



# *News Release*

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## **Darts Alberta disciplinary policy revised**

During recent disciplinary proceedings, a conflict was found within the Darts Alberta Disciplinary Proceedings Policy. An individual cannot be a member of the NDFC or be eligible to take out an NDFC membership unless he or she is a member of Darts Alberta. With the Darts Alberta policy stating that the NDFC will be notified once the appeals process has been completed, this was in direct conflict with the membership requirements of the NDFC. This conflict has been resolved through a recent revision to the policy.

With these new revisions, the NDFC will be immediately notified of any Darts Alberta suspension upon completion of any Darts Alberta Disciplinary Hearing. If an Appeal Hearing is granted and a suspension is revoked, increased or decreased, the NDFC will again be notified immediately of any changes.

It is important for members to also understand that although every member has the 'right to appeal', an appeals hearing is not automatic. A new hearing would only be granted if:

- a) There is new information that was not known at the time of the initial hearing and therefore could not have been taken into consideration, or
- b) There was an error in process, or
- c) The appellant could not attend the initial hearing due to extenuating circumstances.

A list of all Darts Alberta Policies, with links to each policy document, can be found on the Darts Alberta Website.

If at any time members have questions regarding any Darts Alberta Policy, they are encouraged to contact either myself or the Darts Alberta Administrator.

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