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Qualifier list and additional information for 2009 Adult Provincial Championship

Darts Alberta recently increased the maximum participation allowable at the Adult Provincials for the men's singles to a total of 80 qualifiers. The women's maximum participation remains status quo at 64. A format change for the number of players advancing from the round robin to the double knockout was revised in order to accommodate this increase as well as to address the challenges experienced in recent years with excessive byes. The News Release containing these changes can be found at: http://www.dartsalberta.com/documents/NewsRelease48_20081017_ProvFormat.pdf

Zone Qualifier Allocations

Darts Alberta is pleased to announce that zone qualifiers were held in 7 of the 8 zones with participation in both the men's and women's events. A total of 6 men and 10 women have advised the Tournament Director of their intent to compete in the provincials as invitational qualifiers. This provides a total of 74 men's and 54 women's qualifier spots available to be filled from zone qualifier participants. The quantity of qualifiers allocated to each zone is based on a percentage in comparison to participation in all zones. The following is a breakdown of these allocations:

WOMEN'S QUALIFIER PARTICIPATION				
ZONE	LOCATION	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE	GUARANTEED
1	Medicine Hat	7	14.29%	7
2	Cochrane	2	4.08%	2
3	Calgary	17	34.69%	17
4	Red Deer	2	4.08%	2
6	Edmonton	15	30.61%	15
7	Fort McMurray	4	8.16%	4
8	Grande Prairie	2	4.08%	2

MEN'S QUALIFIER PARTICIPATION				
ZONE	LOCATION	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE	GUARANTEED
1	Medicine Hat	18	17.14%	13
2	Cochrane	5	4.76%	2 (3) ¹
3	Calgary	23	21.91%	16
4	Red Deer	5	4.76%	4
6	Edmonton	39	37.14%	28 (27) ¹
7	Fort McMurray	5	4.76%	4
8	Grande Prairie	10	9.52%	7

¹Although a total of 3 spots were allocated to Zone 2, Darts Alberta has been advised that due to a conflict with a Royal Canadian Legion event, only 2 players from their zone will be able to attend the 2009 Provincials. As a result, the additional space has been allocated to the zone with the greatest participation, with Zone 6 increasing to 28.



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List of Exempted and Zone Qualifier Participants

An alphabetical list of all exempted players and zone qualifier participants can be found at: http://www.dartsalberta.com/documents/2009_ProvQualifiers.pdf. This list includes each player's finishing position in their zone qualifier, current Darts Alberta Ranking, whether guaranteed participation (Above Cutline) and current seeding going into the 2009 Provincials. In order to provide sufficient time to prepare for the provincials, the list used for each person's ranking is based each year on the most current list prior to the Snoflake Open held the weekend prior to that year's provincials.

It is important to note that individuals that are not yet guaranteed entry into the provincials may still have the opportunity to compete in the event! If all 80 positions are not filled by those currently listed as being above the cutline prior to the close of registration, these positions will be filled by any other members in attendance wishing register. These positions are first filled by those members that have competed in zone qualifiers. The zone's qualifying spots always remain as such. For example if a total of 4 spots are guaranteed to that zone (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th) and only 1st, 3rd and 4th are registered for the provincials at the time of cut off, that one remaining spot would go to a qualifier in attendance from that zone – determined by the order of their zone finish. If you are above the cutline (guaranteed entry) but know for certain that you will not be attending, Darts Alberta strongly encourages you to contact your Zone Director so that he/she can advise the next eligible person from your zone that their participation is guaranteed.

If after all zone qualifier participants in attendance are registered and there are still remaining positions to be filled, individuals that have not participated in the zone qualifiers may buy into the event (at a higher rate) as an independent competitor.

All individuals must be registered and paid by the Saturday morning cut-off time of 9:45 a.m. This includes anyone not yet guaranteed but hoping to enter the draw if maximum participation is not reached. If an individual pays their registration fee and maximum participation is reached, eliminating them from competing, their complete provincials entry fee will be refunded after all of the sections have been called on Saturday morning.

Seeding Points and Seeding Positions

Several players have asked how each person is allocated their seeding position going into the provincial championship. Several years ago, Darts Alberta developed a 'seeding points' chart based on a combination of the number of participants competing in the zone qualifier and their finishing position. Each player is allocated seeding points based on this chart that can be found at <http://www.dartsalberta.com/documents/ProvSeedFormula.pdf>.

Any initial ties are broken based on each person's current Darts Alberta Ranking. For example, Jane Doe is an exempted player with 100 seeding points and ranked #3 on the current Darts Alberta ranking list. Jill Smith is also an exempted player with 100 seeding points but ranked #6. Jane Doe would receive the higher of the two seeding positions available.

Any remaining ties are broken using a percentage formula, based on their finishing position divided by the number of total participants in their zone qualifier. For example, John Doe has 22 seeding points based on a 3rd place finish in a zone that had 24 participants ($7/23=12.5\%$). Bill Smith has 22



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seeding points based on an 11th place finish in a zone that had 28 participants ($11/28=39.3\%$). The tie cannot be broken using the ranking, as both players are tied for 108th place on the current ranking list. Based on the lower percentage, Joe Doe would receive the higher of the two available seeding positions.

The seeding positions on the current qualifier list are based on all 80 eligible players competing. Upon the close of registration, new seeding positions from 1 to 80 will be allocated. For example a player may be currently listed as Seed #65, but 10 people above him did not register in the event. This player would now be considered as Seed #55. This final initial seed number will remain with you for the remainder of the tournament.

For Day 1 of the provincials, competitors will be seeded into the round robin draw based on their initial seed number.

For Day 2, competitors will be seeded into the round robin draw based on the number of points achieved from Day 1. All ties will be broken based on their initial seed number.

For Day 3, competitors will be seeded into the round robin draw based on the accumulative number of points achieved from Day 1 and Day 2. Again, all ties will be broken based on their initial seed number.

Zone and Provincial Fees

On October 10, 2008, all Zone Directors were informed on an increase to zone qualifier and provincial fees. A News Release was issued on October 17, 2008 to advise members of these increases.

Unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding in communication and the Calgary Zone players were only charged \$25.00. To ensure fairness to all players, individuals that competed in the Calgary Zone Qualifiers will be required to pay the additional \$5.00 zone qualifier increase if wishing to compete at the 2009 Adult Provincials.

2009 Adult Provincial Entry Fees will be collected as follows:

- Invitational Qualifiers (Zone Exemptions) - \$80.00 per person
- Qualifiers from Zones 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 - \$80.00 per person
- Qualifiers from Zone 3 (Calgary) - \$80.00 + \$5.00 zone fee balance = \$85.00 per person
- Individual Buy-In Competitors (that did not compete in zones) - \$200 per person

Provincial Registration Deadlines

Competitors are reminded that the registration deadline to compete in the 2009 Adult Provincials is Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 9:45 a.m. No additional entries will be taken after that time. Competitors must also check in no later by 9:45 a.m. on both Sunday and Monday (February 15-16) in order to be included in the draw that day.



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Blind Draw and Pre-Registration

The Sands Hotel has been gracious enough to allow the Edmonton Inter-Pub Dart League to leave their dartboards up throughout the week between the Snoflake and the Provincials, greatly reducing the workload of tearing down and setting up the boards again.

Since the venue will be set up already, Darts Alberta will be organizing a blind draw event on the Friday evening as a warm-up to the provincials. As this blind draw is not limited to just provincial competitors, we encourage all darters to come out and compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 per person, registration will close at 7:30 p.m. and 100% of the entry fees will be paid out.

A series of practice boards will be designated separate from the blind draw area for those arriving later or not wishing to enter the blind draw.

It is extremely hectic collecting all of the provincial fees on Saturday morning, so we encourage as many members as possible to consider preregistering Friday evening. The Darts Alberta Administrator will be running the Blind Draw and will be in attendance all Friday evening for provincials pre-registration between 7:00 p.m. and the completion of the blind draw in an attempt to reduce the much longer payment line-up on Saturday morning. Why not spend less time in line and more time warming up on Saturday morning. On Saturday morning, three separate registration lines will be available: a payment & check-in line-up (male & female), a pre-paid check-in line (males) and a pre-paid check-in line (females).

Registrants are reminded that even if you or someone else pre-pays for you on Friday evening, you must still personally check in by no later than 9:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Accommodations

A limited number of rooms at the Sands Hotel are reserved at a special 'dart' rate of \$89.00 per night, plus taxes. If you require accommodations and have not yet booked, we encourage you to contact the hotel as soon as possible to make your reservations by calling 1-780-474-5476 or by email to tina@sandshoteledm.com.

Provincials Poster

The poster for the 2009 Adult Elite Provincial Championship containing all contacts and information can be found at: http://www.dartsalberta.com/documents/2009_AdultProvincials_Poster.pdf.



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Team Alberta

From the final results of the Provincial Championship, the top 8 men, plus alternate (9th) and the top 8 women, plus alternate (9th) form Team Alberta to represent our province at the Nationals.

Each competitor is allocated points based on their finish each day. An accumulation of all 3 days points will determine the finishing position of each competitor. At the end of Day 3, ties in total points are determined as follows:

- A playoff will be held amongst all those tied with the same number of points. All competitors will compete on one board in one game of 701 with the first finisher receiving the highest available position, the second finisher receiving the next highest available position and so on.
- If an individual involved in a tie is not present at the time of the playoff, that individual will receive the lowest of the available positions in that playoff. If more than one person is not in attendance, the lowest of the available positions will be determined based on the initial Seed positions allocated to each person on Day 1 with the lowest seed receiving the lowest available position in that playoff group.

2009 Nationals Championship

The National Championship is held in early June in a different province each year. Details regarding the 2009 Adult National Championship are as follows:

- Location: St-Hyacinthe, Quebec (approximately 1 hour northeast of Montreal)
- Pre-Tournament: Friday, June 12 to Sunday, June 14, 2009
- Nationals: Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19, 2009
- Canadian Open: Friday, June 19 to Sunday, June 21, 2009

If members have any questions pertaining to any aspect of the Provincials or Nationals, please contact Sandi Orr at administrator@dartsalberta.com.

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