

2009 NDFC WORLD CUP QUALIFIER FORMAT & RULES OF PLAY

ENTRY FEE FOR QUALIFIER

An entry fee of \$30.00 per person will be charged to those players who have participated in the National Singles Championship.

The entry fee for Buy-In players eligible for the International Qualifier will be **\$280.00** if they do not participate in the National Singles Championship.

There will be a qualifier's fee of \$250.00 per player" for those who win the right to play in the World Cup.

RANKING LIST/RANKED PLAYERS

All references to the Ranking List and/or Ranked Players are obtained from the 2009 Official NDFC Ranking List published May 1, 2009.

ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS OF THE 2009 NDFC WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

MEN'S EVENT

- Ranked Players - #2 though #8 (including ties)
- Each 2009 Provincial/Territorial Champion*
- 2009 National Champion ** or Runner-up

WOMEN'S EVENT

- Ranked Players - #2 though #8 (including ties)
- Each 2009 Provincial/Territorial Champion*
- 2009 National Champion ** or Runner-up

*Each Province/Territory may have 1 representative participating in the World Cup Qualifier Event if the true Champion is not in attendance or has already attained eligibility. Each Member Body's player representative shall be determined from the available competitors in that Member Body, in the order of their finishing position from their respective Provincial/Territorial Championships, 2nd place to 8th place only. ** The runners-up in the National Championships will be eligible if the Champion is already qualified.

GENERAL/PLAYING RULES

Any matters not covered by these or by the NDFC Official Rules of Play, shall be decided by the NDFC Tournament Director whose decision shall be final and binding. These shall be in accordance with the NDFC Rules of Play.

TEAM CANADA PLACEMENT

MEN'S TEAM

1. #1 Ranked Player (Automatic Placement)
2. 1st in 2009 NDFC World Cup Qualifier
3. 2nd in 2009 NDFC World Cup Qualifier
4. 3rd in 2009 NDFC World Cup Qualifier

WOMEN'S TEAM

1. #1 Ranked Player (Automatic Placement)
2. 1st in 2009 NDFC World Cup Qualifier

DRESS CODE

NDFC rules on dress code and protection of sponsor advertising rights shall be enforced at all times. Proper footwear must be worn, no open-toe or open-back shoes.

SEEDING

All players will be seeded according to their position on the official Ranking List.

ORDER OF PLAY

Order of play shall be decided by the single toss of a coin:

- Winner of the toss shoots first in the 1st leg and all odd, alternate legs thereafter, except in the last, or deciding leg.
- Loser of the toss shall shoot first in the 2nd leg and all even, alternate legs thereafter.
- When the last, or deciding leg is necessary, the player who won the original toss shall choose who shoots first for the bulls-eye. Nearest the bull starts the last leg.

PLAYING FORMAT (16 or less competitors)

If 16 or less players are competing, the format will consist of a modified round robin into a single knockout.

Modified Round Robin Portion of Play:

Each player entered shall play in one of four round-robin groups and shall play one round against each other player in that group.

Each round shall consist of a best 2 of 3 match against the opposing player and each game shall be 501, straight in, double out (SIDO). The third game shall only be played if it contributes to the result of the match. Each player is competing for **match** wins. In each group, the **top two** players shall advance to the last 8 where they shall compete in a bracket draw knock-out.

All ties which affect placement positions for advancement to the knock-out round **shall be decided in accordance with the Official NDFC Tie-Breaker Rules.**

Knockout Portion of Play:

Position in the knock-out draw shall be determined by final placement position in their round robin section. All rounds of the knock-out shall be:

Best of 5 legs, 501, SIDO
(4th & 5th games will be played only if they contribute to the result of the match)

“Joint” ties may be played off for definitive positions. The play-off will consist of a blind draw knockout, best of 3.

PLAYING FORMAT (17 or more competitors)

If 17 or more players are competing, the format will consist of a seeded single knockout format.

All rounds of the knock-out shall be:

Best of 5 legs, 501, SIDO
(4th & 5th games will be played only if they contribute to the result of the match)