



Frequently Asked Questions

Why isn't all the money from the Blind Draw given out?

There is a certain amount guaranteed and the rest goes towards the dart board rental (\$3,000.00).

Why do the Youth Leagues & Participating Players have to stay at the hotel for the weekend?

In order to receive the Dart Hall free (\$4500.00 per day) we must fill the hotel rooms and even though some players live close it wouldn't be fair that the same groups always pay for rooms. Also if the weather is bad we don't have to worry about people travelling back & forth. Rooms are allotted on a first come first serve basis. All rooms including rooms for spectators with players in them must be booked through the Darts Ontario Youth Director.

Why can't we bring in outside food & drinks?

It is a rule the venue has and is in our contract, as they do have food and coffee available on site. Food can be ordered & brought in from the bowling alley as well. The food they supply during the events is very reasonable. Plus the fact that the venue makes money only on the food & drinks as the Youth Event does not bring in much revenue like the adult events do.

Why is cheering not allowed?

It distracts the other player's and is unfair as they are all competing for the Championship.

Why are chaperones not allowed to drink?

Darts Ontario is not saying chaperones are not to be drinking at all. We are saying this weekend is for the players and therefore chaperones should not be drinking excessively. However the individual leagues might have their own rules on drinking due to problems in the past. If the adults want to have a couple of drinks in the evening then there should be a room designated for that and most groups use the directors room as long as there are no players in that room. There is to be no alcohol in rooms that players occupy.

Do chaperones have to be in the room at curfew time?

They should be or in a room close by in case of emergencies.

Who decides what room the players are in?

The youth league director/committee of that league. It is up to the leagues how they designate the rooms. Each league set rules of their own.

Can a player go out after curfew with a chaperone to smoke?

No, all players are to be in their rooms at curfew time. Most leagues do not separate Jr & Sr players in rooms.

Why do seniors have to register before 9am Saturday morning?

All players are to be in the dart hall for the opening speech as this is when the rules are read out. Seniors should be marking for the junior players so we have enough chalkers.

Why do players have to be present to receive their trophies?

It costs too much to ship them after the event. If they had won the event they would stay. The sportsmanship is one of the most important awards and it is a special award. The players should be proud to accept this award and want to be there as well as the parents & leaders as this is a reflection on them. Leaders must check before leaving if a player has been chosen.

Does the hotel require a room deposit?

Yes and it is either an imprint of a credit card or a cash deposit. The hotel also wants the room doors shut tight by 11PM.

Can a player from the previous year be a chaperone now that they are adult level?

Anyone under 21 must be approved by the Darts Ontario.

Does the seeding carry over to Adult Level if the player moves up?

No as it is a different program.

What is the biggest problem at the Provincials?

People not listening when names are being called and/or rules are being read. People bringing in Tim Horton's coffee, which is not allowed.

Can players wear head gear or ear phones during play? No

How are the sections and draws done?

Saturday round robins are done by positioning results from the Zone Shoot and we try to ensure players from the same Leagues are not in the same sections. This was decided at a meeting many years ago with the understanding where players meet on the Sunday is determined by their positioning from section play the previous day. There are no guarantees at this point where players will meet as they come out of sections. Zones that have the most representation are more than likely to have players meet in section play on the Sunday morning. We draw by positioning not leagues for Sunday. At this point all players are playing for a position on the team and must earn their way to the finals regardless of who they meet or from where.

Why does the number of qualifiers change after the Zone Shoot?

It is a numbers game. We need so many youth to come through not only to have equal sections but also we depend on the incoming money to absorb the expenses down the road for the Nationals.

Can anyone play in the Blind Draw?

Yes. Teams are youth & adult so adults are recycled at no additional cost when needed.

Why do we charge a Qualifiers fee?

It is to ensure the Youth Player will be going. It also helps offset the cost for the Nationals.

Are parents allowed to attend the Nationals?

Parents are certainly encouraged to attend the Nationals to support their youth through play. But player's are with the Darts Ontario Team throughout the weekend. We supply Chaperones for the players to report to & do things with. This helps the players form a "Team Relationship".

What do I do if I notice an error in the score?

Do not holler it out. Go to the section leader immediately & they will ask for a score check on that board. **Amendment by**

Youth Director's in 2012:

Errors in arithmetic must be brought to the section leaders or control desk (if in semi's/quarter finals) attention before corrections can be made if discovered after that player/teams next throw. Section leader must stop play and call for a score check on the board in question. Score may be changed at that time. (at national level the score cannot be changed)

Why is there "No Coaching Allowed" at the Provincials?

It is to allow fair play for all. Players may use out cards and in doubles they can step back and ask their partner.