

Youth Dart Program 2008

Objective:

To promote the sport of English Darts to youths ages 7-20 with an emphasis on safety and sportsmanship.

Sanctioned tournament play within the State of Florida and the United States in accordance to the rules and regulations set forth by the American Dart Association and the World Dart Organization.

2008 Objectives:

To increase membership at a Local, and State levels.

To conform all current local Youth Leagues to ADO/WDO Tournament play

This is not mandatory; although, our youths will be familiar and comfortable with National and World Play Rules and Regulations.

- To compete at a local level through qualifiers.
- To compete at a State Level through Regional Try-outs.
- To compete at a National level for the National Championships through good sportsmanship, safety and training at a strategic level while maintaining presence in all 3 age levels.

Goals:

To have a Youth (s) qualified to compete at both age levels (see insert) in 2008.

To have a Youth (s) from our State competing at the World Championships.

Monetary Awards:

It is imperative that all Youths even remotely able to compete in another sport at a National or Olympic Level have their parents check with the individual National Association to ensure that competing at a local, state or National level will not impede their chances of success at another sport.

Recommendations:

At a local and State level, no monetary awards will be issued. Only trophies will be awarded. All youths must be "qualified" in writing to compete at a National/World level.

The F.D.A. will assume no responsibility for any youth participating in our Youth Dart Program. Competing in State, National or World titles may affect amateur status.

Target Audience:

- All age levels 5-20. It is realized that age 5 is not recognized by the ADO or the WDO. There are some local organizations that are permitting 5-7 year olds to compete (i.e. C.D.A.).

Recruiting:

- Church Groups.
- Local League Youths.
- School Groups (not necessarily recommended) outside of a State Facility.
- YMCA and YWCA groups.
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scout.
- Soft Tip Leagues.
- Remember, not everyone is cut-out to play football, baseball etc.

Recognized levels by the ADO and WDO

- 7-12 Recognized by ADO and eligible to attend Youth Championships; although, not eligible to advance to Nationals.
- 13-17 Recognized by the ADO and WDO.
- 18-20 Recognized by ADO and eligible to attend the All Star Challenge.

Note: Participants must reach eligible age bracket by December 1 of the competing year and must not exceed age bracket by December 1 of the competing year (2008).

ADO Memberships:

It is not necessary to enroll youths as individuals to the ADO in order to compete at our Youth tournament on a state level. It is however, necessary to enroll your youths as individual members for them to compete at Regional, National and World competition.

ADO Fees:

Currently, the fee structure is as follows:

UPDATE NOTE: Yvette Spoke w/Katie at the ADO office. They have since changed the fee structure (although it isn't changed in their youth info packet).

Youth fees per group (individual areas/ leagues): \$25.00/calendar year regardless of number of youths. This DOES NOT affect adult league dues/fees.

What you will receive as a member:

- ADO Patch.
- ADO Membership Card with number.
- Quarterly "Double Eagle" Newsletter.
- ADO Pocket Calendar.
- Eligibility to compete at State Qualifiers, Regionals, National and World Competitions.

UPDATE NOTE: The above items will be sent to each “Area Youth Contact” to be distributed to their youths. Under the old fee structure, the ADO would have sent the information to each home of the youth.

Youth Pilot Program:

A Pilot Program has been started using the CDA Youths. The specifics are as follows (see folder):

- Clinics once a month.
- Each month focuses on another facet of play with sportsmanship and safety covered every month.
- Scheduled out 5 months in advance. This gives parents the opportunity to know what’s going well in advance to plan.
- Our Youths will be working towards attending the Youth Tournament in Melbourne over Labor Day Weekend.
- Youths will be working towards qualifying and competing at a Regional level for opportunities listed on ADO schedule.
- Youth “goody” bags were given out at our 3rd month clinic. The youths loved them. The bags included “stuff” in addition to a few sets of flights and a set of new shafts. Jim Boan from Atlanta Darts is to be thanked many times over for donating these items for me!
- Youth Newsletter mailed bi-monthly or attached to the clinic information given out each month (see insert for rough draft).

Yvette will be happy to travel ANYWHERE in the state to help set-up new youth programs provided I am in town and available! I will come with folders in hand (this is provided that you want to utilize our pilot program; otherwise, make sure I receive your info to copy and put in folders for your youths).

FDA Youth Tournaments

Currently, youth tournaments scheduled are as follows:

Vero Beach
Melbourne (x2)
Cherry Bomb

Points award system F.D.A.:

- You do not need to be an ADO member to acquire points at Tournaments. Points accumulation will be used for ranking and year end trophy awards (in conjunction with Supershoot)?
- Points will be awarded for simply attending and competing (recommended: 2)
- Points will be based on the format utilized by the ADO. Based on the number of entries per age group. Stats can be stored and viewed online. Possibly Andrew Brady? See attachment for point system recommendations.

Points award system A.D.O.:

UPDATE NOTE: I am told by the ADO office that they are working on a points system for their youth program. I will be updated as soon as they are ready.

to month. Our youths won't have to pay dues next year as a result and we are working towards paying qualifying or regional fees and/or shirts.

Fundraising Event (see info packet YB has with her):

I can modify this to suit the State as a whole.

Different than the usual candy, pizza etc.

Opportunity for the FDA as a whole to participate.

What to do with the funds acquired from the fundraiser:

Idea 1: State Fund (FDA) in a separate account to be used at the discretion of the "Youth Board". The "Youth Board" will consist of the ADO director (currently, Gary S), State Youth "person" (for lack of a title...currently Yvette) and the youth directors of all the local youth leagues. All use of funds must be approved by the executive board of the FDA.

Idea 2: All funds will be evenly distributed to all youth leagues who participated in the fundraiser to be used at their own discretion in hopes the monies are utilized for youth functions and events.

What does YB need?

Youth Roster for all youth members divided out to determine who is an ADO member and who currently isn't. Include membership number and date of expiration. Include birth date.

This information will be compiled by region and sent as a completed unit to Andrew Brady and Gary S. Updates can be done on a monthly basis provided YB gets the information.

This information will also be used to send out a youth newsletter to all our participants. Kids love getting their own mail.

Questions

Comments

Recommendations

UPDATE NOTE: Spoke to Katie at the ADO office. Currently, our structure has male and female youths playing together with the end result in 1 youth going to England. Actually, the US has an opportunity to send 1 male and 1 female to England. We currently only send 1. In addition, the World Cup, hosted every other year, also has a Youth World Cup. The US is scheduled to host the event in 2009. The ADO office isn't sure how the qualifying procedure will be for that event at this time. She informed me that they will also be implementing a points system for youths (hopefully, similar to ours). We can expect the current youth program at a National level to see many more changes in the next couple of years.

Number of entries Based on age group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd -4 th	5 th -8 th	9 th -16 th	17 th -32 nd
1-32	6	5	4	3	2	1
33-64	8	7	6	5	4	3
65-128	10	9	8	7	6	5
129-256	12	11	10	9	8	7

Above: Points system used in addition to attendance points for all tournament play other than Regional/State Play-offs.

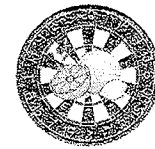
# Regional Finalist Based on Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd -4 th	5 th -8 th	9 th -16 th
4-8	48	40	32	24	-
9-16	56	48	40	32	24
17-32	64	56	48	40	32
33-64	72	64	56	48	40
65-128	80	72	64	56	48
129-256	88	80	72	64	56

The above is used for only Regional/State Playoff matches. No additional attendance points will be awarded.

No points are awarded other than sanctioned tournament play. Local league qualifiers do not receive point accumulation.



CDA Youth Newsletter



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Directors Corner

We have one more clinic before our big tournament. This will allow you to come out and practice and brush up on any techniques you want to practice on. I hope everyone plans to attend the tournament this year. We have a lot of new talent this year and I expect to see some great results from our local youth. We did very well in Vero Beach! We had local youth players who placed in 2nd, 3rd and 4th!

We also looking forward to meeting some new friends and seeing some old friends that we made at the last tournament. I wish everyone luck this year and remember to welcome all the out of towners that come out to see us!!

Janet Moore
Youth Director

Happy Birthdays

June

Summer Bate 06/04

July

Courtney Pounds-Rehbein 07/11

Happy Birthday to everyone! Please let us know if we missed your Birthday or if you have one coming up soon.



Glenn Silva Memorial Tournament

The Annual Glenn Silva Memorial Dart Tournament is scheduled for Saturday September 2, through Sunday September 3, 2006. Please plan to attend. There will be several youth from all over attending this tournament. This is an excellent opportunity to come out and meet youths just like you. Attached you will find a flyer with the schedule of the tournament with dates, events and times.

Vero Beach Tournament Results

Let's congratulate all the C.D.A. winners from the Vero Beach Tournament.

2nd Place: Kent Reynolds
3rd Place: Brittany Reynolds
4th Place: Kirsten Pounds

Great Job Everyone!

Scheduled Events for the Glenn Silva Tournament

Please check the tournament schedule attached for times and events. If you are interested in playing in this event, please try to find a partner prior to Sunday morning. If you are unable to find a partner and still wish to play, please notify the Youth Tournament Staff and we will place your name on a list to try to locate a partner for you. This is not a guarantee however.

AMERICAN DARTS ORGANIZATION®

YOUTH Individual Membership Application

An ADO Youth Individual Member is entitled to the following:

- an ADO pocket Tournament Calendar, listing the major darting events in the U.S. during the current calendar year
- a 1-year Subscription to the "Double Eagle" newsletter - the official quarterly publication
- a wallet-size ADO Membership Card bearing the member's name
- an ADO Cloth Patch (3" - 3 color)
- eligibility to participate in all ADO Youth Programs and Playoffs

If you wish to become an ADO Youth Individual Member, please complete the following tear-off application. Send it with payment to the AMERICAN DARTS ORGANIZATION® at 230 N. Crescent Way Ste. K - Anaheim, CA 92801. (714) 254-0212 FAX: (714) 254-0214 Email: ADOoffice@aol.com

----- TEAR OFF -----

I hereby apply for an ADO YOUTH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.

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NAME: _____ PHONE (____) ____ - _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

Please include separate address and phone number if different than that of the child

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ MALE: _____ FEMALE: _____
Month / Day / Year

ADO Annual Youth Membership \$ 10.00 Renewal \$ 7.00

ADO memberships expire December 31st, and are renewable annually. Include a Check / Money Order made payable to ADO, Inc. or to pay by Credit Card: Fill in the following, sign and date:

NAME: _____ PHONE (____) ____ - _____
(Exact name, including initials, as it appears on the card)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
(To where the credit card is billed)

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ CR. CARD TYPE: _____
(Visa, MC, Amex, or Discover)

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

ADO REGIONAL PLAYOFF REGISTRATION FORM

ALL participants MUST complete this form PRIOR to the start of play.

NAME: _____ SEX: Male Female

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

LEAGUE/ASSN. YOU REPRESENT? _____ REGION: _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____ HRS. _____

WORK PHONE: (____) _____ EXT: _____ HRS. AVAILABLE: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BORN IN THE U.S. Y____ N____

BIRTH DATE: ____/____/____ SHIRT SIZE: _____
Month Day Year

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ DATE: _____

NOTICE: FOREIGN PLAYERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE ADO OFFICE. To earn ADO Championship Points and represent the ADO nationally, foreign players must prove that they have been ADO members continuously domiciled in the U.S. for a period of 6 months plus 1 day. To be eligible to represent the ADO in international competition, foreign players must prove that they have been ADO members continuously domiciled in the U.S. for a minimum of 3 years, and have not represented another nation in international competition during that time.

ALL ADVANCERS and ALTERNATES (circle one)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL SECTION

(check ONE)

I ALREADY HAVE AN AIRLINE TICKET TO THE NATIONAL EVENT SITE

I WILL DRIVE

I WOULD LIKE THE ADO TO BOOK MY TICKET from CITY/AIRPORT: _____

DEPARTURE DATE DESIRED: (circle one) Wednesday Thursday Friday Other ____/____/____
Month Day Year

TIME: (check ONE) Morning Afternoon Early Evening Late Night _____

RETURN DATE DESIRED: (circle one) Wednesday Thursday Friday Other ____/____/____
Month Day Year

TIME: (check ONE) Morning Afternoon Early Evening Late Night _____

FREQUENT FLYER BONUS PROGRAM INFORMATION:

(NOTE: Requests can/will be honored based on space availability and cost. The ADO will book the best possible fare on the date of booking.)

1st Choice: Airline: _____ FFBP# _____

2nd Choice: Airline: _____ FFBP# _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

ADO YOUTH/ JUNIOR ALL STARS PLAYOFF RULES & REGULATIONS *ASSOCIATION / REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL*

Each year, the ADO conducts a series of Singles playoff competitions for the ages 7 - 20 to determine:

ADO REGIONAL YOUTH QUALIFIERS & ADO NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPION ADO JUNIOR ALL STARS & U.S. NATIONAL 501 CHAMPIONS	Association / Regional Levels National Level Association / Regional Levels 16 men / 8 women from East-West Challenge
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GENERAL RULES

1. All playoff events are played under the exclusive supervision of the ADO, and will be played under with the established ADO Tournament Rules.
2. Participants must be a United States citizen or must have been domiciled in the United States for a period of two (2) years + one (1) day.
3. Participants must be ADO Members in good standing, as a member/ representative of an ADO Affiliated Association as an ADO Individual Youth Member.
4. There are two divisions of competition: ages 7 - 17 and ages 18 - 20. Participants must not reach the age limit of the next age category before December 1 the year of participation.
5. All Area/National Playoffs will be played on the DMI/Nodor dartboard, the official dartboard of the ADO, unless otherwise approved.

ASSOCIATION PLAYOFFS

Associations are encouraged to hold playoffs to determine qualifiers for the Regional Playoffs. Factors to be determined by the association are as follows:

1. The playoff format used;
2. The number of playoffs and the number of qualifiers from each;
3. The eligibility of players other than the requirements listed above;
4. The entry / sponsor fees;
5. The choice of dates, times, and locations provided playoffs occur before the association deadline dates established on the ADO calendar;
6. Any financial assistance each qualifier may receive (other than the regional entry fee.) For example: travel / expense money.

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

1. The Regional Director or Area Manager may appoint a Youth Coordinator another ADO representative to conduct the Regional Playoff.
2. The Regional Director will determine the exact date, time, and location of the playoff within the ADO calendar guidelines.
3. The Regional Director must be provided the following information no less than two (2) Fridays before the scheduled date of the Regional Playoff:
 - A. The name and birth date of each participant being sent by an association / league and the number of entries in the association/ league playoff.
 - B. The name and birth date of each ADO Individual Youth Member who intends to participate without the assistance of a local association.
4. Male and female will compete together.
5. All Regional finalists MUST COMPLETE a Regional Registration Form before beginning Regional competition.
6. Players must participate in the Regional Playoff for the same region in which they qualified.
7. Should a Region have fewer than four (4) finalists, AND/OR less than the money required, the Regional Director may elect to do one of the following:
 - A. Allow the players (or outside sponsor) to contribute the funds necessary to reach the money requirement. NOTE: All such decisions must be made BEFORE the start of play, must be announced on site and will be considered final.
 - B. Contact the Area Manager to combine ALL qualified Regional finalists from one Region with those of another Region, within the same Area, for a combined playoff. It will then become the responsibility of the Area Manager to coordinate the arrangements for the combined playoff.

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS (continued)

8. For ages 18 - 20, a \$50 minimum regional entry fee is required. Regional winners will receive their transportation, \$100 expense money, a commemorative shirt and entry into the All-Star Challenge. They also have the opportunity to receive additional recognition for the highest achiever as a Junior All-Star. There must be a minimum of \$700 per advancing qualifier collected at the regional level.
 - A. Regional Playoff Format will be Round Robin 501 - SS/DO, 3 straight legs, 1 point per leg.
 - B. FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ADO ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFF WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.
 - a. Per ADO Tournament Rule #12, should a player fail to report to the assigned board within the 15 minute allotted time, a Forfeit will be called.
 - b. If a player/s fail to complete an ADO Round Robin playoff, all matches involving said player/s will be considered null and void.
9. For ages 7 - 17, a \$50 minimum regional entry fee will be paid to compete for advancement to the National Youth Championship. Regional winners will receive their transportation, \$100 expense money, a commemorative shirt and entry into the Championship competition. Those ages 7-12 may enter the regional for a \$15 fee to compete with the opportunity to receive recognition mementos but without eligibility to advance. There must be a minimum of \$600 per advancing qualifier collected at the regional level.
 - A. For ages under 7, participation eligibility is left at the discretion of the incumbent Area Manager or Regional Director.
 - B. Two (2) age categories will be contested: under 13, and 13-17. At the discretion of the Regional Director, categories may be combined to provide a full compliment of participants and/or a modified round robin may be played.
 - C. The top 2 players from each age category will compete in a combined round robin to determine the Regional qualifier/s, who will advance to the National Youth Championship.
 - D. The format will be best 2 of 3, 501, straight-start/double-out in the preliminary round robins. The final round robin will be best 3 of 5, 501, straight-start / double out. Any tie-breaking playoff rounds will be best 2 of 3, 501, straight-start/double out.
 - E. The overall winner/s (one per \$600. In regional entry fees) will advance to the National Youth Championship. Alternates will be determined by the order of finish. All ties must be broken.
10. The Regional Director will immediately forward all monies and paperwork to the ADO office.

NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

1. No-shows will be responsible for any expenses paid on the participant's behalf by the ADO.
2. All National participants will provide, in writing, parental/guardian consent and release to compete at the National Youth Championship and/or International level and the name(s) of those who will be traveling with, and acting as guardian of, the participant.
3. For ages 18 - 20, the playing format for the 501 National Championship will be as follows:
 - A. Preliminary format: All-Star Challenge round robin-Top 10 men & Top 5 women by W / L record of the E-W Challenge winning team & Top 5 men & Top 3 women by W / L record of the E-W Challenge losing team
 - B. Finals: knockout, best of five (or three if time restricted).
 - C. An award will be presented for the highest achievement of a Junior All-Star.
4. For ages 7 - 17, the playing format for the National Youth Championship will be as follows:
 - A. Round-Robin, 501 SS/DO, best 3 of 5 legs.
 - B. The overall winner will be crowned "ADO National Youth Champion". The top eight finishers will receive scholarship award certificates in accordance with their placements.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SINGLES EVENTS

1. The "ADO Youth Representative to International Events" will be the ADO National Youth Champion.
2. At the discretion of the ADO, the National Youth Champion will represent the United States in any International competition where youth events are contested.
3. The National Youth Champion will have his/her travel expenses reimbursed when competing in such events.
4. Should the ADO National Youth Champion forfeit his/her right to compete in International competition for any reason, an alternate will be named in accordance with order of finish in the National Playoff.

DISCLAIMER: The Host Association and/or the ADO assumes no responsibility for any adverse effects which Darts awards may have on the amateur status of any Youth participant.

AMATEUR STATUS: According to the NCAA, prizes or cash awards for darting achievements do not impact amateur status in other sports. Please check local regulations/restrictions

WARNING

DARTS is an adult sport.
It is dangerous for children to play
without adult supervision.

AMERICAN DARTS ORGANIZATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

I. Purpose:

The American Darts Organization Memorial Scholarship Fund is established as a permanent memorial to those friends of the Sport of darts who have passed away. May the memories of these individuals and their contributions to the sport of Darts perpetuate as those who will use this fund go on to better lives.

II. Funding:

The Fund has been granted 501(c)(3) tax status with the Internal Revenue Service (Fed. Tax ID#: 33-0689212). Income is provided by the voluntary, tax-deductible contributions of members of the Darting community, sponsors, manufacturers of Darting equipment, other interested parties, and interest derived from the scholarship account. It is a goal of this program to be self-sustaining; either through interest generated by an account, sponsorship assistance, or combination thereof. Contributions will be placed in a dedicated account used for the sole purpose of providing financial assistance towards the expense of a college education of young Dart players throughout the United States.

III. Eligibility:

To be eligible for any portion of this fund a player must meet the following criteria:

- A. Must be a United States citizen or must have been domiciled in the United States for a period of two years + one day.
- B. Must be a member in good standing of the American Darts Organization.
- C. Must be a Regional/National winner in the ADO Youth Playoff Program.
- D. Must be under twenty-one (21) years of age as of December 1st of the year in which he/she plans to attend college to be eligible for the resulting rewards.

IV. Award Structure:

- A. Scholarship awards shall not exceed 50% of the total available scholarship funds each year. The remaining 50% of the funds will be used to maintain and expand the scholarship fund account and to provide interest income to the program. Amounts, percentages, and scholarship award ratios are subject to change, as deemed necessary to perpetuate the program.
- B. Should overall scholarship funds drop below adequate levels, the ADO Board of Directors reserves the right to make any adjustments as deemed necessary to perpetuate the program. At no time shall the designated funds exceed the total amount of the fund.
- C. Scholarship awards will be made to the top eight (8) finishers in the ADO Youth Championship, based on their performance.
Awards will be divided as follows:
 - Each Quarter-finalist in the National Championship will be awarded a scholarship valued at \$500.00.
 - Each Semi-finalist in the National Championship will be awarded a scholarship valued at \$750.00.
 - The Runner-up in the National Championship will be awarded a scholarship valued at \$1000.00.
 - The National Champion will be awarded a scholarship valued at \$1500.00.
 - Any participant/winner who is eligible to compete in more than one ADO Youth Championship may repeat as a scholarship winner, but may not exceed a total of \$8000.00 in scholarship earnings. Any excess awards to a single winner will remain in the fund for future program enhancements.

V. Student Requirements:

A student must be accepted, on a full-time basis (minimum 12 credits per quarter / semester), to an accredited American college curriculum on or before his/her 21st birthday and must enter that program no later than the next active quarter. The student must select a program or major that leads to the earning of a degree; i.e. Associate in Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, etc. and must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 on a scale of 4.0.

Certificate and/or Diploma programs are acceptable only if required to obtain minimal educational requirements necessary to enter a degree program.

VI. Covered Expenses:

Any legitimate college fees are eligible for coverage by this fund. For example: fees for parking stickers, library, student union, tuition, books, etc.

VII. Administration:

Administration of the ADO Memorial Scholarship Fund will be handled by a Board of Trustees. A maximum of \$500 per quarter / semester (not to exceed \$1000 per year) will be paid directly to the recipient on a quarterly/semester basis after confirmation of paid enrollment and proof that the minimum GPA requirement has been maintained.