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**PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
RULES AND REGULATIONS
2008 - 2009**

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PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 10 - 12, 2009
Quality Inn & Convention Centre
327 Ontario Street
St Catharines, Ontario

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 16 - 19, 2009

CANADIAN OPEN

June 19 - 21, 2009

St. Hyacinthe, Quebec



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DARTS ONTARIO EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT

- Chair meetings
- Long range planning
- Agenda of meetings (with General Secretary)
- Representative at NDFC
- Promotions
- Sponsorships (with Treasurer)
- Recognition of Sport (Government)
- Co-ordinate Provincial Championships

VICE PRESIDENT

- Represent President as delegated
- Responsible for Affiliate Program & Championships
- Affiliate Awards with Treasurer & General Secretary
- Responsible for Affiliate meetings
- Promote and assist all other programs as required
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Correspond with NDFC
- Represent President as delegated
- Master file copies
- Meeting arrangements
- Promote and assist all other programs as required
- Travel & hotel reservations
- Trophies (with Program Director & Treasurer)
- General Information
- Agenda of meetings (with President)

ADULT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- Choose Zone Directors for each area
- Distribute information to Zones
- Communicate with Directors on location of Zone Shoots
- Distribute Zone information to Zones & executive
- Zone & Provincial Championships
- Adult Awards with Treasurer & General Secretary
- Coordinate Provincial Championship
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary
- Promote & assist all other programs as required
- Communicate information on all other programs to Zones

YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- Youth Darts Program
- Distribute information to Youth Leagues & Youth Zones
- Youth League liaison (meetings etc.)
- Youth Zone & Provincial Championships
- Youth Awards with Treasurer & General Secretary
- Correspond with NDFC Youth Development Director
- Promote & assist all other programs as required
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary
- Sponsorship (with President)

TREASURER

- Accounts payable & receivable
- Capital expenditures
- Promotional purchases
- Awards & uniform purchases for all programs
- Preparation of annual audit
- Report to Annual meeting
- Collection of all membership fees (individual & league)
- Collection of Zone & Provincial Tournament entry fees
- Promote & assist all programs as required
- Contracts & sponsorship agreements with President & General Secretary)

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

- Process & distribute membership as submitted
- Communicate with NDFC Membership Director
- Submit final membership to NDFC
- Correspond with President & General Secretary
- Promote & assist all other programs as required
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary

PAST PRESIDENT

- Assist President as required
- Advisory position on executive
- Promote & assist all other programs as required



PROVINCIAL & ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No players will be allowed to enter event after registration for that event is closed. Both players (in doubles) must be present to register.
2. All games to be a straight start and a double finish.
3. In Mixed Doubles event, either the lady or the man may shoot first.
4. Shooters and scorers only allowed inside the playing area.
5. Bust rule prevails.
6. No fast finishes will be allowed.
7. Nine darts warm-up is maximum allowance per player.
8. Names and board assignments will be called once. A player(s) have 5 minutes to report to their assigned board or a forfeit will be called. This applies to round robin and knock-out format.
9. The order of play shall be determined by the toss of a coin. The winner of the toss shall throw first in leg 1 and all alternate legs as the format permits. The loser of the original toss will throw first in the second leg and all alternate legs as the format permits. If the match goes to the deciding leg, the winner of the original toss shall have the option of corking first or second. Each player must have a dart in the scoring area of the board. If a tie occurs, throw again in reverse order. If the first thrower's dart lands in the inner-bull, the second shooter may request it be removed. Outer bulls may not be removed.
10. A dart score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.
11. For a dart to score, it must remain in the board for the duration of that player's throw. Darts that do not remain in the board will not count. If a dart falls out of the board before the thrower retrieves them, they will not count.
12. The scorer may inform the thrower what he has scored and what remains but not what is left in number combinations. No other coaching will be permitted. **There will be no singles coaching allowed at Zone, Provincial & National Championships.** Players may, as long as they are not at the oche, communicate with their partner in the doubles event only. If a player or spectator is caught coaching they will be asked to leave the event regardless of their placing or participation in the event.
13. It is the responsibility of the thrower to verify his score before removing his/her darts from the board. The score will remain as written by the scorer if one or more darts have been removed from the board. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the beginning of that player's next throw.
14. Any disagreement (in the case of a protest, stop play immediately) between players which cannot be settled by those players involved and are not specifically covered in these rules, shall be settled by the Tournament Director whose decision on all matters shall be final and binding. This includes the interpretation of the rules. **"NO AFTER THE FACT PROTESTS" will be accepted.**
15. Good sportsmanship should be the prevailing attitude throughout each tournament. Bad sportsmanship is cause for ejection from the tournament and disciplinary action will be taken. **Darts Ontario has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE policy to ALL bad sportsmanship. Inappropriate language, verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Concerned parties will be asked to leave and disciplinary action will be taken if warranted or behavior continues.**
16. **If a player leaves the Provincial Championships without speaking to the appropriate Executive they will receive a one-year suspension. ***Any player who qualifies to Sundays play and fails to register for that days event could possibly receive a one years suspension. If a player qualifies in both the mixed and singles events to Sunday but fails to play the mixed doubles they will automatically forfeit their position in the singles event.**
16. Gambling is neither allowed nor sanctioned by the Darts Ontario Committee.
17. When a match is won, it must be reported **immediately** by the winner to the Control Desk.
18. Dress Code will be in effect and strictly enforced at all Darts Ontario events. At the 1995 AGM it was voted and passed that the Dress Code should be 'Dress pants/skirts, no denim or athletic material [sweat / spandex], shirt/blouse with a collar, and clean respectable footwear". No headgear allowed unless by prior consent. Darts Ontario representative's decisions are final. (The **Ontario Team uniform at National Championships** will be Black pants/skirts)
19. No children under **16** years of age shall be permitted in playing area. This rule will be strictly enforced.
20. **SMOKING:** There will be "NO SMOKING ON THE LINE" at Darts Ontario Zone Shoots and Provincial Championships. W.D.F. and N.D.F.C. have mandated a "No **Smoking**" ban on stage.

****Darts Ontario will NO longer accept personal cheques****



GENERAL INFORMATION & EVENTS

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING ROUND: **NEW** - amended Nov/06

The buy-in round at the provincials has changed as follows:

If a player has played all 4 zone shoots and has not qualified to the provincials, that player can now buy directly into the provincial championships for a cost of \$200.

Singles \$200 per person - Mixed Doubles \$100 each person

In extenuating circumstances where a player could not attend all four shoots they may be allowed to use the buy-in option provided they fax, email, or mail a letter to the Adult Director within 7 days of the last shoot. No other form of request will be considered.

The current Season's Darts Ontario Affiliate Singles Champions:

Now earn the right to be blind drawn directly into the Provincial Championships provided that they do not participate in the Singles event at the Zone Shoots. They must pay a \$25.00 Qualifiers fee. They must also take out a Full Membership on or before -\$15.00 before November 30, 2008 or \$20.00 after that date.

Team Ontario Members are also entitled to an exemption. If they support their zone in the mixed doubles there is no fee but if they do not support their zone in the mixed event there is a \$25.00 player's fee. They must also take out a membership on or before November 30, 2008.

Ranked Players (new Sept 2004) Ranked players in top 8 of the official NDFC ranking list as of January 31 of the same year as the provincials, may take an exemption into the provincials at a cost of \$50. Players must not have played in the zone shoots, must take out a membership, pay the entry fee, and must notify the adult program director of their intent to play by letter on or before November 30, 2008.

DARTS ONTARIO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ZONE SHOOTS	
First Shoot	The weekend of the LAST SUNDAY in November
Second Shoot	The weekend of the SECOND SUNDAY in January
Third Shoot	The weekend of the FIRST SUNDAY in February
Fourth Shoot	The weekend of the FIRST SUNDAY in March
Provincial Championships	Easter Weekend – Saturday & Sunday
Annual General Meeting	Good Friday at 12:00 pm
Easter Open - NDFC Ranked Event	Friday & Saturday of Easter Weekend
National Championships	The MONDAY TO FRIDAY as set forth by the NDFC
AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Singles and Doubles	The FIRST SUNDAY in November
Team Events	The LAST 2 weekends in February

TIE BREAKER RULES ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NDFC tie breaker rules implemented at zones and provincials (Sept 2007)

GENERAL

The purpose of the following detailed explanation is to avoid conflicts pertaining to the methods being used to break ties. These tie-breaker rules are to be used for ALL events organized or sanctioned by the NDFC (see Rule A & D of the NDFC Rules of Play).

TIE-BREAKER RULES

-- The following rule shall apply when two or more players or teams are tied and only a portion, thereof, will advance to the next round.

Where one or more of the players or teams tied will be eliminated from advancing to the Knock-Out Round, final positioning shall be determined by:

“One game of ____ 01, 200 points higher than that of the round-robin having ALL players tied playing concurrently on the same board.”

All players shall throw for the middle, with the player whose dart is closest to the bull throwing first, ending with the player whose dart is furthest from the bull throwing last (see 16.15.05 of the NDFC Rules of Play). In the case of a team event, one representative per team shall throw for the bull.

During events at the Canadian National Championships, the order of throwing for the bull shall be determined by Team Number, which is the Provincial Order of Finish in that event from the previous year.

During National Ranked Tournaments, the order of throwing for the bull may be determined by a toss of the coin. With more than two players tied, examples to be used: odd coin shoots first, and continue through tosses until all players have shot for the bull, or a random draw for order.

The first player or team to finish the game shall be awarded with the 1st available finishing position. The game shall continue, with each winning player or team awarded the next available position accordingly, until only one player or team is remaining.

COUNTBACK TIE-BREAKER RULES

-- Where ties occur and ALL players or teams tied continue to advance to the knockout round regardless of the tie-breaker results, final positions shall be determined by count back.

TWO-WAY TIE

If two players or teams are tied in any section and both are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the match played in the Round Robin between the two players or teams that are tied.

Example:

Player A and Player B are tied for 2nd/3rd. Player A lost to Player B in the Round Robin. Player B would be 2nd, and Player A would be 3rd.

THREE-WAY TIE

If three players or teams are tied in any section and all three are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between the three players or teams that are tied.

Example:

Players A, B and C are tied for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C
A	--	W	W
B	L	--	L
C	L	W	--

Player A would be 1st, Player C would be 2nd, & Player B would be 3rd.

If the results are:

Team	A	B	C
A	--	W	L
B	L	--	W
C	W	L	--

then, all 3 players would throw nine (9) darts each and the player or team with the highest total scored shall be awarded with the 1st available finishing position, with the lowest score receiving the last available finishing position.

All players shall throw nine (9) darts. IE: In the case of a doubles event, each team shall throw a total of eighteen (18) darts.

FOUR-WAY TIE

If four players or teams are tied in any section and all four are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between the four players or teams that are tied.

Example:

Players A, B, C, and D are tied for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	W
B	L	--	W	W
C	L	L	--	W
D	L	L	L	--

Player A would be 1st, Player B would be 2nd
Player C would be 3rd, and Player D would be 4th.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	W
B	L	--	W	L
C	L	L	--	W
D	L	W	L	--

Player A would be 1st.

Player B, C, and D shall throw nine (9) darts each as detailed in the aforementioned 3-WAY TIE rule.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	L	W	W
B	W	--	L	W
C	L	W	--	W
D	L	L	L	--

Player D would be 4th.

Players A, B, and C shall throw nine (9) darts each as detailed in the aforementioned 3-WAY TIE rule.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	L
B	L	--	W	W
C	L	L	--	W
D	W	L	L	--

Player A and B are still tied and therefore, you would look back at the results of just those two players. Player B lost to Player A.

Player A would be 1st and Player B would be 2nd.

Player C and D are still tied and therefore you would look back at the results of just those two players. Player D lost to Player C.

Player C would be 3rd, and Player D would be 4th.

FIVE-WAY (OR MORE) TIE

As most tournaments advance only a maximum of four players per division, examples for five or more have not been detailed. However, should circumstance arise where more than four players are advancing and more than four players are all tied and no one will be eliminated, regardless of the results of the tie-breaker, the aforementioned rules would still apply.

The final positions will still be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between all players or teams that are tied. Count the match wins/losses of all those games. The player with the most wins would receive the first available position, with the player with the least wins receiving the last available position. Remember, use the process of elimination. Should an additional ties result when adding these points, conduct another count back amongst only those in the second tie. If ties still result, consult the applicable nine (9) darts rule.



DARTS ONTARIO ZONES 2008 - 2009

1st shoot – Sunday November 30, 2008 **

2nd shoot – Sunday January 11, 2009 **

3rd shoot – Sunday February 1, 2009 **

4th shoot – Sunday March 1, 2009 **

**Provincial Championships April 10-12, 2009 St. Catharines
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****Please check zone flyers to verify dates, location and times**

- **ZONE 2** LAMBTON - MIDDLESEX - ELGIN – ESSEX - KENT
- **ZONE 3** HURON – PERTH - OXFORD
- **ZONE 4** BRUCE - GREY
- **ZONE 5** WATERLOO — WELLINGTON
- **ZONE 7A** NIAGARA
- **ZONE 6 & 7B** HAMILTON – WENTWORTH - BRANT HALIMOND - NORFOLK
- **ZONE 8 & 9** PEEL & HALTON SOUTH OF 401- PEEL & HALTON NORTH OF 401
- **ZONE 10** EAST OF 427- WEST DVP - SOUTH of STEELES
- **ZONE 11** TORONTO - (West of 427& South of Steeles Avenue) including-
TORONTO East of DVP
- **ZONE 12** DUFFERIN - SIMCOE
- **ZONE 13** VICTORIA — PETERBOROUGH - DURHAM
- **ZONE 14** PARRY SOUND - MUSKOKA – HALIBURTON
- **ZONE 15** YORK REGION - SOUTH OF HWY 89 - NORTH OF 15TH SIDE ROAD /
BLOOMINGTON RD INCLUDING BEAVERTON

- **KINGSTON & AREA**
- **OTTAWA & AREA**
- **MORRISBURG & AREA**

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