



# DARTS ALBERTA POLICY YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

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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 and ages 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, and
  - Submit results, fees and completed membership applications to the Youth Director by the applicable deadline dates.

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

- 2.1 All zone or district playoffs shall be completed and results and fees submitted to the Youth Director no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 3.2 Each player shall compete in the applicable youth categories, as identified in Article 12.0, contained herein.

### **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 9.9, 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, alternating on a North / South basis when possible.

### **7 SITE INSPECTION**

- 7.1 The proposed site for the Provincial Championship shall be inspected by the Youth Director or designate, prior to receiving approval to host the event.

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

- 8.1 The Provincial Championship shall be held over a 2-day weekend, on the last full weekend of February.
- 8.2 The start of play for the Provincial Championship shall be at the discretion of the Youth Director.

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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 all events in the Junior Category shall consist of:
- (a) Round Robin - Best of 3
  - (b) Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 3
  - (c) Finals - Best of 5.
- 9.3 Format of Play for all events in the Senior Category 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.
- 9.4 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 Coaching shall not be permitted from the audience.
- 9.8 Players shall be permitted to use 'dart out' cards.
- 9.9 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.
- 9.10 The overall tournament results shall be based on the total of points earned by each player for each day of play.
- 9.11 Team Alberta shall consist of the top either (2) players, plus the alternate in each of the following categories:
- (a) Junior Female
  - (b) Junior Male
  - (c) Senior Female
  - (d) Senior Male.

## **10 CATEGORIES & ALLOTMENTS**

- 10.1 The maximum participation in the Provincial Championship shall be:
- (a) Junior Female – 32 members
  - (b) Junior Male – 32 members
  - (c) Senior Female – 32 members
  - (d) Senior Male – 32 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.

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### 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 the Junior categories, competitors must not be older than 15 years of age as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season.
- 12.2 In the Senior categories, competitors must not be older than 18 years of age on October 1st of the current playing season.
- 12.3 A copy of individual birth certificates shall be required for first-time Provincial Championship competitors.
- 12.4 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
  - (b) Earned participation through Zone or District Qualification, or
  - (c) Entered by exercising the Individual Buy-In option.
- 12.5 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 two ranked players in each of the four Youth Categories on the 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, provided there is more than one provincial ranked tournament held within that fiscal year (not including the Provincial Championship).
- 13.2 Invitational qualification shall be non-transferable.
- 13.3 The Youth Director shall forward a letter to each player that has achieved Invitational Qualification, advising them of their achievement and applicable deadlines.
- 13.4 The deadline to accept Invitational Qualification shall be January 1st, each year.
- 13.5 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 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 A member may bypass Zone Qualifying playoffs and buy their way 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 and where applicable, permission has been extended by that player's Member League.

### 16 RESULTS DISTRIBUTION

- 16.1 The Youth 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 and member's guardian 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 For the National Championships, Team Alberta shall consist of the top two (2) players and one alternate in each of the following categories, from the final results of the Provincial Championship:
- (a) Senior Male
  - (b) Senior Female
  - (c) Junior Male
  - (d) Junior Female
- 19.2 In the event that any representative, as defined in Article 19.1, 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.

#### **20 TEAM MEMBER COMMITMENT FEE**

- 20.1 All player representatives, including alternates, may 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 Where commitment fees are paid, 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 MEMBER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- 21.1 Darts Alberta shall pay the National Championship Team Assessment Fee.
- 21.2 Provided funds are available, each Team Member representative, including the alternates, 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 accommodations for the duration of the National Championship.
  - (c) One Awards Banquet Ticket.
  - (d) One Darts Alberta Team Shirt, with additional shirts available to the members at their expense.
  - (e) A per diem meal allowance, as identified in the Policy for Fees and Rates Schedule.
- 21.3 When attending a National Championship outside of Alberta:
- (a) Team member representative shall be advised by the Youth Director or a chaperone regarding whether transportation will be arranged to the nearest international airport or whether this shall be the responsibility of the individual.
  - (b) The cost of ground transportation may be provided from the airport to the host hotel and from the hotel to the venue, if such transportation is not provided by the host of the National Championship.

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### **22 EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 22.1 Darts Alberta shall fund the Youth Director or designate to attend the National Youth Meeting and to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to Darts Alberta by the NDFC at the National Championship.
- 22.2 Darts Alberta shall fund a male Chaperone and a female Chaperone to attend the National Championship, with duties as assigned by the Youth Director.
- 22.3 All chaperones shall be 18 years or older.
- 22.4 The Youth Director shall select chaperones, alternating male/female, north/south whenever possible.

### **23 EXECUTIVE DRESS CODE**

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

### **24 EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- 24.1 Each Executive Member and Chaperone 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 the duration of the National Championship.
  - (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 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.

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