



ADULT PROVINCIALS

ELIGIBILITY

1. In order to play in the Saskatchewan adult provincial playdowns, a player must have a Saskatchewan membership of NDFC paid up by January 31 and one of the following:
 - ◆ Selected ranked player (top 16 men, top 8 women)
 - ◆ Zone qualifier
 - ◆ Buy-in
 - ◆ Special bye (age exemption)

If 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 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.

2. Any player who has been selected to the provincials through the SDA ranking systems or any zone representative to the provincials who doesn't show up for 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 as long as they have notified the SDA tournament director by March 15th each year.

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.

4. Zone quotas for representation into the provincial play-offs shall be as follows:
 - ◆ The number of men accepted into provincials will be 72 (less top 16 ranked players). Percentage of men per zone in relationship to TOTAL ASSOCIATION MALE MEMBERSHIP shall determine men quotas per zone.
 - ◆ The number of women accepted into provincials will be 36 (less top 8 ranked players). Percentage of women per zone in relationship to TOTAL ASSOCIATION FEMALE MEMBERSHIP shall determine women quotas per zone.
 - ◆ Quotas will be set no later than the last day of January of each calendar year.

The SDA executive has the right to change quotas as they deem necessary.



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TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All rules and regulations pertaining to the provincial championships will also apply to the zone championships.
2. All rules and regulations applying to the NDFC shall be carried out at provincial levels of play.
3. All rules and regulations will be laid out before play starts.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The SDA executive reserves the right to seed players, when deemed necessary.
7. 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.
8. 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.)
9. 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. (In the case where only two games are being played, the winner of the toss starts the first game and the loser of the toss starts the second game. No bull is required.)
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The men's and women's provincial champion is an eligible competitor in the NDFC World Cup Qualifier.
13. Each player must register every day.



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FORMAT

1. 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.
2. The format is: men - a complete round-robin of 2 games (501 SIDO); women – a complete round-robin all 3 games (501 SIDO). There are no knockout rounds.

POINT SYSTEM (1 WIN = 1 POINT)

1. Total points after the end of three days 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.
2. 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.

ZONE CUP

The aggregate cup is based on percentage of zone memberships (ranked players included) and zone players' results (games won) calculated over all days of play. The zone with the highest percentage of wins is awarded the Zone Cup.

DRESS CODE

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

- ◆ Presentable dress clothes (clean and tidy).
- ◆ Presentable footwear (runners may be worn if in good condition).
- ◆ Advertising that is not for a specific product (e.g., Bob's Bar & Tavern is acceptable, Labatt's is not).

Not Allowed

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

PROVINCIAL TEAM FEE

There is an adult provincial team player fee currently set at \$300 and is to be paid to the SDA no later than April 30th.