

# WESTERN ONTARIO DARTS ASSOCIATION

## YOUTH LEAGUE INFORMATION

1. At the time of submitting your league documents to Western Ontario, all information is required on the League Information and League Member List tabs of the Youth League Submission for each player. Please advise all players to carry proof of age when attending youth events.
2. For a league to be affiliated with the Western Ontario Darts Association, a registration fee of \$45 for each junior and senior youth player and a registration fee of \$10 for every tyke player is required. The submission report and payment is due by November 15. If this deadline is not met, a \$100.00 late fee may apply. Registration renewal will not be accepted after November 30.
3. Payment is to be made by e-transfer to treasurer@westernontariodarts.ca and is due by November 15 of the current season. You must ensure you reference your league name in any e-transfers. A copy of the financial form is to be sent to the Treasurer, Youth Director, President and Vice President when sending payment.
4. The registration fee includes:
  - a. A WODA membership for each youth player.
  - b. An NDFC membership for each youth that plays in a junior or senior singles event at the Youth Provincial Championships
  - c. The ability to participate in the appropriate Zone Shoot for junior and senior singles and doubles
  - d. The ability for tyke players to participate in the Tyke Shoot
  - e. The ability to collect youth ranking points both provincially and nationally (tykes would collect as a junior if applicable)
  - f. Participation at the Youth Provincial Championships at a discounted rate of \$5 per player per event for junior and senior events
  - g. Seeding into the Youth Provincial Championships for the junior and senior singles events
  - h. A bye into the Youth Provincial Championships for the following year for those who qualified for the Western Ontario Provincial Team and participated at the Youth Nationals event
5. The registration is flat rated. If a youth player chooses not to take advantage of one or more of the items included in the registration fee, there would be no compensation returned to the league.
6. The NDFC has made it mandatory that all those attending youth nationals, and working with the youth, have a police check, including a vulnerable sector check, completed and on their files every two (2) years. We have adopted this thinking and will require every youth league leader (one per league) to have a police record check on our files every 2 years.
7. Zone player submission and Tyke shoot submissions are to be filled out completely and given to the Youth Director, President and Vice President no later than five (5) days prior to the zone shoot.
8. Provincial pre-registration submission is to be filled out completely and emailed to the Youth Director, President and Vice President by Feb 10. Payment is to be made by e-transfer to be sent to treasurer@westernontariodarts.ca. You must ensure you reference your league name in any e-transfers. A copy of the financial form is to be sent to the Youth Director, Treasurer, President and Vice President when sending payment.

## **Age Groups are as of October 1st**

**Tykes – 12 & under**

**Juniors – 15 & under**

**Seniors – 18 & under**

**Age 16 on October 1st is a Senior – after October 1st is a Junior**

### **Rules for Tykes**

Tykes can be moved up to play in the Zone Shoot at the junior level. Leaders must contact the Western Ontario Darts Executive before the shoot and submit the difference between the tyke registration fee and the junior registration fee if their original submission for that player was as a tyke.

Tykes are not eligible to play as a Senior.

Tykes who are registered as juniors and pay the full Western Ontario Darts registration fee may play in both the Tyke Shoot and the Zone Shoot.

The Tyke Shoot is a doubles event only and will be held at the Youth Provincial Championships.

**Always remember to enforce Western Ontario rules & regulations throughout the year so everyone knows them when they arrive at the Provincial Championships**

### **YOUTH PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS**

1. Eligibility to compete in the Western Ontario Provincial Championships is determined by:
  - a. Playing and qualifying through the zone events
  - b. Earning an invitation based on the Provincial Ranking list
  - c. Being one of the top two (2) players in each singles event from previous year Provincials
2. ALL participants must be a current member in good standing with Western Ontario Darts Association, a permanent resident of Western Ontario and be 18 years of age or younger on October 1st.
3. Players making the Western Ontario Provincial team will consist of the top two (2) JR boys, the top two (2) JR girls, the top two (2) SR boys, and the top two (2) SR girls.
4. Points accumulated playing in Western Ontario Ranked Tournaments will determine players' standings on the Provincial Youth Ranking list. The top 2 ranked Juniors and Seniors from the ranking list as of June 30 each year will receive an invite to Provincials the following season. 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.
5. If a Junior Player earns WODA Ranking Points and becomes a Senior as of October 1st within the same season, their WODA Ranking Points earned as a Junior will stay linked to them for that season.
6. If a Player received a bye the previous season as a Junior and this season has moved up to the Senior division, their bye will be honored. (Example: A player made Team WODA as a Junior player, they will receive a bye into Provincials as a Senior the following season).

## **AUTOMATIC ENTRIES INTO THE PROVINCIALS**

The Top 2 players in each singles event from previous year Provincials.

The Top 2 Juniors and Seniors on the Western Ontario Youth Ranking list

## **YOUTH TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Youth players will play in the zone where they reside (exceptions may be made if league players cross through two zone areas. The decision will be made on a case by case scenario).
2. Zones are not mandatory to qualify for Provincials. Players who do not play zones do not get any ranking points for their zone shoot.
3. Zones may be combined if any zone lacks sufficient numbers to hold its own shoot.
4. Zones will be run following the rules of a ranked modified round robin to knockout tournament. Zones will be ranked - players will get ranking points based on how big their zone is and what their results are.
5. No zone shoots are permitted to be played during any weekend that there is a WODA ranked tournament.
6. There will be an open junior and senior doubles division and a junior and senior boys and girls singles divisions.
7. Players are to be playing in the division for their age group. It is the responsibility of the league leaders to ensure players are in the proper division. If an error does occur at the Zone level, the President, Vice President and Youth Director are to be contacted immediately; any decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
8. Juniors may be brought up to the senior division for doubles, only if need be. If you have an uneven number of juniors and seniors in your youth league, you may bring up a junior to play senior doubles. The junior player would still play in the junior singles division. Players may only be teamed up with someone from another league in their zone if your league does not have a partner for him/her. Leagues are not to use this rule as a tool to stack teams. Tyke players are not eligible to play as a Senior at any time.
9. A Provincial fee is required for each Provincial qualifier - \$5 per player per event.
10. At the zone Level for the junior events, a designated coach can be named for all players on a board. One (1) coach per board only and only if necessary.
11. The number of qualifiers from each Zone to advance to the Provincial Championships will be determined by registration and participation at each Zone Shoot. Directors will be notified of numbers following the final shoot. Results will be given to all leaders once Zone Shoots are completed by email.
12. Youth Players can play in zones as an independent - if a player is not registered through a league and wants to play zones, they must send notification to WODA in writing and the fee would be \$95. This would be for the singles event only and would include a membership and the provincial fee. Seeding would apply based on total ranking points earned.
13. All participants must be a member in good standing with Western Ontario Darts, a permanent resident of Western Ontario and be 18 years of age or younger on October 1st. Junior competitors must be 15 years of age or younger on October 1st. Senior competitors must be 18 years of age or younger on

October 1st. This is mandatory even if there are no registered Youth Dart Leagues within their area. If they choose to play zones as an independent, they must play in the zone according to where they reside.

14. All participants must be able to consistently hit the board from the 7' 9 1/4" oche line. A Junior Player, regardless of age, that can consistently hit the board, may play in the Provincials. Please note however, that players under the age of 12 on October 1st may be deemed ineligible to play in the Nationals, regardless of their Provincial status.
15. Youth Players can play in Provincials as an independent - If a player is not registered through a league and wants to play Provincials, they would have to apply to WODA in writing and the fee would be \$95. This would be for the singles event only and would include a membership. These players will be randomly inputted into a section for Provincials.
16. In each Western Ontario youth zone shoot there will be Junior and Senior boys and girls singles events and Junior and Senior doubles events. The doubles events will be played first, followed by the singles events.
17. Players can qualify in both the singles and the doubles events.
18. In the Doubles events, either player may shoot first.
19. All games to be a straight in and a double finish.
20. Shooters and scorers only are allowed inside the playing area.
21. Nine darts warm-up is the maximum allowance per player.
22. Names and board assignments will be either posted or announced once. If a player/team is not at their assigned board, the section leader will report this to the control desk. 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.
23. 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.
24. A dart score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.
25. 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.
26. 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**, with the exception of a designated coach per board for the Junior events at the zone level only and only if necessary. 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.

27. 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).
28. The scorer must always score left to right (amount scored on left, amount remaining on right), and always write numbers in full (no short forms – ie 100, not T, or 16, not x 8)
29. If the scorekeeper makes an error; providing a player either with the wrong score attained or remaining such that the player throws for the wrong remaining score, any dart thrown after the error shall be declared null and void, retrieved and rethrown.
30. 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.
31. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the beginning of that player's/team's next throw, unless during the quarter finals/semifinals; play must stop immediately and the error will be brought to the control desk.
32. A player may, at any time during a match, ask for a new/replacement scorer.
33. When both players/teams are on or below the score of 40, a 5-minute timer will be set. The timer would be set after the second player/team gets to 40 or below, therefore the player/team getting to 40 or below first would be the first to shoot within the 5 minutes. If neither player/team has won the game at the end of the 5-minute timer, 9 darts per player will be thrown and high score will win the match. It is mandatory that each player/team has an equal number of visits/shots at the board. The player/team who shot first within the 5-minute timer will also be first to shoot for the 9 dart high score.
34. 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.**
35. 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.
36. Good sportsmanship must be the prevailing attitude throughout all tournaments. Bad sportsmanship is cause for ejection from the tournament and disciplinary action will 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.**
37. If a player leaves the Zone Shoot or Provincial Championships without speaking to the appropriate personnel, they could receive disciplinary action and a one-year suspension. \*\*\*Any player who qualifies to Sunday's play and fails to register for that day's event could receive a one-year suspension. Players that withdraw from one event may be ineligible to enter any further events.
38. When a match is won, it must be reported immediately by the winner to the Section Leader or Control Desk.
39. **ZONES:** 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.
40. **PROVINCIALS:** The following dress code will be in effect and strictly enforced at the Youth Provincial Championships: Business casual with a collared shirt that has a minimum of a cap sleeve is required. Shirts must be completely buttoned/zipped up. 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).

41. 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.
42. If a player has both a bye and an invite as a ranked player to Provincials, the bye will be passed down.
43. All complaints and/or problems must be submitted in writing, signed, and sent to the General Secretary.
44. Children under 12 years of age need to be supervised and behaved. No strollers permitted in the playing hall.
45. Any person demonstrating disruptive behavior or noise will be asked to leave.

\*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).

## YOUTH PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial Champions, Runner-ups and Joint 3rd in all events receive an award to commemorate their achievement.

Players also receive awards for 171, 180, and Perfect Finishes.

2 awards will also be presented for Sportsmanship.

Recipients must be present at presentation time.

1. All Youth Tournament rules and regulations will be followed and adhered to at the Youth Provincial Championship as mentioned above.
2. All players playing at the Youth Provincials must stay at the host hotel for the weekend with either a designated chaperone or parent.
3. All participants must be in their rooms by 12:00 am (midnight) each night unless they are in the dart hall still participating in a WODA event.
4. Qualifiers are not to consume any drugs (including marijuana) or alcohol, including qualifiers who have reached legal age at the time of the Provincial Youth Championships. Mandating this policy is the responsibility of the chaperones and volunteers. Any incidents are to be reported immediately to the Western Ontario Darts Association (WODA) executive. Any chaperones or volunteers encouraging or promoting a qualifier to consume drugs or alcohol will be subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution. This will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**.

# FORMAT FOR PROVINCIALS

## Junior and Senior Boys and Girls - Doubles and Singles Events

1. All doubles teams will be seeded into a round robin format based on their qualifying at the Zone level for each event.
2. All singles will be seeded into a round robin format based on the ranking list from all youth ranked tournaments.
3. All players who receive a bye into Provincials or have registered to play as an independent player at Provincials will be randomly inputted into sections.
4. The number of participants who advance to the knockout round will be based on the number of participants in the round robin sections. This will be determined prior to the Provincials event.
5. The format for all play is 501 SI/DO (straight in/double out).
6. Finals for each Doubles event will be played on stage.
7. Semi Finals for each Singles event will be best of 5.
8. Finals for each Singles event will be best of 5 and played on stage.

**\*\*Stage Play - 1st and 2nd place for each Junior and Senior Boys and Junior and Senior Girls (totalling 8 players) will make up the Provincial WODA Youth Team and will represent at the Nationals.\*\***

## Tyke Tournament Format:

1. All Tyke doubles are in one division
2. Swiss Round Robin format (you play a team of a similar record each round that you have not previously played)
3. First round is randomly drawn
4. Each Round the teams will play 1 game 301 SISO (Single In Single Out)
5. The number of rounds will be determined by how many can be played in a 2 hour time limit.
6. Once the round robins are completed (2 hour limit) the Top 8 teams will play a best of 3 SISO (Single In/Single Out) KO (Knockout).
7. Finals will be played on stage