



# FAQ'S

**TO BETTER ASSIST ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICINE HAT DART LEAGUE, THE EXECUTIVE CREATED THIS "FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS" PAGE. ALL QUESTIONS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE THOSE THAT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN RAISED SEVERAL TIMES. SHOULD YOU HAVE A QUESTION AND CANNOT LOCATE IT HERE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY.**

## **REGISTRATION**

**Q. How do I know when registration occurs?**

*A. The easiest way is for you to keep checking back to the MHDL website for all updates.*

**Q. Are there any extensions given to the registration dates?**

*A. No. As there is a lot of work involved in creating the division schedules and prepping for the upcoming season to commence on time, we cannot allow extensions.*

**Q. Am I allowed to register players after the league starts?**

*A. Yes; however, it is very important for you to remember to include the new player's membership fees with the score sheet. Failure to do so will result in all points associated with that player being removed. You must also remember that you may only carry a maximum of 12 players on your team.*

**Q. Why do I have to provide full names, addresses, etc during registration?**

*A. All members of the MHDL automatically become members of Darts Alberta (DA). As such, it is very important for the provincial darts body to have all of the required information for their registration.*

**Q. Will my personal information be given to anyone outside of MHDL or Darts Alberta?**

*A. No, all personal information remains confidential to both MHDL and DA.*

**Q. When registering a player after the league starts, why do I have to include the team?**

*A. We need the confirmation that player "A" joined team "B" as that is the only way that we can maintain an accurate team roster.*

**Q. Am I permitted to remove a player from my team roster?**

*A. "Yes" and "No"... As a captain, before you register a player, we trust you to explain the basic concepts and guidelines for the league, which should negate the need to remove a player at a later time. There are exceptions to this rule: 1) the player moves away from Medicine Hat; 2) the player decides that he/she does not want to continue playing darts; 3) work commitments, or; 4) personality conflicts. In all cases, a letter of explanation needs to be provided to the Executive, preferably from both player and captain. If unobtainable from the player, the captain must still submit a written explanation before any consideration will be given for that captain to sign up new players. Whenever possible, we shall encourage a transfer to another team (following Operating Procedure 2.6). If a transfer is not viable, the player may, at the discretion of the Executive, be removed from their current team roster, but remain as a "member at large" which still entitles them to participate in all league events. Regardless, all player removals/ transfers are subject to Executive approval so ensure that you communicate openly with your Executive.*

## **SCORE SHEETS**

- Q. Why do I have to include the full name and team when recording 180's, 171's, high scores and high outs?**  
*A. As we maintain stats, it is critical to ensure that we are documenting the correct information.*
- Q. What happens if I disagree with the scores as recorded on the score sheet?**  
*A. We ask that you still sign the score sheet; however, underneath your name, denote "Under Protest". This draws attention to the Executive that there is a problem and we will contact you to discuss it. If, by Saturday evening, you haven't heard from a member of the Executive, please feel free to contact us.*
- Q. Are there any exceptions to the Thursday 5:00 pm deadline for submitting the score sheets?**  
*A. No, to ensure fairness and equality to all, we assigned the 5:00 pm time line, which is more than reasonable for all to get the score sheets submitted.*
- Q. Why do I have to include the team number with the team name?**  
*A. By ensuring that you have recorded your team properly (ie. Lizard's 4), this ensures that we are allocating the correct points to the correct team.*
- Q. What happens if I can't locate the drop box?**  
*A. Ask the bar staff where it may be. If, after a thorough search by both yourself and the bar staff, it will be your responsibility to contact the Executive prior to the 5:00 pm dead line. We will not visit anything beyond that time and all points will then be deducted by the team responsible for dropping off the score sheet.*

## **SCORING**

- Q. Why am I required to chalk a game from left to right?**  
*A. Not only is this an NDFC rule (which we are further governed by), it also ensures consistency and minimizes any confusion.*
- Q. As a score keeper, what information may I provide to the player?**  
*A. You are allowed to tell them what they have scored or what they have left. What you cannot tell them is what their required double is to finish the leg.*
- Q. How should I mark a win and loss on the score sheet?**  
*A. To ensure there is no confusion you should mark the wins with an "X" and the losses with an "O".*
- Q. When "bulling up", if my dart is in the "single" bull, does that dart get removed?**  
*A. No. The only time you will remove your dart is if you hit the double bull and your opponent requests it, unless both darts are adjudged equal.*
- Q. When "bulling up", if both darts are adjudged equal, what do we do?**  
*A. You will throw again, only in reversed order. Prior to re-throwing, your darts shall be removed from the dart board.*
- Q. What happens if, after I have thrown one or two darts, I approach the dart board and touch the dart(s) that are currently in the board?**  
*A. If you touch your dart(s), your throw will be considered complete and you will not be allowed to throw any remaining darts you may have.*
- Q. When playing doubles, am I allowed to ask my partner questions regarding outs, etc?**  
*A. Yes, but only if you step back from the oche first. You may not ask your partner any questions while you remain standing at the line.*

## **COMPLAINTS**

**Q. If I have a justified concern or complaint, what should I do?**

*A. As a member of the MHDL, you have every right to have your concerns/ complaints addressed by the Executive. We have a firm policy in place that allows you fourteen (14) days from said occurrence to lodge your concern/ complaint to the Executive. The only stipulation we have when lodging concerns/ complaints is that they must be done in writing. Unfortunately, we will not visit any concern/ complaint done verbally or that exceeds the fourteen day time frame. As the MHDL is a "member league" of Darts Alberta, any disciplinary matters shall fall under the DA Policy #001.*

## **MEETINGS**

**Q. Why should I attend the AGM or General Membership meeting?**

*A. This league belongs to every member in good standing and you have a say in everything that we do. As this is a golden opportunity to present new and innovative ideas to help continuously improve our league, we highly encourage all members to attend.*

**Q. How do I become a member of the Executive?**

*A. You must attend the AGM (usually held in April) and have your name nominated for a position.*

## **TOURNAMENTS**

**Q. What do I do if I have a complaint with an occurrence at a tournament that is not under the MHDL umbrella?**

*A. If the tournament is not under the MHDL umbrella, you have to address your concern/ complaint with either the host or venue of the tournament. The MHDL Executive will only respond to those concerns/complaints that pertain to a tournament under the MHDL umbrella.*