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Darts Alberta forced to make budget cuts

Not unlike any other organization or business, Darts Alberta experienced the need to review their fiscal budget in light of many factors. With the 2010 Adult and Youth Nationals scheduled in Gander Newfoundland this year, added expenses relating to jointly hosting the 2010 Canadian Deaf Dart Championship in Calgary, the current economic climate and previous Alberta Gaming Proceeds surplus depleted, the Darts Alberta Executive reviewed all programs, services and expenses to determine where budget cuts could be implemented without influencing the effectiveness of our programs.

Although we are currently in a healthy financial position, budget cuts are being implemented to ensure the future sustainability of our organization. The following is a summary of budget cuts that have been implemented, effective immediately:

DA Hosted Youth/50+ Ranked Tournaments

- Tournament payouts have been reduced.
- Mileage subsidies have been eliminated.
- Hotel subsidies have been reduced.

Youth AGM Shoot

- Tournament payouts have been reduced.
- A moderate entry fee has been introduced.

Team Alberta Expenses at Youth Nationals

- Meal allowance for youth team members has been reduced.
- Only one team shirt will be provided to each team member, with the option to individually purchase a second shirt.
- A \$100, non-refundable commitment fee has been introduced.

Team Alberta Expenses at Adult Nationals

- Team breakfasts have been eliminated.
- Entry fees to compete with your nationals' doubles partners prior to the nationals has been eliminated.
- \$200 commitment fee will no longer be refunded if a team member works a DA-hosted casino.
- Accommodations for the Saturday night of the Canadian Open has been eliminated
- A review will be held closer to the event to determine whether our current financial status can support taking alternates to the 2010 Nationals in Gander.



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Adult AGM Shoot

- A moderate entry fee has been introduced.

Tournament Adjudicator Honorariums

- All honorariums for adjudicators of DA-hosted events have been reduced to \$75 per day, per adjudicator (originally \$100 per day)

Executive Mileage

- The Executive Mileage rate to attend DA meetings and adjudicate DA-hosted events has been reduced to 10¢ less than the current Government of Alberta rate (implemented in May 2009).

Volunteer Appreciation Gifts

- The budget for gifts presented to Member League and DA Ranked Tournament volunteers has been significantly reduced, while remaining to provide a useful and quality DA-logged token of DA's appreciation for our volunteers.

Grassroots Mentorship Pro-Am Tournament

- Entry fees for grassroots participants will no longer be refunded.
- As the gift for each participant is the same as the Volunteer Appreciation gift, the budget for gifts has been significantly reduced.

Member League Provincials Program

- Jackets for the Provincial Championship Team has been eliminated.
- Shirts for the Runner-Up Team has been eliminated.
- Pennants for League Champions have been replaced with certificates.

Husky/Mohawk Loyalty Program

- Rebates to member leagues has been eliminated to significantly reduce the administrative workload necessary to track purchases.

Disciplinary Hearings

- All future hearings will be recorded on a Digital Voice Recorder in order to significantly reduce the cost of a Verbatim Recorder at hearings.



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Membership Fees

- Member League crossover refunds have been eliminated.
- A membership fee increase will be introduced in the 2010-11 season for DA/NDFC Memberships to \$20.00 for a DA-league member to upgrade (currently \$12.00) and to \$25.00 for an individual DA/NDFC Membership for non-league members (currently \$17.00). DA League memberships will remain at the moderate rate of \$3.00 per person.

A major concern that needs to be taken into consideration in next year's budget relates to our Association Support Grant. Darts Alberta has just entered our third year of a three-year grant agreement with Alberta Sport to assist in the funding of our full time administrative contract. It is hoped that Alberta Sport will extend this grant, but with the current government budget cuts it is uncertain whether that program will be affected. Without this support grant, Darts Alberta's current financial status could not sustain such a contract. It would be extremely challenging for Darts Alberta to return to a completely volunteer-operated organization without it affecting the many programs and services we currently offer. Depending on the status of the Association Support Grant Program, the Darts Alberta Executive could be faced with some challenging decisions to make before the beginning of the 2010-11 Season.

If members have any questions or concerns relative to the newly introduced budget cuts or our revenues and expenses, please contact either myself (president@dartsalberta.com) or our Administrator – Sandi Orr (administrator@dartsalberta.com).

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