shall be required to wear their team uniform during opening ceremonies (where applicable), closing ceremonies (where applicable) and throughout tournament play.
- 18.3 All player representatives shall wear semi-formal or formal attire at the National Championship Awards Banquet.

#### **19 TEAM SELECTION**

- 19.1 Team Alberta shall consist of the top eight men and top eight women, from the final results of the Provincial Championship.
- 19.2 Expenses for the men's alternate and the women's alternate to travel with the team shall be dependent upon applicable Gaming Proceeds available for that season.
- 19.3 Based on the finishing positions at the Provincial Championship, the representatives in the Men's Singles and Women's Singles Events shall be submitted to the NDFC in the following order:
- (a) Player 1: First Place
  - (b) Player 2: Second Place
  - (c) Player 3: Third Place
  - (d) Player 4: Fourth Place
  - (e) Player 5: Fifth Place
  - (f) Player 6: Sixth Place
  - (g) Player 7: Seventh Place
  - (h) Player 8: Eighth Place
- 19.4 In the event that any representative, as defined in Article 19.3, is unable to attend the National Championship, that representative shall be replaced by the next available representative, selected in order of their finishing position from the final results of the Provincial Championship.
- 19.5 In the event that Team Alberta representatives are replaced prior to the Darts Alberta Team submission to the NDFC, each player shall move up in position for each event category.
- 19.6 In the event that a representative is replaced after the NDFC submission deadline, the replacement Team Alberta representative shall take the position of the representative he or she is replacing in each event category, in accordance with NDFC Regulations.
- 19.7 Unless team consensus is reached at the Team Meeting, the Men's Doubles Team and the Women's Doubles Team for the National Championships shall consist of:
- (a) Team 1: Player 1 and Player 2
  - (b) Team 2: Player 3 and Player 4
  - (c) Team 3: Player 5 and Player 6
  - (d) Team 4: Player 7 and Player 8
- 19.8 Unless team consensus is reached at the Team Meeting, the Mixed Doubles Team for the National Championships shall consist of:
- (a) Team 1: Men's Player 1 and Women's Player 1
  - (b) Team 2: Men's Player 2 and Women's Player 2
  - (c) Team 3: Men's Player 3 and Women's Player 3
  - (d) Team 4: Men's Player 4 and Women's Player 4
  - (e) Team 5: Men's Player 5 and Women's Player 5
  - (f) Team 6: Men's Player 6 and Women's Player 6
  - (g) Team 7: Men's Player 7 and Women's Player 7
  - (h) Team 8: Men's Player 8 and Women's Player 8

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- 19.9 Should funding permit the Alternates to attend the National Championship:
- (a) The Alternates shall always be the next available representative after the first eight available team members, selected in order of their finishing position from the final results of the Provincial Championship, and
  - (b) The responsibilities of the Male Coach/Alternate and Female Coach/Alternate shall be to coach and manage their respective teams, to assist in fulfilling the Darts Alberta responsibilities assigned by the NDFC and to be prepared to replace a player should the need arise.

### 20 TEAM MEMBER COMMITMENT FEE

- 20.1 All player representatives shall be required to pay a Team Member Commitment Fee when representing Darts Alberta at a National Championship.
- 20.2 The commitment fee, per member, shall be in accordance with the Policy for Fees and Rates Schedule.
- 20.3 The commitment fee shall be refunded upon completion of volunteering at the next allocated Darts Alberta Casino, though either his or her self or designated volunteer representative.

### 21 TEAM MEETING

- 21.1 After the completion of the Provincial Championship, a team meeting will be scheduled, where
- (a) Each team member and coach will be expected to attend,
  - (b) Alternates may be requested to attend,
  - (c) Each team member will be required to submit their Team Member Commitment Fee, complete travel questionnaire and signed Player Agreement, and
  - (d) Consensus will be reached regarding partners for all doubles entries.

### 22 TEAM MEMBER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 22.1 Darts Alberta shall pay the National Championship Team Assessment Fee.
- 22.2 Provided funds are available, each Team Member representative shall receive the following financial assistance:
- (a) Return transportation to the host city of the National Championship, noting that members could be responsible for any additional charges resulting from an extended or shorten stay.
  - (b) Fifty percent of the per room charge, per Team Member representative, for a maximum of 7 nights.
  - (c) One Awards Banquet Ticket.
  - (d) One Darts Alberta Team Shirt, with additional shirts available to the members at their expense.
- 22.3 When funds permit, a meal allowance may be provided, as identified in the Policy for Fees and Rates Schedule.
- 22.4 When attending a National Championship outside of Alberta:
- (a) Each team member representative shall be responsible for transportation from his or her residence to the Edmonton International Airport or the Calgary International Airport; however, transportation may be provided if available.
  - (b) Each team member representative shall be responsible for transportation from the hotel to the venue, if such transportation is not provided by the host of the National Championship.
  - (c) Each player representative may receive financial assistance for transportation from the airport to the host hotel, if the airport and the host hotel are not located within the same city and such transportation is not provided by the host of the National Championship.

### 23 EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 23.1 Darts Alberta shall fund two Executive Members to attend the Provincial Directors Meeting and the NDFC Annual General Meeting and to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to Darts Alberta by the NDFC at the National Championship.
- 23.2 The two Executive Members, as outlined in Article 24.1, shall be the Provincial Director and one other Executive Member, as selected by the Executive Committee.

It is important to note that each unfulfilled duty assigned to Darts Alberta by the NDFC will result in a fine of \$150.00 per day levied by the NDFC, in accordance with the NDFC Annual Fees and Fines.

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### **24 EXECUTIVE DRESS CODE**

24.1 All Executive Member representatives shall be responsible for looking official when executing duties for Darts Alberta and should be dressed appropriately. The recommended dress for the Executive Members is business or semi-formal attire, unless the occasion dictates otherwise. During the NDFC National Championship, the Team Uniform would be considered appropriate.

### **25 EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

25.1 Each Executive Member representative shall receive the following financial assistance:

- (a) Return transportation to the host city of the National Championship, noting that members could be responsible for any additional charges resulting from an extended or shorten stay.
- (b) Shared or private hotel accommodations depending on the final rooming list of team members, for a maximum 9 nights.
- (c) One Awards Banquet Ticket.
- (d) One Darts Alberta Team Shirt, with additional shirts available to the member at his or her expense.
- (e) A per diem meal allowance, as identified in the Policy for Fees and Rates Schedule.
- (f) A ground transportation allowance, as identified in the Policy for Fees and Rates Schedule.

25.2 When attending a National Championship outside of Alberta, each Executive Member representative shall be responsible for transportation from the hotel to the venue, if such transportation is not provided by the host of the National Championship.

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