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1. SCOPE OF MANUAL

- 1.1 These policies and procedures are 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 Operating Committee.
- 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

- 2.6 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 \$0.25/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 center.
- 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 $1/1=100\%$).

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 $0/1=0\%$).

PER DIEMS - GENERAL

- 2.21 Per diems are to be paid for any player or executive traveling outside of their city/town on approved SDA business for at least a full day.
- 2.22 Per diems are to be paid in cash the first day of the event.
- 2.23 In-province per diem is \$15.00 per day. Out of province per diems vary depending on the event.
- 2.24 Travel days are considered to be a half day per diem unless arrival at far end is before 1:00 pm or return home is after 5:00 pm.

3. MEMBERSHIPS

- 3.1 The SDA member body is one of the most important factors Sask Sport 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 0-12
- b) Category 2 13-19
- c) Category 3 20-34
- d) Category 4 35-54
- e) Category 5 55+

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 following form. Zones may be fined for late submission.

3.10 Zone Directors to send a cheque for the appropriate amount to the SDA Financial Director with a copy of the completed membership form.

3.11 A Memberships Submission Form can be found on the SDA website.

4. IMPORTANT DATES

4.1 The SDA member body is one of the most important factors Sask Sport 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.)

Month	Day/date	Form/Event	Send to/ Responsibility of
September	1	Deadline for hosting 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 – Davidson SK	SDA Secretary
	2nd Sunday	Zone directors meeting	SDA Executive
January	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
		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, the rate of \$0.25/kilometer 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 Sask Sport.
- 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 (Sask Sport 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.
- 6.4 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 Please try to keep your requests reasonable as we have only a limited amount of funds for the upcoming year and we may not be able to fund all requests.

7. CUBE VAN

- 7.1 The SDA has a cube van for the storage and transportation of portaboards, dart boards and other darts equipment.

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- 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.

DRIVERS

- 7.5 SDA members interested in driving the van must have a valid driver's license and provide a driver's abstract to the SDA Financial Director. (This is available through SGI at a cost of \$10.)
- 7.6 For those SDA members approved/authorized to drive the van, the SDA will reimburse them for the cost of the driver profile (upon proof of receipt).
- 7.7 This list will be maintained by the SDA Executive and reviewed on a yearly basis.
- 7.8 For rental to others whom SDA deems approved/authorized to drive, a deposit equal to the deductible on the van will be required.

8. SDA WEBSITE (WWW.SASKDARTS.COM)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 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/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 throw in SDA-ranked tournaments (as provided in each tournament report) and provincials. This information will be posted under "Maximum Exposure" on the SDA website.
- 8.6 At the end of each calendar year, a prize will be given to the top man and top woman with the highest number of 180s and 171s thrown.
- 8.7 In the case of a tie, a prize will be given to all with the highest score.
- 8.8 The prize will be presented at an SDA-ranked tournament at the beginning of the new year.

9. SDA EQUIPMENT RENTAL

- 9.1 The SDA has 27 units. 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 cube van.

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- 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.
- 9.8 If the cube van is required to transport equipment outside of Saskatoon, renters must pay for all fuel and additional costs.
- 9.9 If the cube van is needed, a deposit cheque, equal to the deductible amount of the van insurance, is required. If the van 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.

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- 9.11 The SDA Executive will maintain a list of qualified drivers authorized to transport equipment and deliver/return the van.
- 9.12 If renters wish to drive the van themselves to pick up and return equipment, a valid driver's license and driving abstract must be submitted with the application form by all persons who intend to drive the van.

10. DART SUPPLIES

- 10.1 The SDA has purchased dart supplies to be distributed to eligible clubs/zones.
- 10.2 Clubs/zones can apply to receive:
 - a) Dartboards.
 - b) Darts.
 - c) Flights and shafts.
 - d) Dartboard hanger.
- 10.3 There are a limited number of supplies available. Clubs/zones need to complete Form Y-Supplies application form, found on the SDA website, and send it to the Youth Director. The Youth Director will be responsible for endorsement and final approval will be done by the SDA Executive.

11. HIGH PERFORMANCE

PURPOSE

- 11.1 The purpose of high performance is to sponsor top Saskatchewan dart players to travel out of province to compete in tournaments that are ranked by the NDFC. Based on funding available, the SDA Executive will make the commitment to send players to one tournament each year.

GUIDELINES

- 11.2 The SDA Executive will decide annually which NDFC-ranked tournament to send players to.

- 11.3 For each HP-sponsored tournament, two men and two women will be offered the chance to travel.
- 11.4 Selection will be based on the SDA ranking as of September 15.
- 11.5 The SDA will provide funding for the following up to a maximum of \$1,000 per tournament:
- a) Two hotel rooms for two nights (based on two men and two women sharing).
 - b) Entry fees for single events.
 - c) Entry fees for ladies doubles/men doubles.
 - d) The remaining monies will be split equally amongst the drivers (car pooling is strongly encouraged).
- 11.6 To be offered a HP position, players must be an SDA member in good standing for at least one year.
- 11.7 A player may only attend one of the two SDA-sponsored HP shoots per dart season.
- 11.8 The SDA Tournament Director will be responsible for contacting the players regarding HP sponsorship and will notify the SDA Executive of those participating.
- 11.9 Booking of hotel rooms and payment of HP expenses will be the responsibility of the appointed team captain.

12. ZONE QUALIFIERS

- 12.1 Zones must hold a darts competition in order to establish a ranked list of players eligible to play in provincials.
- 12.2 Zone playdowns must be posted with date, place and format.
- 12.3 Playdowns must be played no later than February 28th.
- 12.4 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

- 12.5 If any places remain open for the provincials after zone quotas have been filled, an SDA member may buy in to the provincials.
- 12.6 He or she must pay the entry fee to provincials (\$80) and in addition pay any applicable zone fee payable to his or her zone.
- 12.7 The entry fee must be paid to the SDA.
- 12.8 The player may have competed in a zone qualifier.

PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS SPECIAL BYE

- 12.9 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 out of their zone provided the zone director and in turn the SDA Tournament Director are notified by January 31st of that year.

13. TOURNAMENT RANKING & SEEDING

13.1 The singles portion of a tournament must be ranked in the following order:

- a) Host Province (SDA).
- b) Unranked.

13.2 When players are to be seeded into sections, use the “snake” method as shown below:

13.3 The SDA suggested first round knock-out starts at best of 5 games.

2 Sections

1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10
12	11
13	14
16	15
17	18
20	19
21	22
24	23
25	26
28	27
29	30
32	31

4 Sections

1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
24	23	22	21
25	26	27	28
32	31	30	29

8 Sections

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25

16 Sections

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

14. TOURNAMENT RANKING POINTS

- 14.1 SDA members receive one point for attending a singles event plus the following for achievement, according to number of entries:

Ranking Event 8-19 players

1 st	4
2 nd	3
Jt 3 rd	2
Jt 5 th	1

(8 players advance)

Provincial Event 20-36 players

1 st	5
2 nd	4
Jt 3 rd	3
Jt 5 th	2
Jt 9 th	1

(16 players advance)

Major Event 37-64 players

1 st	6
2 nd	5
Jt 3 rd	4
Jt 5 th	3
Jt 9 th	2
Jt 17 th	1 (or 0 if 16 advance)

(maximum 32 players advance)

Over 64 players

1 st	8
2 nd	7
Jt 3 rd	6
Jt 5 th	4
Jt 9 th	3
Jt 17 th	2 (or 1 if 32 advance at organizer's discretion)
Jt 33 rd	1 (or 0 if 32 advance)

15. TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 The top 20 men and top 10 women players in the rankings (including ties), as of January 31st, will automatically earn a position into the provincials therefore ensuring more players reach the provincials.
- 15.3 All zones will be allowed to host ranked tournaments. Where a nationally ranked tournament exists, the nationally ranked tournament can also be provincially ranked.
- 15.4 In order to host a provincially ranked tournament, the zones must meet requirements as stated in the application and with the following guidelines.

GUIDELINES

- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 Zones wishing to hold a provincially ranked tournament will submit an application, completed in full and including preferred date(s), to the SDA executive by the September 1st deadline. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the SDA executive. Tournament Application TAF-1 forms are included in the manual.
- 15.7 Zones will pay the SDA a bond fee of \$100.00 to be received with the tournament application in order to hold a provincially ranked tournament for the initial event. The cheque/money order should be made payable to the "Saskatchewan Darts Association". Established tournaments need to pay this every year.
- 15.8 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.
- 15.9 Posters must be submitted to the SDA tournament director for approval 60 days prior to the event. A reminder phone call will be made by the SDA tournament director to the zone director.
- 15.10 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.
- 15.11 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.
- 15.12 There will be a surcharge of \$5.00 per board for the use of portboards. If portboards are needed, the host must supply all costs, both ways, including lost wages of the SDA executive member who delivers the boards if time was lost from work. The host can, however, supply someone at the SDA Executive's approval, to take the boards to the event.
- 15.13 All round-robin, knock-out and 180 stats are to be sent to the SDA tournament director no later than one week after the tournament date.
- 15.14 A cheque or money order for all tournament fees including bond fees will be sent to the SDA within one week of the tournament.
- 15.15 At least one member of the SDA executive will attempt to attend each provincially ranked tournament to assist with the event.
- 15.16 Provincially ranked tournaments will consist of two main events -men's singles and women's singles. The remainder of the tournament play will be decided at the discretion of the host zone.
- 15.17 Only singles events in the tournament will receive ranking points.
- 15.18 The singles portion of a tournament must be ranked in the following order:
 - a) Host Province (SDA)
 - b) Unranked
- 15.19 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.
- 15.20 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.
- 15.21 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).
- 15.22 An administrative fee of ten per cent (10%) of all entry fees (exclusive of blind draw events) collected 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.
- 15.24 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 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. A tournament that does not have minimum attendance will be put on probation.
 - d) The ranking system will be standardized in points unless there are substantially more than 50 players in a tournament event, in which case additional points may be awarded by the SDA tournament director.
- 15.25 Ranking points will be issued according to final positions according to the point structure (Form TRP-1). The SDA tournament director will send each zone director updated ranking lists.
- 15.26 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 or faxed a copy of these rankings after each update.
- 15.27 Only those players with a current SDA membership will retain ranking points awarded at a tournament (with the provision that all stats are received according to #10 above). Players who receive points and do not have a SDA membership will retain those points if they purchase a membership by January 31st of each year. The SDA tournament director will run a list to be verified by the SDA membership director of any non-members with points. A call/fax will then be placed to the appropriate zone directors who would contact the player with the option of purchasing a membership. Out-of-province players cannot receive SDA ranking points.
- 15.28 Any player can play in any number of provincially ranked tournaments.
- 15.29 180 pins will be awarded at each tournament if possible. The Zones are responsible for their own 180 pins. Out-of-province players are also awarded 180 pins.
- 15.30 Hats are **not allowed** to be worn during singles events in any SDA-ranked tournaments.

16. (20.00) NDFC TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKER RULES

- 16.21 (20.01) The official NDFC Tie Breaker Rules, as follows, shall be used in all NDFC Championships and Tournaments.
- 16.22 The purpose of the following detailed explanation is to avoid arguments 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).
- 16.23 (20.02.01) 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.
- 16.24 (20.02.02) 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 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 of 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. E.G.: In the case of a doubles event, each team shall throw a total of eighteen (18) darts.)

17. ADULT PROVINCIALS

ELIGIBILITY

- 17.1 In order to play in the Saskatchewan Adult Provincial Playdowns, a player must have a Saskatchewan membership of NDFC paid up by January 31st and one of the following:
- a) Selected ranked player (top 20 men, top 10 women).
 - b) Zone qualifier.

- c) Buy-in.
- d) 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.

The player fee for those who wish to buy in to provincials is \$80.00 plus applicable zone fees.

- 17.2 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.

- 17.3 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.

- 17.4 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 20 ranked players). Percentage of men per zone in relationship to TOTAL ASSOCIATION MALE MEMBERSHIP shall determine men quotas per zone.
- b) The number of women accepted into provincials will be 36 (less top 10 ranked players). Percentage of women per zone in relationship to TOTAL ASSOCIATION FEMALE MEMBERSHIP shall determine women quotas per zone.
- c) 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.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- 17.5 All rules and regulations pertaining to the provincial championships will also apply to the zone championships.
- 17.6 All rules and regulations applying to the NDFC shall be carried out at provincial levels of play.
- 17.7 All rules and regulations will be laid out before play starts.
- 17.8 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.
- 17.9 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.
- 17.10 The SDA executive reserves the right to seed players, when deemed necessary.

- 17.11 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.
- 17.12 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.)
- 17.13 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. (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.)
- 17.14 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.
- 17.15 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.
- 17.16 The men's and women's provincial champion is an eligible competitor in the NDFC World Cup Qualifier.
- 17.17 Each player must register every day.

FORMAT

- 17.18 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.
- 17.19 The format is: men -a complete round-robin of best-of-three games (501 SIDO); women – a complete round-robin all 3 games (501 SIDO). There are no knockout rounds.

POINT SYSTEM (1 WIN = 1 POINT)

- 17.20 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.
- 17.21 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

- 17.22 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

- 17.23 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).
- 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

- 17.24 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

18. YOUTH PROVINCIALS

ELIGIBILITY

- 18.1 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)
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 Complete lists of all zone players shall be sent to the SDA youth director 15 days prior to the Saskatchewan Provincial Playdowns.
- 18.4.a The player fee for Provincials will be \$20.00

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- 18.5 All rules and regulations pertaining to the provincial championships will also apply to the zone championships.
- 18.6 All rules and regulations applying to the NDFC shall be carried out at zone and provincial levels of play.
- 18.7 All rules and regulations will be laid out before play starts.
- 18.8 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.
- 18.9 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.
- 18.10 The SDA executive reserves the right to seed players, when deemed necessary.
- 18.11 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.
- 18.12 Players must play both days (2) 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.)
- 18.13 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.

- 18.14 To advance from sectional play where a tie occurs, the count back rule will apply for all non-jeopardy 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).
- 18.15 No alcohol is to be consumed by players for the duration of the provincial tournament.

FORMAT & POINT SYSTEM

- 18.16 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

- 18.17 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

- 18.18 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. One male and one female are usually selected from responsible adults with experience in the youth program.

PROVINCIAL TEAM FEE

- 18.19 There is a youth provincial team player fee of \$250 to be paid one month prior to Nationals.

19. HOST – ADULT PROVINCIALS

- 19.1 The adult provincial championships will be the responsibility of the SDA Executive with the consultation of the host zone committee.
- 19.2 Bids for hosting the adult provincial championships must be received by the SDA tournament director by September 1st for the upcoming year.
- 19.3 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.

- 19.4 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).
- 19.5 The host zone committee is responsible for having food and beverages available at the venue each day.
- 19.6 Ensure that 'MINORS ALLOWED' is stamped on all permits.
- 19.7 The host zone is to provide section controllers (minimum 6).
- 19.8 The zone is responsible for set-up and tear-down crews.
- 19.9 The host zone is to provide miscellaneous supplies such as chalk, pens, etc.
- 19.10 The host zone must get SDA approval for any and all sponsors.
- 19.11 The sale of dart supplies must be approved by the host zone and the SDA and will be published in all provincial playdown material.
- 19.12 The SDA will provide and assume the cost of all trophies required.
- 19.13 Zone quotas for representation into the provincial playoffs shall be as follows:
 - a) The number of men accepted into provincials will be 78 (less top 20 ranked players). Percentage of men per zone in relationship to TOTAL ASSOCIATION MALE MEMBERSHIP shall determine men quotas per zone.
 - b) The number of women accepted into provincials will be 36 (less top 10 ranked players). Percentage of women per zone in relationship to TOTAL ASSOCIATION FEMALE MEMBERSHIP shall determine women quotas per zone.
 - c) 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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20. HOST - YOUTH PROVINCIALS

- 20.1 The youth provincial championships will be the responsibility of the SDA Executive and also with consultation of the host zone committee.
- 20.2 Bids for hosting the youth provincial championships must be received by the SDA Tournament Director by September 1st for the upcoming year.
- 20.3 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.
- 20.4 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).
- 20.5 The host zone committee is responsible for arranging lunches. (If the cost is unreasonable, the host zone will subsidize the cost.)
- 20.6 There is NO SMOKING in the venue at all (that includes spectators, coaches and executive).

- 20.7 The zone is responsible for set-up and tear-down crews.
- 20.8 No alcohol is to be consumed by players, volunteers, or spectators for the duration of the tournament.
- 20.9 The host zone is to provide miscellaneous supplies such as chalk, pens, etc.
- 20.10 The host zone must get SDA approval for any and all sponsors.
- 20.11 The sale of dart supplies must be approved by the host zone and the SDA and will be published in all provincial playdown material.
- 20.12 The SDA will provide and assume the cost of all trophies required.

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