

# WESTERN ONTARIO DARTS ASSOCIATION

## ADULT PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS

1. Eligibility to compete in the Western Ontario Provincial Championships is determined by:
  - a. Being a player in the top 50% of accumulated points from the zone shoots
  - b. Winning a bye at a WODA Bye Tournament
  - c. Earning an invitation based on the Provincial Ranking list
  - d. Exercising the individual buy-in option (number of spaces are limited and determined each year based on participation in the zone shoots and Bye Tournament Single events)
  - e. Being one of the top eight (8) players in each singles event from previous year Provincials
  - f. Being awarded a bye from the Board of Directors
2. All Provincial competitors must be a current member of Western Ontario Darts Association in good standing. You may become a member through the website or at designated Western Ontario events. Membership fees are \$40.
3. Players making the Western Ontario Provincial team will consist of the top eight (8) Men and the top eight (8) Ladies.
4. The Mixed Doubles event at Provincials is a payout event only.
5. Once a man/woman has participated in a zone shoot as a mixed doubles team and collected points, their points are not transferable if they decide to switch partners. A change in partners for the remaining zone shoots must be approved by the executive. A request in writing must be submitted to the Secretary. The new team(s) will begin to collect points as a brand new team. If a double's partner cannot attend Provincials for medical reasons a letter may be submitted to the executive to determine if said player may play with another partner from their Zone that did not qualify in the event. If the Zone does not have an extra man/woman, the next eligible player from the alternate team may be moved up to play.
6. Points accumulated playing in Western Ontario Ranked Tournaments will determine players' standings on the Provincial Ranking list. The top 2 ranked Men and Women from the ranking list as of June 30 each year will receive an invite to Provincials the following season. The byes will transfer down the list to reward the top 2 male and female finishers who have not received a singles bye in another fashion. Players must notify their intent to play in writing to the General Secretary before the first zone shoot. If they choose to play zones, they forfeit their bye.

## AUTOMATIC ENTRIES INTO THE PROVINCIALS

The Top 8 players in each singles **event** (Ladies and Mens Singles) from previous year Provincials.

The Top 2 Men and Women on the Western Ontario Ranking list

Zone Directors and their Assistants (singles & doubles)

Ad Hoc Committee Members (singles only)

Western Ontario Darts Association Executive Members (singles & doubles events)

These players will be blind drawn into the sections for the Provincial Championships. Western Ontario membership fees for all exempted players **MUST** be paid on or before **the first zone shoot**.

## ADULT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All players must compete in the zone in which they reside. (See the map with zone boundaries on the WODA website).
2. No players will be allowed to enter the event after registration for that event is closed. Both players (in doubles) must register for the event prior to registration closing.
3. All games to be a straight in and a double finish.
4. In the Mixed Doubles event, either the lady or the man may shoot first.
5. Shooters and scorers only are allowed inside the playing area.
6. Nine darts warm-up is the maximum allowance per player.
7. Names and board assignments will be either posted or announced once. If a player/team is not at their assigned board, a 5-minute call will be given, to which the player/team has 5 minutes to report to their assigned board or a forfeit will be called. This applies to round robin and knock-out format.
8. The order of play in each match shall be determined by a bull throw. The throwing order for the bull throw shall be determined by the toss of a coin. The winner of the bull shall throw first in leg 1 and all alternate legs as the format permits, which will also include the tie-break leg if required. The loser of the bull shall throw first in leg 2 and all alternate legs as the format permits. Each player shall throw one dart for the bull, which must be in the scoring area of the board. The dart must remain in the dartboard in order to count. If the dart enters the "25" or "bull" sector it shall be removed before the opponent takes their throw. Re-throws shall be called for if the referee cannot determine which dart is nearer the bull, or if both darts are in the Bull, or if both darts are in the '25' ring. A re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw.
9. A dart score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.
10. For a dart to score, it must remain in the board for the duration of that player's throw. Darts that do not remain in the board until the thrower retrieves them, will not count.
11. The scorer may inform the thrower what he has scored and what remains, but not what is left in number combinations. **No coaching allowed in the singles events.** Players may, as long as they step back from the oche, communicate with their partner in the doubles event only. A player may step back from the oche and communicate with the scorer if their partner is the scorer. If a player or spectator is caught coaching, they will be asked to leave the event regardless of their placing or participation in the event.
12. A player may use an out card at the oche. A player may use a standard calculator for their arithmetic. It cannot be an electronic version (i.e. Phone or Google).
13. It is the responsibility of the thrower to verify his score before removing his/her darts from the board. The score will remain as written by the scorer if one or more darts have been removed from the board. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the beginning of that player's next throw.

14. An electronic device using the application DartConnect may be used as a tool for scoring your games instead of a chalkboard.
  - a. The electronic device scoring the game must have a charge above 30% before the start of the game/match
  - b. Both parties must be in agreement to use DartConnect instead of the chalkboard
  - c. The player being asked to use DartConnect may demand that someone be available to score the game/match on the electronic device. If demanded, and one is not available, the chalkboard shall be used instead
  - d. DartConnect is the only approved electronic scoring application for zone play.
  - e. All liability of damage to the electronic device is assumed by the person who brought the device
15. A player may, at any time during a match, ask for a new/replacement scorer.
16. Any disagreement (in the case of a protest, stop play immediately) between players which cannot be settled by those players involved and are not specifically covered in these rules, shall be settled by the Tournament Director whose decision on all matters shall be final and binding. This includes the interpretation of the rules. **“NO ‘AFTER THE FACT’ PROTESTS”** will be accepted.
17. Good sportsmanship must be the prevailing attitude throughout all tournaments. Bad sportsmanship is cause for ejection from the tournament and disciplinary action may be taken. **Western Ontario Darts has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy to ALL bad sportsmanship. Inappropriate language, verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Concerned parties will be asked to leave and disciplinary action will be taken if warranted.**
18. If a player leaves a Western Ontario Darts event without speaking to the appropriate Tournament Director, they could receive a one-year suspension. \*\*\*If a player qualifies in both the mixed doubles and singles events for Provincials but fails to attend the mixed doubles event without prior notice with appropriate reasoning, they will automatically forfeit their position in the singles event. \*\*\*
19. When a match is won during knockout, it must be reported immediately by the winner to the Control Desk.
20. **ZONES and BYE TOURNAMENT EVENTS:** The following dress code will be in effect and enforced at all Western Ontario Darts events: Clean respectable attire. The following are not allowed: sleeveless shirts, open toe/heel shoes, hats, and headphones/earbuds, Western Ontario Darts Association representative's decisions are final.
21. **PROVINCIALS:** The following dress code will be in effect and strictly enforced at the Adult Provincial Championships: Business casual with a collared shirt that has a minimum of a cap sleeve is required. The following are not allowed: denim, athletic wear, shorts, skirts above the knee, open toe/heel shoes, hats, and headphones/earbuds. Western Ontario Darts Association representative's decisions are final. (The Western Ontario Team uniform at the National Championships is black dress pants/skirts and the custom designed team shirt (provided). Black socks and black shoes are mandatory for the Team picture).
22. If a player is unable to use their Provincial bye, the bye will become null and void; it will not get passed down or transferred.
23. If a player has both a bye and an invite as a ranked player to Provincials, the invite as a ranked player bye will be passed down.
24. If a player has a bye, they cannot participate in the Bye Tournament Event. If they choose to play zones, they forfeit their bye.

25. All complaints and/or problems must be submitted in writing, signed, and sent to the General Secretary.
26. No children under 12 years of age shall be permitted in the dart hall. No strollers permitted in the playing hall. These rules will be strictly enforced.
27. Any person demonstrating disruptive behavior or noise will be asked to leave.
28. The Bye Tournament event to win Provincial byes will be Singles events only. The format of the event will be determined yearly based on venue, board availability, and participation history. A minimum of two (2) participants required. Any player who participates in a Bye Tournament event and does not qualify, can participate in the zone shoots. Once a player has qualified for Provincials through a Bye Tournament event, they will not be eligible to play any singles events at the zone shoots. The fee to enter is \$15. The winner of each bye must pay a provincial fee of \$30.00 as well as a WODA membership (\$40.00) due on or before the first zone shoot.
29. In each **Western Ontario zone shoot there will be Ladies and Men's Singles Events and a Mixed Doubles Event**. The Mixed Doubles event will be played first, followed by the singles events. Players are awarded points based on their finishing position at each event. Points will be accumulated from all four (4) shoots. All points accumulated will determine the top 50% qualifiers. The amount will be determined by averaging the number of entries from the first three (3) shoots.
30. The winner of each Zone Shoot in Ladies and Men's Singles event will automatically qualify for Provincials and will not participate in the remainder of the Zone Shoots for that event. An individual may automatically qualify by winning a zone shoot if, and only if they have attended every zone shoot up until their victory. If a zone shoot is missed before winning a Singles event, the player will NOT automatically qualify for the Provincial Championships and must finish in the Top 50% of players at the end of 4 shoots to qualify.
31. Mixed Doubles - Mixed Doubles is a cash tournament at the Provincial Level. There are no automatic qualifiers for the Mixed Doubles event. The teams that qualify for Provincials will be the teams in the top 50% of accumulated points from the zone shoots. The Mixed Doubles team winning first place of the top 50% will receive one (1) room night paid for each member of the Mixed Doubles team at the Provincial event.
32. A total of sixteen (8 men and 8 ladies) qualifier spots will be added to the total Provincial qualifiers each season. These spots will be added to the specific zones that correspond to each of the sixteen (16) Team WODA members from the previous year that they played in. Example: A male player from Zone 6 made Team WODA last year, an additional qualifier spot will be added in the current season to the total number of male qualifiers in Zone 6 (the top 50% of male singles players plus one (1) more).
33. All zone qualifiers to pay a \$10 provincial fee, due immediately upon qualifying as a Zone Shoot winner or upon the conclusion of Zone Shoot 4 if you qualify in the top 50%
34. Players can qualify in both the Singles and the Mixed Doubles events.

**POINTS:**

- 1st = 9 points**
- 2nd = 7 points**
- 3rd - 4th = 6 points**
- 5th - 8th = 5 points**
- 9th - 16th = 4 points**
- 17th - 32nd = 2 points**
- 33 or more = 1 point**

35. Ties after accumulation of points from all 4 shoots must be broken with one (1) game of 200 points more than round robin play. Any ties after the 3rd alternate position will be broken with 9 darts high score. If a player is not in attendance for a tie breaker, they automatically forfeit. When a tie occurs between any players, they all must be in attendance at the last zone shoot (shoot 4) to break the tie. If they are not in attendance, they cannot qualify, even if next in line for the alternate spot.

36. The NDFC tie breaker rules will be followed during each shoot when players are tied to advance from the round robin sections to knock out. **Ties where point differences occur and at least one player would not be advancing, will be determined by one (1) game 200 points higher than that of the round robin.**
37. Entry fees for Western Ontario Zone events will vary based on date. The first and second zone shoot fee is \$30 per person for singles and \$60 per team for Mixed Doubles. The third and fourth zone shoot fee is \$10 per person for singles and \$20 per team for Mixed Doubles. All monies will be retained by the Western Ontario Treasurer and will be allocated towards expenses to run the organization.
38. Format will be determined based on total entries and board availability. (Preferred format for zones is round robin leading to knockout). All games in round robin and knockout will be 2 out of 3 until the finals, which will be 3 out of 5. Tournament Directors will have discretion for changes based on time.
39. Once the decision is made on format for the first zone shoot, the remaining shoots will follow the same format. The number of sections and players advancing is determined on a per shoot basis, based on the rules.
40. If complete knockout is the format, a minimum of 3 out of 5 will be played.
41. In knockout, no points will be awarded for byes. To receive points a player(s) must win at least one match.
42. Player(s) that must leave a zone shoot due to an emergency or illness must inform the director. If approval is granted, the player(s) will retain all points earned in that event provided the leaving does not take place during the round robin play. If a player(s) leaves without completion of the round robin play, the director will remove the player(s)'s name and all W/L from the sheet. This applies to both Mixed Doubles and Singles.
43. Where the lack of registration and participation warrants, the Western Ontario Darts Association Executive is empowered to adjust the number of qualifiers eligible for the Provincial Championships.

NOTE: The Western Ontario Executive reserves the right to combine Zones. Minimum numbers expected at each shoot will be relevant to participation in previous years. Zone Directors must share this information with the members at the shoots.

\*Human errors do occur and, if they do, steps are taken to ensure they do not happen again where possible. It is at the discretion of the directors how to handle the situation. Director decisions are final at the time of the occurrence(s).

## ADULT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Mixed Doubles Format

1. Mixed Doubles format will be played in a Round Robin to Knock-Out format. Round Robin will be played on Saturday, the Knockout will be played on Sunday.
2. The Round Robin section sizes and number of Mixed Doubles teams advancing to the Knock Out will be determined by the number of teams competing.
3. The top 16 teams will receive a cash prize. Payout is determined by the number of teams competing.

### Singles Format

1. Singles format will be a Round Robin to Knock Out tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Points will be awarded to players for each tournament.
2. The Round Robin section sizes and number of Singles players advancing to the Knockout will be determined by the number of players competing.
3. Seeding into the tournament on Friday will be based on the results of the Zone Shoots.
4. Seeding into the tournament on Saturday will be based on the results from the tournament on Friday.

5. Seeding into the tournament on Sunday will be based on the combined points accumulated from Friday and Saturday's results.
6. At the conclusion of the tournament on Sunday, the points from Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be added together for players' total points.
7. The players with the top 8 in points for both singles events will comprise Team Western Ontario.
8. The 9<sup>th</sup> place finisher for both singles events will be named the alternates.