



## PROVINCIAL RANKED TOURNAMENTS

The Western Ontario Darts Association (WODA) has set up a provincially ranked tournament structure to give all players the opportunity to improve their skill and standings within the province.

- WODA shall govern all provincially ranked tournaments within the province.
- All points will be based on a 1-year period.
- The ranking period will be July 1 to June 30.
- In order to be eligible to receive and retain ranking points, a player must be a WODA member in good standing. A membership must be purchased by December 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season, or all points earned will be removed.
- The top 2 male and female players as of June 30<sup>th</sup> will earn a singles bye into the following year's Provincial Championships. The byes will transfer down the list to reward the top 2 male and female finishers who have not received a singles bye in another fashion
- The top male and female players will receive an award of recognition
- NOTE: In the event the tournament is also Nationally ranked:
  - WODA is required to authorize all NDFC ranked tournaments held within its jurisdiction, in accordance with NDFC Regulations.
  - In order to receive authorization for NDFC ranking, all events in Western Ontario shall be WODA ranked.

### Requirements:

- ❖ Tournament organizers must submit their poster to WODA a minimum of 60 days prior to the event to obtain their WODA Ranked Tournament Approval Number.
- ❖ Tournament posters must include:
  - The payout structure for each event with total payout.
  - The WODA Logo, with the tournament approval number (provided by the Secretary), directly below the logo.

- Any restrictions that are pertinent.
- Dress code requirements.
- Tournament Director's contact information.
- ❖ Once the tournament poster has been issued a ranking number from WODA and added to the poster, a PDF version must be sent back to the Secretary to be posted on the WODA website. NOTE: In the event the tournament is also Nationally ranked, the NDFC number must be added as well prior to sending back to the Secretary.
- ❖ Provincially ranked tournaments must consist of Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, and Women's Doubles and any additional events the ranked tournament director chooses.
- ❖ Each tournament shall be open to all adult players eligible to compete.
- ❖ Each tournament may be open to youth participants provided they are eligible to compete, and liquor licenses or municipal by-laws permit them access to the venue.
- ❖ Players suspended from the NDFC or WODA are not eligible to play in the tournament.
- ❖ If a player leaves the Men's or Women's Singles or the Men's or Women's Doubles events without speaking to a director at the control desk, they may receive a one-year suspension. The Tournament Director is to report this to the WODA Executive in writing within 48 hours.
- ❖ All singles event finals must be played on stage or in a staged atmosphere.

### Format:

- ❖ All players in the top 16 positions of the WODA ranking list, who are present, will be seeded in the singles events, including ties for 16<sup>th</sup> spot. (See seeding table).
- ❖ NOTE: In the event the tournament is also Nationally ranked:
  - Nationally ranked seeding must be done prior to WODA seeding
  - If a player is on both ranking lists, the NDFC rank will be used
- ❖ Order of play shall be determined by the following:
  - Winner of the toss of a coin shall have the option to throw first or second for the bull, which occurs before the first leg of the match.
  - Any dart landing in the green bull (outer bull) or red bull (inner bull) shall be retrieved before any other darts are thrown for the bull. Any ties shall result in throwing for the bull again, in reverse order. Any dart landing outside of the bull area shall stay in the board for measurement if needed once all darts are thrown for the bull
  - Winner of the bull will shoot first in each odd numbered leg including any required deciding leg. The loser of the bull will shoot first in each even numbered legs
- ❖ All byes shall be taken in the preliminary round of a knockout draw
- ❖ The NDFC official tie-breaker rules must be used for the ranked singles events.

# The NDFC tie breaker rules implemented at ranked tournaments

## GENERAL

The purpose of the following detailed explanation is to avoid conflicts pertaining to the methods being used to break ties. These tie-breaker rules are to be used for ALL events organized or sanctioned by the NDFC (see Rule A & D of the NDFC Rules of Play).

## TIE-BREAKER RULES

-- The following rule shall apply when two or more players or teams are tied and only a portion, thereof, will advance to the next round.

Where one or more of the players or teams tied will be eliminated from advancing to the Knock-Out Round, final positioning shall be determined by:

**“One game of \_\_\_\_01, 200 points higher than that of the round-robin having ALL players tied playing concurrently on the same board.”**

All players shall throw for the middle, with the player whose dart is closest to the bull throwing first, ending with the player whose dart is furthest from the bull throwing last (see 16.15.05 of the NDFC Rules of Play). In the case of a team event, one representative per team shall throw for the bull.

During events at the Canadian National Championships, the order of throwing for the bull shall be determined by Team Number, which is the Provincial Order of Finish in that event from the previous year.

During National Ranked Tournaments, the order of throwing for the bull may be determined by a toss of the coin. With more than two players tied, examples to be used: odd coin shoots first, and continue through tosses until all players have shot for the bull, or a random draw for order.

The first player or team to finish the game shall be awarded with the 1st available finishing position. The game shall continue, with each winning player or team awarded the next available position accordingly, until only one player or team is remaining.

## COUNTBACK TIE-BREAKER RULES

-- Where ties occur and ALL players or teams tied continue to advance to the knockout round regardless of the tie-breaker results, final positions shall be determined by count back.

## TWO-WAY TIE

If two players or teams are tied in any section and both are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the match played in the Round Robin between the two players or teams that are tied.

### Example:

Player A and Player B are tied for 2nd/3rd. Player A lost to Player B in the Round Robin. Player B would be 2nd, and Player A would be 3rd.

## THREE-WAY TIE

If three players or teams are tied in any section and all three are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between the three players or teams that are tied.

### Example:

Players A, B and C are tied for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C
A	--	W	W
B	L	--	L
C	L	W	--

Player A would be 1st, Player C would be 2nd, & Player B would be 3rd.

If the results are:

Team	A	B	C
A	--	W	L
B	L	--	W
C	W	L	--

then, all 3 players would throw nine (9) darts each and the player or team with the highest total scored shall be awarded with the 1st available finishing position, with the lowest score receiving the last available finishing position.

All players shall throw nine (9) darts. IE: In the case of a doubles event, each team shall throw a total of eighteen (18) darts.

## FOUR-WAY TIE

If four players or teams are tied in any section and all four are advancing to the Knockout Round, the tie shall be broken, and the final positions will be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between the four players or teams that are tied.

### Example:

Players A, B, C, and D are tied for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	W
B	L	--	W	W
C	L	L	--	W
D	L	L	L	--

Player A would be 1st, Player B would be 2nd, Player C would be 3rd, and Player D would be 4th.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	W
B	L	--	W	L
C	L	L	--	W
D	L	W	L	--

Player A would be 1st. Player B, C, and D shall throw nine (9) darts each as detailed in the aforementioned 3-WAY TIE rule.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	L	W	W
B	W	--	L	W
C	L	W	--	W
D	L	L	L	--

Player D would be 4th. Players A, B, and C shall throw nine (9) darts each as detailed in the aforementioned 3-WAY TIE rule.

If the results of the round robin are as follows:

Team	A	B	C	D
A	--	W	W	L
B	L	--	W	W
C	L	L	--	W
D	W	L	L	--

Player A and B are still tied and therefore, you would look back at the results of just those two players. Player B lost to Player A.

Player A would be 1st and Player B would be 2nd.

Player C and D are still tied and therefore you would look back at the results of just those two players. Player D lost to Player C.

Player C would be 3rd, and Player D would be 4th.

## FIVE-WAY (OR MORE) TIE

As most tournaments advance only a maximum of four players per division, examples for five or more have not been detailed. However, should circumstance arise where more than four players are advancing and more than four players are all tied and no one will be eliminated, regardless of the results of the tie-breaker, the aforementioned rules would still apply.

The final positions will still be established on the basis of the games played in the Round Robin between all players or teams that are tied. Count the match wins/losses of all those games. The player with the most wins would receive the first available position, with the player with the least wins receiving the last available position. Remember, use the process of elimination. Should an additional ties result when adding these points, conduct another count back amongst only those in the second tie. If ties still result, consult the applicable nine (9) darts rule.

Format: Modified Round Robin to Knockout

Number of Players	Number of Sections	Advance to Knockout per section (mandatory)	Knockout Draw	Ranking Points Given
8 to 16	2	4 per division	8-draw	Top 4
17 to 23	4	2 per division	8-draw	Top 4
24 to 32	4	4 per division	16-draw	Top 16
33 to 39	8	2 per division	16-draw	Top 16
40 to 64	8	4 per division	32-draw	Top 32
65 to 81+	16	2 per division	32-draw	Top 32

**Divisions should not differ in quantities by more than one player.**

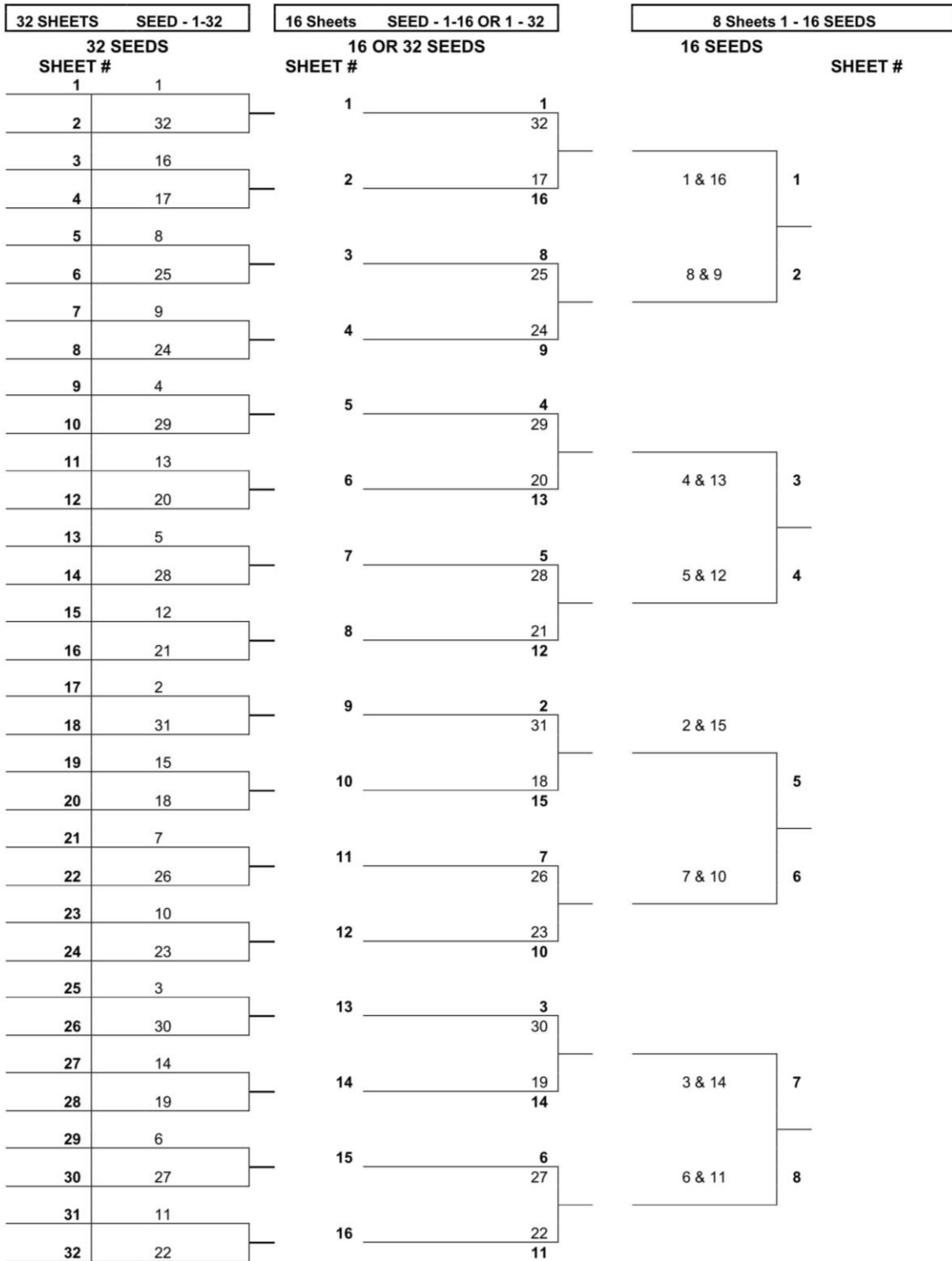
Seeding of Top 16 ranked players (as per website ranking lists) - Round Robin

	16 Sections	8 Sections	4 sections	2 Sections
Seed in ranking order	Seed into Section	Seed into Section	Seed into Section	Seed into Section
Seed # 1	A	A	A	A
Seed # 2	F	C	C	B
Seed # 3	B	G	B	B
Seed # 4	E	E	D	A
Seed # 5	D	D	D	A
Seed # 6	G	B	B	B
Seed # 7	C	F	C	B
Seed # 8	H	H	A	A
Seed # 9	I	H	A	A
Seed # 10	N	F	C	B
Seed # 11	J	B	B	B
Seed # 12	M	D	D	A
Seed # 13	L	E	D	A
Seed # 14	O	G	B	B
Seed # 15	K	C	C	B
Seed # 16	P	A	A	A

**NOTE: In the event the tournament is also Nationally ranked, the singles events must be played in accordance with the NDFC Official Rules of Play**

**Sheets are available on the WODA website for tournament play: round robin to knockout (for proper seeding)**

Seeding of Top 16 ranked players (as per website ranking lists) – Straight Knockout



## Results:

- ◆ Results must be submitted to the Secretary within seven (7) days after the completion of the tournament. Failure to comply will result in a \$50 registration fee for the following year.
- ◆ A minimum of 8 players in men's or women's singles events is required in order to qualify for ranking points.
- ◆ Points will be allocated based on the number of participants playing in the single events only. See tables below.

### ALLOTTED RANKING POINTS

Number of Players	1st	2nd	Joint 3rd	Joint 5th	Joint 9th	Joint 17th	Joint 33rd
8 to 16	4	2	1				
17 to 32	6	4	2	1			
33 to 64	8	6	4	2	1		
65 to 128	10	8	6	4	2	1	
129 to 256	12	10	8	6	4	2	1
257+	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

**Please note:** if there is an incident that results in verbal threats being made or physical contact between players and/or anyone in the venue, where a ranked tournament is held, the police must be called immediately. The organizer must forward a written report to WODA within 48hrs of the occurrence.

WODA has a Zero Tolerance Policy.

If you have any questions:

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