



DARTS ALBERTA

THE ALBERTA DARTS ORGANIZATION

OFFICIAL RANKING PACKAGE

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All revisions are **highlighted** throughout this document.]

In this document, unless the context otherwise stipulates, the definitions as outlined in the Darts Alberta Bylaws shall apply.

The following guidelines are set out to provide consistency throughout all *Darts Alberta* Ranked Tournaments and to provide control of the *Darts Alberta* Ranking System.

PROVINCIAL RANKED TOURNAMENTS

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. *Darts Alberta* has set up a provincially ranked tournament structure to give all players the opportunity to improve their skill and standings within the province.
2. *Darts Alberta shall* govern all provincially ranked tournaments within the province of Alberta.
3. *Darts Alberta* is required to authorize all *NDFC* ranked tournaments held within its jurisdiction, in accordance with *NDFC* Regulations.
4. In order to receive authorization for *NDFC* ranking, all events in Alberta *shall be Darts Alberta* ranked.

ORGANIZER CRITERIA

5. Individuals, Organizations, non-*member leagues* or non-eligible *Member Leagues* may host a provincially ranked tournament at the individual Ranked Tournament Application Fee.
6. *Member Leagues*, consisting of 100 or more *members* and 'grandfathered' *Member Leagues shall* be eligible to host a provincially ranked tournament at the special *Member League* Ranked Tournament Fee.
7. *Member League* is defined as *members* in good standing that have joined in full as a dart league group.
8. Applicants shall pay the applicable application fee, payable to Darts Alberta, in order to host a provincially ranked tournament.
9. Applicants wishing to host a ranked tournament *shall* apply in writing.

'GRANDFATHER' REQUIREMENTS

10. Existing *Darts Alberta* Ranked Tournaments, effective March 6, 2004, shall be considered 'grandfathered' and shall continue to be eligible to receive the special *Member League* Ranked Tournament Fee, provided:
 - The event continues to be operated by the same organizing committee or *Member League*.
 - There are no significant changes to the organizing *Member League*.
 - The establishment of a new or subsidiary league would be considered a significant change and therefore, the new or subsidiary league or organization would need to apply as a new ranked tournament and therefore, be required to meet the minimum *Member League* criteria to receive the reduced rate.
 - The organizing *Member League* continues to retain Darts Alberta membership for every member of the league.
 - Should the organizing *Member League* relinquish *membership* in any given *membership* year, the *Member League shall* forfeit their eligibility for the *Member League* reduced rate. Upon *membership* renewal, the *Member League* would need to apply as a new ranked tournament and therefore, be required to meet the minimum *Member League* criteria to receive the reduced rate.

11. As of November 9, 2006, the following tournaments continue to be grandfathered:
- Snoflake Open, organized by the Edmonton Inter-Pub Dart League Association
 - Medicine Hat Open, organized by the Medicine Hat Dart League
 - Rodeo City Open, organized by the Calgary Pub Dart League
 - Calgary Open, organized by the Calgary Pub Dart League
 - Klondike Open, organized by the Edmonton City Dart League Association
 - Challenge of the North, organized by the Grande Prairie Dart League
 - Chris Hatter Memorial, organized by the Hatter Family

DARTS ALBERTA APPLICATION

12. The application to host a provincially ranked tournament is contained within this package and *shall* be completed in full.
13. All applications for new tournaments, including the applicable Tournament Application Fee (as listed on Part A), *shall* be in the hands of the *Administrator*, a minimum of 6 months prior to the tournament date.
14. All re-applications for existing ranked tournaments, including the applicable Tournament Application Fee (as listed on Part A), *shall* be in the hands of the *Administrator*, a minimum of 3 months prior to the tournament date.
15. The *Tournament Director* shall review all new applications and provide recommendation to the *Executive Committee*.
16. The *Executive Committee* shall provide final approval for sanctioning of provincially ranked tournaments.

DARTS ALBERTA FEES

17. The *Member League* Application Fee *shall* be \$200.00 per tournament and *shall* be submitted with the initial application.
18. The individual Application Fee *shall* be \$1,500 per tournament and *shall* be submitted with the initial application.
19. The application fee *shall* be non-refundable, once the tournament has been approved for ranking.
20. The singles ranking fee *shall* be \$1.00 per player, for each participant entered in the Men's Singles and Women's Singles events and *shall* be submitted with the tournament results.

TOURNAMENT POSTER CIRCULATION

21. Tournament organizers shall submit their poster to the *Darts Alberta* Tournament Director a minimum of 60 days prior to the event to obtain their Darts Alberta Ranked Tournament Approval Number.
22. Upon receipt of the final tournament poster complete with ranking number, *Darts Alberta* shall publish a copy of the event poster on the *Darts Alberta* website and may include information on Darts Alberta e-News Flashes where feasible.
23. Although in your organization's best interest, there is no longer a requirement to circulate posters (e.g. top ranked players, etc).

TOURNAMENT CRITERIA

24. In addition to other requirements listed throughout this document, in order for a tournament to be sanctioned as a provincially ranked tournament, the tournament *shall* meet the following criteria:
- a) The facility *shall* be appropriate in size, and

- b) Provincially ranked tournaments *shall* consist of:
 - i) Men's Singles, and
 - ii) Women's Singles, and
 - iii) Any additional events of the ranked tournament organizers' choosing.
- 25. The cash payout *shall* be a minimum of \$500.00 per singles event with a minimum of \$1,000.00 for the total tournament. **Exact payouts per finishing position *shall* be included on the poster for each singles event and any other subsidiary events where a minimum prize package is stated.**
- 26. Each tournament *shall* be open to all adult players eligible to compete.
- 27. Each tournament *may* be open to all youth participants, organizers or volunteers, provided they are eligible to compete and liquor licenses or municipal by-laws permit them access to the venue.
- 28. Players that are suspended by Darts Alberta shall not be eligible to compete in any Darts Alberta ranked tournament.
[A list of *Darts Alberta* Suspended Players *shall* be provided to the organizers.]
- 29. Should a Darts Alberta Ranked Tournament also be *NDFC* Ranked, even though the *NDFC* Ranked Tournament Guidelines state that organizers are required to use *NDFC* Rules of Play during only the ranked "singles" events, the *NDFC* Rules of Play *shall* apply throughout all events at all *NDFC* Ranked Tournaments held in Alberta.
- 30. Failure to adhere to the *Darts Alberta* guidelines, including the submission of fees and tournament results, *may* result in the removal of the ranking points from the players participating in the tournament, and the tournament *shall* be placed on probation for a period of one year.

MINIMUM GAME REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Requirements – GAME of 501

- 31. The following format is in effective for all *Darts Alberta* Ranked Tournament where the game of 501 is being played. Should a *Darts Alberta* Ranked Tournament also be *NDFC* Ranked, then the format consisting of the greatest number of games for each event shall take precedence:
 - a) If a round robin to straight knockout format is played:
 - i) A minimum of the best 2 of 3 games (for one win) or all 3 games (for a total of up to 3 wins) *shall* be played against each player in their section for the Women's Singles, Men's Singles, all **Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events** and
 - ii) A minimum of the best 2 of 3 games (for one win) or all 3 games (for a total of up to 3 wins) played against each player in their section is recommended for all other team events, and
 - iii) Women's Singles Knockout Rounds *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 5 until the Finals, with the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 7, and
 - iv) Men's Singles Knockout Rounds *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 5 until the Semi-Finals, with the Semi-Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 7, and the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 9, and
 - v) **Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events Knockout Rounds *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 5.**
 - vi) **Although consistency is strongly encouraged, the knockout round for events other than singles and doubles *shall* be at the discretion of the organizers.**
 - b) If a straight knockout format is played, the format of play for the singles events *shall* consist of:
 - i) Women's Singles *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 5 until the Finals, with the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 7, and

- ii) Men's Singles *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 5 until the Semi-Finals, with the Semi-Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 7, and the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 9, and
- iii) Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Mixed Triples and 4-Person Teams *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 3 until the Semi-Finals, with the Semi-Finals and Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 5, and
- c) The format for the start of play shall be in accordance with the NDFC rules.
- d) All ties shall be broken in accordance with the NDFC Tie-Breaker rules.

Minimum Requirements – GAME OF TACTICS

32. The following format is in effective for all *Darts Alberta* Ranked Tournament where the game of Tactics is being played.
- a) If a round robin to straight knockout format is played:
 - i) A minimum of 1 game *shall* be played against each player in their section for the Women's Singles and Men's Singles, and
 - ii) Women's Singles Knockout Rounds *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 3 until the Finals, with the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 5, and
 - iii) Men's Singles Knockout Rounds *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 3 until the Finals, with the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 5, and
 - iv) The format of play for events other than the singles *shall* be at the sole discretion of the organizers, although consistency is strongly encouraged.
 - b) If a straight knockout format is played, the format of play for the singles events *shall* consist of:
 - i) Women's Singles Knockout Rounds *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 3 until the Finals, with the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 5, and
 - ii) Men's Singles Knockout Rounds *shall* consist of a minimum of the Best of 3 until the Finals, with the Finals consisting of a minimum of the Best of 5.
 - iii) The format of play for events other than the singles *shall* be at the sole discretion of the organizers, although consistency is strongly encouraged.
 - c) The order for start of play for each leg shall be determined by throwing at the bullseye. One initial coin toss shall decide the order in which to throw for the bullseye. The winner of the initial toss shall have the choice of who throws first in the bull-up in all odd numbered games. The loser of the initial toss shall have the choice of who throws first in the bull-up in all even numbered games.
 - d) All ties shall be broken in accordance with the league rules as established by the Tactics Association on Mondays in Edmonton (TAME).

SUBMISSION OF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

33. The results for all provincially ranked tournaments *shall* be submitted on the Tournament Results Submission Form included in this package and *shall* be completed in full, including those that earn ranking points and/or prize money. Darts Alberta no longer offers participation points on the Darts Alberta Ranking List and therefore, it is no longer a Darts Alberta requirement to submit a list of names for all singles entries.
34. The complete results submission shall be in the hands of the Administrator no later than fifteen (15) days after the completion of the tournament.
 [Depending on the time of year and other upcoming Darts Alberta ranked tournaments, Darts Alberta reserves the right to request the singles results in less that the 15 days listed above.]
35. The singles ranking fee for each participant entered in the Men's Singles and Women's Singles event *shall* be included with the results submission.

PROVINCIAL RANKING POINT STRUCTURE & RANKING LISTS

RANKING POINT ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

36. Ranking points *shall* only be issued for the singles events at Provincially Ranked Tournaments and the *Provincial Championships*.
37. Men's Singles and Women's Singles events *shall* be considered separate and one event *shall* not affect the other.
38. A minimum of 8 players, in any men's singles event or in any women's singles event, *shall* be required in order to qualify for ranking points for that event.
39. In order to be eligible to receive and retain ranking points, the player *shall* be a *member* in good standing.
40. Alberta participants *shall* be permitted to receive and retain ranking points if a *Darts Alberta* membership is purchase within ten (10) days of receiving points.
41. Players residing outside of the province of Alberta *shall* not be eligible to receive or retain ranking points.
42. Players *may* participate and earn ranking points in as few or as many provincially ranked tournaments as is available.
43. Ranking points *shall* be issued based on the number of participants in that singles event.

RANKING POINT ALLOCATION

44. The number of ranking points for provincially ranked tournaments and the *Provincial Championships* *shall* be issued in accordance with the *Darts Alberta* Operational Procedures, and are identified on the Tournament Results Submission Forms.

MAINTENANCE AND PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL RANKING LISTS

45. The *Tournament Director* *shall* be responsible for maintaining up-to-date and accurate ranking lists, in accordance with the *Darts Alberta* Operational Procedures.

PROVINCIAL RANKING SYSTEM AWARDS

46. 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*, as outlined in Section IV of the *Darts Alberta* Operational Procedures.
47. The number one male and number one female on the official *Darts Alberta* ranking lists, after the completion and inclusion of points earned at the *Provincial Championships*, *shall* each receive a *Darts Alberta* Award of Recognition for this achievement.



DARTS ALBERTA PROVINCIAL RANKING PROGRAM TOURNAMENT APPLICATION FORM



PART 'A'

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

ZONE, LEAGUE OR DART ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THE TOURNAMENT:

NAME OF VENUE: _____

LOCATION OF VENUE: _____

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PLAY AREA: _____

PHONE NUMBER TO VENUE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

I, hereby, submit an application for ranking of the following tournament:

NAME OF TOURNAMENT: _____

PREFERRED DATE(S): _____

TOURNAMENT APPLICATION FEE:
[PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE AMOUNT ENCLOSED]

\$200 - ELIGIBLE MEMBER LEAGUES ONLY

\$1,500 - INDIVIDUALS OR NON-MEMBER LEAGUES

The above fees are being paid for the _____ tournament.
SPECIFY YEAR

By my signature on this application and upon acceptance of sanctioning for the above mentioned tournament, I hereby acknowledge that the above mentioned establishment has the necessary licenses, permits, etc., necessary to hold a function of this nature and that the above mentioned establishment shall waive all rights and assigns to claims by the establishment and/or its patrons against Darts Alberta and its officers or agents. As an authorized representative of this establishment, I acknowledge my understanding of this agreement and where in doubt have asked for any explanations required.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

**THE APPLICABLE FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION.
THIS FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE ONCE THE TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR RANKING.
NEW APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO EVENT
RENEWAL APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO EVENT**

Although it is recommended that this be submitting for next year's event when you are submitting this year's results, you have until 6 months prior to the tournament to remit this application form and fee. If you are not submitting them at this time, you will be reminded approximately 5 months prior to your event that payment is due.

NOTE: Failure to remit the reapplication and fee within the 3 month deadline could result in your Darts Alberta Ranking being cancelled.

DARTS ALBERTA; Box 163, #14 - 9977, 178 Street NW; Edmonton AB T5T 6J6

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DATE RECEIVED: _____

APPLICATION FEE ENCLOSED BY: \$ _____

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MONEY ORDER

RECEIPT NUMBER: _____

DATE ISSUED: _____

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR _____

PROVINCIAL TREASURER: _____

THIS FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DARTS ALBERTA WEBSITE IN MS WORD – [Reapplication Form](#)

