

# **B.C. PROVINCIAL DARTS**

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **NATIONAL**

At the National Championships a maximum of sixteen (16) players (eight (8) men – eight (8) women) from each Province/Association may qualify for events. All players must be drawn from the original sixteen (16) representing each Province/Association. The events to be contested and the maximum participants from each Province/Association will be:

Singles	- 8 Men – 8 Women
Men's Doubles	- 4 Teams of 2 (8 Men)
Women's Doubles	- 4 Teams of 2 (8 Women)
Mixed Doubles	- 8 Teams of 2 (8 Men – 8 Women)
Mixed Quads	- 4 Teams of 4 (Maximum 16)
Men's Quads	- 2 Teams of 4 (8 Men)
Women's Quads	- 2 Teams of 4 (8 Women)

### **SECTION A: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1 In order to qualify for competition at the Provincial and National level for this event, it is a requirement that within every Region, there be actual competition involving at least two teams. If only one Lodge in a particular Region is involved, then competition within that Region shall be deemed to have existed, only if within that one Lodge, there are at least two teams that have actually played off against one another. This will be accepted as genuine competition “within the Region” in an appropriate manner, subject to these rules and regulations, for the Region playoffs.
- 1.2 Regions may combine for a regional playoff and declare the same number of winners as there are Regions participating in the competition. This should not be seen as an opportunity for any one Lodge to send the equivalent of two Region's winners.
- 1.3 Ladies Singles, Men's Singles, Ladies Doubles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Mixed Quads, four person Ladies Teams and four person Men's Teams events are open to all Elks of Canada and Royal Purple Members who must have fully paid their dues for the current year by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior year.
  - 1.3.1 The fact you are a paid-up member does not qualify you for any level of competition beyond the Lodge.

- 1.4 Any Lodge with less than 50 members may form a composite team with any other Lodge, regardless of the size of the second Lodge, within the same Region. One of the two Lodges must have less than 50 members.
- 1.5 A member who is in good standing of a Lodge that surrenders its charter and who has submitted an application for transfer to another Lodge is permitted to represent that Lodge as long as his/her dues were paid for the current year.
- 1.6 Teams are allowed to register eligible spares for any event to replace a player or players that are unable to participate at the next level of competition.
  - 1.6.1 Eligible spares are those who must have qualified at Lodge playoff to play at the Region; must have qualified at Region playoff to play at the Provincial; must have qualified at the Provincial playoff to play at the Nation. (See also Section D, 4.3)
  - 1.6.2 All players who qualify at the Provincial level to proceed to the Nationals have 10 days after close of Provincial Darts to go home and check calendar, work, etc., and then confirm or cancel, national. Then the regular rule is in play, once the 10 day grease period was up.

**SECTION B: PLAYOFFS**

2.1 Lodge playoffs are required unless a Lodge has less participants per event than allowed to the Region Playoff. Each Lodge will be eligible to submit to Region Playoffs:

- Singles - 8 Men – 8 Women
- Men’s Doubles - 4 Teams of 2 (8 Men)
- Women’s Doubles - 4 Teams of 2 (8 Women)
- Mixed Doubles - 8 Teams of 2 (8 Men – 8 Women)
- Mixed Quads - 4 Teams of 4 (Maximum 16)
- Men’s Quads - 2 Teams of 4 (8 Men)
- Women’s Quads - 2 Teams of 4 (8 Women)

2.2 Region Playoffs – From the Lodge qualifiers each Region will be eligible to submit to Provincials:

- Singles - 8 Men – 8 Women
- Men’s Doubles - 4 Teams of 2 (8 Men)
- Women’s Doubles - 4 Teams of 2 (8 Women)
- Mixed Doubles - 8 Teams of 2 (8 Men – 8 Women)
- Mixed Quads - 5 Teams of 4 (Maximum 16)
- Men’s Quads - 2 Teams of 4 (8 Men)
- Women’s Quads - 2 Teams of 4 (8 Women)

- 2.2.1 If a Lodge does not have enough players to qualify in all events they may play the events they can qualify for.

2.2.2 Depending on the number of boards available at the Host Lodge facility, runner-up players/teams, in qualifying order, will be asked to compete to allow as many participants as possible to play.

2.3 Provincial Playoffs – Will be a three day event and will determine Provincial winners for all events:

Singles	-	8 Men – 8 Women
Men’s Doubles	-	4 Teams of 2 (8 Men)
Women’s Doubles	-	4 Teams of 2 (8 Women)
Mixed Doubles	-	8 Teams of 2 (8 Men – 8 Women)
Mixed Quads	-	4 Teams of 4 (Maximum 16)
Men’s Quads	-	2 Teams of 4 (8 Men)
Women’s Quads	-	2 Teams of 4 (8 Women)

The top 16 single players (men & women) will represent the province at Nationals.

2.3.1 A lodge must have a minimum of 24 boards in order to bid the following year’s event.

### **SECTION C: RULES OF PLAY**

3.1 Play will be governed by the National Dart Federation Rules, unless otherwise stated.

3.2 All games will be “straight in and double out”.

3.3 The Double Bull may finish the game.

3.4 Playing one game only – Start with Diddle for the Middle. Playing two games only – Game one Diddle for the Middle – second game loser of diddle for first game starts. Playing three games only – Game one diddle for the Middle – second game loser of diddle for first game starts – third game Diddle for the Middle. Playing five games only – Game one Diddle for the Middle – second game loser of diddle for first game starts – third game and fourth game reverts to start procedure of game one and two – Fifth game Diddle for the Middle.

3.5 No substitution of players will be permitted while match is in progress.

3.6 Where there are no scorers provided by the host Lodge, players shall chalk their own scores. A player must call out their score to the opposition and mark score before removing darts.

3.7 The rotation of the players on a team can be changed only after the completion of a match.

- 3.8 Darts may not be re-thrown and only those darts with points touching the surface of the board will count. Darts must be in the board, when the marker, as referee, calls the score, or player, otherwise it does not count. A dart counts from the point of entry.
- 3.9 A players may be told by the scorekeeper what number they have scored and what number they require for a game but not how to get it. The Team Captain on the request of the player may advise them on the double they require to finish the game.
- 3.10 When a player is throwing, no player/spectator shall be allowed to pass any remarks about the play, except the Team Captain (upon request from the thrower).
- 3.11 In team events if a player wishes to confer with their partner as to what to throw next he/she must step back from the toe line.
- 3.12 On team events players will throw alternately from each team and it is the duty of the referee to see that the rotation is maintained. If a player throws their darts out of turn, their throw will not count and the correct rotation will be maintained.
- 3.13 Games to be played as stipulated by rules with five minute grace period given for teams to commence play. Failure to show is an automatic forfeit of that game.
- 3.14 In the event of a discrepancy regarding Rules of Play or format while a competition is in progress, a Captain's meeting shall be held and the majority decision of the Captains as to resolving the discrepancy shall be final.

#### **SECTION D: GENERAL**

- 4.1 Dress code – neat and clean.
- 4.2 No smoking or alcoholic drinks shall be allowed by any player whilst engaged in play at the line.
- 4.3 The organizers of the Lodge/Region/Provincial playoffs must keep all records of playoffs until after that year's Nationals in the event a count back is necessary to determine the "next in order" to qualify.
- 4.4 The Host Lodge of the Provincial playoff is required to convene an annual meeting of all registered participants. The minutes of this meeting, along with any proposed rule or regulation changes, must be submitted to the B.C. Elks Association office upon completion of the playoffs. A complete list of all winners must also be supplied immediately upon completion of the playoff.
- 4.5 Updated Rules and Regulations, after B.C. Elks Association Executive approval, will be sent to all Elks & Royal Purple Lodges in B.C. by October 31<sup>st</sup> yearly.

Clarification: No change to the Rules and Regulations will become effective until approved by the B.C. Elks Association Executive.

Doug Manson Memorial Trophy – (Perpetual Trophy)

The Doug Manson Memorial Trophy, donated by Penticton Lodge #51 in 2003, is in memory of Doug's support and efforts to promote the Provincial Darts.

This trophy is to be awarded to the lodge that accumulates the most points for wins at the annual Elks Provincial Darts Championship. Each lodge that wins an event will be awarded points as follows:

- First place = 4 points
- Second place = 3 points
- Third place = 2 points
- Fourth place = 1 point

It is the responsibility of the host lodge to keep track of which lodge each winning player/team belongs to and the accumulated points for each lodge. The trophy should be awarded after the final event trophies have been given out.