



YOUTH

ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES AND REGULATIONS



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League Information

1. At the time of submitting your league forms to Eastern Ontario Darts Association, **all** information is required on the League Information and League Member List tabs of the Youth League Submission document for each player. Please advise all players to carry proof of age when attending youth events. Payment is to be made by direct deposit or e-transfer. You must ensure you reference your league name in any e-transfers. A copy of the financial form is to be sent to the Financial Director at eodafin.dir@gmail.com and the Youth Administrator at oydl@rogers.com when sending payment, as well as a copy of the deposit slip if direct deposit option was used (please reach out to the Financial Director for direct deposit information).
2. 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 all youth directors and league leaders to have a police record check on our files every 2 years.

Title	Description of duties	PRC Required
League Leader	A person who is responsible for the organization of a youth league.	YES Fee: \$35
Coach	A person who assists in the running and coaching of a youth league.	YES Fee: \$35
Chaperone	A person that will be attending the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Youth Provincial Championship and; • Lodging in the same room as a child that is not yours OR • Assisting the Youth League in overseeing the individual competitors from the league	YES Fee: \$0
Volunteer	A person that will be attending the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Youth Provincial Championship and lodging with their child(ren) only.	NO Fee: \$0

3. Zone forms are to be filled out completely and given to the Zone Director upon arrival at the Zone Shoots, along with payment. Please email the Zone Director five (5) days prior to the Zone shoot to relay the number of players that will be attending. Please email the Zone Director five (5) days prior to the Tyke shoot to relay the number of Tykes that will be attending.
4. Provincial pre-registration forms are to be filled out completely and emailed to the Youth Director by Feb 25. Payment is to be made by direct deposit or e-transfer. You must ensure you reference your league name in any e-transfers. A copy of the financial form is to be sent to the Financial Director at eodafin.dir@gmail.com and the Youth Director at oydl@rogers.com when sending payment, as well as a copy of the deposit slip if direct deposit option was used (please reach out to the Treasurer for direct deposit information).

Coaching Rule: You may coach at the Zone Level (juniors) but you must designate one coach for all players on the board. One (1) coach per board only and only if necessary. This will also help speed the day up.

Always remember to enforce Eastern Ontario Darts Association rules & regulations throughout the year so everyone knows them when they arrive at the Provincials

**GENERAL INFORMATION
YOUTH ZONES & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Zone for Eastern Ontario Darts Association Youth members will be open junior and senior doubles and junior & senior male & female singles divisions.

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 final shoot. Results will be given to all leaders once Zone Shoot is completed or by email if copies are not available at shoot.**

ALL participants must be a member in good standing with Eastern Ontario Darts Association, a permanent resident of Eastern Ontario and be 18 years of age or younger on **September 30th**. Junior competitors must be 15 years of age or younger on **September 30th**. Senior competitors must be 18 years of age or younger on **September 30th**.

All participants must purchase a membership with Eastern Ontario Darts Association even if there are not registered Youth Dart League within their area, and play the Zone shoot closest to their area.

All participants must be able to consistently hit the board from the 7' 9 1/4" oche line. Eastern Ontario Darts Association has always maintained that 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 **September 30th** may be deemed ineligible to play in the Nationals, regardless of their Provincial status. (age group is **Tykes 12 & under**).

The membership fee to Affiliate with the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Youth Program is \$35.00 per member. This must be paid in full and registered by the youth leaders to Eastern Ontario Darts Association **by Dec 1st**. If this deadline is not met, a \$100.00 late fee applies. Registration renewal will not be accepted after December 10th.

Eastern Ontario Darts Association will purchase an N.D.F.C. (National) membership for each player that competes at Provincial Level in the Singles events only. All players must be a member of a Youth League affiliated with Eastern Ontario Darts Association to participate in the Zone Qualifiers unless they qualify for independent status, which must be approved by the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Youth Director & Administrator by December 1st.

Entry fees for the Zone shoots are \$10.00 per person per event. All monies will be retained by the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Treasurer and allocated towards expenses incurred for the Provincial and National finals. Entry fee at the Provincial Championships is \$5.00 per person per event.

**Provincial Champions, runners-up 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.

ZONE & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No players will be allowed to enter event after registration for that event is closed. Both players (in doubles) must register for the event prior to registration closing.
2. All games to be a straight start and a double finish. Bust rule prevails.
3. In Doubles event, either player may shoot first.
4. Shooters and scorers only allowed inside the playing area.
5. Nine darts warm-up is maximum allowance per player.
6. Names and board assignments will be announced once (posted at Provincials). If a player fails to report to their boards, the section leader will report this to the control desk. A player(s) has 5 minutes to report to their assigned board or a forfeit will be called. This applies to round robin and knock-out format. No refunds for a forfeited match
7. A BULL throw shall determine the order of play in each match. The throwing order for the BULL throw shall be determined at the control desk or at the Match Board by a draw or the toss of a coin. Winner of the BULL throw shall throw first in the match and all subsequent "odd numbered legs" which will also include the "tie-break" leg if required. Loser of the BULL throw shall throw first in all "even numbered legs". If the dart enters the "25" or "BULL" sector it must be removed before the opponent takes his/her 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. The player who throws nearer the center of the dartboard shall throw first in the match.
8. A dart score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.
9. 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.
10. The scorer may inform the thrower what he has scored and what remains, but not what is left in number combinations. **No coaching allowed at Provincial & National Championships.** Players may, as long as they step back from the oche, communicate with their partner in the doubles event only. If a player or spectator is caught coaching, they may be asked to leave the event regardless of their placing or participation in the event.
11. 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)
12. The 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.
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.
14. Errors in arithmetic can be corrected prior to the beginning of that player's/team's next throw, if discovered by the players or the section leader. Errors in arithmetic after the player's/team's next throw will remain as written, **unless during the quarter finals/semi finals/finals**; play must stop immediately, and the error be brought to the control desk.
15. 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.
16. Good sportsmanship must be the prevailing attitude throughout all tournaments. Bad sportsmanship is cause for ejection from the tournament and possible disciplinary action will be taken. **Eastern Ontario Darts Association 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.**
17. 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 Sundays 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.
18. When a match is won, it must be reported **immediately** by the winner to the Section Leader or Control Desk.

19. Dress Code will be in effect and strictly enforced at all Eastern Ontario Darts Association youth events. Business casual with a collared shirt buttoned appropriately or zipped up that has a minimum of a cap sleeve is required. Dress, Chinos & Khakis are good. Cargo, Denim, athletic wear, Jogger Style, Pants with Elastic or cuffs at the ankles, shorts, skirts above the knee, open-toe/heel shoes, hats, and headphones/earbuds are not allowed. Eastern Ontario Darts Association representative's decisions are final. (The Eastern Ontario Darts Association Team uniform at National Championships is black dress pants and Team shirt).

20. All competitors/rooms must be registered at the hotels that Eastern Ontario Darts Association has contracts with. This includes rooms for any spectators as well. Reservations must only be made through the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Youth Director.

Rules for Singles

Players are to be playing in the division for their age group. It is the responsibility of the leader to ensure they are in the proper division. If an error does occur at the Zone level, the Youth Director is to be contacted immediately; any decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Rules for Doubles

Juniors may be brought up to the senior division for doubles, only if need be. If you have an uneven number of juniors & seniors, then 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.

Age Groups are as of September 30th.

Tykes – 12 & under

Juniors – 15 & under

Seniors – 18 & under

Age 16 on September 30th is a senior – after Sept 30th is a junior

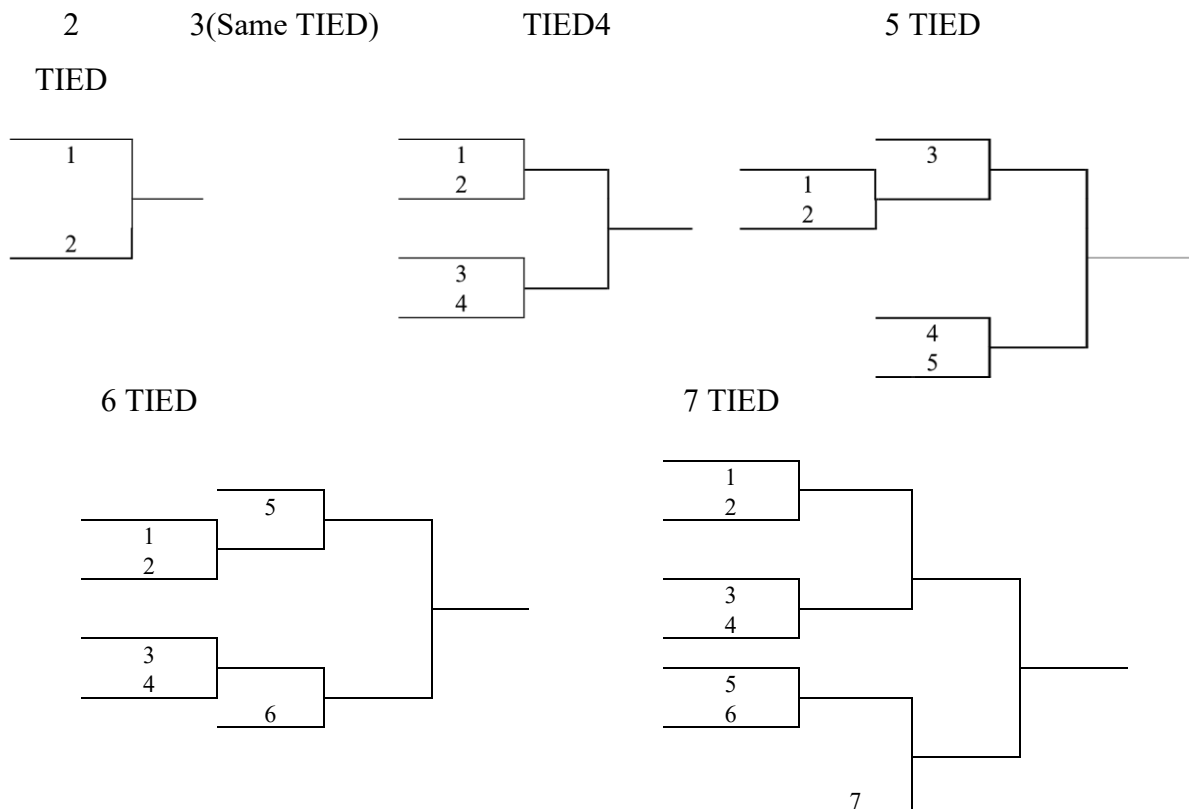
Tyke Rules

Tykes can be moved up to play in the Zone at junior level any time throughout the year before the Zone shoot. Leaders must contact the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Youth Director before the shoot and submit the difference between the tyke registration fee & junior registration fees.

Tykes that are registered as juniors and pay the full Eastern Ontario Darts Association Membership Fee may play in both the Tyke Shoot & the regular Zone Shoot. At the Tykes Shoot, only doubles is played and the winners of the Zone 1 & Zone 2 Shoots will compete against each other playing the best of 3 (401) at the Provincials on the Sunday when all finals are played and will receive an award for their 1st & 2nd place positioning.

TIE BREAKERS (1 GAME 701) ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY

This format, when deemed necessary by the Eastern Ontario Darts Association Representative at Zone Shoots, may be altered.



TIE BREAKER FOR POSITIONING IN KNOCKOUT ROUNDS – (1 to 8 are best 2 of 3 games)

All positions after the top 8 are to be broken by 1 game 701. (Knockout forms are available on the website)

SECTION TIEBREAKER

1 game of 701 S.I.D.O. NO role-back. If it is deemed appropriate by the Zone's director and all the league leaders agree, a 9 darts high score tiebreaker can be played instead of 701. All players shall play on the same dartboard. Order of throwing for the bull shall be determined by the team/player number order on the Round Robin sheet. The player closest to the bull shoots first. Either player may go for the bull in a team game.

Long Games - You can do 2-minute time or 5 times each player with no bust rule when on their double, then 9 dart high score.