

***Molson Canadian Provincial Men's
Darts Association***

CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS

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PROVINCIAL MEN'S DARTS ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE 1 The name of the association shall be the **Molson Canadian Provincial Men's Darts Association. (Incorporated as Regional Men's Darts Association Inc.)**

ARTICLE 2 **THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE:**

To foster and improve the game of darts in Newfoundland and Labrador in accordance with the standards and rules under prescribed.

- a) To protect and promote the mutual interests of the members.
- b) Institute and regulate competition for the Championships.
- c) To be non-political and non-radical at all times.
- d) To promote minor programs in all divisions.
- e) To be a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE 3 **THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE:**

President
Secretary-Treasurer
Western Vice-President
Eastern Vice-President
Provincial Statistician

The executive shall be responsible for the management of business of the Provincial Association between Executive and Annual Meetings and may exercise all such powers and do all acts as may be exercised by the Provincial Association Committee, providing that no act, or decision made previously contravenes or alters in any way the Constitution or Bye-Laws of the Association which have been made at the Annual Meeting.

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

THE PRESIDENT: Shall preside at all meetings of the association and Executive with the usual privileges of office. Attend Championship finals and shall have the authority to decide on all questions submitted to him by scorers and/or referees, where otherwise a meeting may be necessary to decide, depending on circumstances.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Shall perform the duties of the Provincial President in his absence. Otherwise, the Host Regional President will act in their absence for chairing meetings or decision making. Eastern Vice-president would represent the Association in promoting darts in Eastern, West Avalon, North Eastern, Southern, Central, and Labrador Regions. Western Vice-president would cover the Northern, Northwest, Western, Southwest, and South-Southwest Regions.

THE SECRETARY/TREASURER: Shall keep an accurate account of proceedings of the association Annual General Meeting and Executive Meetings.

Shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and distributed by him, and report annually to the Association or at the request of the President or Auditors with one week's notice. Prepare a Financial Statement to be enclosed with the minutes of the Annual Meeting to be forwarded to all Regions, not more than 14 days after the start of the season.

Shall be responsible for ensuring that arrangements have been made by Host Regions for players and Provincial Executive members attending these events, with regards to playing sites, best and closest hotel accommodations, bar prices, and provisions for a "Meet and Greet" function at the end of the round robin play.

Shall be responsible for forwarding this information to all Regions, give notification of changes to Government Agencies and Banking Institution With regards to changes in Executive positions.

PROVINCIAL STATISTICIAN: Shall record in Provincial Player Database all registered player cutoff, Regional Playoff, and Provincial tournament averages. He will be responsible for the collection of all original score sheets from tournaments for review with regards to disputed averages. He will report directly to the President of the Provincial Association

ARTICLE 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The Provincial Executive shall hold office for a period of three (3) years and shall be eligible for re-election. All persons seeking election must be registered members in good standing with the Association to be eligible for election or appointment to any position within the Association.
2. The Executive shall be elected by secret ballot from the registered representatives at the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Non-attending members may seek nomination by indicating in writing their willingness to accept a nomination for office, indicating the position or positions of interest.
3. A nominee, to be elected, must secure a majority of total possible votes. If more than one ballot is required, the nominee securing the least number of votes is dropped from the ballot automatically and the voting process continues until a winner has been declared.
4. Each member of the outgoing executive will have the right to vote whether seeking election or not.
5. Any Executive member may be removed at any time from his position by a majority vote of the Provincial delegates for dereliction of duty, physical incapacity or continued absence without due cause.
6. In the event of mid-term vacancies occurring, the Provincial Executive shall have the power to fill such vacancies until the next Annual Meeting. Appointed and elected positions filled in this period will be terminated on next general election date and will not be subject to three-year term.
7. Newly elected Executive functions will commence on September 1st of each election year. Outgoing Executive will have all business conducted by that date and the minutes of the Annual Meeting and Financial Statement forwarded to Regional representatives.
8. The business of the association will be to receive and consider the reports of Regions and matters incidental thereto and draw up guidelines to be reviewed and voted on at the AGM by all Regions.

ARTICLE 5 ANNUAL MEETINGS

1. Each member Region will submit a list of elected officers in their respective Region to the secretary of the Provincial Association with complete names, phone #'s, addresses, e-mail addresses of their Regional Executive within fifteen (15) days of their Annual Meeting.
2. Each Region is Responsible for informing the Provincial Executive the Date of their Regional AGM at least 14 days before the meeting is to be held.
3. Each Member Region will submit the dates of each of their regional tournaments to the Provincial Secretary as soon as said dates are set by the Regional Executive
4. The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Association will be held in the Town or City in which The Provincial "A", "B", "C", or "D" tournaments are being hosted, on the day prior to the start of Round Robin Play. The Annual Meeting will be on a rotational basis as per the attached Zone Schedule. A minimum notice of fourteen (14) days must be given to all regions along with a tentative agenda. No region can host AGM in any two consecutive years.
5. No Region will be permitted to vote at Annual Meetings unless their player and affiliation fees have been paid to the Provincial Association as per the time limits set out in the By-Laws of the Association.
6. Each Region will be allowed three (3) votes at the AGM and a maximum of two (2) votes at the Semi-annual meeting. Provincial President will exercise "right to vote" only on matters needing a deciding vote to break a tie. Honorary officers and Life-Members shall sit in as advisors only and have no voting rights.
7. Elected Provincial Executive members holding a Regional Executive position must vacate the Regional Executive Position before being able to serve on the Provincial Executive (definition: new elected members start serving their term on September 1st on any given election year)
8. Questions and motions submitted to the Chairman at the General meeting shall be decided on by a show of hands, unless otherwise requested by a registered delegate.
9. Observers, including press representatives, shall be allowed access to the Provincial Meetings, subject to prior approval by the Executive Committee. Their presence will be acknowledged, and they will be introduced by the Chairman of the Board.

10. The president may call additional meetings, semi-annual or extra-ordinary as deemed necessary for the operation of the association. The secretary/treasurer will advise all Regions within thirty (30) days of such meetings, giving the date, place and proper agenda.
11. Procedures at all association meetings shall be governed by normal rules or debates, as set forth in the “Roberts Rules of Order”.
12. In general, no member shall speak more than once on any matter of the debate, but it must be remembered that the purpose of the meeting is to serve the declared purposes of the Provincial association. In consequence, and as such debates occur only on an annual basis, over rigidity in the application of this particular rule can serve to defeat the basic reasons for the Annual Meeting. The Chairman, therefore, may, at his discretion, allow free discussion that would not be possible by the application of this “one Time Speak” rule. The chairman may, after the topic has been fully debated, allow only one further contribution from each member before putting the matter to a vote. The mover of the motion shall have the right to speak last, but such a final statement will be considered his “final contribution”
13. Amendments to as well as a Motions are required to be seconded before they may be debated. All amendments shall be limited in order of presentation and shall be voted on in reverse order. An Amendment that has the effect of over-riding a previous amendment, shall, if accepted, result in the striking of the previous amendment. No amendments, whose purpose is negative of the original motion or of a previous motion, shall be accepted as the original motion may be defeated by a majority vote.
14. After a motion has been decided, either for or against, no other motion of the same substance may be put forward at the same meeting.
15. The chairman may, with the consent of the delegates, adjourn the meeting from time to time, and place to place, but no business shall transact at any adjourned meeting other than business left unfinished at the meeting room where the adjournment took place.
16. No Smoking or drinking (Alcohol) will be permitted during Annual Meeting.
17. When deemed necessary a Semi-Annual Meeting will be held at the discretion of the Provincial President.

18. At Annual meetings three fifths (3/5) of its possible delegates will constitute a quorum.

19. Any region wanting to make a motion at the AGM must do so in writing and send the motion by e-mail to the Provincial President or Provincial Secretary/Treasurer 3 weeks prior to the AGM. The motions will not require a seconder until presented at the AGM. This will give the Provincial Association time to send the motions to all the regions for their consideration before the AGM.

ARTICLE 6

OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The fiscal season for the Provincial Association will commence on September 1st and end on August 31st of the following year.
2. The funds of the Association will be placed in a convenient bank and available for to be scrutinized by the executive Members on request.
3. The financial report given at the Annual Meeting will cover the period from September 1st of one year to August 31st of the following year. A copy of financial statement will be sent out to all Regions two weeks after August 31st.
4. The Secretary/treasurer will receive honorarium in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per year.
5. Members of the Provincial Executive will receive an allowance for telephone costs of twenty dollars (\$20) per month.
6. If Provincial Executive Members, or designated person(s), must travel to carry out the business of the association, they will be reimbursed for travel at Provincial Government rates and will also receive a Per Diem of fifty dollars (\$50) per day for meals and incidentals.
7. Copies of Constitution, Bye-Laws, MCPMDA Playing Rules, AGM minutes, Provincial Executive Meeting minutes, Year End Financial Statement and a copy of each Regions Database will be provided via e-mail **on a basis of one (1) copy of each**, to all registered Regional Executive Members.
8. If the Association disbands, funds to its credit in the bank shall be donated by the Executive to a charitable fund of their choice.

9. All Leagues within a Region registered with Provincial Association, must be under the leadership of a **Male Executive**. No **Female** is to serve on any executive of a league registered with the Provincial Association.

ARTICLE 7 MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the association will be restricted to players registered within the Regions set out under the boundaries of the association and abiding by the constitution and by-laws of the Association. **Regions must provide, to the Association, a complete list of players, players mailing address, city, postal code, home phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, and current average, within their Region on or before January 15th of the current dart season.** All player fees and affiliation fees must be current.
2. Due to a late registration date, **a motion was made that any Region playing their Regional Playdowns before January 15th of the current dart season, must have all players registered one week before any Regional Tournament is played to be consider a legal tournament by the Provincial Association.** All players being registered by a Region must have all required information along with their **current yearly average** submitted via e-mail to the Provincial President and the Provincial Statistician one week before the first Regional Tournament is played. All fees pertaining to player registration must be paid at that time as well. Fees must be sent to the Provincial Treasure.

Article 8 DRESS CODE

The Bold Text items in #1 and #3 below must be worn to participate in Provincial Tournaments

1. **Dress pants, shirt with a collar, (shirts to be buttoned always).** No jeans or denim, jogging pants, cargo pants, cords or shorts to be worn while participating in Provincial Tournaments.
2. Headgear may be worn under the following conditions: with prior permission from the Provincial Executive for medical conditions, and religious reasons. Any

headgear permitted cannot be in competition with our sponsor. (Team Managers/Captains may also be consulted by tournament director to vote on special circumstances)

3. Footwear must be **casual or dress shoes in good condition**. (no sandals, rubber boots or ski-doo boots)
4. Protests concerning dress code must be presented before the start of any game, once a player has played in any game, he is considered legal and allowed to complete that game without repercussions to him or his team, also considering any previous game (s) which he played. Once a protest is registered the player must adhere to Dress Code Rules, before participating in any further games of the tournament.
5. Any Player buying dart shirts to be worn at Provincial Tournaments, must have their name and region displayed on their shirt.

ARTICLE 9 PLAYOFF ZONES

1. The province has been divided into four Zones for the purpose of evenly distributing the Hosting of Provincial Tournaments. Each zone is comprised of two Regions. Each Zone will receive a provincial tournament annually, the Regions in that Zone will alternate hosting and will host a tournament every second year. The Zones are:

Zone1: Eastern/ Southern Regions

Zone 2: Southwest/ South Southwest Regions

Zone 3: Central/ Western Regions

Zone 4: Northwest/ Northern Regions

2. If for some reason a Region does not qualify for hosting, under the by-laws of the constitution, the Provincial Executive will host that divisional tournament within that Zone, with all profits going to the Provincial

Association. This was amended at the Executive Meeting and accepted by the membership at the next AGM to allow the Executive to put the tournament up on bids for all legal regions to bid on, the Executive would then decide where to host the tournament.

3. The Zone Rule will not be altered after the start of any eight-year cycle of the Provincial Playoffs, thus giving everyone a chance to benefit equally from the distribution of tournaments

Provincial Tournament Schedule

<u>Year</u>	<u>A</u> <u>Tour</u>	<u>B</u> <u>Tour</u>	<u>C</u> <u>Tour</u>	<u>D</u> <u>Tour</u>
<u>2020</u> Election	<i>Western</i> March 4 th to 7 th	<i>Southwest</i> March 25 th to 28 th	<i>Eastern</i> March 11 th to 14 th	<i>Northwest</i> March 18 th to 21 st
<u>2021</u> AGM	<i>S Southwest</i> March 3 rd to 6 th	<i>Central</i> March 24 th to 27 th	<i>Northern</i> March 10 th to 13 th	<i>Southern</i> March 17 th to 20 th
<u>2022</u> AGM	<i>Eastern</i> March 2 nd to 5 th	<i>Northwest</i> March 23 rd to 26 th	<i>Western</i> March 9 th to 12 th	<i>Southwest</i> March 16 th to 19 th
<u>2023</u> Election	<i>Northern</i> March 1 st to 4 th	<i>Southern</i> March 22 nd to 25 th	<i>S Southwest</i> March 8 th to 11 th	<i>Central</i> March 15 th to 18 th
<u>2024</u> AGM	<i>Southwest</i> Feb 28 th to March 2 nd	<i>Western</i> March 20 th to 23 rd	<i>Northwest</i> March 6 th to 9 th	<i>Eastern</i> March 13 th to 16 th
<u>2025</u> AGM	<i>Central</i> March 5 th to 8 th	<i>Northern</i> March 26 th to 29 th	<i>Southern</i> March 12 th to 15 th	<i>S Southwest</i> March 19 th to 22 nd

2026
Election

2027
AGM

<i>Northwest</i> March 4 th to 7 th	<i>Eastern</i> March 25 th to 28 th	<i>Southwest</i> March 11 th to 14 th	<i>Western</i> March 18 th to 21 st
<i>Southern</i> March 3 rd to 6 th	<i>S Southwest</i> March 31 st to April 3 rd	<i>Central</i> March 10 th to 13 th	<i>Northern</i> March 17 th to 20 th

ARTICLE 10:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted in writing or e-mail to the Secretary/treasurer within 30 days of the Annual Meeting.

The Provincial Tournament Schedule is now protected by the Constitution and cannot be discussed at any AGM unless a written letter is received by the Sec/Treasure within 30 days of the AGM stating why the Schedule should be discussed.

Bye-Laws

The Association may make, repeal, and amend bye-laws, as it may from time to time consider necessary for the internal Management of the Association. The making, revision and amendments of bye-laws shall be affected at an Annual Meeting upon a resolution being passed by most of the members eligible to vote at such meetings.

Note: The Provincial Association "Playing Rules" is excluded from the Bye-laws.

ARTICLE 1:

ELIGIBILITY

1. To play in Provincial Championships in any division players must complete 1/3 of available legs within their leagues
In the event of a player being transferred from one Region to another, legs played in previous Region(s) will be credited to him with a letter of conformation from the Region(s) that he left, which can be used to make up his 1/3 games played. Work or Sickness cannot be used in league play as a reason for a player not playing the required legs to be eligible to play in Provincial Tournaments.
2. No player will be allowed to participate in any Divisional Championships, who is not of the legal drinking age, as permitted by law, to be on the premises. Only exception to the rule is if championship is held in a club where no liquor is being offered for sale.

3. Any player registering with any Region associated with the Provincial Association must be a Resident of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with full residency.
4. For teams to participate in Provincial play within any division (A, B, C, D) they must be members of a registered Region as defined in this constitution's bye-laws.
5. For teams to participate in Provincial play, all player fees, and affiliation fees must be collected and paid to the Association as per the dates set at annual meeting.
6. For a team to register for a Provincial Tournament the Region must submit the player's names for preregistration to the Provincial Sec/Treasure or the Provincial President 3 weeks prior to the Tournament start date. All Tournament fees must be paid now as well.
7. Any team registering to participate in Provincial Tournaments must have a minimum of 6 preregistered players present on registration day. Up to a maximum of 10 players may be registered on a team. Player 7 to 10 on a team must also be registered on registration day but can be absent due to work or sickness.
8. Any player registered on a team participating in a Provincial Tournament, must play 20% of the Round Robin games to play in the finals if his team qualifies for a playoff spot.
9. At least 6 players on a registered team, obtaining a position to play in a Provincial Tournament Final, must have played a minimum of 20% of the allocated games in the Tournament Round Robin for the team to participate in the finals.
10. For first time recognition as a League within a Region and eligible to play in Provincial tournaments, the league must have a minimum of four (4) teams with four (4) players on a team (16 players total) and abide by the constitution and bye-laws of the Provincial Association. Note: It could be a Mixed League. Any League already affiliated with the Region may retain their membership if for some reason they are not able to meet this criterion.

11. Any team in a Provincial Tournament with 3 players or more shooting higher than the required average for that tournament, Round Robin and Finals combined, will be disqualified from receiving any awards associated with the Tournament.
12. Any team in a Provincial Tournament with 3 players or more, shooting higher than the required average for that tournament in the Round Robin, will be disqualified from playing in the finals even if the team qualifies.
13. A player, team must compete in a Regional playoff within his Division to advance to Provincial tournaments. *(Example: If a player wants to compete in the Provincial B division tournament, he must first play in his Regional B tournament.) (Exception #1 to this rule: if teams are having difficulty finding players that played in their division play downs, they may take players from a lower division play downs to build their team.*
14. A player's cutoff and regional tournament averages will be used to qualify him for provincial divisional play. Note: see Bye-Laws Article 3: Averages.
15. Transfer of players from one region to another can only be done due to work or illness or if the transfer is the result of a permanent address change. All averages and games played information must be transferred as well. Transfers must be signed by the President of the Region being transferred from as well as the President of the Region being transferred to. All transfers must be sent to the Provincial Sec/Treasure for approval by the Provincial Executive. No transfer will be legal until the Provincial Executive has informed both Regions that the player is legal to transfer.
16. After the A teams have been decided in each Region, any registered A player that participated in an A regional tournament, but didn't make that regions teams and wasn't invited to participate with that regions teams at the Provincial Tournament, can now submit their name to the Provincial Executive to be put into a poll of players that will be used by the Provincial Executive to top up A teams from Regions that doesn't have enough A player to make up their A Regional Teams. The deadline for players entering their names to this poll is the same as preregistration of players attending the tournament (3 weeks prior to the start of the A tournament in any given year). Players on this list won't be required to pay the \$20 preregistration fee when preregistered but will be required to pay \$20 if they are put on a team to participate in the Provincial Tournament. *See rules regarding polls under Article 9*

17. After the B, C, D teams have been decided in any Region hosting a Provincial Tournament, the region can set up a list of players to be used by the provincial executive to top up teams from other regions that cannot get enough players from their own region. The region can only set up a list of players for the division they are hosting. All player names in the list must be a legal player for the division being hosted and must have participated in the Regional Qualifier. All players names in the list must be sent to the Provincial President at the same time as your teams are preregistered (3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament you are hosting). Players on this list won't be required to pay the \$20 preregistration fee when preregistered but will be required to pay \$20 if they are put on a team to participate in the Provincial Tournament.

See rules regarding polls under Article 9

ARTICLE 2: ANNUAL DUES AND FEES

1. Each Region is required to pay, to the provincial Association, a fee of eight dollars (\$8.00) per player for each player registered in their Regions as well as affiliate players where participation is required to gain membership within their Region. *(Example: If a player is required to participate in a divisional house league to compete in a provincial league, then all players within that house league must be registered and pay the fee also. Registration fees must be paid upon player registration)*
2. Each region will be responsible to pay, each dart season an affiliation fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) to the Provincial Association.
3. Hosting Regions for Provincial tournaments are required to pay a three hundred dollar (\$300.00) "Hosting Fee" to the Provincial Association.
4. Players registering to play in Provincial tournaments must pay a registration fee of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) (at the time of preregistration) which will be added to other prize monies generated by Provincial Association 50/50 draws to provide cash prizes to winners and pay referees and scorekeepers in each of the four Divisions. This fee is nonrefundable so players not showing won't get the fee back.
5. Any team within a Region who refuses to participate in designated fundraising events by the Provincial Association will forfeit any rights to prize money generated by these events

6. Due to the increase in player registration, we will not be selling Provincial Lottery Tickets anymore. The prize generally used for the Provincial Lottery (60 Dozen Beer) will now be drawn for at our last provincial tournament using the names of all registered players for the current year. Those names will be printed and placed in a container, we will draw 12 names from that container at the Finger Food function and each name drawn will receive 5 dozen Molson Products in Voucher form.

ARTICLE 3

AVERAGES

- 1 The following are qualifying averages for “B”, “C” and “D” divisions.
“B” – DOUBLE IN FROM 14.00 TO 16.49
OPEN BREAK FROM 19.00 TO 21.49
“C” – DOUBLE IN FROM 11.50 TO 13.99
OPEN BREAK FROM 16.50 TO 18.99
“D” - DOUBLE IN FROM 11.49 and under
OPEN BREAK FROM 16.49 and under
NO GRACE PERIOD FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE.
- 2 Cutoff dates for averages will be determined by the President of the Provincial Association, who will notify the Secretary to advise Regions of the date. No previous notification to be given to Regions. No player may drop to a lower division after the cutoff date.
- 3 Averages of all players in each Region must be forward to the Statistician of the Provincial Association and the Provincial President within a ten-day period after the cutoff date
- 4 Averages of all players competing in Regional tournaments must be submitted to the Provincial Statistician and the Provincial President upon completion of the Tournament
- 5 All Regions must use the stats programs approved by the Provincial Executive to submit stats to the Provincial Statistician

and the Provincial President at Cut-Off and Regional Tournaments.

- 6 Any Region not sending in player Averages, as required, will have Region disqualified from playing in the present Provincial Championships and the following season.
7. *Any player shooting over the maximum average for a division in a Regional or Provincial tournament where their average exceeds the maximum average for a division by 0.50 or less will be required to participate for a maximum of 1 dart season in the higher division if the following condition is met. Those players will have to have a recorded registration average for that dart season and one recorded Regional or one Provincial average for that dart season while playing in the higher division. If this condition isn't met then the player must remain in the higher division for 2 years with a recorded registration average for both years. All recorded averages must be the lower division average in order for a player to drop to lower average. All advancements regarding Regional and Provincial tournaments would start on the following dart season. This will be retroactive back to the start of the Regional tournaments of 2017/2018 dart season.*
8. *That any player shooting a higher average at Registration or cut-off than the average recorded for the previous year will be subject to the previous rule (#7) regarding the length of time spent in the higher division but their length of time would start immediately after the higher average was recorded*
- 9 No player can drop to a lower division of play for a minimum of two (2) dart seasons. Circumstances due to health and *complying with the 2 previous rules regarding averages* will be the only exception.
- 10 Any player shooting a lower division average for two (2) dart seasons will be eligible to drop back to the lower average division at the start of the third dart season.
- 11 Any player advancing to a higher average division due to shooting a higher average at a Provincial Tournament must shoot *2 lower average the following dart season to be eligible to play in the lower division the second following dart season*

- 12 When a player is participating in two or more leagues, and/or Regions, his highest attained avg. will determine which Division he is eligible to compete in at the Provincial tournaments
- 13 All teams participating in “B”, “C”, and “D” divisions will have their averages subject to review, and if it is determined that a player has intentionally dropped his average, player will have award(s) returned to the Provincial Association and then presented to the Runner-Up player/team.
- 14 Players will advance to the next level of play determined by their tournament average, if they shoot over the required average of a combined Regional play-off. Round Robin, Semi-Finals, and Finals are included based on 1/3 of available games.
- 15 Players shooting over the required divisional average in Provincial Tournaments will also advance to the Higher Division that their combined average for Round Robin, Semi-Finals and Finals dictate, if they play 1/3 of the games.
- 16 If, in any given season a player competes in a higher division than his average dictates, he is still eligible to compete in his lower average division provided that his tournament average does not dictate that he advances to the higher level. However, in any given season he can play in only one provincial tournament.
- 17 The first time a player shoots over the required average for a division in a Provincial Tournament he will play in the higher section that his tournament average dictates for a period of two (2) dart seasons and another two (2) dart seasons for each division his tournament average dictates. (Ex. The player shoots the average required for “A” in the “D” tournament, he will play two dart seasons in “A”, two dart seasons in “B” and two dart seasons in “C” and then must hold a” D” average for two consecutive seasons before becoming eligible to play in “D” again.) If he shoots over in the same section again the period he must play in the higher division will increase by one year, and another year for each time that he shoots over.
- 18 Any player advancing to a higher division of play because of tournament averages may request to have his average reviewed providing he pays a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and the request is

received within thirty (30) days. If his average was done incorrectly his Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) fee will be refunded.

- 19 Players, who have been registered in the past with the Provincial Association and who have been absent from playing darts for a period of five (5) or more years will qualify to compete in the division that their present average dictates.
- 20 All original Provincial tournament score sheets must be sent to Provincial Statistician at the end of each Provincial Tournament.
- 21 The Provincial Association may request original score sheets from Regional Tournaments along with Tournament averages.
- 22 The Provincial Association may request weekly score sheets from a regional league if there is found to be a problem with a player's average

ARTICLE 4

SUSPENSIONS, DISCIPLINE, AND APPEALS

- 1 Any player, or team, failing to comply with any of the Provincial Playing Rules during an event shall be liable to disqualification from that event.
- 2 If a player is interfering with the proceeds of play or being unruly, he must be warned by the referee to stop, and if he continues to do so the referee will notify the Manager/Captain to remove the player from the playing area.
- 3 Any player in Provincial or Regional play, who causes a disturbance in the form of fighting or other unruly conduct, where it reflects on the "Sport of Darts", will be automatically suspended from further play with any team affiliated with the Provincial Association for a period to be determined in consultation with the Region concerned.
- 4 Any Player found guilty of causing a disturbance, verbally or physically, involving Tournament Directors, Host Executive Members, Provincial Executive Members, Scorekeepers or Referees will be suspended for a period of 5 years with no chance

of appeal. This rule will also cover any Bartender, Hotel Staff or Restaurant Staff.

- 5 Any Player/League found guilty of doctoring averages will have the Player/League and all those concerned suspended indefinitely from involvement with the Provincial Association or participating in Provincial tournaments.
- 6 *Any team in any Regional tournament that participates with a player or players that are not registered with the Provincial association in that region and maintaining a true division average for the division being played will be subject to the complete team being disqualified from participating in the Provincial tournament even if they win the Regional tournament.*
- 7 The Molson Canadian Provincial Men's Dart Association may suspend or terminate the membership of an individual upon being satisfied that such individual has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to the character and interests of the Association or the sport of darts. The individual will be informed by the secretary of such suspensions. The individual shall have the right to appeal such suspension or termination within thirty (30) days of being served notice. *(Amended at the AGM in Marystown in 2015 any suspensions by the Provincial Association will not be subject to the right of appeal but can be reviewed if enough new information is obtained by the Provincial Association).*
- 8 All Regions will be informed of such suspensions or terminations.
- 9 If a Region terminates or suspends the membership of an individual, the Provincial Association shall uphold such suspension or termination subject to the right of appeal.
- 10 Players must appeal in writing to the Region which suspended them within the guidelines of that Regions constitution and by-laws. Only after refusal by the Region can the suspended person appeal to the Provincial Association. Such appeals will require copies of suspension and appeal letters, copy of Regional constitution and any other supporting documentation which can be used to support his appeal.
- 11 The Secretary/Treasurer must notify all Regions of final decisions

regarding player suspensions.

- 12 The Provincial Association will not be liable for any damages caused by random acts of individual members of the association, the Association will however enforce suspension rules on these individuals to prevent further incident.
- 13 If a spectator is interfering with the proceedings of play, or causing unnecessary noise while players are shooting, he/she will be given warning by the referee and if he/she continues to interfere, the club management will be requested to have that person removed from the playing area and club if deemed necessary. Members of the Association subject to further disciplinary actions and possible suspension.

ARTICLE 5:

HOSTING

- 1 Host regions must participate in provincial playoffs in any division (A, B, C, D) for a period of two years prior to hosting a provincial tournament in that division.
- 2 Host regions will have the responsibility of choosing playing sites and best Accommodations for the Provincial Tournaments in “A”, “B”, “C” and “D” divisions, and must provide information on the following conditions, to the Provincial Executive at least four (4) weeks prior to the Divisional tournament which they are hosting. Host will negotiate best prices for Accommodations and beer prices.
 - (A) Accommodations, hotel name and address, price per night, closest and cheapest within five (5) kilometers of playing site.
 - (B) Name and location, and size of playing site, availability of parking (for Executive approval)
 - (C) Bar prices for beer and alcohol
 - (D) “Meet and Greet” arrangements, location and menu
 - (E) Provide transportation to and from the tournament site if the

Accommodations are more than five (5) kms. from playing site.

- 3 Host Regions will provide hotel two (2) rooms, for five (5) nights free of charge for two Executive members attending Provincial Tournaments; these rooms are not to be used as accommodations for participating team players.
- 4 When host Region is scheduled to host AGM, the Region will provide free of charge, a third room for two (2) nights to executive members attending the meeting.
- 5 Host Region will also be responsible for booking, free of charge a board room or other suitable private area to hold the Provincial Annual Meeting.
- 6 Host regions will make arrangements for lunch during the AGM, provide a list of available menu items and cost per person, and have selected items prepared. Provincial Association will pay the cost of this meal.
- 7 The Host Region is responsible for the setting up of dartboards and scoreboards, and toe lines, according to rules specified in the Provincial Rule Book, for the tournament, all boards will be inspected and must pass the approval of the Provincial Exec. The Host is responsible for replacing any dart board not deemed suitable for play.
- 8 All Dart Boards being used for Provincial Tournaments must be the newer type board with the thin wires and no staples.
- 9 Portable boards are legal to be used for Provincial Tournaments upon approval from the Executive member attending the Tournament after being inspected.
- 10 Host must provide a practice board, away from the playing area, for tournament players.
- 11 Host Region will provide adequate space to display tournament schedule and tournament results, and a public-address system (amplifier and microphone) to announce the start of all sets.
- 12 Host Region is responsible for providing a statistician and a suitable private area for recording stats.

- 13 Host Region shall provide Officials and ensure that they are ready to start games as per schedule as provided by the Provincial Association. Visiting delegates may be used if the Tournament Director requests them to do so. In extra ordinary circumstances beyond the control of the Hosting Region, all other Regions will be responsible for a referee (or) scorekeeper.
- 14 All fundraising events, at Provincial Tournaments will be restricted to the Provincial Association and/or Host Region, money generated from these events will be used to help pay for statistician, referees, scorekeepers, awards and other tournament expenses.
- 15 No Region Can Host more than one Provincial Tournament in any given year. (Exception to this rule is tournaments reverting back to the Provincial Association to put up on Proposals)
- 16 Hosting Region and Provincial Executive must provide exclusive rights to products of our sponsors, Molson's, for sale at provincial tournaments and Championships. If a club does not support our sponsor, they cannot host a provincial divisional tournament.
- 17 The hotel recommended by the Hosting Region will be considered first by all Regions when booking accommodations. **Any rates quoted must remain effective up until two weeks prior to tournament.** If the recommended hotel is more than five (5) kms. from the playing site the Host Region will have to provide transportation to and from the playing site for the entire tournament.
- 18 All Regions are responsible for the cost of their own transportation, accommodations and meals, to participate in Provincial Tournaments.
- 19 Host Regions not being able to accommodate services for "Meet and Greet" scheduled for the last night of Round Robin play will forfeit right to host, and the Provincial Association will become Host. Provincial Executive must be notified of this decision by January 1st of the hosting season.

- 20 Host Region will operate the tournament within terms of agreement of Molson Contract, and receive any benefits negotiated and agreed upon.
- 21 *All Regional and Provincial tournaments be run using the provincial database to check players prior to the start of the tournament. Any player found not to be registered or having an illegal average will be cut from the team and if the team doesn't have the required number of players to proceed, then the team is removed from the line-up.*
- 21 Anyone inviting a guest to the "Meet and Greet" will pay a fee of five dollars (\$10.00) per addition person. An envelope will be provided at the Manager's Meeting to each team. This envelope will be passed in to the tournament director at the end of the first day of play. Proceeds will be used to help pay for the cost of "Meet and Greet".
- 22 Host will display Molson's Banner, supplied by the sponsor and any other promotional material supplied by sponsor.
- 23 Host Regions are required to get a signed agreement from the hotel of choice stating rates to be available up to 2 weeks prior to tournament, # of rooms reserved, any conditions the hotel may have regarding noise and partying and damages, and punishments related to those conditions.
- 24 Host Regions are required to get a signed agreement from the play site stating rates of Molson Products to be sold and rate of any other non-Molson (liquor) products to be sold. All bar policies should be stated as well. Punishment regarding the breaking of bar policies should also be stated.

ARTICLE 6:

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1 Starting times for Provincial Tournaments will be as scheduled:
- (a) Team Registration 10:00AM (Thursday)
 - (b) Managers/Captains Meeting 10:30AM (Thursday)
 - (c) Tournament play:

Thursday	11:15 AM – A, B, C, D
Friday	11:00 AM – A, B, C, D
(d) Tournament play:	
Saturday	11:00 AM – A, B, C, D

- 2 *All players playing in a Provincial tournament must first have competed in their own regional tournament. The only exception would be for work or sickness and both would need proper documentation. A doctor's note would have to be provided for sickness and a note from the player's employer that he had to work on the date of the tournament.*
- 3 All Provincial Tournaments to be started as per the schedule
- 4 Regions may register two teams in each of the Playoff Divisions ("A", "B", "C", and "D"). Teams may register up to (10) ten players per team, per division but not less than six (6)
- 5 The Provincial Association's Rules of Play, constitution and by-laws will regulate all provincial tournaments of the Association.
- 5 Regions must notify Secretary/Treasurer, President, and Provincial Statistician at least three weeks prior to Provincial Tournaments in every Division, the participating teams names and averages of all players on their teams. Failure to do so will result in that Regions team(s) not being allowed to participate in that division of Provincial playoffs for that season.
- 6 Information, players name, coat size, and present average are also to be given to the Tournament Director or Secretary/Treasurer prior to the start of the tournament.
- 7 Any team being late arriving for the start of any Provincial Tournament within any division (A, B, C, D) will be fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to the Provincial Association. Only exceptions will be through events caused by illness or an Act of God.
- 8 Coaches/Managers and Registered players will be the only persons permitted to sit at team tables during Provincial Competitions. Captains/Managers will be male gender only.

- 9 Score sheets, calculators, and adding devices are not permitted on team tables in any division (A, B, C, D) during Regional and Provincial Tournaments. Cell phones are adding devices.
- 10 In certain circumstances and with permission of the Provincial Executive, players from lower divisions may be used when teams are unable to comply with previous bye-laws due to lack of available divisional players, however the player(s) concerned will graduate to the higher Division if their average(s) dictate so and they have played 1/3 of available games.
- 11 Registered tournament players entering the game for the first time in any set will be allowed fifteen (15) darts total for warm up. Players returning to the play in the same set will be allowed nine (9) darts for warm up.
- 12 In Round Robin and Playoff sets a “Coin Toss” will be used to determine who gets first shot in the starting leg of each set, the “Coin Toss” will also be used again in final leg of uneven numbered sets. All coin toss is to be done at the start of each set before any leg of play is started. All coin toss is to be done in rotating order of team captains.
- 13 No breaks will be allowed between games in Round Robin or playoff sets, other than for warm up of players entering the game.
- 14 Upon being given notice by the referee, a player has a total time of one (1) minute to throw his three darts, any dart thrown after that time limit will not count. Exception is when player has opportunity to finish the leg and may need time to break down score and possible combinations to achieve the finish.
- 15 “A” Division tournament Round Robin will consist of Five (5) Game sets of 1001. Eight teams advance to playoffs. The playoff format will be 8 vs 1, 7 vs 2, 6 vs 3, 5 vs 4.
- 16 “B”, “C” and “D” tournaments will be a Round Robin with a maximum total of fifty (50) games or less of 1001. Eight teams advance to playoffs.

Roll back will be used for positioning, except for the final playoff position which will be decided by a single game of 1001. More than two teams tied will still play a single game of 1001 on the

same board, shooting in team rotation, first team finished advances to playoffs.

Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals will be best of seven (7) determined by seeding positions. Quarter finals start with: 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, and 4 vs. 5. Re-seeding will then be utilized with remaining teams for Semi-Finals. Finals will be best of nine (9)

- 17 If eight (8) teams or less are registered in a divisional tournament, the teams will play a Round Robin Tournament of a maximum of 50 legs, with the top four teams advancing to the playoffs. The Playoff format will be 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. Semi Finals will be best of 7 legs and finals will be best of 9 legs.
- 18 If the number of teams in “B”, “C”, and “D” exceed eighteen, the teams may be divided by draw into two sections. The draw will be random with teams from the same Region being represented in both sections. Top four teams from each section will advance to playoffs. Crossover play will start in Quarter finals: Team A1 vs. B 4, A2 vs. B3, A3 vs. B2, A4 vs. B1. Semi-finals will be determined by seeding.
- 19 **Decisions on playoff format will be decided on by Provincial executive attending tournament.**
- 20 **Tournament Director may make necessary adjustments to the schedule based on the number of teams registered.**

ARTICLE 7

PREREGISTRATION FOR PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS

- 1 Any regional teams (6 players or more) playing in a provincial tournament must be preregistered 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament. No team will be preregistered after the 3 weeks tournament deadline. If teams lose players due to work commitments or sickness they can replace a player right up to the start of the tournament. Replacement players will be required to pay the preregistration fee of \$20.00.*
- 2 Players/teams preregistering for provincial tournaments must have fees paid within 2 days after players are preregistered, otherwise players/teams will be removed from the preregister list and won't be allowed to participate at that Provincial tournament.*
- 3 Any regional team preregistered for provincial tournaments that back out with less than 7 days left before the start of the tournament will be subject to one or more of the following penalties:
The players pay a fine of \$500.00
The players on the team be suspended for 2 dart seasons from playing in regional and provincial tournaments.
The hosting rights for the region involved will be removed for the next 2 dart seasons (all tournaments for that region would automatically be given to the other region in that same zone).
Exception would be for extreme circumstances as determined by the Provincial Exec.*

ARTICLE 8

AWARDS

- 1 For players to qualify for awards, (A, B, C, D) they must complete one third (1/3) of available games.
- 2 Only players maintaining the true average within their perspective divisions would receive individual awards.
- 3 Any team with three (3) or more players shooting over the legal averages for the tournament will not be eligible for runner up or championship trophy and the trophy and championship awards will be passed on the next legitimate team.

- 4 Awards to be given out at the Provincial Championships in all divisions are:
 - a) **Team awards for Championship** (Awards provided by Sponsor)
 - b) **Team Awards for Runner up** (Awards provided by Sponsor)
 - c) **High Legal Average:** In round Robin (Award by Sponsor) plus plaque MCPMDA
 - d) **Most tons in Round Robin** (Award by Sponsor) plus plaque MCPMDA
 - e) **Most Finishes in Round Robin** (Award by Sponsor) plus plaque MCPMDA
 - f) **Most Valuable Player in Championship Series** (Award by Sponsor) plus plaque MCPMDA. .
 - g) **Prize money for championship team** (generated by tournament registration)
 - h) **Prize money for runner-up team** (generated by tournament registration)
 - i) **Finish final game, Championship series.** (Championship Dart Board provided by Host)

Article 9:

Donation's

- 1 Molson Canadian Provincial Men's Dart's Association has committed to making an annual donation to Youth Darts equivalent to 20% of our bank account to a maximum of \$1000 after all yearly expenses has been paid.

Article 10:

Polls

- 1 Teams requiring players from the poll in any division must inform the Provincial Association at least two weeks prior to the start of the Tournament.
- 2 Any team in any division requiring players from the poll must have a minimum of four players from the original team or from the region to be eligible to get players from the poll.
- 3 Any player wanting to register in the poll must adhere to the following conditions:

Must have played in their regional tournament for the division registering for.
Must hold a legal average for the division registering for
Must preregister 3 weeks prior to the tournament
Must not have refused a playing spot on their own regional team
In the case of B, C, and D division, only players from the host region will be accepted into the poll

Constitutional Terminology

- 1: Provincial Association:** Molson Canadian Provincial Men's Association
- 2: Zones:** Designated areas comprised of two Regions.
- 3: Region:** Areas of the province described within the boundaries designated at the 2010 annual meeting. A region must be represented through an elected officer by players registered within those boundaries, (President, Secretary, treasurer et.) and conform to the conditions of the constitution and bye-laws of the Provincial association.
- 4: League:** A league consists of four (4) or more teams with a minimal amount of sixteen (16) players, registered within a Region and abiding by the Constitution and by-laws of the Provincial association.
- 5: Division:** One of the four levels of play designated by average for provincial tournaments. Identified as A, B, C, D
- 6: Player:** Anyone registered within a Region who abides by the constitution and bye-laws of the provincial association.
- 7: Available Legs:** All legs played after a player has registered with a league within the Provincial Association.
- 8: Good Standing:** *Must be registered player within a Regional and the Provincial association.
Must maintain a current average for all years serving on any executive associated with the regional and provincial association.
All fees associated with the association must be current.*

