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***Dear Valued Member,***

As we approach the 2008-2009 season, we would like to take this opportunity to share some changes to our Darts Ontario Adult membership program with you.

With the continuous rise in costs of NDFC membership, travel, hotel, etc, our commitment to you is to ensure that our province has the ability to grow, develop, and remain strong.

In order to achieve this with minimal impact to our members, here is a breakdown of the changes that will help us maintain these commitments to you.

Annual Darts Ontario Adult membership:

- Adult Membership - \$20 (same as last year)
- Affiliate Membership - \$15 (same as last year)

What has changed?

- A portion of the adult membership will automatically be allocated to help support our youth program
- Membership to the NDFC is not included in your Darts Ontario membership.
- If you play in the provincial championships Darts Ontario will then purchase your NDFC membership at **no extra cost to you**
- You may purchase an NDFC membership at any time from Darts Ontario

To serve you better, we have prepared answers to some Frequently Asked Questions.

We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming season!

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Yours in Darts

***Darts Ontario Executive***



## FAQ's

**1. How does this membership change benefit Darts Ontario and our members?**

Our goal is to ensure that Darts Ontario continues to be strong & healthy. We firmly believe that this change will help us to continue to provide our members the same benefits with minimal impact to you. With this new approach we can continue to fully support our programs here at home.

Moving forward, we will still continue to support the NDFC however; we are also considering the future of our own members and the organization.

**2. What do I receive when I pay my Darts Ontario membership fees?**

When you purchase a Darts Ontario Adult membership, you will receive a Darts Ontario membership card.

**3. How do I get my NDFC membership card?**

If you play in the Ontario provincial championships you will automatically receive an NDFC membership card at **no extra cost to you**. You will be given your NDFC membership card at the provincials when you register to play.

Alternatively, you may purchase an NDFC membership at any time from Darts Ontario for the current NDFC membership rate.

**4. What are the benefits of an NDFC membership to me personally?**

An NDFC membership entitles you to participate at the provincial & national championships, participate in qualifiers to represent Canada at world events, and uphold national ranking points.

**5. What if I qualify to the provincials but I do not play? Do I still get an NDFC membership card?**

You must play in the provincial championships for Darts Ontario to purchase your NDFC membership card. If you do not play and still want an NDFC card, you can purchase this from Darts Ontario at any time.

**6. What if I am chasing NDFC ranking points?**

The current NDFC rules state that you do not need to be an NDFC member until April 30 of the ranking season to be recognized as a ranked player on the official May 1 ranking list.

Our provincial championships are always before this deadline date. If you play in the provincials you will receive your NDFC membership or you can purchase it separately at any time.

**7. What if I purchase my NDFC membership prior to the provincials and I then play in the provincial championships?**

Darts Ontario will reimburse you for your NDFC membership at the Provincials

**8. I've taken the affiliate bye from my league. What changes for me?**

As normal, you must purchase a Darts Ontario Adult membership. You will receive a Darts Ontario membership card. You will only receive an NDFC membership card if you play in the provincial championships. This would also apply to winning a bye at the Affiliate Singles & Doubles event.

**9. What happens if I buy an NDFC membership at the national championships?**

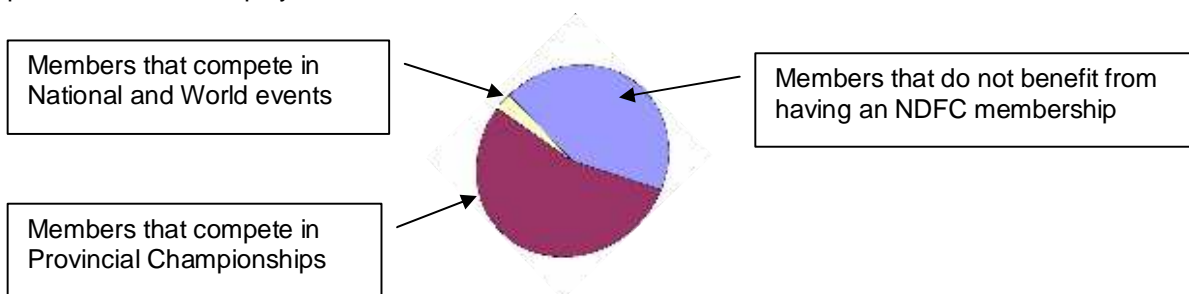
If you play in the provincials, Darts Ontario will reimburse you for the price of the NDFC membership.

**10. How many members does Darts Ontario have?**

We average between 850 -1000 adult full & affiliate members per year. As well, we typically have approximately 330 youth members.

**11. How many players benefit from an NDFC membership in Ontario?**

Approximately 60% of Darts Ontario members compete in the Provincial championships and around 3% advance to the National or World events. Our new policy will ensure that NDFC memberships are purchased for these players.



**12. What portion of membership fees are paid to the NDFC?**

Darts Ontario Membership	Full - \$20	Affiliate - \$15	Youth - \$15
NDFC membership 2008	\$12	\$12	\$12
Darts Ontario keeps	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$3</b>
% goes to NDFC	<b>60%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>80%</b>

Darts Ontario has been and will continue to be a proud supporter of the NDFC. Over the past 20 years, we have contributed over \$200,000 in membership fees to the NDFC.

Due to rising costs to run our programs here at home and the financial impact of NDFC membership fee increases we are forced to reconsider our internal policy regarding NDFC memberships.

With another NDFC membership fee increase this year, our next annual bill for NDFC membership fees will be in the area of \$15,000 if we continue our traditional practice of purchasing an NDFC membership for all Darts Ontario members.

As your executive, our commitment to you is to ensure that our Provincial programs are able to grow and remain strong.

**13. Why are we allocating a portion to the youth program?**

Our youth are very important to Darts Ontario. With continuing increases to all costs we are committed to supporting and ensuring the vitality of this program.

The youth is our future, let's make sure they succeed!

For any further questions, please contact the Darts Ontario secretary via email at [secretary@dartsonario.com](mailto:secretary@dartsonario.com) or by phone at 905-549-1343