

NEW ZEALAND DARTS COUNCIL

BY LAWS

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1. The venue of Annual General Meetings shall be held at the NZ Darts Council Championships in each year.
2. The Chairman shall define the hours of sitting at each Annual General Meeting.
3. At the Annual General Meeting, Council is to present a document of a proposed budget for the ensuing year.
4. Nomination forms, Reminders for submission of Remits and alterations to Regional Boundaries for discussion at the Annual General Meeting are to be sent to associations at least one (1) month before closing date.
5. Only biographies of new nominees for Council office are required and will be circulated each year. Standing officers, including previous nominees, are to be referred to past files.
6. Alterations to the rules are to be printed immediately after the Annual General Meeting and sent to all associations no later than the end of August.
7. The Executive minutes are to be available to associations within forty-five (45) days after meetings are held.
8. The minimum number of members required for a new association to affiliate with the NZDC must be thirty-five (35),
9. Existing affiliated associations should maintain their membership at a minimum number of twenty-five (25). In the event that any association cannot maintain the minimum number of members, then they must apply for a dispensation to operate prior to 31st July in the current year. The dispensation will only be valid for one (1) year unless determined by the Directors. If the membership has not increased before the dispensation expires, then Associations will be requested to affiliate through a neighbouring association. Also, an application for dispensation must be accompanied by \$100, which will be returned to the applicant association if the targeted membership is achieved
10. All association affiliation and member capitations must be paid to the NZ Darts Council, before any NZDC fixtures are played.
11. All players participating in more than four (4) games of darts within an Association are to be affiliated to the Council.

12. At the discretion of the host association, players may play in more than one (1) association's normal competition.
13. Affiliation and Capitation fees are payable no later than 31st July each year, along with names of members registered. Associations who fail to register their members by the closing date may be liable for the following penalties.
 - a. Up to 25 members a fine of \$250.00 plus payment of Capitation Fee.
 - b. 26 to 50 members a fine of \$500.00 plus payment of Capitation Fee.
 - c. 51 to 75 members a fine of \$750.00 plus payment of Capitation Fee
 - d. 76 to 100 members a fine of \$1000.00 plus payment of Capitation Fee. Etc. etc. increasing by \$250.00 for every 25 members not registered.Area Officers are to be advised of associations in their area whose fees remain unpaid immediately after 31st August.
14. All championship fees must be paid to the Council by date set by the NZ Darts Council.
15. Region maps are to be included in the N.Z. Championship programme.
16. All rules as laid down by the Council shall be strictly adhered to by all Associations, i.e. No Smoking, etc.
17. No player shall be allowed to practice once their game has started.
18. At the venue of the NZ Darts Council Championships, alcoholic refreshments cannot be consumed in the same room where the game of darts is being played.
19. The Executive members present shall decide any emergency measures at the N.Z. Championships.
20. At least one (1) representative of the Council shall attend the N.Z. Junior and Youth Championships.
21. Members can only register with the N.Z. Darts Council through one (1) association.
22. Members wishing to transfer from one Association to another must fill in a Council Transfer form, having it duly signed by the secretaries of both associations, and forwarded to the Membership Director. A person applying for a transfer must be registered with the receiving association at least thirty (30) days prior to representing that association. A person applying for a second transfer within a period of twelve (12) months, must apply for an exemption from the NZ Darts Council.

Definition: A transfer or clearance is required at all times by players changing to another association. The reason being that although a player may have ceased playing for some time and no longer be financial with his/her original association, there may be other reasons for which a clearance may not be given. Refusal of a clearance must be justified by the association refusing same.

24. Each new affiliated Association shall receive two (2) bronze with the solid number 1 180 badges for immediate presentation
25. The Secretary or Badge Controller of each association that the player is registered with, is responsible for forwarding all 180 claims to the Badge Controller.
26. Official recognition be given to Junior and Youth Darts Leagues run under strict supervision of parent associations. This will enable awards of possibles and any other records or achievements gained by these players to be recognised by the NZDC, provided that such junior members do not constitute any or part of the number required as the minimum number for Association membership.
27. Liaison officers will be allocated areas and will be Directors of NZDC.
28. Delegates to the Asia-Pacific Area Council and World Darts Federation General Meetings and Conferences will be appointed by the Executive.
29. The World Anti-Doping Code 2015 has been adopted by NZ Darts Council as recommended by the Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
30. The Sports Tribunal of New Zealand be recognised as the final disputes forum for any disputes or appeals under the NZ Darts Council Constitution, Playing Rules, Anti-Doping Policies and Code of Practice on Disciplinary Proceedings.
31. Adults who have minors at the NZDC Championships they are responsible for, and are not taking proper care and control of them will be asked to remove themselves and the minors from the premises.
32. Host Associations of the NZDC Junior & Youth Championships are to provide the minimum of eight (8) steps for use by Junior players. The steps to be 400mm x 350mm x 200mm.
33. All ranked tournaments are Singles tournaments only. The Men's and Ladies are treated as two (2) separate tournaments. The rules around these NZ Ranked tournaments are set out below. WDF tournaments to follow WDF rules. Confirmation of Tournament dates for WDF Ranked Events must be received by 25 November in each year so the application can be forwarded to the WDF by 30 November.

1. Ranked Tournament dates must not conflict with any NZDC sanctioned tournament.
2. Payment of WDF Ranked Tournament levies to be received by NZDC within thirty (30) days after the completion of each tournament.
3. Flyer for each tournament must be received by the Secretary at least eight (8) weeks prior to the tournament.
4. The host of the tournament must supply to NZDC a Tournament Report within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the tournament. The report must consist of:
 - a. Number of entries in both the Ladies and Men's Tournament, and a list of players in the last sixteen (16).
 - b. Copy of the Last sixteen (16) in the knockout section with the legs won.
 - c. List of all entries into the tournament (both men's and ladies), which should include their registered Association, or if not registered with NZDC, then this should be noted alongside their name.
5. The Secretary must advise WDF the results of all WDF Tournaments within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the tournament.
6. The WDF Rankings will be updated within 3 days of receipt.
7. Results of all tournaments will be collated and advised to Sport New Zealand at the end of each financial year.
8. All prize-giving to be completed on the day of the tournament.

All these reports must be sent to the Secretary.

All NZ Ranked tournaments are in accordance with the NZ Darts Council Playing Rules. All sections are to be drawn into sections of no more than six (6) players per sheet. Qualifiers shall be drawn into a knockout. The onus is on the player to ensure that the section sheet is correct and they should sign the sheet to indicate this.

If any host Association is in breach of these rules, then they will be advised accordingly.

35. All WDF tournaments seeding's are to be based on the WDF Tournament and Playing Rules. All NZ Ranked Tournaments seedings are to be based on the NZ Darts Council Ranking Table current at the time of the tournament

Seeding's for NZ tournaments is as follows:

1. NZ Ranked Tournaments, the following process shall be undertaken: Four (4) men and Four (4) women will be seeded into the ranking tournaments. The first being ranked in order as they are listed in ranked order as they appear in the NZDC ranking tables. In the event of insufficient numbers of ranked players attending a tournament then a Tournament official shall determine the remaining seeds.
36. This Bylaw is a guideline to assist running NZ Ranked tournaments.
1. The close off time for entries should be subject to local conditions.
 2. Section play to be best of three (3) Legs, 501. Section sheets must consist of no more than six (6) players per section.
 3. The top four (4) seeds attending a NZ tournament are to be seeded into the sections.
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 5. Qualifiers must win three (3) games to qualify into a one (1) life knockout.
 6. The top four (4) seeds attending a NZ tournament qualifying through the section play are to be seeded into the knockout.
 7. Seeds to be placed into the knockout according to rules laid down by NZDC.
 8. For NZ Ranked tournaments, the Men's knockout to be Best of five (5) legs up to last eight (8), which will be best of seven (7) and last four (4), best of nine (9), Final to be best of eleven (11).
 9. The Ladies knockout to be best of five (5) legs up to last eight (8), which will be best of seven (7) and last four (4), best of seven (7), Final best of nine (9).

37. Livestreaming at NZDC Tournaments
Any person who wishes to livestream at any NZDC Sanctioned tournament must get permission from the organisers of the tournament before undertaking any livestreaming. This also includes NZDC Championships.

Whenever Junior & Youth are playing, the person undertaking the livestreaming must also get permission from the NZDC representative, manager, guardian or parent. Host Associations will be advised of this requirement, and it will also be required to be advertised on the Tournament poster.

38. All WDF Singles Ranking Tournaments must be held on a Saturday or Sunday.
39. Two members of the New Zealand Dart Council Executive will attend all ranking tournaments held in New Zealand. They are responsible for the running of the tournament to ensure that the Rules of the WDF and NZDC are met.
40. New Zealand Ranking Points will be awarded as follows:

1 st	14 points	5 th =	8 points
2 nd	12 points	9 th =	6 points
3 rd =	10 points	16 th =	4 points

1. If there are less than 32 entries in a tournament, then Ranking Points will be awarded to the 5th equal place
2. If there are more than 64 entries and less than 128 entries, then Ranking Points will be awarded to 9th equal place
3. If there are over 128 entries, then Ranking Points will be awarded to 16th equal place.