



**YOUTH ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. No players will be allowed to enter an event after registration for that event is closed. **Both players must register for the doubles event.**
2. All games to be a straight start and a double finish. Bust rule prevails.
3. In Doubles event, either player may shoot first.
4. **Shooters and scorers only allowed inside the playing area.**
5. There will be smoking areas set up at the Provincial Championships for all smokers outside the hall where the competition will be held. **No outside food or drinks to be brought into the playing complex.**
6. Nine darts warm-ups are maximum allowance per player.
7. Names and board assignments will be posted near the control desk (at Provincials). If a player fails to report to their section the section leader will report this to the control table. A final call will be made from the control, if after three minutes the player(s) has still not reported to the designated area, called by the control table, then a forfeit will be called, and the player(s) will be eliminated from the event. No refund for a forfeited match.
8. The order of play shall be determined by tossing a coin first. **The winner of the coin toss will have choice of which player shoots first for the bull.** Closest to the bull will start the first game. Loser of coin toss will have the choice of which player shoots first for bull and the player closest to the bull will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. If the match goes to the deciding leg, the winner of the original toss shall have the option of bulling first or second. Each player must have a dart in the scoring area of the board. If a tie occurs, pull darts and throw 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.
9. A dart score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.
10. 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 will not count. If a dart falls out of the board before the thrower retrieves them, they will not count.
11. The scorer may inform the thrower what he has scored and what remains but not what is left in number combinations. No other coaching will be permitted. There will be no coaching allowed at Provincial & National Championships. Players may, as long as they are not at the oche, communicate with their partner in the doubles event only. **Must step back from oche.**
12. **The scorer must always score left to right** (amount scored on left, amount remaining on right), and always write numbers in full, 100 not T or C. Amount left must be written in full, 16 not x 8.
13. **It is the responsibility of the thrower to verify scores before removing 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 be brought to the section leaders or control desk (if in semi's/quarter finals) attention before corrections can be made if discovered after that player/teams next throw. Section leader must stop play and call for a score check on the board in question. Score may be changed at that time. (at national level the score cannot be changed)**
14. 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.
15. Good sportsmanship is to be the prevailing attitude throughout each tournament. Bad sportsmanship is cause for ejection from the tournament and possible disciplinary action may be taken. Spectators will be asked to leave the area if they are not abiding by the rules & regulations.
16. If a player(s) fails to complete their Round Robin section, without first communicating the reason for needing to leave to the control-desk, they will be subject to immediate disciplinary action and possible suspension. Player(s) that withdraw from one event may be ineligible to enter any further events.
17. If the scorekeeper makes an error providing a player either with the wrong score attained or remaining such that the player throws for the wrong remaining score, any dart thrown after the error shall be declared null and void, retrieved and re-thrown.
18. When a match is won, the winner must report **immediately** the result to the Section Leader or Control Desk.
19. Dress Code will be in effect and strictly enforced. At the Youth conference, September 1988, it was moved and accepted that the dress code for Zone Shoots would read "respectable attire at Zone Shoot". Dress Code for the **Provincial Championships: All Competitors are to have shirts buttoned appropriately. (1 warning only) No headgear!** "Dress pants & collared shirt/blouse - no skirts, no denim or athletic material {No yoga/seat/Lu Lu Lemon pants, cargo, capri or leggings} - **no T-shirts or open toed/back shoes. We ask that Zone Shoots players dress as at Provincials.**  
**Darts Ontario team uniform at the National Championships will be BLACK pants and Team Shirt.**
20. **All competitors must be registered at the hotels Darts Ontario has contracts with. Reservations to made through the DO Youth Director.**

**This is a Youth Event and sometimes decisions out of the norm have to be made – the Youth Director's decisions are final.**



## **Rules for Singles**

Players are to be playing in the division for their age group. It is the responsibility of the leader to ensure they are in the proper division. If an error does occur and at the Zones they are put in the wrong division the player will not be moved.

## **Rules for Doubles**

Juniors may be brought up to the senior division for doubles, only if need be. If you have an uneven number of juniors & seniors, then you may bring up a junior to play senior doubles. The junior player would still play in the junior singles division. Players may only be teamed up with someone from another league if your league does not have a partner for him/her. Leagues are not to use this rule as a tool to stack teams.

**Age Groups are as of September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Tykes – 12 & under**

**Juniors – 15 & under**

**Seniors – 18 & under**

**16 on September 30<sup>th</sup>, a senior – after Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, a junior**

## **Tyke Rules**

Tykes can be moved up to play in the Zones at junior level any time throughout the year before the zone shoot. Leaders must contact the Darts Ontario Youth Director before the shoot and submit the difference between the tyke registration fee & junior registration fees.

Tykes that are registered in the Tyke category must play in the Eastern/Western Tyke Zone Shoot closes to them. If unsure where your group plays, contact the Darts Ontario Youth Director.

Tykes that are registered as juniors and pay the full Darts Ontario Membership Fee may play in both the Tyke Zone Shoot & the Regular Zone Shoot. At the Tykes Shoot only doubles is played and the winners of the Eastern & Western Shoots will compete against each other playing the best of 3 (401) at the Provincials on the Sunday when all finals are played and will receive an award for their 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place positioning.



## YOUTH ZONES & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Zones for Darts Ontario Youth members are set up similar to the Adults with the exception that sub-zones will be set up should the number of members or geographic location warrant it. Zones may also be combined if any Zone lacks sufficient numbers to hold its own shoot.

There will be open doubles, junior & senior male & female singles divisions.

The number of qualifiers from each Zone to advance to the Provincial Championships will be determined by registration and participation at each Zone Shoot. **Directors will be notified of numbers following final shoot. Results will be given to all leaders once Zone Shoot is completed or by email if copies are not available at shoot. All competitors must stay at the hotels Darts Ontario has contracts with and rooms can only be reserved through by the Darts Ontario Youth Director.**

ALL participants must be a member in good standing with Darts Ontario, a permanent resident of Ontario and be 18 years of age or younger on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**, **Junior** competitors must be 15 years of age or younger on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. **Senior** competitors must be 18 years of age or younger on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

All participants must purchase a membership with Darts Ontario even if there are no registered Youth Dart League within their area.

All participants must be able to consistently hit the board from the 7' 9 1/4" oche line. Darts Ontario has always maintained that a Junior Player, regardless of age that can consistently hit the board, may play in the Provincials. Please note however, that players under the age of 12 on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** may be deemed ineligible to play in the Nationals, regardless of their Provincial status. **Tykes 12 & under on September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

The membership fee to Affiliate with the Darts Ontario Youth Program where **all members** of the league join, not just those that shoot in the Zone, is \$20.00 per member and must be paid in full and registered with Darts Ontario **by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** (unless okayed by the Youth Director – if not a \$100.00 late fee applies). Leagues that do not register all players must pay \$30.00 per player unless they are a New League. New leagues may only register players they feel are ready for competition.

Darts Ontario will purchase an N.D.F.C. (National) membership for each player that competes at Provincial Level in the Singles events only. All players must be a member of a Youth League to participate in the Zone Qualifiers unless they qualify for independent status which must be okayed through the Darts Ontario Youth Director by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Entry fee for the Zone is \$6.00 per person for each event entered. All monies will be retained by the Darts Ontario Treasurer and allocated towards expenses incurred for the Provincial and National finals. Entry fee at the Provincial Championships is \$4.00 per person per event.

**Provincial Champions, runners-up and joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in all events receive an award to commemorate their achievement.**

**Players also receive awards for 171, 180 & Perfect Finishes 2 awards will also be presented for Sportsmanship.**

**Recipients must be present at presentation time.**

### **TO ALL GROUP LEADER'S**

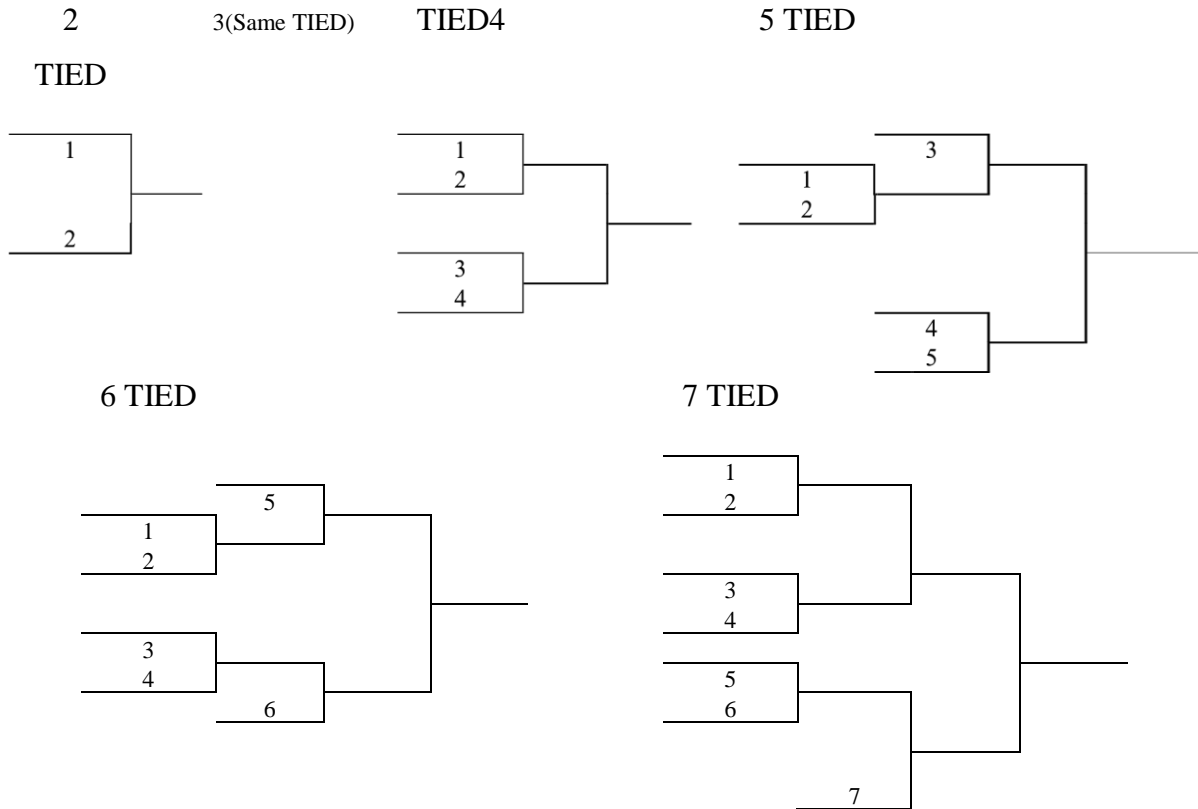
1. All the required information on the membership application must be completed. Names are to be in alphabetical order lower case. **The proper name, address and postal code are essential.** All players should be advised to carry proof of age at Youth events.
2. Directors are to send a copy of the financial form to the Darts Ontario Treasurer with payment. Payment can be Direct Deposit or E-transfer. Money Orders can be mailed directly to the Treasurer with a copy of the financial form.

**DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL**



## TIE BREAKERS (1 GAME 701) ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY

This format, when deemed necessary by the Darts Ontario Representative at Zone Shoots, may be altered.



### TIE BREAKER FOR POSITIONING IN KNOCKOUT ROUNDS – (1 to 8 are best 2 of 3 games)

All positions after the top 8 are to be broken by 1 game 701. (Knockout forms are available on the website)

### SECTION TIEBREAKER

1 game of 701 S.I.D.O. NO role-back. If teams tied or low in the division or a long day then if all players involved and leaders agree then 9 darts high score instead of 701. All players shall play on the same dartboard. Order of throwing for the bull shall be determined by the team/player number on the Round Robin sheet, player/team that is listed first shall throw first, then # 2 and # 3, etc. The player closest to the bull shoots first. Either player may go for the bull in a team game.

**Long Games** - You can do 2 minute time or 5 times each player with no bust rule when on their double, then 9 dart high score.

### TO ALL ZONE DIRECTORS

Please send all your tournament results sheets, financial Sheet & Zone Shoot Pre-registration Forms within 48 hours to the Darts Ontario Youth Director within 48 hours after the shoot.

**Do not forward the Round Robin Sheets** – keep for your records.

Zone Directors are to send a copy of the financial form to the Darts Ontario Treasurer with payment. Payment can be Direct Deposit or E-transfer. Money Orders can be mailed directly to the Treasurer with a copy of the financial form.

These should be sent within 48 hours after the shoot. All certified cheques/money orders are to be made payable to Darts Ontario. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

**Information for the Darts Ontario Executive is on the website.**