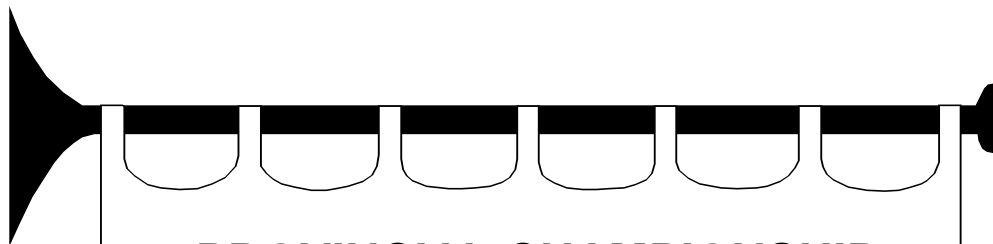




ADULT

**ZONE & PROVINCIAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
RULES AND REGULATIONS
2016 - 2017**



PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

April 15th & 16th, 2017

Holiday Inn
327 Ontario Street
St Catharines, Ontario

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 13th – 16th, 2017

CANADIAN OPEN

June 17th, 2017

Saint John, New Brunswick



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DARTS ONTARIO EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT

- Chair meetings
- Long range planning
- Agenda of meetings (with General Secretary)
- Representative at NDFC
- Oversee all programs
- Promotions
- Sponsorships (with Treasurer)
- Recognition of Sport (Government)
- Co-ordinate Provincial Championships
- Delegate Positions when unavailable

VICE PRESIDENT

- Represent President as delegated (after 1st term)
- Responsible for Affiliate Program & Championships
- Affiliate Awards with Treasurer
- Responsible for Affiliate meetings
- Promote and assist all other programs as required
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Correspond with NDFC
- Master file copies
- Meeting arrangements
- Promote and assist all other programs as required
- Travel & hotel reservations for meetings
- General Information
- Agenda of meetings (with President)

ADULT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- Must inform executive at the time if/when problems occur within the program
- Communicate with Directors on location of Zone Shoots
- Distribute Zone information to Zones & Executive
- Adult Awards with Treasurer
- Coordinate Zone & Provincial Championship
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary
- Discuss all program changes with executive, including changing of Zone Directors
- Promote & assist all other programs as required

YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- Must inform executive at the time if/when problems occur within the program including changes
- Distribute information to Youth Leagues & Youth Zones
- Communicate with Youth League Directors
- Youth Zone & Provincial Championships
- Youth Awards with Treasurer
- Correspond with NDFC Youth Development Director
- Promote & assist all other programs as required
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary
- Sponsorship (with President)

TREASURER

- Accounts payable & receivable
- Capital expenditures and Promotional purchases
- Assist with Awards & Uniform Purchases
- Preparation of annual audit
- Program reports as required including Annual Meeting
- Collection of all membership fees
- Collection of Zone & Provincial entry fees
- Promote & assist all programs as required
- Contracts & sponsorship agreements with President & Program Director

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

- Process & distribute membership as submitted
- Communicate with NDFC Membership Director
- Submit final membership to NDFC
- Correspond with President & General Secretary
- Promote & assist all other programs as required
- Copy all correspondence to President & General Secretary
- Track & Record Ranking Points
- Tournament Ranking Approval
- Distribute information to Tournament Directors regarding Ranking Program

ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No players will be allowed to enter event after registration for that event is closed. Both players (in doubles) must register for the event prior to registration closing.
2. All games to be a straight start and a double finish.
3. In Mixed Doubles event, either the lady or the man may shoot first.
4. Shooters and scorers only allowed inside the playing area.
5. Nine darts warm-up is maximum allowance per player.
6. Names and board assignments will be announced once (posted at Provincials). A player(s) have 5 minutes to report to their assigned board or a forfeit will be called. This applies to round robin and knock-out format.
7. The order of play shall be determined by the toss of a coin. The winner of the toss shall throw first in leg 1 and all alternate legs as the format permits. The loser of the original toss will throw first in the second leg and all alternate legs as the format permits. If the match goes to the deciding leg, the winner of the original toss shall have the option of corking first or second. Each player must have a dart in the scoring area of the board. If a tie occurs, the darts must be removed and thrown again in reverse order. If the first thrower's dart lands in the inner-bull, the second shooter may request it be removed. Outer bulls may not be removed.
8. A dart score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.
9. For a dart to score, it must remain in the board for the duration of that player's throw. Darts that do not remain in the board until the thrower retrieves them, will not count.
10. The scorer may inform the thrower what he has scored and what remains, but not what is left in number combinations. **No coaching allowed at Zone, Provincial & National Championships.** Players may, as long as they step back from the oche, communicate with their partner in the doubles event only. If a player or spectator is caught coaching they will be asked to leave the event regardless of their placing or participation in the event.
11. It is the responsibility of the thrower to verify his score before removing his/her darts from the board. The score will remain as written by the scorer if one or more darts have been removed from the board. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the beginning of that player's next throw.
12. Any disagreement (in the case of a protest, stop play immediately) between players which cannot be settled by those players involved and are not specifically covered in these rules, shall be settled by the Tournament Director whose decision on all matters shall be final and binding. This includes the interpretation of the rules. **"NO AFTER THE FACT PROTESTS" will be accepted.**
13. Good sportsmanship must be the prevailing attitude throughout all tournaments. Bad sportsmanship is cause for ejection from the tournament and disciplinary action will be taken. **Darts Ontario has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy to ALL bad sportsmanship. Inappropriate language, verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Concerned parties will be asked to leave and disciplinary action will be taken if warranted.**
14. If a player leaves the Zone Shoot or Provincial Championships without speaking to the appropriate Executive they could receive a one-year suspension. ***Any player who qualifies to Sundays play and fails to register for that day's event could possibly receive a one year suspension. If a player qualifies in both the mixed and singles events to Sunday but fails to play the mixed doubles, they will automatically forfeit their position in the singles event.
15. When a match is won during knockout, it must be reported **immediately** by the winner to the Control Desk.
16. Dress Code will be in effect and strictly enforced at all Darts Ontario Adult events. Dress pants (solid dark colours - full length) or skirts, no denim or athletic material (sweat/spandex/lulu lemon). Shirt/blouse with a collar and clean respectable footwear (no open toed/backed shoes). No headgear allowed unless by prior consent (eye glasses on if required). Darts Ontario representative's decisions are final. (The Ontario Team uniform at National Championships is black dress pants/skirts).
17. All complaints and/or problems must be submitted in writing, signed and sent to the General Secretary.
18. No children under **12** years of age shall be permitted in dart hall. This rule will be strictly enforced.

*Human errors can occur and if they do, steps are taken to ensure they do not happen again where possible. It is at the discretion of the directors how to handle the situation. Director decisions are final at the time of the occurrence(s).

ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

In each **Zone Shoot** there will be **Mixed Doubles, Ladies Singles and Men's Singles Event.**

All competitors MUST compete in the Zone in which they reside with the exception of players that were affected by the boundary changes in 2012 to which the Grandfather clause applies: Players that played doubles together, but were affected by the clarification of the boundaries may still play together at the same zone shoot. Although once the players make a conscious decision not to play together, they must attend the shoot in the area they are supposed to play in.

Once a man/woman has participated in a shoot as a mixed doubles partner, they CANNOT change partners for the remaining shoots unless approved by the Darts Ontario Executive. Requests must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary. If there is a change in partners, the team will be considered a new team. Points will not carry over. If a double's partner cannot attend the Provincials for medical reasons, a letter may be submitted to the executive to determine if said player may play with another partner from their Zone that did not qualify in the event. If the Zone does not have an extra man/woman, the next eligible player from the alternate team may be moved up to play.

Player(s) could receive a year suspension for leaving a Darts Ontario event for a non-emergency situation prior to the completion of the round robin or knockout play. It is the players' responsibility to check the start time of event(s) prior to start of play if they are scheduled to work the day of the shoot.

Player(s) that must leave a Darts Ontario event due to an emergency or illness must inform the director of that event. That director will in turn obtain approval from the program director or a member of the Darts Ontario executive if the program director is unavailable. If approval is granted the player(s) will retain all points earned in that event (adult zone shoots only) provided it does not take place during round robin play. If a player(s) leave without completion of the round robin play the director will remove player(s) name and all W/L from the sheet. This applies to both situations.

All points accumulated at the Zone Shoots will determine the Provincial finalists. A player can qualify in both the Singles and the Mixed Doubles. Points will be awarded according to the position the players finish in each event in the Zone tournaments.

**POINTS: 1st (9 points), 2nd (7 points), 3rd & 4th (6 points), 5th – 8th (5 points),
9th – 16th (4 points), 17th – 32nd (2 points), 33 or more (1 point)**

(Ties in points: all ties must be broken with one (1) game 200 points above round robin play.)

(Ties in points after the 1st alternate position has been determined, will be broken with 9 darts high score)

Bonus Points: There will be an additional three (3) points awarded to players that have completed participation in three (3) shoots or if players have completed participation in all 4 shoots six (6) points will be awarded.

All competitors must be a current member in good standing. You may join Darts Ontario the day of the Zone Shoot. Full membership is \$23.00 or \$28.00 after November 29th, 2015. The late fee only applies to past members.

Entry fees for each Zone shoot will be **\$10.00 per competitor per event**. All monies will be retained by the Darts Ontario Treasurer and will be allocated towards expenses for the Provincial and National Championships.

FORMAT will be determined based on total entries and board availability. Preferred format is round robin leading to knockout. All games in round robin and knockout will be 2 out of 3 or 3 out of 5, based on numbers. All finals will be best of 5. The Darts Ontario Zone Director will make the decision and follow the same format at each shoot.

Where entries exceed board availability straight knockout will be played. All games including finals will be 3 of 5

In knockout, no points will be awarded for byes. To receive points a player(s) must win at least one match.

Provincials: Ladies Knockout 3 of 5, Stage finals 4 of 7. Men's knockout 3 of 5, Semis 4 of 7, Stage finals 5 of 9.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Mixed doubles is to be played first in all tournaments followed by the men's singles and ladies singles. Both partners must be present at start of game or a forfeit will be called as per Rule #6, page 4.

ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

From each zone, 40% of the players in each event will qualify to the provincials. This amount will be determined by averaging the number of entries from the first 3 shoots. Darts Ontario will pay for 1 (one) room night including tax for players that qualify in the top 20% of an event at 1 (one) of the 3 hotels Darts Ontario books with. Not all paid nights are at the host hotel. **A player cannot earn more than 1 (one) paid night regardless if they qualify in both mixed doubles & singles.**

Host Hotel Eligibility: Darts Ontario Executive, Zone Directors, Top Male & Female on the Ontario Ranking List, Vendors and a percentage of players from each Zone.

Where the lack of registration and participation warrants, the Darts Ontario executive, is empowered to adjust the number of qualifiers eligible for the Provincial Championships.

NOTE: The Darts Ontario Executive reserves the right to combine Zones. Minimum numbers expected at each shoot will be relevant to participation in previous years. Zone Directors should pass this information on to the members at their shoot so that they know it is also their responsibility to encourage players in their area to participate in the program. Zone Directors will be advised after the 1st shoot if changes need to be made.

AUTOMATIC ENTRIES INTO THE PROVINCIALS

Previous year's over-all Zone Champions in each singles event.

The Top 8 players in each singles event from previous year Provincials.

Provincial Mixed Doubles Champions from previous year (doubles event only)

The National Singles Champion (provided they participated in Provincial Program)

The top 8 players on the official NDFC ranking list as of January 31st, 2017

Zone Directors & helpers (singles & doubles events)

Darts Ontario Executive (singles & doubles events)

Affiliate League Representatives

Eastern & Western Affiliate Shoot Singles Champions

Top 4 Men & Ladies on the Darts Ontario Ranking List

🚩 Singles/Mixed Doubles exempt players/teams are not at the host hotel. However, players are entitled to play in those events if they so choose.

These players will be blind drawn into the sections for the Provincial Championships. Darts Ontario membership dues for all exempted players **MUST** be paid on or before **November 29th, 2016**

- ❖ **New Rule:** Players that compete at the Provincial Level must plan to attend the Nationals if they qualify. Failure to attend the Nationals could result in a 1-year suspension. Extenuating circumstances would be considered upon written presentation to the Darts Ontario Executive.

GENERAL INFORMATION & EVENTS

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING ROUND:

The current season's Darts Ontario Affiliate Singles Champions are entitled to be blind drawn into the Provincial Championships provided that they do not participate in the Singles event at the Zone Shoots. They must pay a \$25.00 Qualifiers fee and must also take out a Full Membership (\$18.00) on or before November 29th, 2016 or \$23.00 after that date.

Team Ontario Members (provided they earned the position by coming in top 8 at the Provincials Level in the Singles Events and/or 1st in the Mixed Doubles Event) are also entitled to an exemption. If they support their zone by participating in the event they did not qualify in there is no fee, but if they do not support their zone there is a \$25.00 player's fee unless qualified in both singles and doubles. They must also take out a membership on or before November 29th, 2016.

Ranked Players: The top 4 players on the official Darts Ontario ranking list as of April 30/2016 will receive an exemption into the Provincials. The top 8 players on the official NDFC ranking list as of January 31 of the same year as the Provincials may take an exemption into the Provincials at a cost of \$50.00. Players must **not** have played in the zone shoots, must take out a membership, pay the entry fee, and must notify the General Secretary of their intent to play in writing on or before November 29th 2016.

DARTS ONTARIO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ZONE SHOOTS	
First Shoot	The weekend of the LAST SUNDAY in November
Second Shoot	The weekend of the Second SUNDAY in January
Third Shoot	The weekend of the First SUNDAY in February
Fourth Shoot	The weekend of the First SUNDAY in March
Provincial Championships	Easter Weekend
Annual General Meeting	Good Friday 12:00 pm
Easter Open - NDFC Ranked Event	Friday & Saturday of Easter Weekend
National Championships	The MONDAY TO FRIDAY as set forth by the NDFC
AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Singles and Doubles	The First SUNDAY in November
Team Events	The LAST 2 weekends in February

TIE BREAKER RULES

ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NDFC tie breaker rules below are for round robin play only. Ties where point differences occur will be determined by one (1) game 701. Ties where paid room nights occur will be determined by one (1) game 701. Ties in points after the 4th alternate position has been determined for player/players advancing to the provincials will be broken with 9 darts high score.

GENERAL

The purpose of the following detailed explanation is to avoid conflicts pertaining to the methods being used to break ties. These tie-breaker rules are to be used for ALL events organized or sanctioned by the NDFC (see Rule A & D of the NDFC Rules of Play).

TIE-BREAKER RULES

-- The following rule shall apply when two or more players or teams are tied and only a portion, thereof, will advance to the next round.

Where one or more of the players or teams tied will be eliminated from advancing to the Knock-Out Round, final positioning shall be determined by:

“One game of ____01, 200 points higher than that of the round-robin having ALL players tied playing concurrently on the same board.”

All players shall throw for the middle, with the player whose dart is closest to the bull throwing first, ending with the player whose dart is furthest from the bull throwing last (see 16.15.05 of the NDFC Rules of Play). In the case of a team event, one representative per team shall throw for the bull.

During events at the Canadian National Championships, the order of throwing for the bull shall be determined by Team Number, which is the Provincial Order of Finish in that event from the previous year.

During National Ranked Tournaments, the order of throwing for the bull may be determined by a toss of the coin. With more than two players tied, examples to be used: odd coin shoots first, and continue through tosses until all players have shot for the bull, or a random draw for order.

The first player or team to finish the game shall be awarded with the 1st available finishing position. The game shall continue, with each winning player or team awarded the next available position accordingly, until only one player or team is remaining.

COUNTBACK TIE-BREAKER RULES

-- Where ties occur and ALL players or teams tied continue to advance to the knockout round regardless of the tie-breaker results, final positions shall be determined by count back.

TWO-WAY TIE

If two players or teams are tied in any section and both are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the match played in the Round Robin between the two players or teams that are tied.

Example:

Player A and Player B are tied for 2nd/3rd. Player A lost to Player B in the Round Robin. Player B would be 2nd, and Player A would be 3rd.

THREE-WAY TIE

If three players or teams are tied in any section and all three are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between the three players or teams that are tied.

Example:

Players A, B and C are tied for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C
A	--	W	W
B	L	--	L
C	L	W	---

Player A would be 1st, Player C would be 2nd, & Player B would be 3rd.

If the results are:

Team	A	B	C
A	--	W	L
B	L	--	W
C	W	L	--

then, all 3 players would throw nine (9) darts each and the player or team with the highest total scored shall be awarded with the 1st available finishing position, with the lowest score receiving the last available finishing position.

All players shall throw nine (9) darts. IE: In the case of a doubles event, each team shall throw a total of eighteen (18) darts.

FOUR-WAY TIE

If four players or teams are tied in any section and all four are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between the four players or teams that are tied.

Example:

Players A, B, C, and D are tied for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	W
B	L	--	W	W
C	L	L	--	W
D	L	L	L	--

Player A would be 1st, Player B would be 2nd, Player C would be 3rd, and Player D would be 4th.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	W
B	L	--	W	L
C	L	L	--	W
D	L	W	L	--

Player A would be 1st. Player B, C, and D shall throw nine (9) darts each as detailed in the aforementioned 3-WAY TIE rule.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	L	W	W
B	W	-	L	W
C	L	W	--	W
D	L	L	L	--

Player D would be 4th. Players A, B, and C shall throw nine (9) darts each as detailed in the aforementioned 3-WAY TIE rule.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	L
B	L	--	W	W
C	L	L	--	W
D	W	L	L	--

Player A and B are still tied and therefore, you would look back at the results of just those two players. Player B lost to Player A.

Player A would be 1st and Player B would be 2nd.

Player C and D are still tied and therefore you would look back at the results of just those two players. Player D lost to Player C.

Player C would be 3rd, and Player D would be 4th.

FIVE-WAY (OR MORE) TIE

As most tournaments advance only a maximum of four players per division, examples for five or more have not been detailed. However, should circumstance arise where more than four players are advancing and more than four players are all tied and no one will be eliminated, regardless of the results of the tie-breaker, the aforementioned rules would still apply.

The final positions will still be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between all players or teams that are tied. Count the match wins/losses of all those games. The player with the most wins would receive the first available position, the player with the least wins receiving the last available position. Remember, use the process of elimination. Should additional ties result when adding these points, conduct another count back amongst only those in the second tie. If ties still result, consult the applicable nine (9) darts rule.



DARTS ONTARIO ZONES 2016 - 2017

1st shoot – November 26th or 27th, 2016 **

2nd shoot – January 7th or 8th, 2017 **

3rd shoot – February 4th or 5th, 2017 **

4th shoot – March 4th or 5th, 2017 **

Provincial Championships April 15th & 16th, 2017 in St Catharines, Ontario
National Championships June 13th – 16th, 2017 in Saint John, New Brunswick

****Please check zone flyers to verify dates, location and times**

ZONE 1	WINDSOR & AREA (see map for complete area)
ZONE 2	LONDON & AREA (see map for complete area)
ZONE 3	HURON – PERTH – OXFORD
ZONE 4	BRUCE – GREY
ZONE 5	WATERLOO – WELLINGTON – FERGUS
ZONE 6	HAMILTON – WENTWORTH – BRANT – HALDIMAND-NORFOLK
ZONE 7	NIAGARA FALLS
ZONE 8	PEEL & HALTON S of Hwy 401 – PEEL & HALTON – N of Hwy 401 – SHELBOURNE, ORANGEVILLE & MONO
ZONE 10	TORONTO – W of DVP – S of Steeles Ave
ZONE 11	TORONTO – East of DVP – South of Steeles Ave.
ZONE 12	DUFFERIN – SIMCOE (see changes in red for Zones 5, 8 & 14)
ZONE 13A	PICKERING, OSHAWA, BOWMANVILLE, COBOURG (see map for complete area)
ZONE 13B	PORT PERRY, LINDSAY, PETERBOROUGH, HASTINGS (see map)
ZONE 14	PARRY SOUND – MUSKOKA – ORILLIA – HALIBURTON – including Beaverton
ZONE 15	YORK REGION – South of Hwy 89 – North of 15 th Sdrd & Bloomington Rd
ZONE 16	BELLEVILLE, KINGSTON & BROCKVILLE & AREA
ZONE 17	CORNWALL, MORRISBURG & AREA (includes Winchester, Chesterville & Finch)
ZONE 18	OTTAWA & AREA

If uncertain which zone to attend please contact the Adult Program Director

Map is located on the Darts Ontario website at www.dartsontario.com in the Adult Section

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