



# **DARTS ALBERTA**

## **THE ALBERTA DARTS ORGANIZATION**

### **OFFICIAL DARTS ALBERTA ADULT ZONE QUALIFIER PACKAGE**

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## **ZONE QUALIFIERS**

### **ZONE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Zone Director shall be responsible for holding three (3) Zone Qualifying Tournaments and shall:

1. Organize, advertise, promote and secure venue(s).
2. Collect membership and entry fees.
3. Issue Darts Alberta and/or NDFC memberships receipts and collect membership dues from individual members.
4. Accurately report all results including names of all competitors and membership numbers.
5. Ensure all competitors are members of Darts Alberta **AND** the NDFC, as full membership is required to participate in zone events.
6. Submit results, all fees and completed membership application forms to the Darts Alberta Administrator. The Zone Director is solely responsible for collecting and remitting the correct amount of fees payable to Darts Alberta.

### **MEMBERSHIP & ENTRY FEES**

The Membership Fees shall be:

- Darts Alberta / NDFC - **\$40.00** per member
- Membership Upgrade\* - **\$20.00** per member

\*Membership Upgrades are available for individuals that are a member of a Darts Alberta Member League. If a list of Member Leagues is required, contact the Darts Alberta Administrator.

Zone Qualifier Entry Fee shall be **\$30.00** per member (whether they compete in one, two or all three qualifiers). Members that have earned a bye directly to the provincials may choose to compete in the zone qualifiers at no charge.

### **ZONE OR DISTRICT QUALIFIER DEADLINES**

All zone or district playoffs shall be completed by no later than December 31 of the current playing season.

All zone or district playoff results shall be submitted for the Adult Qualifiers to the Darts Alberta Administrator within 7 days of the last zone qualifier.

### **PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

In order to participate in Zone Qualifier Playoffs, each participant must be a **Darts Alberta AND NDFC member** in good standing and must purchase or present a current NDFC membership card prior to the start of play. NOTE: The NDFC membership term is from October 1 to September 30 each year. If a player is presenting a membership card, please ensure that the card has not already expired.

### **FORMAT OF ZONE PLAYOFFS, RULES OF PLAY & DRESS CODE**

The format of the Zone Qualifying Tournaments must be consistent with the Darts Alberta Provincial Championships (round robin to double knockout).

Zone Directors may dictate the NDFC Dress Code in effect at their Zone Qualifying Tournaments. However, if the NDFC Dress Code is in effect during the Zone Qualifying Playoffs, the Zone Director must notify all participants in advance by listing this on their tournament poster. Zone Directors are asked to remind all participants that the NDFC Dress Code is in effect throughout the Provincial Championship.

The following formats and Rules of Play shall be in effect:

- NDFC Rules of Play shall be used throughout all events (an NDFC Rule Book is included with this Zone Package), and
- The NDFC starting order and NDFC tie-breaker rules shall be used throughout all events, and
- Three (3) rounds of 501, Straight In Double Out, and
- Total points accumulated over the three (3) rounds of play will determine seeded positions at the Provincial Championship.

### **POINT ALLOCATION**

As identified on the Darts Alberta double knockout sheets, the following points shall be allocated for each event played:

**1st Place - 25 points**  
**2nd Place - 22 points**  
**3rd Place - 19 points**  
**4th Place - 16 points**

**Joint 5th - 13 points each**  
**Joint 7th - 11 points each**  
**Joint 9th - 9 points each**  
**Joint 13th - 7 points each**

**Joint 17th - 5 points each**  
**Joint 25th - 4 points each**  
**Joint 33rd - 3 points each**  
**Joint 49th - 2 points each**  
**Joint 65th - 1 point each**

### **ZONE PLAYOFF FORMAT**

The format of play for all Zone Qualifying Tournaments is a modified round robin, advancing to a double knockout draw.

The number of games per match for the Women's Events shall be:

- Round Robin - All 3 games for total points
- Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 5
- Finals - Best of 7

The number of games per match for the Men's Events shall be:

- Round Robin - All 3 games for total points
- Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 7
- Finals - Best of 9

### **ROUND ROBIN SEEDING**

For seeding into the Round Robin Sections:

- For Round 1, round robin placement should be by random draw.
- For Round 2, players should be seeded into the round robin based on the results of Round 1, using the snaking method or the more accurate electronic method.
- For Round 3, players should be seeded into the round robin based on the combined results of Rounds 1 and 2, using the snaking or electronic method.

Please contact Darts Alberta regarding the seeding methods if uncertain of how this is completed. See Resources Section at the end of this document for direct links to both seeding methods.

## **TIE-BREAKERS**

As a Zone Director cannot be certain of where the cut-line will be upon completion of Round 3 and seeding placement is based on a definitive position, all ties should be broken as if one of those individuals will be eliminated from continuing to the next round (the Provincials). Therefore, one game of 701 must be played to break all tie(s).

## **DRAW SHEETS**

All round robin and double knockout sheets can be obtained on the Darts Alberta website. See Resources Section at the end of this document for direct links.

**NOTE: For Double Knockout Format - the Winner of "B" plays the winner of "A" and must win 2 matches in order to win the event. The winner of "A" is only required to win 1 match in order to win the event.**

## **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & LOCATIONS**

The Darts Alberta Provincial Championships shall be held on the Alberta Family Day long weekend each year.

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEES**

Entry fees for the Adult Provincial Championships are:

- Adult Invitational or Zone Qualification - \$80.00
- Adult Individual Buy-In - \$300.00

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION**

The maximum participation in the Provincial Championship shall be:

- Men's Singles – 80 members
- Women's Singles – 64 members

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

In order to participate in the Adult Provincial Championships, a player shall be a Darts Alberta **AND** NDFC member in good standing, and has

- Earned participation through Invitational Qualification (an earned “bye” directly to Provincials, or
- Earned participation through Zone or District Qualification, or
- Entered by exercising the Individual Buy-In option (provided the maximum has not been reached)

### **INVITATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

Invitational qualification shall be non-transferable.

The top four (4) male and top four (4) female members on the official Darts Alberta ranking lists as of April 30th each year shall receive an invitational qualification into the Adult Provincial Championships, without being required to participate and advance through Zone Qualifiers.

Where an Adult Member League holds an annual singles darts competition, open to all of their members, the reigning champion shall receive either a free extra to compete in the Zones or an invitational qualification (bye) into the Adult Provincial Championships:

- 8 or more participants in the league's singles championship – Champion has choice of either the free entry into Zone Qualifiers OR a bye directly to the Provincials
- 7 or less participants in the league's singles championship – Champion receives a free entry into Zone Qualifiers

If a member that has earned the bye directly to the Provincials but chooses to participate in the Zone Qualifiers, their eligibility and seeding into the provincials shall be based solely on their performance in the Zone Qualifiers.

A notification will be placed on the Darts Alberta website of the list of all "invitations" including each members' entitlement.

### **ZONE QUALIFIER ALLOTMENTS**

Each zone's or district's allotment shall be based on participation in each category, based on a percentage of the total Alberta participation in that category.

<b><u>Example for the Women's Singles category:</u></b>							
Total Allotment - <u>64 women</u>							
<u>Less 6 Spots</u> - allocated to the 6 women that choose to accept their Invitational Qualification							
Total Available Spots Remaining - <b><u>58 women</u></b>							
Zone:	Zone 1	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 8	Total
# for players:	18	28	14	6	30	8	104
% allocated:	17%	27%	13%	6%	29%	8%	100%
Allocation:	10	16	8	3	17	4	<b>58 women</b>

Should the maximum participation not be reached by the cut off time established on the first day of the event, substitutes shall first come from Qualifying players from other zones or districts, taking priority over any players wishing to exercise their option to Buy-In.

### **INDIVIDUAL BUY INS**

Any adult member of Darts Alberta may bypass the Zone Qualifying playoffs and buy their way directly into the Adult Provincial Championships on the first day of the event by registering and paying the Individual Buy In entry fee, provided maximum participation has not yet been reached.

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES, FORMAT & DRESS CODE**

The Dress Code in effect at the Provincial Championships shall be in accordance with NDFC Rules.

The Format of Play for the Provincial Championships:

- Each day of play shall be considered a separate event and points will be awarded upon the completion of each day's event.
- Points shall be allocated as identified on the Official Darts Alberta Double-Knockout draw sheets.
- The tournament results shall be based on the total of points earned by each player for each day of play.
- Shall consist of a modified round robin advancing to a double knockout playoff.

The number of games per match for the Women's Events shall be:

- Round Robin – 3 games for total points
- Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 5
- Finals - Best of 7

The number of games per match for the Men's Events shall be:

- Round Robin – 3 games for total points

- Knockout Round, up to and including the Semi-Finals - Best of 7
- Finals - Best of 9

During the Provincial Championship, the following formula shall be used for advancing from the round robin to the knockout:

- Under 32 players – 8 sections of up to a maximum of 4 players with all players advancing to a 32-draw.
- 33 to 40 players – 8 sections of up to a maximum of 5 players with the top 4 advancing to a 32-draw.
- 41 to 48 players – 8 sections of up to a maximum of 6 players with all players advancing to a 64-draw.
- 49 to 64 players – 16 sections of up to a maximum of 4 players with all players advancing to a 64-draw.
- 65 to 80 players – 16 sections of up to a maximum of 5 players with the top 4 advancing to a 64-draw.

### **ROUND ROBIN SEEDING**

For seeding into the Round Robin Sections:

- For Round 1, each zone qualifier shall be given a seeding position based on the Darts Alberta seeding formula as identified in Darts Alberta Policy.
- For Round 2, players should be seeded into the round robin, using the snaking method, based on the results of Round 1.
- For Round 3, players should be seeded into the round robin, using the snaking method, based on the combined results of Rounds 1 and 2.
- For Rounds 2 and 3, any ties will be broken based on the original seed number allocated to each competitor.

### **DARTS ALBERTA TEAM SELECTION**

For the Adult National Championships, Team Alberta shall consist of the top 8 men and the top 8 women, from the final results of the Adult Provincial Championships.

In the event of a vacancy in advance of the team's departure for the Adult Nationals, a replacement shall be sought from those participating in the Adult Provincials, beginning with the 9<sup>th</sup> place position and moving down the list of results until a replacement is found.

No reimbursement shall be provided to any eligible Darts Alberta member in attendance at the Adult Nationals that agrees to be put in the draw because of an injury or illness of a team member in attendance.

### **DARTS ALBERTA TEAM MEETING**

Upon completion of the Provincial Championships and the establishment of the team, team members will be provided with a package of information on the National Championship and advised of the date and location of the Team Alberta Meeting.

## **RESOURCES**

The following links are provided to ensure you have access to the most current resources and forms:

[NDFC Rules of Play](#)

[Darts Alberta Draw Sheets](#)

[Zone Qualifier Fee Remittance Form](#) (Microsoft Excel)

[Zone Qualifier Results Form](#) (Microsoft Excel)

[DA/NDFC Membership Application](#)

[Manual Seeding](#) – Snake Method

[Automated Seeding](#) – Electronic Method (compressed file of Microsoft Excel files)