

## SASKATCHEWAN DARTS ASSOCIATION INC.

### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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#### SCOPE OF MANUAL

- 1.1 These policies and procedures are meant to be a guide in the day-to-day activities of the SDA.
- 1.2 These policies and procedures must at all times fall within the bounds of the constitution.
- 1.3 Any changes to these policies and procedures must be done with the approval of the Executive.
- 1.4 While most areas are covered, any special situations which do not appear in this manual must be handled as they occur in the best interests of the SDA.

#### 2. FINANCE

#### **CHEQUES AND RECEIPTS**

- 2.1 All cheques must be signed by at least two (2) executive members.
- 2.2 Receipts must be kept for all monies spent.
- 2.3 When paying per diems, all those receiving money from SDA must sign a receipt stating what the per diems are for.
- 2.4 Major expenditures (\$100 or more) must have the approval of at least three (3) executive members.
- 2.5 Cheques should be made payable to a company, not an executive member, player, or individual, where possible.

#### **OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**

- All money owing to the SDA from a zone or individual must be paid before the provincials, or that zone/player shall be considered not in good standing, and shall not compete.
- 2.7 NSF cheques or outstanding accounts have 1 month to repay the debt in full, or that member will be suspended until the debt is paid.
- 2.8 Repayment of an NSF cheque must be made in cash, money order, or certified cheque, plus a \$20 administration fee.

#### **MILEAGE PAID - GENERAL**

- 2.9 Mileage will be paid based on return mileage listed on map for normal travel at \$0.35/km. (Return mileage map can be found on the SDA website.)
- 2.10 It is expected that car pools will be arranged so as to take the least number of vehicles possible from each centre.
- 2.11 Any damages to a vehicle while driving for SDA functions is solely the responsibility of the driver.
- 2.12 Traffic violations of any kind committed while driving for SDA functions are solely the responsibility of the driver.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS - GENERAL**

- 2.13 Accommodations for approved SDA functions will be paid based on double occupancy and include taxes.
- 2.14 Phone calls and any other incidentals are solely the responsibility of the player or executive member in the room.

- 2.15 Any damage to a room is the responsibility of the player.
- 2.16 Any loss of articles due to theft is the responsibility of the player.
- 2.17 Players may wish to sleep more than 2 to a room, but no money will be reimbursed to any player.
- 2.18 Anyone wishing to stay alone will receive only a portion of the cost of that room, depending on how many players stay alone.
- 2.19 If there are an odd number of players due to spouses or other players wishing to room alone, the extra player shall room with a coach to reduce costs.
- 2.20 If it is not possible to room the extra one player with a coach (i.e. the player and coach are of opposite sex), then that extra player shall have his/her own room. All players not pairing up normally will then receive funds based on the following formula:

#### Example 1: 4 Men, 4 Ladies, 1 Male Coach

If a male player wishes to bring a spouse, the extra man will room with the coach, no extra rooms required, no extra cost (SDA percentage becomes 100%).

#### Example 2: 4 Men, 4 Ladies, 1 Female Coach

If a male player wishes to bring a spouse, the paid room goes to the remaining man, and the player and spouse will have to pay full accommodation (SDA percentage becomes 0%).

#### 3. MEMBERSHIPS

- 3.1 The SDA member body is one of the most important factors SaskSport uses to allot funds; therefore, it is important for each zone to sign up as many members as possible. (There is a minimum of 10 members in each zone.)
- 3.2 To be eligible for an SDA membership, a player must have a permanent residence in one of the SDA zones. The SDA reserves the right to ask for proof of residency.
- 3.3 The SDA Membership Director will distribute NDFC membership cards to respective zone directors at the AGM.
- 3.4 All player information is needed (name, gender, address, city/town, postal code, telephone number). Changes or additions are to be indicated with a red pen. The word "delete" should be written across the entire card of all non-renewals. Please indicate on all youth and adult cards the age category of each player. All youth membership cards must also have a complete birth date (M-D-Y) included.
  - a) Category 1 0-18
  - b) Category 2 19-65
  - c) Category 3 65+
- 3.5 Youth players may participate in the adult program if they so desire but they must have reached 19 years of age before the first day of the adult national championships. Players may play adult or youth but not both.
- 3.6 Cost of the NDFC membership cards varies depending upon the type of card. A current list of prices is available from the SDA Membership Director.
- 3.7 The different types of membership available are:

#### Adult (Affiliated)

a) Any adult member that belongs to a league where the entire league is made up of members of the SDA/NDFC. The cost of this membership is slightly lower to entice leagues to affiliate and increase our membership.

#### Adult (Non-Affiliated)

b) Any adult member that buys a membership, where they may belong to a league that is not entirely made up of members of the SDA/NDFC.

#### **Youth**

c) Age is 18 & under on October 1st of the current season.

#### Associated (Non-Active) - \$5.00

- d) Any adult that wishes to hold a membership that is not a playing member of darts.
- 3.8 The NDFC charges a late fee of \$50.00 plus \$10/day for every day after for submission of membership cards to the NDFC. Please assist the SDA Membership Director in meeting the following deadlines (or earlier):
  - a) Adult November 15th
  - b) Youth November 15th

Players must have a Saskatchewan membership paid in order to play zones and provincials.

- 3.9 Zone Directors are to submit new membership cards, as well as updated returning members' cards to the SDA Membership Director on the appropriate form. Zones may be fined for late submission.
- 3.10 Zone Directors will send a cheque for the appropriate amount to the SDA Financial Director with a copy of the completed membership form.
- 3.11 The Memberships Submission Form can be found on the SDA website.

#### 4. IMPORTANT DATES

Month	Day/date	Form/Event	Send to/ Responsibility of				
September	1	Deadline for bids to host adult and youth provincials for upcoming year	SDA Tournament Director				
	2nd Friday	SDA executive meeting	SDA Secretary				
	2nd Friday	MAP grants applications	SDA Vice President				
	2nd Saturday	Annual general meeting	SDA Secretary				
January	1st weekend	Zone directors meeting	SDA Executive				
	31	Deadline for membership cards	SDA Membership Director				
	31	Cutoff date for provincial ranking points	SDA Tournament Director				
	31	Zone allocations for provincials	SDA Tournament Director				
February	28	Cut-off date for zone play-offs					
March	15	Cut-off for confirmation of playing provincials (for zones and byes)	SDA Tournament Director				
	31	Cut-off for youth provincial team confirmation	SDA Youth Director				
April	1st weekend	SDA executive meeting	SDA Secretary				
	2nd weekend -	Adult provincials	SDA Executive				
	tentative	SDA executive elections	SDA Secretary				
	30	Cut-off for adult provincial team confirmation	SDA Provincial Director				

#### 5. EXPENSE CLAIMS

- 5.1 The SDA will cover expenses for SDA members that are required to travel on behalf of the association.
- 5.2 Some examples of eligible travel expenses:
  - a) SDA executive meetings.
  - b) Zone directors' meetings.
  - c) Chaperones for youth dart players.
- 5.3 All claims are to be sent on the authorized form (found on SDA website) to the SDA Financial Director for reimbursement. Receipts must be attached to claim. In exceptional circumstances, an advance can be requested.
- 5.4 For claiming mileage, a rate of \$0.35/kilometre will be used. It is expected that members from the same city/town will travel together.

#### 6. MAP GRANTS

- 6.1 Each fiscal year, the SDA receives a specific amount of Membership Assistance Program (MAP) grant money to be dispersed in its entirety to organizational events within our zones. Unused portions of this money are to be returned to SaskSport.
- 6.2 The SDA Executive will assist any or all events/tournaments (approximately \$250-\$500). If your event requires additional assistance in excess of \$500, please indicate so on your application (SaskSport Spending Plan).
- 6.3 Spending plans must be received before the Annual General Meeting held each September. The SDA Executive will allocate the MAP grant monies based on requests received for the upcoming year. Payment will be processed after follow-up reports have been received.
- Any questions pertaining to MAP grants should be directed to the appropriate SDA Executive member.

#### **CRITERIA**

- 6.5 Applying association must be a zone or affiliated league within the SDA. Requests can be for adult and/or youth events.
- 6.6 Funds may be used for tournaments, exhibitions and inter-zone challenges.
- 6.7 Funds may be used for purchase of equipment such as dartboards or portaboards.
- 6.8 Funds may not be used for the purchase of alcohol or fund-raising, (i.e. the event must be budgeted to break-even).
- 6.9 The applying association is encouraged to be responsible for (at least) 50% of the cost of the event.
- 6.10 The applying association must submit a detailed proposal, including the date of the event, estimated source of funds, and the estimated total cost of the event.
- 6.11 Upon completion of the event, copies of receipts for ALL event expenditures must be submitted, along with a brief report on the event (number of people involved, actual cost).
- 6.12 The SDA Executive will review all applications and decide which events will be funded, and how much will be allotted. Major deciding factors will be type of event and how many members are involved.
- 6.13 Only reasonable requests will be considered. We have only a limited amount of funds for the upcoming year and we may not be able to fund all requests.

#### 7. TRAILER

- 7.1 The SDA has a trailer for the storage and transportation of portaboards, dart boards and other darts equipment.
- 7.2 The SDA will pay for insurance and plates as needed.
- 7.3 SGI registration and keys will be kept by an SDA Executive member. An extra set of keys will be kept by the SDA Financial Director.

#### 8. SDA WEBSITE (SASKDARTS.COM)

- 8.1 The SDA maintains a website for posting of the most up-to-date information on current and upcoming events supported by the SDA.
- 8.2 The website and webmaster are the responsibility of the SDA.
- 8.3 The website includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a) Tournament listings.
  - b) Archives.
  - c) Youth.
  - d) Contact information for SDA executive and zone directors.
  - e) Current ranking list.
  - f) SDA tournament results.
  - g) SDA manual.
  - h) SDA mission statement and vision statement.
  - i) Links (i.e. to other NDFC websites, SK hotels and motels, etc.).
  - j) Links to SDA-affiliated local leagues (i.e. schedules and stats).
- 8.4 The SDA executive invites everyone to browse the website. If anyone has information, pictures or stories that they would like to have posted, contact the webmaster directly.

#### MAXIMUM EXPOSURE

8.5 The SDA tournament director will keep track of all 180s and 171s that SDA members have thrown in SDA-ranked tournaments (as provided in each tournament report) and provincials. This information will be posted under "Maximum Exposure" on the SDA website.

#### SDA EQUIPMENT RENTAL

- 9.1 The SDA has portaboard units for rent. This includes: A-frames, chalkboards, erasers, lighting, drapes and dart boards available for rental to SDA zones, as well as external agencies.
- 9.2 This equipment is stored in the SDA trailer.

#### **GENERAL**

- 9.3 Requests for rental are to be submitted to the SDA President at least 90 days in advance.
- 9.4 Submissions MUST use the SDA 'Rental Request Form' (found on SDA website).
- 9.5 The SDA equipment will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Priority will be given to SDA events.

#### COST

- 9.6 A \$50 cheque is required to be submitted with the request form.
- 9.7 The cost is \$20/unit.
- 9.9 If the trailer is needed, a deposit cheque for an amount equal to the deductible of the insurance is required. If the trailer is returned undamaged, the deposit will be returned.
- 9.10 There will be a minimum additional charge of \$100 for set-up for external agencies.

#### 10. ZONE QUALIFIERS

10.1 Zones must hold a darts competition in order to establish a ranked list of players eligible to play in provincials.

- 10.2 Zone playdowns must be posted with date, place and format.
- 10.3 Playdowns must be played no later than February 28th.
- 10.4 The complete list of all zone qualifier participants and their placement must be submitted to the SDA Tournament Director by March 15th of each year.

#### PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS BUY-IN

- 10.5 If any places remain open for the provincials after zone quotas have been filled, an SDA member may buy in to the provincials.
- 10.6 He or she must pay an entry fee of \$160 and in addition pay any applicable zone fee payable to his or her zone.
- 10.7 The entry fee must be paid to the SDA.

#### PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS SPECIAL BYE

10.8 Any SDA member that is 75 years or older by January 31st of the current year can participate in the adult provincial playdowns at no charge and does not have to qualify, provided the zone director and in turn the SDA Tournament Director are notified by January 31st of that year.

#### 11. TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

#### **GENERAL**

- 11.1 In order to host a provincially ranked tournament, the zones must meet requirements as stated in the following guidelines.
- 11.2 The SDA controls all provincially ranked tournaments within the Province of Saskatchewan. The SDA executive provides the final approval for sanctioning of provincially ranked tournaments.
- 11.3 Each tournament will be open to all eligible players (includes non-SDA members). Members of the SDA who have been suspended will not be permitted to play.
- 11.4 Youth players may enter the provincially ranked tournaments providing the liquor permit states "Minors Allowed". The host will be responsible for ensuring the permit indicates such and for controlling the youth players. Minors may work at the control desk as section controllers or as markers provided the liquor permit allows them access to the venue.
- 11.5 Posters must be submitted to the SDA tournament director for approval 60 days prior to the event. Posters will be made available for printing and posted on the SDA web site.
- 20nes will pay the SDA a bond fee of \$150.00 in order to hold a provincially ranked tournament. Established tournaments need to pay this every year.
- 11.7 An administrative fee of ten per cent (10%) of entry fees collected from singles and doubles events at provincially ranked tournaments will be submitted to the SDA. Nationally ranked tournaments will submit a two dollar (\$2.00) ranking fee per singles entry.
- 11.8 MAP grants may be used for provincially ranked tournaments. They can be used for specific purposes but cannot be used for prize money or alcohol.
- 11.9 A cheque or money order for all tournament fees including bond fees will be sent to the SDA within one week of the tournament.

11.10 At least one member of the SDA executive will be available to attend a provincially ranked tournament to assist with the event if necessary.

#### SEEDING

- 11.11 The singles portion of a tournament must be seeded in the following order:
  - a) SDA ranking (top 16 ranking players present)
  - b) Unranked
- 11.12 When players are seeded into sections, use the "snake" method as shown below:

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
9	10	11	12								
16	15	14	13								

#### **FORMAT**

- 11.13 The format of all play for all singles events will consist of a round-robin play with 2, 4 or 8 sections. 2, 4 or 8 players will advance from each round-robin section to a knock-out format in order to determine final placement. The round-robin portion of singles play must consist of all 3 games. (The SDA suggests first round knock-out starts at best of 5 games.) All games will be 501, straight in double out.
- 11.14 NDFC start is as follows: Winner of toss of the coin starts first and all odd number games, excluding last. Loser of the toss starts second and all even number games. The original winner of the toss has the choice of who will shoot first at the bull for the deciding game.
- 11.15 When advancing from sectional play and a tie has occurred, the count back rule will apply for all non-jeopardy positions. If a non-jeopardy tie for position occurs and cannot be decided by the count back rule, the highest score of a 9-dart total score will decide the winners. If two or more are tied to advance from the section, a tie-breaker must be played with all players involved in the tie according to Official NDFC Tie-Breaker Rules.

#### **RANKING**

- 11.16 The SDA has set up a provincial ranking tournament structure to give all players (elite or grassroots) the chance to improve their skills and standings within the province.
- 11.17 All zones will be allowed to host ranked tournaments. A new tournament will become eligible for ranking if it meets the criteria in section 11.18. Ranking status will be approved by the SDA Tournament Committee. Where a nationally ranked tournament exists, the nationally ranked tournament can also be provincially ranked.
- 11.18 In order for a tournament to be sanctioned for provincial ranking points, the following criteria must be met:
  - a) The facility must be appropriate in size.
  - b) The tournament must have two main events, Men's Singles/Women's Singles, and at least one other event (i.e., Doubles, Triples, Blind Draw, Mixed).
  - c) There must be a minimum of not less than 8 players in the Men's Singles and 8 players in the Women's Singles. An existing tournament that does not achieve minimum attendance will be put on probation for one year. Ranking points are not awarded to players competing in events with less than 8 entries.

- 11.19 All round-robin, knock-out and 180 stats are to be received by the SDA tournament director no later than two weeks after the tournament date.
- 11.20 Only singles events in the tournament will receive ranking points.
- 11.21 Ranking points will be issued according to final positions according to the following point structure. In cases where there are more than 64 entries, additional points may be awarded at the Tournament Director's discretion.

SDA members receive the following points for their achievement, according to number of entries:

# Ranking Event 8-19 players 1st 4 2nd 3 Jt 3rd 2 Jt 5th 1 (8 players advance)

#### Provincial Event 20-36 players

1 <sup>st</sup>	5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4
Jt 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
Jt 5 <sup>th</sup>	2
Jt 9 <sup>th</sup>	1
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(16 players advance)

Major Event 37-64 players					
1 <sup>st</sup>	6				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5				
Jt 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4				
Jt 5 <sup>th</sup>	3				
Jt 9 <sup>th</sup>	2				
Jt 17 <sup>th</sup>	1 (or 0 if 16 advance	)			
(32 players a	dvance)				

#### Over 64 players

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1<sup>st</sup> 8
2<sup>nd</sup> 7
Jt 3<sup>rd</sup> 6
Jt 5<sup>th</sup> 4
Jt 9<sup>th</sup> 3
Jt 17<sup>th</sup> 2
Jt 33<sup>rd</sup> 1 (or 0 if 32 advance)
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- 11.22 Provincial rankings are updated after each event. These rankings will be published on the web site after each tournament. Each zone director will be e-mailed these rankings after each update.
- 11.23 The top 16 men and top 8 women players in the rankings (including ties) as of January 31<sup>st</sup> each year will automatically earn a position into Provincials. Players receiving this 'bye' pay a reduced entry fee to Provincials.
- 11.24 Only those players with a current SDA membership or a new membership purchased by January 31 will retain ranking points awarded at a tournament. The SDA tournament director will co-ordinate with the SDA membership director to determine if any non-members have been awarded points. The appropriate zone director will be informed, and the player will be given the

option of purchasing a membership. Out-of-province players and youth players cannot receive SDA ranking points.

11.25 Any player can play in any number of provincially ranked tournaments.

#### DRESS CODE

- 11.26 Hats are not allowed to be worn during any events in SDA-ranked tournaments.
- 11.27 Clothing or darts with offensive slogans are not allowed.
- 11.28 Open-toed shoes are not allowed.

#### 12. NDFC TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKER RULES

- 12.1 The official NDFC Tie Breaker Rules, as follows, shall be used in all NDFC Championships and Tournaments.
- 12.2 These tie-breaker rules are to be used for ALL events organized or sanctioned by the NDFC (see Rule A & D).
- 12.3 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.
  - a) Where one of 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.'
  - b) 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. In the case of a team event, one representative per team shall throw for the bull.
  - c) During events at the Canadian National Championships, the order of throwing for the bull shall be determined by Team Number. 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.
  - d) 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.
- 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.
  - a) The final positions will be established based on 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, with the player with the least wins receiving the last available position.
  - b) Using the process of elimination, should an additional tie result when adding these points, conduct another count back amongst only those remaining tied until definite positions have been determined. In case of a 3-way tie that cannot be broken, 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. For example, in the case of a doubles event, each team shall throw a total of eighteen (18) darts.)

#### 13. ADULT PROVINCIALS

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 13.1 In order to play in the Saskatchewan Adult Provincial Championships, a player must have a Saskatchewan membership of NDFC paid up by January 31st and one of the following, as outlined in section 10:
  - a) Selected ranked player (top 16 men, top 8 women).
  - b) Zone qualifier.
  - c) Buy-in.
  - d) Special bye (age exemption).

Regardless of whether the quota for the provincials is not met on the first day, walk-ins are not permitted.

Complete lists of all zone qualifier participants shall be sent to the SDA tournament director by March 15th each year. If extra players are needed to fill the zone quotas, only those appearing on the zone qualifier participant lists received by the SDA will be eligible.

The player fee for selected ranked players ('byes') is \$40.00 and must be sent to the SDA tournament director by March 15th each year.

The player fee for zone qualifiers is \$80.00 and must be collected by the zone director. Zone directors are to forward these fees to the SDA tournament director by March 15th each year.

The player fee for those who wish to buy in to provincials is \$160 plus applicable zone fees.

- 13.2 Any player who has been selected to the provincials through the SDA ranking systems or any zone representative to the provincials who does not arrive at the venue to play shall be suspended if adequate reason isn't given. A 15-minute grace period shall be given followed by one 5-minute call per match.
  - Players who have declined positions shall not be suspended if they have notified the SDA tournament director by March 15th each year.
- 13.3 Youth players may participate in the adult program if they so desire but they must have reached 19 years of age before the first day of the adult national championships. Players may play adult OR youth but not both if notice is given to the SDA executive.
- 13.4 Zone quotas for representation into the provincial play-offs shall be as follows:
  - a) The number of men accepted into provincials will be 72 (less top 16 ranked players). Percentage of men per zone in relationship to total SDA men membership shall determine the quota of men per zone.
  - b) The number of women accepted into provincials will be 36 (less top 8 ranked players). Percentage of women per zone in relationship to total SDA women membership shall determine the quota of women per zone.
  - c) Quotas will be set no later than the last day of January of each calendar year.
- 13.5 All rules and regulations pertaining to the provincial championships will also apply to the zone championships.

#### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

13.6 All rules and regulations applying to the NDFC shall be carried out at provincial levels of play.

- 13.7 All rules and regulations will be laid out before play starts.
- 13.8 The chief official will have judgment over any complaint received by a member at time of play. The chief official will make a ruling within 15 minutes of the complaint and their decision will be final.
- 13.9 Any member who is in violation of any rule of the NDFC or of the rules laid down by the SDA executive may forfeit their match or be disqualified from further play within the event.
- 13.10 Any matter not expressly covered by these rules and regulations or the NDFC playing rules shall be determined by the SDA executive whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 13.11 Players must play all scheduled days or face disciplinary action from the zone and the SDA executive. (Disciplinary action could be waived in the case of extenuating circumstances religious grounds, death, work, etc. upon notification to SDA executive.)
- 13.12 All players must register every day.
- 13.13 NDFC start is as follows: Winner of toss of the coin starts the first game and loser of the original toss starts the second game. If a third game is being played, the winner of the original toss shall have choice at the bull for start of the third game.
- 13.14 Tie breakers will be played for a minimum of three alternates. All tie breakers will be one game (701), all players on the same board.
- 13.15 If a player drops out, all points are taken away from all matches played the entire tournament. The future matches will then become a bye.
- 13.16 The men's and women's provincial champion is an eligible competitor in the NDFC World Cup Qualifier.

#### **FORMAT**

- 13.17 The players are seeded in the following order: previous year's provincial team, the selected ranked players as of January 31st and the position of finish in zones.
- 13.18 The format is Round Robin to Double Knockout.

#### POINT SYSTEM

- 13.19 Points are awarded for a player's finishing position each day. Total points will decide the team. Tie breakers will be played for a minimum of three alternates. All tie breakers will be one game (701), all players on the same board.
- 13.20 If a player drops out, all points earned will be null and void.

#### **ZONE CUP**

13.21 The Zone Cup award is based on the percentage of match wins calculated from the results achieved by all members of a zone with a minimum of two men and two women representing the zone.

#### **DRESS CODE**

13.22 The SDA executive check at sign-in (each day) to ensure a dress code is in place. The SDA suggests that zones include a dress code at their respective zone playdowns so players become aware of and understand the dress code. The dress code is as follows:

#### <u>Allowed</u>

- a) Presentable dress clothes (clean and tidy).
- b) Presentable footwear (runners may be worn if in good condition).

c) Advertising that is not for a specific product (e.g., Bob's Bar & Tavern is acceptable, Labatt's is not).

#### Not Allowed

- d) NO denim clothing, spandex, leggings, sweat or wind pants.
- e) NO moccasins etc.
- f) NO head gear (hats) etc.
- g) NO slang or vulgarity on clothing.
- h) NO open-toed or open-backed shoes

#### **PROVINCIAL TEAM FEE**

13.23 There is an adult provincial team player fee currently set at \$350, which is to be paid to the SDA no later than 10 days after the provincial championships.

#### 14. YOUTH PROVINCIALS

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 14.1 In order to play in the Saskatchewan Youth Provincial Playdowns, a player must be under 19 years of age on October 1st of the previous year (e.g., 2008 provincials, born later than Oct 1st 1988)
- 14.2 Youth players 15 & under on October 1st of the current season will play in the Juniors section. Youth players 18 & under on October 1st of the current season will play in the Seniors section.
- 14.3 Youth players may participate in the adult program if they so desire but they must have reached 19 years of age before the first day of the Adult National Championships. Players may play adult or youth -but not both, if notice is given to the SDA Executive.
- 14.4 Complete lists of all zone players shall be sent to the SDA youth director 15 days prior to the Saskatchewan Provincial Playdowns.
- 14.4.a The player fee for Provincials will be \$20.00

#### **TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS**

- 14.5 All rules and regulations pertaining to the provincial championships will also apply to the zone championships.
- 14.6 All rules and regulations applying to the NDFC shall be carried out at zone and provincial levels of play.
- 14.7 All rules and regulations will be laid out before play starts.
- 14.8 A rules committee will have judgment over any complaint received by a member at time of play. If they cannot reach a decision within fifteen (15) minutes then the chief official will make a ruling and their decision will be final.
- 14.9 Any member who is in violation of any rule of the NDFC or of the rules laid down by the SDA executive may forfeit their match or be disqualified from further play within the event.
- 14.10 Any matter not expressly covered by these rules and regulations or the NDFC playing rules shall be determined by the SDA executive whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 14.11 Players must play both days or face disciplinary action from the zone and the SDA executive. (This rule could be waived in the case of extenuating circumstances: religious grounds, death, etc., upon notification to the SDA executive.)

- 14.12 NDFC start is as follows: Winner of toss of the coin starts first and all odd number games, excluding last. Loser of the toss starts second and all even number games. The original winner of the toss has the choice of who will shoot first at the bull for the deciding game.
- 14.13 To advance from sectional play where a tie occurs, the count back rule will apply for all nonjeopardy positions. If two or more are tied to advance from the section, a tie breaker must be played (according to Official NDFC Tie-Breaker Rules).
- 14.14 No alcohol is to be consumed by players for the duration of the provincial tournament.

#### **FORMAT & POINT SYSTEM**

14.15 Youth players are not ranked or seeded. The number of players determines the format. (Format could be two days of round-robin play with the 2-day total points determining the winners, or first day round-robin play to determine seeding for the second day of play, with a round-robin to knock-out format determining the winners.) The SDA Executive reserves the right to make final format

#### **DRESS CODE**

14.16 The SDA Executive check at sign-in (each day) to ensure a dress code is in place. The SDA suggests that zones include a dress code at their respective zone playdowns so players become aware of and understand the dress code. The dress code is as follows:

#### Allowed

- a) Presentable dress clothes (clean and tidy).
- b) Presentable footwear (runners may be worn if in good condition).

#### Not Allowed

- c) NO denim clothing, spandex, leggings, sweat or wind pants.
- d) NO moccasins etc.
- e) NO head gear (hats) etc.
- f) NO slang or vulgarity on clothing.
- g) NO open-toed or open-backed shoes
- h) NO open shirts-all shirts must be fastened (however in the case of an error in sizing a request can be made to request special consideration. When a shirt cannot be fastened a respectable T-shirt will be worn underneath)
- i) NO dart flights with illegal substances on them (liquor, tobacco etc), nor any offensive language or pictures.

**NOTE:** At Nationals, youth are not allowed to wear skirts or have their shirts open with a shirt under them.

#### COACH/CHAPERONES

14.17 Coach/Chaperones attending the youth provincial playdowns and accompanying the provincial teams to the National Youth Darts Championships must be responsible adults above the age of youth participation. Appropriate criminal record checks will be required. One male and one female are usually selected from responsible adults with experience in the youth program.

#### PROVINCIAL TEAM FEE

14.18 There is a youth provincial team player fee of \$250 to be paid by March 15.

#### 15. HOST – ADULT PROVINCIALS

- 15.1 The adult provincial championships will be the responsibility of the SDA Executive with the consultation of the host zone committee.
- 15.2 Bids for hosting the adult provincial championships must be received by the SDA tournament director by September 1st for the upcoming year.

- 15.3 The host zone committee is responsible for providing a facility with a minimum of 5,000 square feet (approximately 72 boards). Good ventilation is preferred.
- 15.4 The host zone committee is responsible for sending information on hotels/motels and a map indicating the venue, 90 days prior to provincials, to the SDA Tournament Director (for furtherance to all zones).
- 15.5 The host zone committee is responsible for having food and beverages available at the venue each day.
- 15.6 Ensure that 'MINORS ALLOWED' is stamped on all permits.
- 15.7 The host zone is to provide section controllers (minimum 6).
- 15.8 The zone is responsible for set-up and tear-down crews.
- 15.9 The host zone is to provide miscellaneous supplies such as chalk, pens, etc.
- 15.10 The host zone must get SDA approval for any and all sponsors.
- 15.11 The sale of dart supplies must be approved by the host zone and the SDA and will be published in all provincial playdown material.
- 15.12 The SDA will provide and assume the cost of all trophies required.

#### 16. HOST - YOUTH PROVINCIALS

- 16.1 The youth provincial championships will be the responsibility of the SDA Executive and also with consultation of the host zone committee.
- 16.2 Bids for hosting the youth provincial championships must be received by the SDA Tournament Director by September 1st for the upcoming year.
- 16.3 The host zone committee is responsible for providing a facility with a minimum of 16¬20 boards. The host zone usually receives the facility free-of-charge. In cases where this doesn't occur, the SDA, upon approval, assumes the cost.
- 16.4 The host zone committee is responsible for sending information on hotels/motels and a map indicating the venue, 60 days prior to provincials, to the SDA Tournament Director (for furtherance to all zones).
- 16.5 The host zone committee is responsible for arranging lunches. (If the cost is unreasonable, the host zone will subsidize the cost.)
- 16.6 There is NO SMOKING in the venue at all (that includes spectators, coaches and executive).
- 16.7 The zone is responsible for set-up and tear-down crews.
- 16.8 No alcohol is to be consumed by players, volunteers, or spectators for the duration of the tournament.
- 16.9 The host zone is to provide miscellaneous supplies such as chalk, pens, etc.
- 16.10 The host zone must get SDA approval for any and all sponsors.

- 16.11 The sale of dart supplies must be approved by the host zone and the SDA and will be published in all provincial playdown material.
- 16.12 The SDA will provide and assume the cost of all trophies required.

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