



Revised News Release

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Fees and maximum participation increased for the 2009 adult elite provincial championship

Due to an increase in expenses and with limited expenses being eligible from casino proceeds, a moderate fee increase has been established for both the adult and youth Provincial Championship Programs.

- Adult Zone Qualifier Fee - \$30.00 (a \$5.00 increase from the previous \$25)
- Adult Provincial Championship Fee - \$80.00 (a \$5.00 increase from the previous \$75)
- Adult Provincial Buy-In Fee - \$200.00 (unchanged)

While reviewing the Darts Alberta Policy for the Adult Elite Championship Program, the Darts Alberta Executive reviewed member feedback received over the past several years. This included consideration of increasing maximum participation as well as the frustration experienced as a result of a delay in the start of the majority of matches due to excessive byes at the beginning of the knockout on both A and B side.

Although Darts Alberta has had to turn away male participants at only one provincial championship in the past 15+ years, it is believed that an increase may encourage more competitors to participate. Therefore, at the 2009 Adult Elite Provincials in Edmonton, the men's singles maximum will increase to 80 (previously only 64). The women's singles maximum will remain at 64 for the time being but could be increased in the future if need arises.

Excessive byes during the beginning of the knockout are not only time consuming, but frustrating for both the adjudicators and the vast majority of the competitors waiting for 1 or 2 matches to be held before reaching the 32 draw knockout round. These same delays would occur with more than 64 participants. To minimize this abundance of byes, a new formula has been developed where not all participants might advance to the knockout.

- Under 32 players – 8 sections of up to a maximum of 4 players with all players advancing to a 32-draw.
- 33 to 40 players – 8 sections of up to a maximum of 5 players with the top 4 advancing to a 32-draw.
- 41 to 48 players – 8 sections of up to a maximum of 6 players with all players advancing to a 64-draw.
- 49 to 64 players – 16 sections of up to a maximum of 4 players with all players advancing to a 64-draw.
- 65 to 80 players – 16 sections of up to a maximum of 5 players with the top 4 advancing to a 64-draw.



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The format for the number of games shall be:

- Round Robin (Groups of 5 or 6) – 2 games for total points
- Round Robin (Groups of 3 or 4) – 3 games for total points
- Women's Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 5
- Women's Finals - Best of 7
- Men's Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 7
- Men's Finals - Best of 9

It is important to remember that if a player is eliminated from advancing to the knockout on one day, they still have the opportunity to participate in the rounding on any subsequent days remaining. Those not advancing to the knockout would receive the same number of points they would have received if they were eliminated from the draw immediately both in A and B knockouts, following the round robin. An additional point level was added to accommodate the 65th to 80th place finishers.

- 1st Place – 25 points
- 2nd Place – 22 points
- 3rd Place – 19 points
- 4th Place – 16 points
- 5th to 6th Place – 13 points
- 7th to 8th Place – 11 points
- 9th to 12th Place – 9 points
- 13th to 16th Place – 7 points
- 17th to 24th Place – 5 points
- 25th to 32nd Place – 4 points
- 33rd to 48th Place – 3 points
- 49th to 64th Place – 2 points
- 65th to 80th Place – 1 point

The fully revised policy is available at

http://www.dartsalberta.com/documents/DAPolicy09_Adult_Elite_Provincials.pdf

If you have a question regarding this or any other Darts Alberta Policy, contact either myself or the Darts Alberta Administrator.

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