



NATIONAL DARTS FEDERATION OF CANADA

REGULATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

During the course of discussions that have taken place in the NDFC meetings that have been held since its inception, several items of NDFC Policy have been considered, and adopted.

However, such items do not form part of the NDFC Constitution, nor part of the NDFC Playing Rules or Codes of Practice and yet they are referred to by the NDFC Executive and Board during the course of business throughout the year.

The items in question are listed below in the sequences that they have arisen within the minutes of all NDFC meetings. Over the course of time, new regulations have been developed which supersede previous regulations. **ONLY THE REGULATIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT ARE LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT.** This document shall be revised, as required, by the NDFC General Secretary and distributed to the NDFC Board of Directors on an annual basis. Each Addendum to this document shall be updated independently, as required.

These are to be known as the NDFC Regulations.

RECORD OF NDFC MEETING MINUTES

All information is obtained from the following sets of NDFC minutes:

MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	DATE	POLICY ADOPTED
1977 Annual General Meeting	Location unknown	October 23, 1977	NONE
1978 Annual General Meeting	Location unknown	October 20, 1978	NONE
1979 Annual General Meeting	Toronto, Ontario	September 21, 1979	Yes
1980 Annual General Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	June 23, 1980	Yes
1981 Annual General Meeting	St. Johns, NF	May 26, 1981	Yes
1982 Annual General Meeting	Montreal, PQ	June 1, 1982	Yes
1983 Annual General Meeting	Toronto, ON	May 24, 1983	Yes
1984 Board Meeting	Toronto, ON	February 3-5, 1984	Yes
1984 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	March 4, 1984	NONE
1984 Annual General Meeting	Vancouver, BC	May 20, 21 & 27, 1984	Yes
1984 Board Meeting	Toronto, ON	October 12-14, 1984	Yes
1985 Board Meeting	Toronto, ON	May 3-5, 1985	Yes
1985 Annual General Meeting	Regina, SK	May 20, 1985	Yes
1985 Board Meeting	Rexdale, ON	October 5-6, 1985	Yes
1986 Executive Meeting	Location unknown	April 17, 1986	Yes
1986 Executive Meeting	Halifax, NS	June 15, 1986	NONE
1986 Annual General Meeting	Halifax, NS	June 16, 1986	Yes
1986 Executive Meeting	Ottawa, ON	October 23-24, 1986	Yes
1986 Board Meeting	Ottawa, ON	October 24-26, 1986	NONE
1987 Executive Meeting	Nepean, ON	January 17-18, 1987	Yes
1987 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	May 30, 1987	NONE
1987 Annual General Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	May 31, 1987	Yes
1987 Executive Meeting	Location unknown	July 3, 1987	NONE
1987 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	August 29-30, 1987	NONE
1988 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	February 5, 1988	NONE
1988 Board Meeting	Toronto, ON	February 6-7, 1988	Yes
1988 Board Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	May 7, 1988	NONE
1988 Executive Meeting	Moncton, NB	June 11, 1988	NONE
1988 Annual General Meeting	Moncton, NB	June 12, 1988	Yes
1988 Board Meeting	Edmonton, AB	December 16-17, 1988	Yes
1989 Executive Meeting	Rexdale, ON	May 3, 1989	NONE
1989 Board Meeting	Rexdale, ON	May 4-5, 1989	NONE
1989 Annual General Meeting	St-Hyacinthe, PQ	June 11, 1989	Yes
1989 Executive Meeting	St-Hyacinthe, PQ	June 18, 1989	NONE
1989 Executive Meeting	Location unknown	September 9, 1989	NONE
1990 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	March 10-11, 1990	Yes
1990 Annual General Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 10, 1990	Yes
1991 Executive Meeting	Calgary, AB	June 8, 1991	NONE
1991 Annual General Meeting	Calgary, AB	June 9, 1991	Yes
1991 Board Meeting	Calgary, AB	September 21-22, 1991	Yes
1992 Special Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 12, 1992	NONE
1992 Executive Meeting	Victoria, BC	June 13, 1992	NONE
1992 Annual General Meeting	Victoria, BC	June 13, 1992	Yes
1992 Board Meeting	Calgary, AB	September 26-27, 1992	Yes
1993 Executive Meeting	St. John's, NF	February 27-28, 1993	Yes
1993 Disciplinary Committee Meeting	St. John's, NF	February 28, 1993	NONE
1993 Executive Meeting	St. John's, NF	June 12, 1993	Yes
1993 Annual General Meeting	St. John's, NF	June 13, 1993	Yes
1993 World Cup Selection Meeting	St. John's, NF	June 20, 1993	NONE
1993 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	September 17, 1993	Yes
1993 Board Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	September 18-19, 1993	Yes
1994 Special Meeting	Conference Call	February 6, 1994	NONE
1994 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	February 25-27, 1994	Yes
1994 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 11, 1994	Yes

MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	DATE	POLICY ADOPTED
1994 Annual General Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 12, 1994	Yes
1994 Executive Meeting	Vancouver, BC	September 9, 1994	NONE
1994 Board Meeting	Vancouver, BC	September 10, 1994	Yes
1995 Executive Meeting	Regina, SK	February 25-26, 1995	Yes
1995 Executive Meeting	Regina, SK	June 10, 1995	Yes
1995 Annual General Meeting	Regina, SK	June 11, 1995	Yes
1995 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	November 24, 1995	Yes
1995 Board Meeting	Toronto, ON	November 25-26, 1995	Yes
1996 Executive Meeting	Edmonton, AB	April 20-21, 1996	Yes
1996 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 8, 1996	Yes
1996 Annual General Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 9, 1996	Yes
1997 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	February 15-16, 1997	Yes
1997 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 7, 1997	Yes
1997 Annual General Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 8, 1997	Yes
1997 Emergency Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 9-10, 1997	NONE
1997 Emergency Board Meeting	Toronto, ON	June 12, 1997	NONE
1998 Executive Meeting	Hamilton, ON	February 14-15, 1998	Yes
1998 Executive Meeting	St. Hyacinthe, QC	June 13, 1998	Yes
1998 Annual General Meeting	St. Hyacinthe, QC	June 14, 1998	Yes
1999 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	February 20, 1999	NONE
1999 Executive Meeting	Saint John, NB	June 12, 1999	Yes
1999 Annual General Meeting	Saint John, NB	June 13, 1999	Yes
1999 Disciplinary Committee Meeting	Saint John, NB	June 14, 1999	NONE
2000 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	February 5, 2000	NONE
2000 Executive Meeting	Gander, NF	June 10, 2000	Yes
2000 Annual General Meeting	Gander, NF	June 11, 2000	Yes
2000 Disciplinary Committee Meeting	Gander, NF	June 11, 2000	NONE
2000 Special Awards Procedure Meeting	Gander, NF	June 15, 2000	YES
2001 Executive Meeting	Edmonton, AB	February 10, 2001	NONE
2001 Executive Meeting	Edmonton, AB	June 9, 2001	NONE
2001 Annual General Meeting	Edmonton, AB	June 10, 2001	YES
2002 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	January 26, 2002	YES
2002 Executive Meeting	Saskatoon, SK	June 1, 2002	NONE
2002 Annual General Meeting	Saskatoon, SK	June 2, 2002	YES
2002 Emergency Meeting	Saskatoon, SK	June 7, 2002	YES
2003 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	January 25, 2003	YES
2003 Executive Meeting	Saint John, NB	May 31, 2003	YES
2003 Annual General Meeting	Saint John, NB	June 1, 2003	YES
2004 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	January 31, 2004	YES
2004 Executive Meeting	Summerside, PE	June 5, 2004	YES
2004 Annual General Meeting	Summerside, PE	June 6, 2004	YES
2005 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	January 29, 2005	NONE
2005 Executive Meeting	Victoria, BC	June 4, 2005	NONE
2005 Annual General Meeting	Victoria, BC	June 5, 2005	YES
2006 Executive Meeting	Regina, SK	January 28, 2006	YES
2006 Executive Meeting	Halifax, NS	June 10, 2006	YES
2006 Annual General Meeting	Halifax, NS	June 11, 2006	YES
2007 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	January 27, 2007	YES
2007 Executive Meeting	Saskatoon, SK	June 9, 2007	NO
2007 Annual General Meeting	Saskatoon, SK	June 10, 2007	YES
2008 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	January 26, 2008	YES
2008 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	June 7, 2008	YES
2008 Annual General Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	June 8, 2008	YES
2009 Executive Meeting	Winnipeg, MB	January 24, 2009	YES
2009 Executive Meeting	St. Hyacinthe, QC	June 13, 2009	YES
2009 Annual General Meeting	St. Hyacinthe, QC	June 14, 2009	YES
2010 Board of Director's Meeting	Toronto, ON	January 23, 2010	YES
2010 Executive Meeting	Gander, NL	June 12, 2010	YES
2010 Annual General Meeting	Gander, NL	June 13, 2010	YES
2011 Executive Meeting	Montreal, QC	January 21, 2011	YES
2011 Board of Director's Meeting	Montreal, QC	January 22, 2011	NONE
2011 Executive Meeting	Edmonton, AB	June 11, 2011	YES
2011 Annual General Meeting	Edmonton, AB	June 12, 2011	YES
2012 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	January 27, 2012	YES
2012 Board of Director's Meeting	Toronto, ON	January 28, 2012	NONE
2012 Executive Meeting	Thunder Bay, ON	June 9, 2012	NONE
2012 Annual General Meeting	Thunder Bay, ON	June 10, 2012	YES
2013 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	January 19, 2013	NO
2013 Executive Meeting	St. John's, NL	June 8, 2013	YES
2013 Annual General Meeting	St. John's, NL	June 9, 2013	YES
2014 Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	January 25, 2014	YES
2014 Annual General Meeting	Halifax, NS	June 8, 2014	YES
2016 Executive Meeting	Montreal, QC	January 23, 2016	YES

1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ADULT & YOUTH)

1.1 National Championships - Female Events

All female events will have equal representation as the male events.

1979 Annual General Meeting - September 21, 1979

1.2 National Championships - Results Distribution

A one-page summary of results for the National Championships shall be distributed to each member darts body. A complete set of results shall be available upon request.

Amended at the 1997 Annual General Meeting – Toronto, ON – June 8, 1997

1.3 National Championships - Dress Code

The member darts body to enforce the dress code, to include “dress pants” as defined by the NDFC Board of Directors. Non-adherence to the dress code will result in the preclusion of the player from participating in the National Championships until such time as the dress code is adhered to.

Rugby pants could be approved as part of a team uniform. If a member darts body believes that their team uniform may not meet the NDFC dress code, they shall submit a special request of that team uniform by no later than April 1st for Youth and May 1st for Adults.

Amended at the 1995 Annual General Meeting - Regina, SK - June 11, 1995

1.4 National Championships - Smoking & Drinking Policy

Water, placed by officials, shall be permitted on stage at all National events. There shall be no smoking other than in the designated smoking area. Drinking within the playing area, with the playing area defined as a roped off area, shall not be allowed. However, the Tournament Organizers of the National Championships reserve the right to allow the consumption of a non-alcoholic beverage within the playing area upon request.

Amended at the 1997 Annual General Meeting – Toronto, ON – June 8, 1997

1.5 National Championships - Host Guidelines & Responsibilities

1.5.1 National Championships – Guidelines

A National Host Guidelines and Responsibilities has been adopted and a complete copy of the most current National Host Guidelines and Responsibilities for the Adult & Youth Nationals were adopted and now referred to as “Policy 3” and “Policy 4”, respectively, of the Regulations. Facilities shall be 15,000 square feet for youth and 20,000 square feet for adults. A floor plan required at initial presentation.

Amended at the 1995 Board of Directors Meeting - Toronto, ON - November 25-26, 1995

1.5.2 National Championships – Financial Contracts

Financial responsibilities contract to be signed between NDFC and host province.

1995 Board of Directors Meeting - Toronto, ON - November 25-26, 1995

1.5.3 National Championships – Final Report (Host Summary)

Each National Championship host shall provide a Final Report within 60 days of the event. The General Secretary will provide the Host Province with the necessary documents to be completed and these documents will be included in the Hosting Contracts and Guidelines. Failure to return the Final Report will result in a \$200.00 fine for the Host Province.

Amended at the 2016 Executive Meeting – Montreal, QC – January 23, 2016

1.5.4 National Championships – Fundraising

Regulation Removed

Amended at the 2003 Executive Meeting - St. John, NB - May 31, 2003

1.6 National Championships - Site Inspection

A site inspection shall be completed by July 15 each year by one member of the Executive, preferable the Executive Member who resides closest to the location.

1991 Annual General Meeting - Calgary, AB - June 9, 1991

1.7 National Championships - Banquet Dress

The dress code for the banquet during the National Championships shall be “semi-formal” and this must be printed directly onto the banquet ticket. The host province shall be responsible for designating a “door person” at the banquet responsible for monitoring and enforcing the “semi-formal” dress code.

Amended at the 1993 Board Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - September 18-19, 1993

1.8 National Championships - Alternating Locations

Regulation Removed

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 1998

1.9 National Championships - Program/Pamphlet/Brochure

The host province must provide the NDFC executive with a draft copy of the official program for approval prior to printing. The inside front cover page, and the inside and outside back page of the official program/pamphlet/ brochure for the National Championships must be allocated to the NDFC for their use.

Amended at the 1993 Annual General Meeting - St. John's NF - June 13, 1993

1.10 National Championships - Provincial Director Responsibilities

All Provincial Directors shall make themselves available to work with the Executive at the control desk and any other duties as they may arise at the Nationals. Should the Provincial Director not be available or is a player in an event, the Member Darts Body shall provide one other person to work with the Executive at the Nationals. For each occurrence where a province or territory does not have a representative available for the scheduled time to work, the province will be fined \$150.00.

Amended at the 1993 Board Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - September 18-19, 1993

1.11 National Championships - Advertisements on Clothing at NDFC Sponsored Event

1.11.1 Approval of Advertising

All advertising is subject to prior NDFC approval. All sample logos must be submitted for approval to the NDFC Youth Director (for Youth National Championship) and to the NDFC General Secretary (for Adult National Championship) by no later than April 1st each year. No crests, particularly those bearing advertisements, shall be added to Team Shirts without the prior permission of the NDFC. Should players wish to wear any previous years' team shirts bearing advertisements, they must first obtain prior permission of the NDFC.

Amended at the 2009 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 2009

1.11.2 Size of Advertising

In addition to any NDFC sponsor logos, a maximum of 3 sponsor advertisements shall be permitted on each team shirt. There is no restriction on size or placement of logos on team shirts, but the sponsors must be approved in advance by the NDFC.

Amended at the 2012 Annual General Meeting – Thunder Bay, ON – June 10, 2012

1.12 National Championships – Awarding Location

The Youth National Championships and Adult National Championships shall be awarded at the Annual General Meeting 2 years prior to the event.

Intentions to bid on the Youth and Adult National Championships shall be provided by interested Member Darts Bodies at the Annual General Meeting 3 years prior to the event.

Should an event not be awarded at the applicable Annual General Meeting, the NDFC Executive shall award the event to the most suitable and willing Member Darts Body.

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 1998

1.13 National Championships – Eligibility to Bid

Any Member Darts Body shall be eligible to put forward a bid for the Youth and Adult National Championships in the year the events are being awarded.

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 1998

1.14 National Championships – Bonding Fees (fine)

A **fine** of \$1,000 shall be charged to the Member Darts Body should a member body back out of hosting a Youth National Championship after it has been awarded. A **fine** of \$2,000 shall be charged to the Member Darts Body should a member body back out of hosting an Adult National Championship after it has been awarded.

The **fine** shall be payable to the new host immediately upon backing out of the event. The NDFC shall consider the Member Body non-financial with the NDFC until such time as the fine has been received by the new host.

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 1998

1.15 National Championship Sponsors

Should a National Championship Host receive complimentary Nodor Boards that are theirs to sell at the end of the event, the host shall be required to acknowledge BY Group, Swiftlyte, Nodor as a sponsor of the National Championships.

2012 Annual General Meeting – Thunder Bay, ON – June 10, 2012

2. ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 Adult National Championships - Event Timing

The National Championships for mixed, men and women's events will take place in June of each year and the date will be set in order to have the Canadian Open finish on the third weekend of June.

Amended at the 2003 Annual General Meeting - St. John, NB - June 1, 2003

2.2 Adult National Championships - Provincial Representation

2.2.1 Male and Female Alternates

Each province is permitted to send 8 men and 8 women to the National Championships and each province is permitted to carry a male and female alternate. These alternates must have competed in a "qualifying leg" of the Nationals; this includes all registered zone participants. Once an alternate has played in place of an original team member, the original player shall not be permitted to reenter that event. The original player may be reentered into subsequent events.

Amended at the 2010 Annual General Meeting – Gander, NL – June 13, 2010

2.2.2 Players submitted after deadline

For player(s) submitted after the established National Championship team registration deadline, those player(s) shall be entered into the draw in the exact position with the exact pairing, of the player that that individual is replacing.

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 1998

2.2.3 Players Obligations – National Championship Events

All players registered to participate **MUST** be present for all events during the **FOUR** days of the National Championships. Failure to comply with this rule could result in a fine of up to \$500 being levied against the Province and/or the player and a possible **ONE** year suspension. Extenuating circumstances would be considered.

2008 Executive Meeting – Winnipeg, MB – January 26, 2008

2.3 Adult National Championships – Team Registration Fee

See Article 7.9 (new in 2012)

Amended at the 2012 Annual General Meeting – Thunder Bay, ON – June 10, 2012

2.3.1 **Adult National Championships - Funding for Host Province**

The team registration fee of \$1200 will be waived each year for the Host Province. The NDFC will take the \$1200 plus the \$1.00 (per person) membership fees, not to exceed a maximum of \$5,000, and this will be given to the Host Province to help them cover the cost of hosting the National Championships. This funding will take effect for the 2004 National Championships.

The Host Province will be obliged to give a report to the NDFC and indicate how the money was used in offsetting the cost of the National Championships. This report must be forwarded to the General Secretary within 90 days of the event. Failure to return the report will result in a \$200.00 fine for the Host Province.

Amended at the 2016 Executive Meeting – Montreal, QC - January 23, 2016

2.4 **Adult National Championships - Schedule**

A standard schedule, with flexibility, was adopted for the National Championships. This standard schedule has changed from time to time throughout the years. A copy of the most current standard schedule is now referred to as "Addendum 1" of the Regulations.

1983 Annual General Meeting – Toronto, ON - May 24, 1983

2.5 **Adult National Championships - Age Eligibility**

All participants in the Adult National Championships must be of legal age in accordance with the laws of the host province. It is the responsibility of each Member Body to ensure that the participants are eligible as per the laws of the Host Province or Territory.

Amended at the 2014 Annual General Meeting – Halifax, NS – June 8, 2014

2.6 **Adult National Championships - Awards**

2.6.1 **Adult National Championship – Regular Event Awards**

Awards shall be issued to the top four positions in all events and shall be presented at the "award ceremony" as part of the banquet during the National Championships.

There shall be two perennial trophies awarded to the Adult National Champions of the Men's and Women's Singles.

Amended at the 2009 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 2009

2.6.2 **Adult National Championship – Nodor Event**

The NDFC has purchased two plaques, one for the men's event and one for the women's event. These plaques will be the financial responsibility of the winning Province or Territory and it will also be their responsibility to insure that the plaques are shipped to the next Host Province in sufficient time for the National Championships.

Amended at the 2003 Executive Meeting - St. John, NB - May 31, 2003

2.7 **Adult National Championships – Format**

2.7.1 **Adult National Championship – Playing Format**

With the exception of the Men's and Women's Doubles, all events at the Adult National Championships shall be played using eight round-robin groups with the top 4 teams advancing from each group into a 32-draw knockout. The Men's and Women's Doubles shall be played using four round-robin groups with the top 4 teams advancing from each group into a 16-draw knockout.

Men's Singles Event	Best of 5 legs, 501, SIDO Best of 7 legs, 501, SIDO -- Semi-Finals Best of 9 legs, 501, SIDO – Finals
Women's Singles Event	Best of 5 legs, 501, SIDO Best of 7 legs, 501, SIDO – Finals
Men's, Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles	– Best of 5 legs, 501, SIDO

Amended at the 2010 Annual General Meeting – Gander, NL – June 13, 2010

2.7.2 **Adult National Championship – Coaching**

Tutoring/coaching shall not be permitted at the National Championships, with the exception of the doubles play where a doubles partner may confer with his/her partner.

1994 Board Meeting - Vancouver, BC - September 10, 1994

2.8 **Adult National Championships - Canada Cup Format**

A Canada Cup shall be awarded during the National Championships, with points awarded to the players based on their achievements during the Nationals. Each Member Darts Bodies' points would be tallied and the cup be presented to the Member Darts Body with the most points. The winner of the Canada Cup shall be kept secret until the Awards Banquet.

Amended at the 1988 Annual General Meeting - Moncton, NB - June 12, 1988

2.9 **Adult National Championships - Singles Buy-In**

The top 16 ranked players, male and female, from the May 1st Official NDFC ranking list shall have the right to buy into the singles portion of the National Championships. When a player has qualified through their member darts body, they may choose to enter as a "buy-in" ranked player or they may participate as a team member of their member darts body.

The entry fee shall be \$250, non-refundable.

All players buying into the National Championships will be randomly selected into sections.

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 1998

2.10 **Adult National Championships – Stage Play**

Unless televised, stage play during the Adult National Championships shall consist of only:

- Mixed Doubles – Final
- Men's Doubles – Final
- Women's Doubles – Final
- Men's Singles – Semi Finals and Final
- Women's Singles – Semi Finals and Final

1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

2.11 Adult National Championships – Host Hotels

All players attending the Adult National Championships must stay in the host hotels.

1999 Annual General Meeting – Saint John, NB – June 13, 1999

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3.1 Regulation Removed

This item is contained in the NDFC Constitution.

3.2 Annual General Meeting - Timing

The Annual General Meeting will be held the day prior to the National Championships each year.

1980 Annual General Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - June 23, 1980

3.3 Annual General Meeting - Expenses

Expenses for the National Executive to attend the NDFC Annual General Meeting shall be paid by the NDFC.

Expenses for Provincial Directors to attend the NDFC Annual General Meeting shall be the responsibility of the province.

Amended at the 1980 Annual General Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - June 23, 1980

3.4 Annual General Meeting - Flexible Order Of Business

In order to make maximum use of available time and resources, a flexible order of business was adopted. Some items are discussed on numerous separate occasions. In the interest of clarity, the minutes will be compiled by category rather than by chronological sequence.

1984 Board Meeting - Toronto, ON - February 3-5, 1984

3.5 Annual General Meeting - Agenda Packages

The General Secretary shall provide each member darts body with **one** AGM agenda package. The Provincial/Territorial Director will be responsible to make copies for those members who would be attending the AGM.

Amended at the 2000 Annual General Meeting – Gander, NF - June 11, 2000

4. MEETINGS OF THE NDFC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1 Meetings of the NDFC Board of Directors - Member Darts Body Fees

Regulation removed.

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 1998

4.2 Meetings of the NDFC Board of Directors - Fall Board of Directors Meeting

The fall Board of Directors meeting shall be held at the discretion of the Executive, based on need and financial considerations.

Amended at the 1997 Annual General Meeting – Toronto, ON – June 8, 1997

4.3 Meetings of the NDFC Board of Directors - Dress Code

During the Annual General Meeting and the first full day of Board or Executive Meetings, the dress code shall be NDFC uniform, provincial team or executive uniform or appropriate business attire. To ensure new representatives are aware, this will be listed on meeting notices and agendas.

1995 Board of Directors Meeting - Toronto, ON - November 25-26, 1995

5. INTERNATIONAL PLAYER REPRESENTATION

5.1 International Player Representation - World Masters

5.1.1 *International Player Representation - World Masters – NDFC Responsibilities*

The NDFC will complete the necessary entry forms for all players who receive invitations to participate in the BDO World Masters. The NDFC will provide these players (Adult and Youth) with all the necessary information on the BDO World Masters in order for them to make their own preparations.

Current List of Eligible Player Invitations (subject to change):

Adult National Championship - Men's Singles (1st to 5th position inclusively)

Adult National Championship - Women's Singles (1st and 2nd position)

#1 Player on Men's NDFC Ranking List on April 30th (or substitute / up to #8 on ranking)

#1 Player on Women's NDFC Ranking List on April 30th (or substitute / #2 on ranking)

Men's & Ladies Singles Champions of each WDF Ranked Event (6 WDF ranked tournaments)

Men's & Ladies Singles Champions of each BDO Ranked Event (2 BDO ranked tournaments)

Male & Female Youth – International Qualifier Event

Amended at the 2014 Annual General Meeting – Halifax, NS – June 8, 2014

5.1.2 *International Player Representation - World Masters – Invitational Representatives*

All players attending by individual invitation shall be responsible for all of their own expenses.

Amended at the 1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

5.2 International Player Representation - World Cup

5.2.1 *International Player Representation - World Cup – NDFC Financial Responsibilities*

World Cup team for Canada will include four men and four women, accompanied by two executive members as team managers. The NDFC shall be financially responsible for airfare, accommodations and any additional expenses, as outlined in the relevant sections of this document. And when applicable, the Youth attending, will be given the same privileges as the Adults.

Amended at the 2014 Executive Meeting – Toronto, ON – January 25, 2014

5.2.2 **International Player Representation**

a) **World Cup Adult Qualifier – Eligibility & Format**

The number one ranked male and female on the “official” NDFC adult ranking list shall become automatic team members. During the National Championships, a play off shall be held to determine the remainder of the World Cup team. Eligibility into the qualifier play off shall include the 2nd to 16th place men and women, including ties, from the “official” NDFC ranking list of May 1st, the Canadian National men’s and women’s champion, if not already eligible, and the true Provincial Champions if not already eligible. Each Province/Territory may have one (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**. If the Canadian National men’s and women’s champion is already eligible, the **runner’s up only** will then be allowed to participate.

The May 1st, Official NDFC ranking list shall be utilized for eligibility and seeding into the qualifier event.

The format for the World Cup Qualifier event shall consist of modified seeded round robin of 4 sections, each player will play the best of 3 games against each opponent in that section, each game shall be 501, straight in double out; the top 2 players from each section will advance to a knockout round consisting of a total of 8 persons; the knockout rounds will consist of the best of 5 games; the 3rd place person in both sections of the men’s round robin will go into a “B” side playoff for 2nd and 3rd alternate. Rules are subject to change by the Tournament Director.

If there are 17 players or more in either the men’s or women’s play off, the format shall be a seeded straight knockout draw, best of 5.

If due to television coverage, the Men’s and Women’s Singles final has not been held prior to the qualifier, both the finalists shall be eligible to compete if not already eligible.

When round robin play is in effect during the qualifier, the format shall be best of 3 games, playing for match wins.

Amended at the 2009 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 2009

b) **Entry Fee**

An entry fee of \$35 per person will be charged to those competing in the World Cup Qualifier Event if they have participated in the National Singles Championship.

The entry fee for Buy-In players eligible for the International Qualifier will be \$285.00 if they do not participate in the National Singles Championship.

Amended at the 2011 Executive Meeting – Edmonton, AB – June 11, 2011

c) **Substitutions**

In the case where the number one ranked player is not available to participate in the World Cup, the NDFC will revert back to the Official Ranking List and invite the #2 player. If necessary, the NDFC will go down the ranking list, but only to 8th place.

In the case where one of the qualified players is not available to participate in the World Cup, the NDFC will revert back to the Qualifying Tournament (held during the week of the National Championships) and will invite the first alternate. If that player is not available to participate, the NDFC will proceed to the next alternate until such time as a full team has been formed.

In the event that the #2 to #8 ranked players have qualified for the team and are needed to fill the #1 position, the remaining vacant position will be filled from the qualifying tournament until the team is complete.

Amended at the 2011 Annual General Meeting – Edmonton, AB – June 12, 2011

5.3 **International Player Representation - Qualifier Fees**

5.3.1 **International Player Representation - Qualifier Fees – World Cup**

The NDFC shall charge a qualifier fee of \$350.00 for those players who qualify to attend the World Cup.

Amended at the 2012 Executive Meeting – Toronto, ON – January 27, 2012

5.3.2 **International Player Representation - Qualifier Fees – World Cup Deadline**

Deadline to submit qualifier fees for Team Canada members attending the World Cup shall be July 30th. For any player learning of eligibility after the Adult National Championships, the deadline date shall be 30 days following the National Championships or 14 days after learning of eligibility, whichever is the latter.

Amended at the 1999 Annual General Meeting – Saint John, NB – June 13, 1999

5.3.3 **International Player Representation - Qualifier Fees - Americas Cup**

The NDFC shall charge a qualifier fee of \$250.00 for those players who qualify to attend the Americas Cup. This qualifier fee will be payable upon confirmation of participation as per player contract.

2002 Executive Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - January 26, 2002

5.4 **International Player Representation - Team Canada Uniform**

5.4.1 **International Player Representation - Team Canada Uniform – World Cup**

Each Team Canada player shall receive 2 Team Canada shirts.

The Team Canada uniform shall consist of a Team Canada shirt, black dress pants or skirt and respectable footwear and shall be worn throughout tournament play. A white shirt/blouse, tie for the men, dress pants, and dress shoes shall be worn during opening ceremonies and closing. During the official banquet, formal attire shall be worn (i.e.: men in jacket and tie).

Amended at the 1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

5.4.2 **International Player Representation - Team Canada Uniform – World Masters**

The Team Canada uniform shall consist of a Team Canada shirt, black dress pants or skirt and respectable footwear and shall be worn throughout tournament play.

Amended at the 1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

5.4.3 International Player Representation - Team Canada Uniform – Americas Cup

The Team Canada uniform shall consist of a Team Canada shirt, black dress pants or skirt and totally black shoes (closed toe and back) and shall be worn throughout tournament play.

2009 Annual General Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 14, 2009

5.5 International Player Representation - Agreement

Each Team Canada player, that the NDFC will be financially responsible for, shall be required to sign a “Financial & Player Conduct Agreement” outlining the responsibilities of both the NDFC and the player.

Each Team Canada player, personally responsible for their own expenses including alternates and invitees, shall be required to sign a “Player Conduct Agreement” outlining the responsibilities of both the NDFC and the player.

Amended at the 1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

5.6 International Player Representation - Transportation

Each player, representing Canada at an international event, shall be responsible for transportation from the home town/city to the nearest major airport.

1993 Executive Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - September 17, 1993

5.7 International Player Representation – BDO World Professional Darts Championship Selection

Upon request of the British Darts Organization, the NDFC shall submit the required complement of players to be considered for selection by utilizing the most current “official” NDFC ranking list, in the order of ranking.

Amended at 2006 Executive Meeting – Regina, SK – January 28, 2006

5.8 International Player Representation – BDO World Professional Darts Championship Play-Offs Selection

Those players who are entitled to invites to the World Masters will also receive the invitations to the International Play-Offs. In the event that there are additional spots available, the NDFC will revert to the May 1st ranking list to fill those positions. All players shall be responsible for their own expenses.

Amended at the 2006 Executive Meeting – Regina, SK – January 28, 2006

5.9 International Player Representation – Asia/Pacific Cup

Due to the cancellation of the WDF Pacific Cup, the NDFC would consider participation in a suitable replacement event based on financial considerations.

Amended at the 2000 Annual General Meeting – Gander, NF – June 11, 2000

5.10 International Player Representation – Additional Accommodation Expenses

All international competitors, sharing a room with someone other than a team member, shall be held financially responsible should this result in any additional costs to the NDFC.

1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

6. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATION

6.1 International Executive Representation – World Masters and World Cup

6.1.1 International Executive Representation - World Masters

A representative may be required to attend when situations warrant it. NDFC remits will be submitted to coincide with the WDF Meeting that is held in conjunction with the World Cup.

Amended at the 2004 Executive Meeting – Toronto, ON – January 31, 2004

6.1.2 International Executive Representation - World Cup

Two NDFC representatives shall attend the World Cup, with one of the representatives having had previous World Cup experience (where possible). And when there are Youth attending the World Cup, chaperones will be required and they may need to be bilingual depending on the youth in attendance

Amended at the 2013 Executive Meeting – St. John's, NL - June 8, 2013

6.1.3 International Executive Representation - Report

Representatives shall provide a report to all NDFC Board of Directors within 30 days of returning from an international event. The report shall include results of event and when applicable, reports/remits from the World Darts Federation meeting.

Amended at the 1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

7. MEMBERSHIP

7.1 Membership - Cards

Membership cards shall be bilingual and issued prior to the start of each season, beginning October 1st and expiring September 30th, with province to receive pre-printed computerized cards for previous members and blank cards for new members.

All pre-printed membership cards for members who did not renew their membership must be returned to the NDFC Membership Director with the membership packages. Member Bodies will be invoiced for all non-renewed, non-returned cards at the current rate of the cost of membership.

All blank cards, that are not used, must be returned to the Membership Director with the last submission of membership in April. If, at any time, more blank cards are needed, they will be sent to the Director.

The current email addresses of the NDFC Membership Director and NDFC General Secretary shall be printed on the back of each NDFC membership card.

At events where it is mandatory to have a membership card in your possession and a current member does not have their membership card, a member in good standing must purchase a duplicate replacement card at a cost of \$2.00.

Players and executive, representing Canada at an international event, must have a valid membership card in their possession prior to departing Canada.

Those members wishing to renew their NDFC membership during the week of the Nationals must do so with the NDFC Membership Director by no later than Friday of the Canadian Nationals.

Amended at the 2013 Executive Meeting – St. John's, NL - June 8, 2013

7.2 Membership - Lists

The National Membership List is the property of the NDFC and cannot be used by anyone without the express permission of the NDFC.

1985 Board Meeting - Rexdale, ON - October 5-6, 1985

7.3 Membership

7.3.1 Member Darts Body Boundaries

For the purposes of membership, member darts body boundaries shall be consistent with Canada's provincial/territorial boundaries with the exception of Northern Ontario.

Due to a special circumstance with a border city of Lloydminster (both located in Saskatchewan and Alberta), a mutual agreement was struck that the players on the Alberta side would be registered members of the Saskatchewan Darts Association. Also, the players residing in the town of Flin Flon, Manitoba have a mutual agreement with the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan for the players to be registered members of the Saskatchewan Darts Association.

Amended at the 2010 Annual General Meeting – Gander, NL - June 13, 2010

7.3.2 Membership Eligibility

7.3.2.1 Individuals

Individuals shall be permitted to take out membership in any Member Darts Body provided it is agreed upon by both Member Darts Bodies. Should a member hold their membership within one Member Darts Body and then purchase a second membership within another Member Darts Body, the initial membership, non-refundable, shall be null and void.

Should a mutual decision be unattainable, the member or member body could appeal to the NDFC Membership Director.

7.3.2.2 Provinces or Territories with non-existent Member Dart Bodies

In the event that a Member Darts Body does not exist within a Province or Territory where a player resides, agreement shall be required from the Member Darts Body and the NDFC Executive accepting membership from the non-resident player.

When there is no Member Body and a player chooses to be a member of a certain province, he/she is then bound to that province for all future years unless he/she moves to another Province or Territory or a Member Body is established.

Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the NDFC Executive.

Amended at the 2008 Annual General Meeting – Winnipeg, MB – June 8, 2008

7.3.3 Provincial / Territorial Championship Eligibility

A player must be an NDFC member through that province or territory in order to participate in their Provincial or Territorial Championship. It is the intention that a player can only compete in one Provincial/Territorial Championship in any given season, unless extenuating circumstances dictate and are agreed upon by both Member Darts Bodies.

2007 Annual General Meeting – Saskatoon, SK – June 10, 2007

7.4 Membership - Suspended Players List

The names of all players currently suspended by a member darts body shall be submitted to the NDFC for publication.

1992 Board Meeting - Calgary, AB - September 26-27, 1992

7.5 Membership - Lifetime Membership Criteria

Criteria for consideration of approval for Lifetime Membership shall include:

- Was or is a standing member of the NDFC for a minimum of fifteen years
- Accomplished outstanding achievement, either as a player and/or administrator, either Provincially, Nationally or Internationally
- Other contributions which Member Body feels are warranted

Each NDFC executive member that serves three consecutive terms in office (6 years), provided they meet the 15-years continuous years' criteria, will automatically be awarded an NDFC Lifetime Membership.

- A nomination form shall be requested from the NDFC Membership Director. The completed form must be received by the NDFC General Secretary no later than December 15th of any calendar year.
- Nomination forms shall be reviewed by the NDFC Executive at the semi-annual Executive Meeting in January each year.
- The presentation of this award shall take place at the banquet held at the Nationals competition the following June.
- At the time of the presentation each successful nominee shall receive a lifetime membership certificate, a lifetime membership pin, and a gold plate (sublimated) membership card on which shall be recorded said player's lifetime membership number.

Amended at the 2014 Annual General Meeting – Halifax, NS – June 8, 2014

7.6 Membership – Deadlines (Adults & Youth)

The deadline to submit Youth Memberships and Adult Memberships to the NDFC shall be established by the NDFC Membership Director specific to each member darts body.

For those membership submissions not received ON or BEFORE the established deadline date, there shall be a fine of \$200.

All members of the current NDFC Executive and the Provincial or Territorial Executive must be valid NDFC members and have until October 31st of each year to obtain their membership.

Anyone who is acting as a Ranked Tournament Director must be a valid NDFC member.

Amended at the 2016 Executive Meeting – Montreal, QC – January 23, 2016

7.7 Membership - Early Bird Discounts (Regulation Removed)

Amended at the 1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

7.8 Membership Fee - Individual

The annual membership fee for individuals shall be \$15.00 per member.

Amended at the 2010 Board of Director's Meeting - Toronto, ON - January 23, 2010

7.9 Membership - Provincial/Territorial Affiliation Fee & Team Registration Fee

The Provincial/Territorial Affiliation Fee shall be \$400 per member darts body and payable to the NDFC Financial Director by December 15th of each year.

The Team Registration Fee (Adults) shall be \$1200 per member darts body and payable on the established deadline date in April of each year.

The total of \$1600 is a mandatory fee for each member body whether or not the Provincial/Territorial team attends the Adult National Championships. In the case of a late payment of the fees, the member darts body will be fined \$200.

If, in any given year, a team does not participate and the Provincial/Territorial Director is not in attendance to perform their duties, the fine of \$150 per day established in 1993 will be levied against the member darts body. (See also Article 1.10)

2012 Annual General Meeting - Thunder Bay, ON - June 10, 2012

7.10 Membership - Ranking Lists

The NDFC updates and publishes the Ranking List 5 times a year as per Article 10.4. The players should contact their Membership Directors to ensure that verification of their membership renewal is forwarded to the NDFC Membership Director. If a player was identified as a non-member on a published Ranking List and has unsuccessfully attempted to have their Membership Director submit verification, resulting in the removal of their name from the next published Ranking List, the player must submit a photocopy of their membership card directly to the NDFC Membership Director. Upon verification that the player's membership was purchased within the required timeframe of earning these points, the NDFC Membership Director shall report this to the NDFC Ranking Officer for these points to be reinstated. If the Member Body fails to respond within 30 days of a request for verification made by the NDFC Membership Director, a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be levied but the player will not be penalized.

Amended at the 2011 Executive Meeting - Montreal, QC - January 21, 2011

8. MEMBER DARTS BODY PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Adult & Youth)

8.1 Member Darts Body Provincial Championships - Playoff Eligibility

A player must be a member of the NDFC before playing in any provincial playoff. Member dart bodies shall submit results for any provincial qualifying event, including all zone shoots, by the dates and method of submission established with the NDFC Membership Director. Failure to comply will result in a fine, up to a maximum of \$500.00.

Amended at the 2010 Annual General Meeting - Gander, NL - June 13, 2010

8.2 Member Darts Body Provincial Championships - Formats

Each province will use their own playing format for provincial qualifications to select their players for the National Championships.

1983 Annual General Meeting - Toronto, ON - May 24, 1983

8.3 Member Darts Body Provincial Championships - Timing of Youth Events

Youth provincial championships must be completed by March 30th of each year.

1992 Board Meeting - Calgary, AB - September 26-27, 1992

8.4 Member Darts Body Provincial Championships - Timing of Adult Events

The Member Darts Bodies shall make every attempt to complete their Provincial Championships by the second full weekend in April (or the Easter Long Weekend, whichever is the later) and at the same time, the date for the submission of the Provincial or Territorial Team will now be April 30th of each year.

Amended at the 2008 Annual General Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - June 8, 2008

8.5 Member Darts Body Provincial Championships - Guidelines

A document has been prepared including our current guidelines for Provincial Championships. These Guidelines will be forwarded to all Member Darts Bodies at the beginning of each membership year.

Amended at the 1998 Annual General Meeting - St. Hyacinthe, QC - June 14, 1998

8.6 Tie-Breaker Rules

Tie Breaker Rules pertaining to Provincial Championships may be determined by the Member Body.

1999 Annual General Meeting - Saint John, NB - June 13, 1999

9. SPONSORSHIP

9.1 Sponsorship - Agreements

The National Executive is authorized to make all and any agreements regarding manufacturing and sales of royalty bearing items in addition to dart boards, provided that there is an escape clause and that some of the distribution of the funds go to the provinces.

The National Executive authorized to pursue sponsorship on a national level on behalf of all provinces.

During the National Championships, the host province may enter into sponsorship agreements and exclusive rights provided these agreements and exclusive rights receive prior approval of the NDFC executive and provinces attending these championships must abide by these agreements and rights.

Amended at the 1992 Annual General Meeting - Victoria, BC - June 13, 1992

9.2 Sponsorship - Contracts for Canadian Players

National Executive will contact all Canadian players and request them to refer to the National Executive before signing any contract regarding darts and any sponsorship thereof.

1983 Annual General Meeting - Toronto, ON - May 24, 1983

9.3 Sponsorship - Obligations

The NDFC is obligated to provide a service to the sponsors in return for the money or services they provide to the association. This service takes the form of successful tournaments, events, and publicity that makes visible the name of the sponsor.

1984 Board Meeting - Toronto, ON - February 3-5, 1984

9.4 Sponsorship - Dart Board Distribution

From the allotment of 350 dartboards received from our sponsor each year, 164 dartboards will be shipped to the Host Province to be used for the National Championships (64 Youth and 100 Adult). The remaining 186 dartboards will be sold to Member Bodies wishing to purchase them; requests for dartboards must be received by January 15th of each year. After that date, all remaining dartboards will be sold on a "first come" basis. A cheque for \$50 (per Provincial/Territorial Championship) will be issued yearly to each Member Body in lieu of NDFC dartboards.

Amended at the 2013 Annual General Meeting - St. John's, NL - June 9, 2013

10. NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM

10.1 National Ranking System - Rules, Formats & Guidelines

National Ranking Tournaments System developed. The ranking tournament rules and regulations have changed throughout the years. A copy of the most recent Ranking Tournament Package is now referred to as "Addendum 2" of the Regulations.

A minimum of \$3,000 guarantee prize money is required for all NDFC ranked tournaments.

Effective May 1st, 2004, the bonding fee for all ranked tournaments will be reduced to \$50.00 in lieu of the two dartboards previously provided to the ranked tournaments.

Suspended players shall not be permitted to compete in NDFC National Ranked Tournaments. A fine of \$250.00 will be levied against any tournament permitting a player to participate while they are listed on the NDFC Suspension List. If the fine is not paid by the tournament organizers, it then falls back onto the Province. The Province will be considered non-financial and the tournament will lose its NDFC ranking.

A selected number of tournaments from across Canada will be selected.

Ranked tournaments will either have a knockout or modified round robin format.

Ranked tournaments must use the NDFC playing rules for the singles "ranked" events.

All new ranked open tournaments and re-application of ranked tournaments shall pay the \$50 registration fee and must first be sanctioned, ranked and/or approved through the applicable Member Darts Body prior to receiving approval by the National Darts Federation of Canada.

The following formats shall be used during singles play at all NDFC ranked open tournaments:

- Players shall be seeded using the following sequence of ranking lists: WDF, NDFC and host province. Only the top 16 WDF ranked, top 16 NDFC ranked and top 16 Provincial ranked, may be seeded into the singles events at all NDFC ranked tournaments. All players present, in the top 16 NDFC ranked and top 16 Provincial ranked (if an official ranking system exists within that province), must be seeded into the singles events at all NDFC ranked tournaments. The top 16 WDF ranked players are only seeded when the event is WDF and NDFC ranked.
- The order of play shall be decided by a coin toss. The winner of the toss shall throw first in the first leg of the first set, and alternate legs thereafter in that match, except that for the final leg of the final set, if required to be played. The loser of the toss shall throw first in the second leg of the first set, and alternate legs thereafter, except that for the final leg of the final set. In the last and deciding leg of the last and deciding set, the winner of the original toss shall have the option of throwing first at the bull, or having the loser throw first at the bull. The player whose dart is closest to the bull shall throw first in the leg.
- Where sectional play is in effect, count back shall not be used to eliminate a player for advancing. A special play off shall be used.

Ranked tournament organizers shall submit results, by e-mail, to the NDFC Ranking Officer within 7 days of the event. Failure to comply will result in the registration fee being increased to \$150.00 for the following year. Checks or money orders, to cover the next year's registration fee and the \$1.00 fee per participant in the singles event must be sent to the NDFC Financial Director and the Re-Application form (Part 3) must be sent to the NDFC Ranking Officer within 15 days of the event. Failure to comply with these rules could result in the loss of all ranking points and a penalty fee of \$100.00 will be applied to the next year's registration fee, increasing the fee to a total of \$250.00. If in the following year, all deadlines are met, the bonding fee will revert back to \$50.00 for the next year.

Each National Ranked Tournament must have both men's singles and women's singles events.

A \$1.00 remittance fee per player must be submitted to the NDFC for all participants in the Singles Events (Men and Women).

Total zone, district and provincial competitors will be included in the count for NDFC ranking points for Provincial Championships.

The NDFC shall consider ranking any tournament, regardless of membership numbers within their member darts body, provided they meet the current ranking criteria.

All NDFC ranked tournament flyers shall:

- Indicate the guaranteed tournament prize payout (NDFC requires a minimum of \$3,000)
- Provide a detailed list of pay outs for each finishing position for each advertised event
- Include any province-specific rules or regulations regarding the enforcement of dress code or footwear requirements, over and above the NDFC Rules. The exclusion of these requirements on the flyer shall cause them to be unenforceable
- List NDFC approval
- **List Provincial approval number**

- Be proofed by the NDFC ranking officer 60 days prior to distribution

Ranked tournament posters – if not received by the 60-day deadline for approval – there will be a \$50 fine levied against the organizers. If this fine is not paid, the tournament will not be ranked for the following year.

* Electronic Mail shall be considered an acceptable form of Ranked Tournament Flyer Distribution.

All NDFC ranked tournaments under probation shall be noted on all future Ranked Tournament schedules.

All NEW NDFC ranked tournaments, after July 1st, 1997, if run by a dart league, MUST be a member of their provincial body with NDFC affiliation.

Due to an act of God, tournament organizers may reduce their tournament pay-outs to NO LESS than 100% of the entry fees. Should this occur, the tournament organizers must advise the competitors prior to the start of play on each day that is affected by the act of God. The tournament organizers must display a complete list of entries and pay-outs in a public area at the tournament following the completion of each event. The tournament organizers must submit written proof to the NDFC of this act of God, such as a Weather or Police Report.

Amended at the 2012 Executive Meeting – Toronto, ON – January 27, 2012

10.2 Ranking Tournaments – Crossing Borders

A proven sponsor of an NDFC Ranked Tournament, with approval of the Province, will be allowed to cross borders and hold a tournament and receive ranking points in the first year.

1999 Annual General Meeting – Saint John, NB – June 13, 1999

10.3 National Ranking System - Ranking Point Structure

A player may participate in as many tournaments as they wish; however, he/she may only count 10 results in their total based on the following criteria:

- A maximum of 3 results from any one MEMBER BODY may be counted
- A maximum of 2 results from each of all other MEMBER BODIES may be counted
- The Provincial/Territorial Championships, National Championships, and Canadian Open may be counted in a player's total but are not included as one of the 3 or 2 MEMBER BODY stipulations named above
- Players may only collect the higher of their Provincial Championship or National Championship points
- NDFC Ranking Points will be awarded according to the following base point table

Any tournament with less than 8 competitors in a singles event will not be granted points.

Only singles events, including Provincial Championships' singles events, and National Championships' singles events, will be eligible for ranking points.

Ranking points will be allocated as follows:

Tournament Type	1 st	2 nd	3-4	5-8	9-16	17-32	33-64
National Ranked Events	Base Point Table – Men's & Women's						
257 and over	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Minimum 129 to 256	12	10	8	6	4	2	-
Minimum 65 to 128	10	8	6	4	2	-	-
Minimum 33 to 64	8	6	4	2	-	-	-
Minimum 17 to 32	6	4	2	-	-	-	-
Minimum 8 to 16	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
Under 8 (not ranked)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial/Territorial Championships					65-128	129-256	257+
	12	10	8	6	4	2	1
National Championships					9-16	17-32	33-96
	16	14	12	10	8	6	5

Amended at the 2011 Annual General Meeting – Edmonton, AB – June 12, 2011

10.4 National Ranking System - Ranking Lists

NDFC Ranking points are accumulated from May 1st through April 30th annually. Each May 1st begins new rankings with all players starting at zero.

An official NDFC Ranking, for seeding purposes, will be updated and published 5 times per year – September 1st, November 1st, January 1st, March 1st, and May 1st. Only the 1st page of the official Ranking Table shall be distributed to the top 16 men, top 16 women and Board of Directors. All Youth members that have competed in Open National Ranked Tournaments and have earned National Ranked Points shall be included on the Men's and Women's National Ranking Tournament Lists.

The May 1st final posting will be used for all qualifying positions on National or International teams, such as World Cup Team, invites to the World Masters Championship in England and the World Professional Darts Championship QUALIFIER. The Official Ranking Lists will be used for all other invitations extended to our NDFC players.

Only "official" ranking lists shall be utilized for the purposes of seeding into NDFC Ranked Tournaments.

The order of ranking on all NDFC Official Ranking Lists, when a definitive position is required, for other than 1st place on the World Cup Team, will be determined by those tied players by their placement/points obtained in the National Championships recorded on that ranking list. Should a tie remain, the definitive positions shall be determined by those tied players by their placement/points obtained in the Provincial Championships recorded on that ranking list. Should a tie still remain, the definitive position will be obtained by the number of events it has taken to obtain these points by those tied players – with the player obtaining these points in less events receiving the

higher ranking. Should a tie still remain, the definitive position will be determined by their position on the most current Official WDF ranking list.

In the event of a tie that affects whether the individual will not automatically represent Team Canada (1st place), the tie-breaker shall be as follows:

- When two players tied, the tied players shall play a match of the best of 5, 501 prior to the International Qualifier event held at the National Championships.
- When more than two players tied, a round robin of the best of 3, 501 shall be played. In the event of a further tie, the NDFC Tie-Breaker Rules shall apply.

The winner of that event shall represent Canada and the other player(s) shall have the right to compete in the International Qualifier event in the appropriately seeded position.

Amended at the 2008 Annual General Meeting – Winnipeg, MB – June 8, 2008

10.5 Membership Verification

An interim membership report will be produced by each Member Body and sent to the Membership Director before December 15th of each year. This report must include payment for all active members plus the excel documents showing names and addresses of those members. This interim membership report will be used to verify all players on the Official Ranking List for January 1st. Any player earning points between October 1st and December 15th who have not purchased their current membership will see those points removed from the January 1st Ranking List. These points will NOT be re-instated if the membership is purchased after January 1st. The final verification of membership will proceed as usual on April 1st prior to the April 30th Official Ranking List. All players who have received points between May 1st and September 30th and are not valid members as of April 1st will see their points removed from the final Official Ranking List of April 30th.

Special consideration will be given if the NDFC Executive, the Member Darts Body or player can provide adequate proof that a player did pay their NDFC membership fees to the member darts body prior to the appropriate deadline and that the member darts body failed to purchase the NDFC membership on behalf of the player. In these cases a fine, up to a maximum of \$500.00, will be levied against the provincial body for players affected and the player's points will be re-instated on the ranking list.

Amended at the 2010 Annual General Meeting – Gander, NL – June 13, 2010

10.6 Sale of NDFC Memberships at NDFC Ranked Tournaments

Each Member Darts Body shall ensure that NDFC Memberships are available for sale to resident individuals during any Ranked Tournament held within their jurisdiction.

2005 Annual General Meeting – Victoria, BC – June 5, 2005

11. YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

11.1 Youth National Championships - Timing

The Youth National Championships shall be held separate from the Adult Nationals and shall be held over 3 days on the Canadian Victoria Day Long Weekend each year. The NDFC made a decision to allow the Youth Program to stand on its own merit. The Youth Director's decisions made at the Youth Meeting prior to the Nationals will be as passed at that meeting. Exceptions – Decisions that involve finances will have to be approved by the NDFC Executive.

Amended at the 2000 Annual General Meeting – Gander, NL – June 11, 2000

11.2 Youth National Championships – Team Registration Fee

The team registration fee per member darts body for entry into the Youth National Championships shall be \$400. In the case of a late payment of the fees, the member darts body will be fined \$200.

Amended at the 2016 Executive Meeting – Montreal, QC – January 23, 2016

11.2.1 Youth National Championships – Funding for Province

The Team Registration fee of \$400 will be waived each year for the Host Province. This \$400 will be given to the Host Province to help them cover the cost of hosting the National Championships.

Amended at the 2008 Executive Meeting – Winnipeg, MB - January 26, 2008

11.3 Youth National Championships - Format

11.3.1 Youth National Championship – Playing Format

The Youth National Championships consist of both male and female; all participants must be NDFC members; there will be junior and senior youth categories; and there will be an affiliation fee per province.

The format for all youth knockout events shall be best of 5 with the exception of the Nodor Cup which will be best of 3.

Amended at the 2014 Executive Meeting – Toronto, ON – January 25, 2014

11.3.2 Youth National Championship – World Qualifier Format

The World Youth Qualifier event's – eligibility will be based on the ages/dates provided by the WDF, all participants must be NDFC Members.

The format for the World Cup Qualifier event shall consist of round robin of 4 sections, each player will play the best of 3 games against each opponent in that section, each game shall be 501, straight in double out; the top 2 players from each section will advance to a knockout round consisting of a total of 8 persons; the knockout rounds will consist of the best of 5 games; the joint 3rd place in the knock out will play a playoff for 3rd and 4th alternate. Rules are subject to change by the Tournament Director.

If there are 17 players or more in either the male or female the format shall be straight knockout draw, best of 5.

Entry Fees & Qualifiers fee will be as stated in Regulation 5 covering International Qualifiers.

Amended at the 2013 Executive Meeting – St. John's NL – June 8, 2013

11.3.3 **Youth National Championship – Coaching**

Tutoring/coaching shall not be permitted at the Youth National Championships, with the exception of the doubles play where a doubles partner may confer with his/her partner.

1995 Executive Meeting - Regina, SK - June 10, 1995

11.3.4 **Youth National Championship – America's Cup Qualifier Format**

The Americas Cup Qualifier eligibility will be based on the ages/dates as stated in the Americas Cup rules, all participants must be NDFC Members.

The format for the America's Cup Qualifier event will depend on the number of entries. Rules are subject to change by the Tournament Director.

Entry Fees & Qualifiers fee will be as stated in Regulation 5 covering International Qualifiers.

2013 Executive Meeting – St. John's NL – June 8, 2013

11.4 **Youth National Championships - Age Eligibility**

The age of eligibility for the Youth National Championships shall be:

- JUNIOR: 15 years and under prior to October 1 of the current playing year
- SENIOR: 19 years and under prior to October 1 of the current playing year

Juniors may compete in senior category, but cannot drop back to junior category in future years.

If a player of youth eligibility is 19 years of age on the date of the first day of play during the National Adult Championships, that player shall choose whether to participate in the youth or the adult program within their province. No member shall compete in both the adult and youth program in any given membership year.

Should a Member Darts Body request special permission to allow a junior youth player to compete in the senior youth category due to lack of provincial participation, the junior youth player shall be permitted to return to the junior youth category in future years provided they still meet the age eligibility.

Amended at the 1997 Annual General Meeting – Toronto, ON – June 8, 1997

11.5 **Youth National Championships - Canada Cup Format**

A Youth Canada Cup shall be held during the Youth National Championships and shall follow the same format as the Adult Canada Cup.

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11.6 **Youth National Championships - Alcohol Policy**

All functions, including the Friday evening blind draw and banquet, connected with the Youth National Championships to be unlicensed functions with no beer, liquor or wine to be served.

1989 Annual General Meeting - St-Hyacinthe, PQ - June 11, 1989

11.7 **Youth National Championships – Hotel Accommodations**

All players attending the Youth National Championships must stay in the host hotels.

1999 Annual General Meeting – Saint John, NB – June 13, 1999

12. **CANADIAN OPEN**

12.1 **Canadian Open Seeding**

Regulation Removed. This item is contained under “10. National Ranking System”.

12.2 **Canadian Open – Awards**

Plaques or medals shall be presented to only the 1st, 2nd and joint 3rd winners of the Men's Singles and Women's Singles events of the Canadian Open.

1993 Board Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - September 18-19, 1993

12.3 **Canadian Open – Additional Events**

Although the NDFC retains all ownership of the Canadian Open, the host province shall be permitted to add additional events to the Canadian Open with prior approval of the NDFC Executive. Any such events shall be the sole financial and operational responsibility of the host while all rules and regulations remain under the jurisdiction of the NDFC.

Amended at the 2012 Annual General Meeting – Thunder Bay, ON – June 10, 2012

13. **RULEBOOK**

13.1 **Rulebook - Official NDFC Handbook & Diary**

A rulebook of the NDFC Rules of Play is established. The NDFC Rules of Play have changed from time to time throughout the years. A separate document entitled “NDFC Official Rules of Play” should be referred as separate from these Regulations.

1990 Annual General Meeting - Toronto, ON - June 10, 1990

14. **NDFC ADMINISTRATION**

14.1 **NDFC Administration - Executive Uniform – Removed June 2013**

14.2 **NDFC Administration – Communication to Member Darts Bodies**

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All letters sent to Provincial Directors shall also be copied to the Provincial Secretary. If requested by the Member Body, any correspondence, forms, regulations, meeting packages, minutes, etc shall be sent to the Member Darts Body, in electronic form.

Amended at the 2004 Annual General Meeting – Summerside, PE – June 6, 2004

14.2.2 NDFC Administration – New Director Welcome Package

Upon notification of a new Provincial Director, the NDFC shall send a “Welcome to the NDFC” package of information.

Welcome to the NDFC package will consist of a letter and a list of Rule & Guideline documentation available to Provincial Directors upon request.

Amended at the 1997 Executive Meeting - Toronto, ON - February 15-16, 1997

14.3 NDFC Administration - Recording Secretary

The NDFC shall employ a “recording secretary” to take the minutes at all meetings to enable the General Secretary to take full part in the meeting.

The “recording secretary” shall be considered an arm of the General Secretary, shall provide the minutes on disk with a program compatible to the NDFC software and the General Secretary is authorized to finalize the minutes with formatting and editorial corrections prior to distribution.

Amended at the 1993 Board Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - September 18-19, 1993

14.4 NDFC Administration - Executive Spending Authorization

No executive member shall spend more than their petty cash fund at any one time without prior authorization from the Financial Director.

1993 Executive Meeting - St. John's NF - February 27-28, 1993

14.5 NDFC Administration - Executive Expenses

14.5.1 NDFC Administration – Executive Expenses – Per Diems

The per diem allowance for the executive shall be \$60.00 per day. Extra allowances will be made for entertaining sponsors when receipts are provided.

The Financial Director has the authorization to review and revise per diems for international events if believed to be necessary because of host country's cost of living and/or exchange rates.

Amended at the 2010 Executive Meeting – Gander, NL – June 12, 2010

14.5.2 NDFC Administration – Executive Expenses – Travel Expenses

A mileage allowance of \$0.30 per kilometer may be paid to an executive member choosing to travel by vehicle up to a maximum of the cost of the lowest priced available airfare. This allowance should remain flexible considering the fluctuation in gas prices.

Amended at the 2003 Executive Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - January 25, 2003

14.5.3 NDFC Administration – Executive Expenses – Reimbursement – Removed June 2013

14.6 NDFC Administration - Executive Petty Cash Floats

The NDFC Financial Director shall be responsible for increasing and/or decreasing each executive's petty cash on the basis of usage for each position.

1993 Executive Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - September 17, 1993

14.7 NDFC Administration - Personal Insurance for NDFC Assets

Should an executive member be required to make a claim on their “personal home” insurance policy for an NDFC assets, the NDFC shall cover any additional premium costs as a result of that claim, provided that claim is pre-authorized by the Executive.

1995 Executive Meeting - Regina, SK - February 25-26, 1995

14.8 NDFC Administration - Outgoing Executive Members

Should an NDFC executive member be voted out of office or choose not to stand for re-election, they shall fulfill their duties until July 1st. If an individual chooses not to fulfill their obligations, they will be given the option of either personally paying the remainder of their hotel accommodations or the NDFC shall pay the fee to change their flight arrangements and they shall return home on the first available flight. Any applicable per diems already received shall be reimbursed to the NDFC.

1995 Executive Meeting - Toronto, ON - November 24, 1995

14.9 NDFC Administration - Executive & Member Darts Bodies Contact Lists

Upon each change to the Executive/Member Darts Bodies contact list, an updated list shall be distributed.

1995 Board of Directors Meeting - Toronto, ON - November 25-26, 1995

14.10 NDFC Administration – Bulls Eye New Subscription

An annual subscription shall be purchased for the NDFC office.

1996 Executive Meeting - Edmonton, AB - April 20-21, 1996

14.11 NDFC Administration - NDFC Assets List

Upon any changes, each NDFC executive shall submit a list, to the NDFC Financial Director, of all NDFC assets held in their possession.

1996 Executive Meeting - Edmonton, AB - April 20-21, 1996

15. PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS' MEETING

15.1 Provincial Directors' Meeting - Timing

A Provincial Directors' meeting shall be held prior to the Annual General Meeting each year for the purposes of information sharing.

1993 Board Meeting - Winnipeg, MB - September 18-19, 1993

16. WDF RANKED TOURNAMENTS IN CANADA

16.1 WDF Ranked Tournaments in Canada - Tournament Allocation

In addition to the Canadian Open there will be five additional events [to be named by the Board of Directors] designated as WDF Ranked Tournaments, provided they meet all of the WDF and NDFC ranked tournament requirements.

Amended at 2009 Executive Meeting – Winnipeg, MB – January 24, 2009

16.2 WDF Ranked Tournaments in Canada - WDF Ranking Fees

Each WDF ranked event in Canada shall be responsible for paying the WDF ranking fee for their event.

1997 Executive Meeting - Toronto, ON - February 15-16, 1997

17. NATIONAL CHARITY

A National Charity may be designated by the Executive as required.

Amended at 2001 Executive Meeting - Edmonton, AB - February 10, 2001

18. NDFC OFFICIATING PROGRAM

18.1 NDFC Officiating Program - Levels

The NDFC, at the discretion of the NDFC Executive, shall conduct certified Officiating workshops for:

- Level I - Local and Provincial level
- Level II - National level
- Level III - International level.

Amended at the 1998 Executive Meeting - Hamilton, ON - February 14-15, 1998

19. MEMBER DART BODY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

19.1 Member Dart Body Board Of Directors Elections - Timing

Member darts bodies shall hold their elections within a time frame that ensures their key contacts are in place by July 1st each year. Key contacts include: Provincial Director, Membership Director, Youth Director and Secretary.

1995 Executive Meeting - Toronto, ON - November 24, 1995

20. NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

20.1 Hall of Fame

In 2002 all persons who had received an award were automatically inducted into the newly formed Hall of Fame. In addition, five male players, five female players and a number of administrators were inducted for their past achievements.

Beginning in 2010 and thereafter, the following procedure will be followed:

The NDFC Executive will select **one** male player, if there are worthy persons

The NDFC Executive will select **one** female player, if there are worthy persons

The criteria for this award will be the same as the Lifetime Membership Awards. (See Article 7.5)

Amended at 2011 Executive Meeting - Montreal, QC - January 21, 2011

21. NDFC "SANCTIONED" TOURNAMENTS

21.1 NDFC "Sanctioned" Tournaments - Difference between Sanctioned & Ranked Events.

In addition to ranking tournaments, the NDFC shall sanction tournaments that may not necessarily be NDFC ranked.

The difference between sanctioning tournaments and ranking tournaments are defined as follows:

NDFC SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT	NDFC RANKED TOURNAMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved as an NDFC sanctioned event. • Recognized as an event <u>not</u> organized by a body in conflict with the NDFC and/or WDF and therefore, members are permitted to compete without the risk of disciplinary action. • Eligibility: May be an open, closed or invitational event. Organizer must NOT be a body purporting to be a World, National or International governing body in conflict with the NDFC and/or WDF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved as an NDFC ranked tournament. • Competitors have opportunity to earn NDFC ranking points. • Mailing lists provided to the organizers. • Event advertised to NDFC Member Darts Bodies and top ranked players. • Members encouraged to attend event as "top NDFC ranked players" receive invite to International Qualifiers. • Eligibility: Must meet eligibility requirements as per the NDFC Ranking Tournament Guidelines.

1997 Executive Meeting - Toronto, ON - February 15-16, 1997

A tournament may be sanctioned by the NDFC provided they meet the sanctioning eligibility. There shall be no charge for an event to be sanctioned by the NDFC.

1997 Annual General Meeting - Toronto, ON - June 8, 1997

22. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES

22.1 International Travel Expenses - Airline Cancellation Insurance

Each Team Canada player and/or executive attending an international event will be given a waiver form to sign indicating whether they wish to purchase (their own) or decline Health Cancellation Insurance on their airline ticket. Should any individual decline cancellation insurance and are unable to fly due to health reasons, that individual shall be responsible for any costs incurred for that ticket.

1997 Executive Meeting - Toronto, ON - June 7, 1997

23. POLICY CHANGES

23.1 Timeline for Changes to Formats, Rules & Guidelines

When a change of formats, rules or guidelines has occurred to any National Program, these new formats, rules or guidelines shall take effect for a minimum of two seasons, unless proven to be detrimental to the sport of darts and/or its administration.

1997 Annual General Meeting - Toronto, ON – June 8, 1997

24. SENIOR ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

24.1 Senior Adult Championships – Development

The NDFC encourages the member darts bodies to proceed with the development of a “Senior Adults” program at the Provincial Level.

1997 Annual General Meeting - Toronto, ON – June 8, 1997

25. ANNUAL BUDGETS

25.1 Annual Budgets – By Area of Responsibility

The NDFC Executive will review the operating budget, presented by the Financial Director, each year at the bi-annual meeting.

2009 Executive Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 13, 2009

26. CANADIAN CLASSIC EVENT (Formerly the BY & SSS Classics)

This event was removed from the NDFC programs

Amended at the 2010 Executive Meeting – Gander, NL – June 12, 2010

27. AMERICAS CUP QUALIFIER

27.1 Americas Cup Qualifier - Rules of Play & Format

An Americas Cup Qualifier tournament shall be held, every other year, during the Adult National Championships, consisting of a Men's Singles and Women's Singles event.

All competitors shall be NDFC members, as of April 30th, in order to participate.

The format of the event shall be as follows:

- Each player entered shall play in one round-robin group and shall play one match against each other player in that group. The players shall be placed in the round-robin groups by random draw. The number of groups shall be determined by the tournament organizers, and will be based on participation.
- Each round-robin match shall consist of a best 2 of 3 legs against the opposing player and each game shall be 501, straight in, double out (SIDO). The 3rd 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 a bracket draw knock-out. The total players competing in the knock-out draw shall be based on the number of groups established.
- 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 the Best 3 of 5 Legs, 501, SIDO.

The top 2 men and the top 2 women shall attend the Americas Cup. There will be a qualifier fee of \$250.00 charged to those players who win the right to represent Canada at the WDF Americas Cup. This qualifier fee will be payable upon confirmation of participation.

Amended at the 2007 Executive Meeting – Winnipeg, MB – January 27, 2007

- Rules are subject to change by Tournament Director.

Amended at the 2009 Executive Meeting – St. Hyacinthe, QC – June 13, 2009