

ELKS NATIONAL DART CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES AND REGULATIONS

A) GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 In order to qualify for the National Event, it is a requirement that within every Province there be actual competition on a Provincial Championship Playdown. If deemed necessary there could be a District Playdown involving at least two teams. If only one lodge in a particular district is involved, the competition within that district shall be deemed to have existed, only if within that one lodge there are at least two teams that have actually played off against one another. This will be accepted as genuine competition within the district. If Lodge playdowns are to be used it must be completed prior to entering the optional District playdowns.
- 1.2 At the National Championships a maximum of sixteen (16) players (eight (8) men – eight (8) women) from each Province/Association may qualify for events. **All players must be drawn from the original sixteen (16) representing each Province/Association.** The events to be contested and the maximum participants from each Province/ Association will be:
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| Singles | – 8 Men – 8 Women |
| Men's Doubles | – 4 Teams of 2 (8 Men) |
| Women's Doubles | – 4 Teams of 2 (8 Women) |
| Mixed Doubles | – 8 Teams of 2 (8 Men – 8 Women) |
| Men's Quads | – 2 Teams of 4 (8 Men) |
| Women's Quads | – 2 Teams of 4 (8 Women) |
- 1.3 Events are open at the National Championships to all Elks members who have paid their dues and must be in good standing. Participants must register in person and must be prepared to produce their current year's membership cards upon registration.
- 1.4 A member who is in good standing of a Lodge that surrendered its charter, and who has submitted an application for transfer to another lodge is permitted to participate in the playdowns as long as they have a current paid up dues card.
- 1.5.1 If a Provincial Team going to the Nationals requires a spare, it will be the responsibility of the Host lodge to fill the team's requirement. Any spare or alternate who is a member and in good standing of the Elks of Canada, played in provincial/territorial provincials, is registered the day before the event, and is not needed for their own province/territory for an event, may be put into a pool by the host Lodge to be used to provide a full complement for an event to a maximum of 50% spares. These players will be picked by blind draw on an event by event basis.
- 1.5.2 If a spare cannot be found and a Province is going to be short a player in an event

then a Ghost Score will be allowed. The Ghost Score in regulation play will be twenty-six (26) until ninety-nine (99) is reached. It will be shot for shot.

- 1.5.3 It a team refuses a spare then they will play with a score of zero (0) for the entire game.
- 1.5.4 In the Singles event no spares will be allowed. In the Team events $\frac{1}{2}$ of the players can be spares. Spares must have participated at their Provincial Dart Singles play downs. Spares names must be on registration form. Provincial team spare to be used first if registered. If not available then spare to be selected from Host Lodge's province (if provided and required). If no spare is available then rule 1.5.2 would be applicable. Walk in spares **WILL NOT** be accepted.
- 1.6 Funding for teams shall be for a maximum of sixteen players per Province. The funding formula shall be established by the Grand Lodge giving consideration to the participant's costs and the funding available.
- 1.7 The Elks National Darts Championships will be held in May each year, starting on the Wednesday after the Victoria Day holiday and complete on the Saturday.
 - 1.7.1 Play will begin on the Wednesday morning (10:00 a.m.) after the opening ceremony starting with Mixed Doubles.
 - 1.7.2 The scheduling of the remaining Thursday and Friday events can be changed at the discretion of the organizing Committee as long as it is explained at the Tuesday meeting, prior to the tournament starting.
 - 1.7.3 There will be an awards banquet, presentations, closing ceremony followed by any entertainment put on by the Host Committee.
 - 1.7.4 There will be a "pre-event" meeting held at the Host facility on the Tuesday p.m, prior to the Tournament and each team will send one male and one female captain/representative. Also an invitation is extended to any Provincial Sports (Darts) representative to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the Host Lodge to present "their" team of Committee members and the Draw Master and Referee, also to make any important times for the players to be aware of.
 - 1.7.5 There will be a meeting held on the Saturday, prior to the start of the Quads. The purpose of this meeting is to allow any suggestions for match/rule/regulation changes to be requested and put before all the representatives (usually the same members who attended the Tuesday meeting) Any recommendations will be forwarded for review by the Elks National Sports Committee who will then forward any recommendation for changes to the Elks National Executive for their recommendations. Any changes approved would be implemented for the next years' Nationals.

Note: The Host Lodge is requested to provide a room for both meetings and if possible a Secretary.

- 1.8 Cost for this event will be fifteen (15) dollars per person per event. (\$13.50 to Host Lodge and \$1.50 to National Sports fund).

B) DART RULES - PLAY FORMAT

- 2.1 Games are to be played according to the Elks National Darts rules and regulations and the National Dart Federation of Canada (NDFC) rules and regulations.
- 2.2 Each Province shall appoint a team Captain for the events. In the event of discretion, the Host Chairperson shall have final say.
- 2.3 Draw Master will follow scheduled format agreed upon and approved by provinces. Format will be minimal of 4 sections of 3 games of 501 total points. Top 4 advance into seeded knockout play using NDFC seeding. Depending on number of entries, once games are posted – no changes are to be made once games start.

Quad games will be 2 games of 701 and singles and doubles to be round robin with pools and playoffs.

Scores 701 (Team Events)

Singles event score shall be 501 (For Men & Women)

Men's Quad Event

Women's Quad Event

Women's Single

Men's Single

Women's Double

Men's Double

Mixed Doubles

- 2.4 Amount of players advancing per event for playoffs will depend on entries and be advertised or posted prior to events scheduled.
- 2.5 Quarter finals and semi finals to be best of three and finals to be best of five.
- 2.6 Tie Breaker - Countback if no one is being eliminated. Unless being eliminated or trophy then playoff for 1 game to be 200 pts. above normal play.
- 2.7 Whiteboards &/or paper with markers may be used instead of chalk & chalkboards and it is left to the individual hosts on which system or combinations they wish to use. No mechanical or electronic scoreboards can be used
- 2.8 In determining the "Overall Trophy" winner **a multipoint system (5 for 1st, 4 for 2nd, 2 for joint 3rd, and 1 for 5th-8th) will be used.**

C) DART RULES - GENERAL

- 3.1 All games will be "straight in and double out."

- 3.2 The Double Bull may finish the game.
- 3.3 Rules for starting games will be as follows:
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| Playing one (1) game – | Toss of the coin for Bull up |
| Playing two (2) games – | Toss of the coin to start first game. Loser of the toss starts second game. |
| Playing three (3) games – | Toss of the coin to start first game. Loser of the toss starts second game. Winner of the toss has choice of bull for third game. |
| Playing five (5) games - | Toss of the coin to start the first game, winner of the toss starts games 1 and 3, loser of the toss starts games 2 and 4 (if required). Winner of the toss has choice of Bull for the fifth game (if required) |
- 3.4 No substitution of players will be permitted while game is in progress.
- 3.5 Where a tournament is held in a multi-level building or dual locations the host Lodge is to provide an official at each location to handle challenges or complaints.
- 3.6 Where there are no scorers provided by the host lodge, players should chalk their own scores. A player must call out their score to the opposition and mark score before removing darts.
- 3.7 The rotation of the players on a team can be changed only after the completion of a match/set of games.
- 3.8 Darts may not be re-thrown and only those darts with points touching the surface of the board will count. Darts must be in the board, when the marker, as referee, calls the score, or player, otherwise it does not count. A dart counts from the point of entry.
- 3.9 A player may be told by the scorekeeper what number they have scored and what number they require for a game but not how to get it. The Team Captain on the request of the player may advise them on the double they require to finish the game except in a singles event.
- 4.0 When a player is throwing, no player/spectator shall be allowed to pass any remarks about the play, except the team captain (upon request from the thrower.) When a player is throwing in a singles event, no player or spectator shall be allowed to pass any remarks about the play unless that player steps off the toe line and asks.
- 4.1 In team events if a player wishes to confer with their partner as to what to throw next he or she must step back from the toeline.
- 4.2 Dress Code for Men - Dress Pants suitable – semi-formal or neutral colours, wrinkle resistant. Dart shirt or a regular clean shirt and or golf shirt, (with collars) shoes - neat and tidy. Running shoes allowed if clean (no sandals). (Definitely no blue jeans and shorts or jean material having double or overlap seams, no baggy, loose

fitting/side pockets pants or sweats).

- 4.2.1 Dress Code for Women - Dress slacks, **Capri pants** or skirts. Dart shirt or blouse and or golf shirt, (with collars). Shoes neat and clean (no sandals). Running shoes allowed if clean. (Definitely no blue jeans and shorts or jean material having double or overlap seams, no baggy loose fitting/side pockets pants or sweats).

Note: No Spandex, Wind pants, Sweat pants. A player is expected to keep their shirt buttoned despite the fact that they have an undergarment on. Remember we are being judged, in public, as Elk representatives.

- 4.2.2 Definition of a shoe. It must completely encompass the foot. There can be no open sides, backs and no openings in the front uppers. **NO SANDALS.**

- 4.3 **No smoking, no alcoholic drinks, no profane language** shall be allowed by **ANYONE** at or beyond the toe line.

- 4.3.1 Players leaving an event while in play because of being under the influence of alcohol will be removed for the day for first offence, 2nd time removed from the tournament. Any physical altercation is an immediate suspension with review of all captains of the provinces.

- 4.4 On team events start of each game shall commence with name of 1st (first) player on scoreboard. It is the duty of referee to see that the rotation is maintained. If a player throws their darts out of turn, throw will not count. An error must be identified by either team before the next member, of the team out of turn, throws their darts. The game shall continue, in the proper order of rotation prior to the mistake occurring. It is too late to identify the problem 2 or 3 throws later.

- 4.5 Games to be played as stipulated by rules with five (5) minute grace period given for teams to commence play. Failure to show is an automatic forfeit of that game.

- 4.6 There will be eight events at the Elks National Dart Championships. Events shall be Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Quads and a Women's Quads team.

- 4.7 Closing date for entries, same as entry form May 1st mailed out. Late registration will not be accepted and there will be no exceptions.

- 4.8 Trophies and plaques are to be awarded for first and second place in each category plus joint third place finishers (Losers in semi finals will be declared joint third winners.)

- 4.9 A commemorative trophy presented by Campbell River Lodge No. 373, in memory of one of their past members Chico Ruiz will be presented each year at the National Championship as the "Chico Ruiz Memorial Most Sportsmanlike Trophy". The selection of the winner will be made by each player who will vote for the player they feel is most deserving of this award. If there is no clear majority then a blind draw will be held. All the remaining ballots will be destroyed without those names being revealed.

- 5.0 A person or persons making a formal complaint must accompany the Host Chairman/Referee when the issue in question is being discussed.
- 5.1 Recommendations for amendments and/or changes to these Rules and Regulations must be directed through a Provincial Sports Representative or Provincial President to the Grand Lodge Sports Committee. Recommendations must be received at the Grand Lodge office by September 1st of each year to be considered for implementation in the following year's event.

Suggestions to help alleviate some possible confusion at your National Darts championship and make things run smoother.

- 1. When making up the draws, try to avoid using players from one province in your sections. Pick players from different provinces when making up draw sheet.
- 2. Have provinces send in players as to how they ranked in their respective provincial playoffs. This will make it easier for your score-master to make up which players will play in which sections.
- 3. Try to have the score/draw-master in an office that is secluded as this gives him/her a quiet place to concentrate when knockout sheets are being made.
- 4. Place Ladies Singles in small sections and/or have them play two games only.
- 5. If someone needs to leave section play for any reason get them to see the draw-master before they leave the venue.