



## TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Saskatchewan Darts Association has set up a provincial ranking tournament structure to give all players (elite or grassroots) the chance to improve their skills and standings within the province.

The top 20 men and top 10 women players in the rankings (including ties), as of January 31st, will automatically earn a position into the provincials therefore ensuring more players reach the provincials.

All zones will be allowed to host ranked tournaments. Where a nationally ranked tournament exists, the nationally ranked tournament can also be provincially ranked.

In order to host a provincially ranked tournament, the zones must meet requirements as stated in the application and with the following guidelines.

The following guidelines are set out to help the SDA control the point ranking system and the tournament to an appropriate standard:

1. The SDA controls all provincially-ranked tournaments within the Province of Saskatchewan. The SDA executive provides the final approval for sanctioning of provincially-ranked tournaments.
2. Zones wishing to hold a provincially ranked tournament will submit an application, completed in full and including preferred date(s), to the SDA executive by the September 1st deadline. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the SDA executive. Tournament Application TAF-1 forms are included in the manual.
3. Zones will pay the SDA a bond fee of \$75.00 to be received with the tournament application in order to hold a provincially ranked tournament **for the initial event**. The cheque/money order should be made payable to the Saskatchewan Darts Association. Established tournaments do not need to pay this every year.
4. M.A.P. grants may be used for provincially-ranked tournaments. They can be used for specific purposes but cannot be used for prize money or alcohol.
5. Posters must be submitted to the SDA tournament director for approval 60 days prior to the event. A reminder phone call will be made by the SDA tournament director to the zone director.
6. Each tournament will be open to all eligible players (includes non-SDA members). Members of the SDA who have been suspended will not be permitted to play.
7. Youth players may enter the provincially ranked tournaments providing the liquor permit states "Minors Allowed". The host will be responsible for ensuring the permit indicates such and for controlling the youth players. Minors may work at the control desk as section controllers or as markers provided the liquor permit allows them access to the venue.
8. There will be a surcharge of \$5.00 per board for the use of portaboards. If portaboards are needed, the host must supply all costs, both ways, including lost wages of the SDA executive member who delivers the boards if time was lost from work. The host can, however, supply someone at the SDA Executive's approval, to take the boards to the event.
9. All round-robin, knock-out and 180 stats are to be sent to the SDA tournament director no later than one week after the tournament date.



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10. A cheque or money order for all tournament fees including bond fees will be sent to the Saskatchewan Darts Association within one week of the tournament.
11. At least one member of the SDA executive will attempt to attend each provincially ranked tournament to assist with the event.
12. Provincially ranked tournaments will consist of two main events - men's singles and women's singles. The remainder of the tournament play will be decided at the discretion of the host zone.
13. Only singles events in the tournament will receive ranking points.
14. The singles portion of a tournament must be ranked in the following order:
  - ◆ Host Province (SDA)
  - ◆ Unranked
15. The format of all play for all singles events will consist of a round-robin play with 2, 4 or 8 sections. 2, 4 or 8 players will advance from each round-robin section to a knock-out format in order to determine final placement. The round-robin portion of singles play must consist of all 3 games. (The SDA suggests first round knock-out starts at best of 5 games.) All games will be 501, straight in double out.
16. NDFC start is as follows: Winner of toss of the coin starts first and all odd number games, excluding last. Loser of the toss starts second and all even number games. The original winner of the toss has the choice of who will shoot first at the bull for the deciding game.
17. When advancing from sectional play and a tie has occurred, the countback rule will apply for all non-jeopardy positions. If a non-jeopardy tie for position occurs and cannot be decided by the countback rule, the highest score of a 9-dart total score will decide the winners. If two or more are tied to advance from the section, a tie-breaker must be played with all players involved in the tie (according to Official NDFC Tie-Breaker Rules).
18. Players entering a provincially ranked tournament singles event will pay the sum as set out by the Zone for registration plus a \$1.00 registration fee to the SDA. This fee of \$1.00 will be retained by the SDA as a surcharge for the ranking of players.
19. The prize money will include all entry fees. The total prize money includes payouts in all events. The surcharge of \$1.00 shall not be considered to be entry fees and therefore is not included in the payout.
20. In order for a tournament to be sanctioned for provincial ranking points, the following criteria must be met:
  - ◆ The facility must be appropriate in size.
  - ◆ The tournament must have two main events - Men's Singles/Women's Singles and one other event (i.e., Doubles, Triples, Blind Draw, Mixed).
  - ◆ There must be a minimum of not less than 8 players in the Men's Singles and 8 players in the Women's Singles. A tournament that does not have minimum attendance will be put on probation.
  - ◆ The ranking system will be standardized in points unless there are substantially more than 50 players in a tournament event, in which case additional points may be awarded by the SDA tournament director.
21. Ranking points will be issued according to final positions according to the point structure (Form TRP-1). The SDA tournament director will send each zone director updated ranking lists.



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22. Provincial rankings are updated after each event. These rankings will be published on the web site after each tournament. Each zone director will be e-mailed or faxed a copy of these rankings after each update.
23. Only those players with a current SDA membership will retain ranking points awarded at a tournament (with the provision that all stats are received according to #10 above). Players who receive points and do not have a SDA membership will retain those points if they purchase a membership by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The SDA tournament director will run a list to be verified by the SDA membership director of any non-members with points. A call/fax will then be placed to the appropriate zone directors who would contact the player with the option of purchasing a membership. Out-of-province players cannot receive SDA ranking points.
24. Any player can play in any number of provincially ranked tournaments.
25. 180 pins will be awarded at each tournament if possible. The Zones are responsible for their own 180 pins. Out-of-province players are also awarded 180 pins.
26. Hats are **not allowed** to be worn during singles events in any SDA-ranked tournaments.