

General protocols and basic safety requirements for a mini dart club cohort

It is recognized that most adult leagues and youth clubs have ended for the season. The following protocols are to provide the opportunity to return to practice, play and competition.

Saskatchewan Darts is available to offer resources to assist in getting a mini dart club cohort set up in accordance with these protocols.

COVID-19 Protocols for Safe Return to Darts

Because it is challenging to always maintain physical distancing while practicing, playing or competing in the sport of darts, all organized dart practice, play and competition must comply with the following basic safety requirements and organizational guidelines set forth in this document.

Oversight The practice, play, or competition must be overseen by a responsible person or persons over the age of 18 who must ensure public health guidelines are adhered to.

- It is recommended that a small group of leaders be selected for each mini dart club cohort to ensure consistency if one leader cannot be in attendance
- One of these leaders must be designated as the COVID-19 Single Point of Contact (SPC) for all matters relating to COVID-19
- The leader(s) of the mini dart club cohort is the same as a Tournament Director, whose rulings and decisions are final and binding, including the authority to isolate an individual that begins to show COVID-19 and to suspend or temporarily cancel the event
- The leader(s) should have prior experience running dart leagues, youth dart clubs or dart tournaments with coaching/officiating accreditation

Social Distancing within Cohort Whenever possible (even in cohorts), participants should be attempting to physically distance and remain 2 metres away from other participants. Although within cohorts, it is acceptable for cohort members to encroach on the 2 metres, members should attempt to stay as distant as possible.

Social Distancing Outside of Cohort All members in a cohort must:

- Be completely committed to practicing physical distancing from people outside their family and mini dart club cohort, including all patrons within the competition facility
- be healthy and not show any COVID-19 symptoms (see the full symptom list)
- not have underlying medical conditions
- not be at high risk (for example, seniors)
- not have travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days

Hygiene Mini Dart Club Cohort Leaders must communicate appropriate hygiene measures for the activity in advance to all participants and ensure participant compliance with all hygiene measures including:

- no sharing of personal equipment
- no handshakes, hugs, high fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, etc.
- encouraging frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer

First Aid Mini Dart Club Cohort Leaders should ensure that personal protective equipment is immediately available IF first aid treatment is required. It is recommended that a family member attend to an injured player. If that is not possible, an attending person should wear medical gloves and a mask when 2 metre distancing cannot be maintained.

Organizational guidelines

Participant Registration Throughout Stage 2, all participants within a mini dart club cohort must be registered in advance with that cohort. This will allow for closed jitney-type competition to be held, but only amongst the registered participants within the mini dart club cohort.

- A maximum of 50 individuals are permitted within a mini dart club cohort, including the participants, leaders, coaches and volunteers COVID-19 Protocols for Safe Return to Darts – Stage 2 6 of 19 Updated June 30, 2020
- Mini dart club cohort leader contact information will be available on the Saskatchewan Darts website for the purposes of registration
- An individual cannot participate in a mini dart club cohort if he or she is already a part of any other sport cohort or performing arts cohort ▪ Once registered with a mini dart club cohort, an individual is not permitted to move to a different mini dart club cohort until they have not participated in the previous mini dart club cohort for 14 days and only if the new mini dart club cohort has not reached its maximum capacity
- Drop-in participation is not permitted

Mini Dart Club Cohort Facility

- Since most dartboard set-ups are located within public bars, restaurants, service clubs and community leagues, permission needs to be granted by the owner or designated representative prior to choosing a facility
- Consider the facility space to determine whether each practice, play or competition should be limited to less than the 50 person maximum

Practice/Play Area

Prior to choosing a facility, consideration should be given to space available in the designated playing area and the ability to section off this area to other patrons.

- The playing area should be sectioned off during practice, play or competition
- Signage must be placed around the playing area to advise other patrons that individuals who are not members of the mini dart club cohort are not permitted in the area during designated times

Scheduling and Event Management

To allow individual patrons to use the playing area while following all COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants, Cafes, Pubs, and Bars, including the need for social distancing when not in use by the mini dart club cohort, all organized play and competitions for a mini dart club cohort must be scheduled and the schedule posted in the facility.

- A mini dart club cohort's competition schedule can include multiple days of the weeks and different games of competition (e.g. Tactics, 501, singles, draw doubles, league format, etc.) provided that each scheduled event includes only the registered members within that cohort COVID-19 Protocols for Safe Return to Darts –
- Each mini dart club cohort should consider contacting the leagues in their area to find out whether a modified league program could be organized for your members

Equipment

With the exception of the dartboard, mini dart club cohort members should do everything possible to minimize the sharing of equipment.

- All chalk and brushes are to be removed from the playing area until further notice
- Each participant should arrive with all of your own supplies, including darts, extra flights, extra shafts, chalker, chalk, and chalk brush (mark your name on it) or your own personal cloth to erase the board
- Wherever possible, share extra supplies only with someone within from your personal family cohort
- Each player is to remove their own dart when bulling up
- Each player must mark their own scores without the use of a scorekeeper
- Each competitor should minimize contact with the dartboard ▪ Should a dart board need to be straight or rotated, the person doing so should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to touching the dart board and after touching the dart board
- The playing area must be sanitized before and after use

Participation and Compliance Agreement

All participants (or parents/guardians if under 18 years of age) must sign a Participation and Compliance Agreement prior to joining a mini dart club cohort and be made aware and acknowledge that although exposure to COVID-19 is unlikely, it is possible, and participants are participating voluntarily in dart activities with a foreknowledge of the risks

- Refusal to sign the agreement will result in an individual not being accepted as a member into the mini dart club cohort

Health Screening Every member must complete a screening questionnaire before participating each day and will not be allowed to participate if they answer yes to any of the questions.

- To minimize the exchange of paper, each member is encouraged to complete their questionnaire at home and provide it electronically to the leader prior practicing (e.g. texting or messaging a picture from your phone, scanning and emailing prior to leaving home) or the leader should take a picture of the completed questionnaire and have the participant be responsible for disposing the questionnaire
- Should an individual be found to have falsified the screening questionnaire, the individual will be excluded from that mini dart club cohort and any other mini dart club cohort throughout the remainder of Stage 2

Leader Accountability All mini dart club cohort leaders are accountable to ensure the following:

- All Organizational Guidelines in this document are followed
- Be aware of any other requirements that may be specific to the playing venue and ensure they are also followed
- Keep the Participation and Compliance Agreements on file for all members
- Only register up to a maximum of 50 members (including participants, leaders, coaches and volunteers) that have agreed to remain together for the duration of Stage 2
- Retain a log of when each participant competes
- Keep all screening questionnaires on file for a minimum of 28 days and provide to Sask Darts and/or the government, if requested, due to an infection or outbreak
- Consult with facility management prior to allowing anyone to enter the playing area to ensure the playing area has been appropriately sanitized
- Communicate appropriate hygiene measures for the activity in advance to all participants
- Ensure participant compliance with all hygiene measures no sharing of personal equipment, no handshakes, hugs, high fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, etc. and encouraging frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer
- Not allow any individual to participate that is not a member of their mini dart club cohort
- Not allow a member to participate if they answer “yes” to any question on their screening questionnaire
- Not allow anyone to participate if they are showing signs of any COVID-19 symptoms

- Send anyone home if they begin to show any COVID-19 symptoms while participating and recommend to them to seek medical advice
- Use the Rapid Response Plan to create a plan specific to their mini dart club cohort and ensure that all members are aware of the Rapid Response Plan
- Monitor frequent absenteeism to find out whether this is simply due to a lack of availability or interest, or whether illness could be a factor

Participation

- Vulnerable persons, such as older adults, individuals with underlying medical conditions, and/or are at risk due a compromised immune system should NOT participate
- Although dart players may not always be able to maintain physical distancing with other dart players, physical distancing with all other patrons and individuals within a facility must still be maintained
- Because darts is a precision sport rather than a high impact aerobic sport, the use of masks while competing is strongly encouraged
- Participants are expected to practice good hygiene including frequently washing their hands or using hand sanitizer throughout play, cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, and avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Participants are asked to stay home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms (see daily screening checklist)
- Participants are discouraged from using any strong scents or perfumes to prevent causing others to sneeze and cough
- Although some facilities may have hand sanitizer available, participants are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol
- In the case of youth dart club cohorts, participation must be limited to players between from 10 and 18 years old, as participants must be able to understand and adhere to the distancing measures and recommendations issued by Sask Health COVID-19 Protocols for Safe Return to Darts

Competition Travel During Stage 2 of the Relaunch, activities need to be restricted to local community opportunities. Participants should not seek sport, physical activity and recreation opportunities in other regions, or out of province.

Spectators Spectators are discouraged, unless they are already a member of the mini dart cohort club and simply choosing not to participate in a scheduled competition. Cross-jurisdictional, or inter-regional, play should not occur at this stage.

Parents/Guardians and Carpooling In the case of youth clubs, parents or guardians must drop off and pick-up their child at the established entrances and exits

- For safety reasons, parents may be asked to remain nearby in vehicles and/or designated areas
- Contact Tracing information must be maintained for attending parent/guardians as well as participants
- Participants should only carpool with individuals from their household or cohort family

Food and Beverages Participants are encouraged to support their mini dart club cohort facility. However, if you wish to enjoy a meal prior to the start of play, you are expected to arrive well before any darts activity begins and maintain all physical distance and seating requirements established for restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars.

- As emphasized by government health recommendations, no one outside of a family cohort should share food and therefore, there should be no food allowed within the playing area during competition
- Participants are strongly encouraged to use an identifier on their beverage if it is located within the playing area

Personal Protective Equipment As mini dart club cohort members are all volunteers or participants, each are expected to provide their own personal protective items (e.g. face mask, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.).

Contact Tracing Contact tracing logs for all participants and parents/guardians dropping off players must be completed for every training activity or competition and be available to be accessed quickly to ensure efficient contact tracing. Records must be maintained by the mini dart club cohort leader(s) for a minimum of 28 days.

Response Plan Each mini dart club cohort must have a Rapid Response Plan to quickly react when issues are identified through screening and self-reporting of symptomatic participants. All mini dart club cohort leaders are responsible for ensuring that all members are aware of the plan. The plan must include the following:

- A designated COVID-19 Single Point of Contact (SPC)
- A communication system to report to the SPC when a member experiences symptoms, has a positive COVID-19 test result or is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Participation criteria
 - How a member will be isolated and transported if they become sick or show COVID-19 symptoms during playing, practice or competition
 - A process for the SPC to report to the health officials and close contacts The mini dart club cohort leaders will need to work with the owner/manager of the facility to ensure that all areas are immediately closed off, cleaned and disinfected when it is learned that an ill member has been in the playing area. A Rapid Response Plan template can be found on our website at saskdarts.com