



Welcome to Darts Ontario

This program is designed to help teach young people the skill of darts as well as sportsmanship and team play. We have Youth Leagues across Ontario with leaders that enjoy coaching and teaching individuals the fun of Darts and techniques required to help develop skills to compete at Zone, Provincial and National Levels.

All Youth Dart Leagues across Ontario are encouraged to come on out and join our wonderful program. There have been many changes throughout the last few years and we are hoping to grow the program even more.

Darts Ontario is an organization to promote darts throughout our province. This pamphlet is an introductory to the Darts Ontario Youth Darts Program.

Starting a Youth League

To start a Youth program in your area you must first find a venue to play out of each week such as a Legion, Moose Lodge, A.N.A.F. Club etc. Most youth groups run their program from October 1st to April 1st with a time frame of 2 to 3 hours. Once you have chosen your venue, day or night of play it is very important to advertise well in advance where & when your league will be taking registration. Flyers should be circulated as well as check with the local newspaper and radio stations for advertising.

Darts Ontario Youth Affiliate Membership fee is \$20.00 so it is important that you charge your player's a fee to join.

Not only does this help support your youth group but it also ensures the player's will attend weekly.

League Memberships vary. Most groups also charge a weekly fee of \$2.00 to \$3.00 as well.

It is important to stress the fact that Darts is one of the least costly sports to play.

League Membership Registration must be sent to the Youth Director by Dec 1st/11. Registration forms are in the package.

Age Group

All age categories are as of September 30th of the current year.

Tyke – 12 & under
Junior – 15 & under
Senior – 18 & under

Tykes may be registered for \$8.00 and participate in the Eastern or Western Tyke Shoot (depending on the location of the youth group) or they may register for the full affiliation fee of \$20.00 and compete in both the Tyke Shoot and the Zone Shoot (as a junior player).

Tykes Shoots are held in February and the Zone Shoots for Junior & Senior players are listed on the Darts Ontario website plus in the registration package.

Tyke Shoot – no charge
Zone Shoot - \$6.00 per player per event.

The **Zone Shoot** is divided into singles for each category, female/male, junior/senior plus an open doubles event.

Junior players may be moved up to play senior doubles but only if required and does not leave a junior player without a partner. First check with other groups in your zoning area as players can play with other youth group members if a league is short also.

Provincial & National Information

Darts Ontario also hosts a Provincial Shoot the 1st weekend of the March break. It is the youth group's responsibility to pay all costs associated with the provincials such as hotel room (2 nights), food & entry fees. There are many fundraisers for groups to run as well as sending letters to local boys & girls club, optimist club and businesses. Fee: \$4.00 per player, per event. Players must stay at the hotel DO have contracts with.

Team Ontario will consist of the players that place 1st & 2nd in the singles events at Provincial Level and represent Ontario at National Level. Champions will also receive jackets. All players that finish in the top 4 will receive trophies. The winners of the Eastern & Western tyke shoot (they play doubles only) will play on stage at the Provincials and receive trophies. Awards for 180 & 171's are also presented.

Nationals – Darts Ontario will cover the cost of rooms, 2 shirts, travel expenses, 1 team meal and banquet tickets for the team players. Darts Ontario also supplies a male & female chaperone. **2012 Nationals – will be hosted in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Date: May 18th – May 21st /2012.** Players are also given the opportunity to compete in a qualifier for a chance to represent Canada at the World Masters.

For comments from spectators & players that have attended the Nationals please refer to the web.

For more information check out our web page www.dartsontario.com or contact the **Darts Ontario Youth Director- Marjorie Allardyce at jorie001@hotmail.com or 613 544 5360.**

Packages will be handed out at the annual meeting in September or mailed the following week to those that are unable to attend.