

Dart Players New Zealand



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Puma Opens

**Playing Rules
&
By-Laws**

TOURNAMENTS

(1) PUMA Open Tournaments :-

- (a) **Format of Play:-** All PUMA Open Tournaments will be Five or Six Sectional Play, into a One Life Knockout round starting with the best of 7 Legs 501, until the last **8 players** when it will change to the best of 9 Legs 501, until the final, which will be played best of 11 Legs 501..
- (b) All knockout rounds with (16) to (31) players are permitted to place (4), the placement of (8) players will require a (32) plus knockout. All placements will be taken from the previous years rankings .
- (c) The format is Straight Start & Double Finish, this will only apply to all Puma Open Tournaments.
- (d) Any PUMA Open Tournament Men's or Ladies, not receiving the minimum required number of (16) entries to play sectional sheet qualifiers, (**May draw those players who have entered, directly onto a Round Robin sheet to complete the Tournament**)
- (e) All finals will be played alcohol free, players may consume water and ice only.
- (f) **Entry Fee's :-** Each Tournament's entry fee will be decided by the Tournament's payout and Sponsorship received within that Area, plus also the \$5 off each entry being remitted to DPNZ.

(2) Ranking Points :-

- (a) A players points may be accumulated in the following events, AREA Singles, ISLAND Singles NATIONAL Singles, also (6) Six of the (12) twelve NZ PUMA Opens, that are available. **8** Dual tournaments will be played with (4) in Australia & (4) in New Zealand each year. All players must qualify for the knockout through section play. Ranking points will be available to Non-Qualifiers only if the Knockout round has less than (16) players. The only time qualifying is not required, (**Refer:- rule 1 c**)

(b) Area Points :-

Win **16** / 2nd **12** / 3rd equal **8** / 4th equal **4** / 5th equal **2**

(c) Island Points :-

Win **20** / 2nd **16** / 3rd equal **12** / 4th equal **8** / 5th equal **4**

(d) National Points :-

Win **20** / 2nd **16** / 3rd equal **12** / 4th equal **8** / 5th equal **4**

(e) Puma Open Points :-

Win **20** / 2nd **16** / 3rd equal **12** / 4th equal **8** / 5th equal **4**

(f) DPNZ & DPA Dual Tournaments

Win **20** / 2nd **16** / 3rd equal **12** / 4th equal **8** / 5th equal **4**

(3) Players Responsibility :-

- (a) A player is only allowed to accumulate points out of (6) Six NZ PUMA Open Tournaments. If for some reason a player fails to register ranking points at any Open Tournament they enter, He or She may continue entering any of the remaining NZ Puma Opens until they have registered ranking points from (6) Six, these will be the first Six that the player gains points in.
- (b) Any player entering a NZ PUMA Open Tournament once they have accumulated and registered (6) Six lots of Open ranking points, will have from the date in question all their ranking points removed, should a repeat offence take place then a two year playing ban maybe invoked on the offending player.
All entries must comply with Rule (7f) or the penalty above will be applied

(4) AEMs & Host Responsibility :-

- (a) AEMs will be responsible for the running of each Open Tournament within their Area, also the AEM must within 24 hours of the Tournaments completion, forward by way of E-mail, the Result, Entry & 180 sheets to DPNZ (Wayne McBeath and DaleFrampton), this will ensure that players points will be officially allocated to the web within 48hrs.
- (b) The collection of entries and entry money, banking and distribution of money paid out, will be the sole responsibility of the Area's AEM, or the Area's delegated person by the AEM. Each individual (5) Dollar portion of entry fee payment to DPNZ, should be deposited into Account No 1745-0107595-00 within (7) seven days with a copy of that deposit sent to the Director (Mr Wayne McBeath).

(5) Annual Tournaments :-

- (a) 12 Puma Opens (b) Area Championships (c) S.I. & N.I. Championships
- (d) National Championships (e) 4 Australian Opens

- (a) **12 Puma Opens, :-** Each Areas Tournament will have a Men's & Ladies Singles Puma Open. The dates for these Open Tournaments to be played are between, the 1st of August each year through until the last weekend in June the following year, leaving the National Championships in July. With all NZ Puma Open Tournaments to be played Nationally on separate dates through out the Country.
- (b) The closing dates for the ensuing years NZ Puma Open Tournaments **will be** by the **Clubs NZ Darts, Annual General Meeting**, any Area not submitting a Tournament date at this time, may lose their allocated Tournament to another Area.
- (c) **Area Championships :-** Men's & Ladies Singles must be completed on or before the last Saturday in June.
- (d) **N.I. & S.I. Championships :-** Men's & Ladies Singles will be completed at the Championships.
- (e) **National Championships :-** Men's & Ladies Singles will be completed at the Championships, This will be the last opportunity to gain points for the year.
- (f) **Australian Opens:-** Will be officiated and run by **Dart Players Australia.**

(6) Open Tournament Play Offs

- (a) A playoff between (2) two players will be best of 7 legs
- (b) All playoff 's between any number of players greater than two, will be one Leg of a 1001 to a result of , 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc and so on until all players are placed in their order of merit.

PLAYING RULES & BY-LAWS

(7) Playing Rules & By-Laws

- (a) Entry to any Tournament is the responsibility of the **Player** taking part. (No Entry No Game)
- (b) Entry will be by way of pre-paid Entry or Entry at the Tournament
- (c) The format of play for all NZ Puma Open Tournaments please refer :- **Tournaments 1(a)**
- (d) A leg score will be one of the following, 501 or (1001 as required by Playoffs)
- (e) **The Toss**, the winner of the toss shall throw for the middle first, the winner of the middle will be first away, in leg's 1, 3, 5, 7, and so on, with the opposition first away in leg's 2, 4, 6, 8 and so on .
The Middle:-Wherever the first throwers dart lands in the middle, 25 or outside, it must be removed before the second player throws for the middle. If the second players dart equals the first thrower it will require a replay .
Each time there is a replay the order of play will alternate, until there is a winner.
- (f) All entries must be completely filled out with the players full given Names, Area and Club, No non-deplumes , nicknames or incorrect names will be accepted under any circumstances.
- (g) All Section play games to be played as listed on section sheet, unless sanctioned and approved by the Games Controller
- (h) Starting time for all Open Tournaments will be 30 minutes after entries close.
- (i) When your game has been called, you have three (3) minutes to start play, or a forfeit will be applied. Also a player must be given a warning before a 'Foul Dart' is officially called, once a Foul Dart or shot is called it shall not score.
- (j) **Any Information** given by the chalker is, **advisory only**. It is the **players responsibility** to ascertain that the score has been **correctly calculated**. A player maybe advised upon request of the number remaining, by "Only the Caller and Chalker" but being prompted or advised from behind the Och'e is NOT ALLOWED.
- (k) A players throw shall only be deemed completed, when all Darts are retrieved from the board.
- (l) To obtain a score all dart points must be in contact with the board. If any dart rests on top of any other dart, the point of the resting dart must be touching the board to score.
- (m) Once a player, or a member of the same team, has played on their own score , **No Alteration** may be made to that score, unless sportsmanship is offered by the opposition the score maybe changed
- (n) The 'Area Executive Member' shall oversee and control the Areas Puma Open Tournament in any one year, also they reserve the right to delegate if required.

(8) National & International Representative Selection :-

All players before gaining National or International selection must be present and participate at the Nationals In July each year to validate any of the above selection

(9) National & Representative Playoff's

- (a) In the event of Playoffs: being required please Refer to :- **Rule:- 6**
- (b) In the event of a playoff being required the **Games Convener** will **officiate**, with a **Place, Date and Time**.
- (d) **Defaults :-** All defaults will receive a win. Any Player defaulting may receive a two year ban from all DPNZ Tournaments

(10) PUMA Open Dress Code

- (a) All entrants must wear a dress collared shirt with accompanying dress trousers, slacks or skirt . Dress footwear only to be worn or with the exception only very tidy sport shoes, No open footwear will be allowed to be worn under any circumstances
- (b) All other reference to rules and bylaws pertaining to dress code & conduct, etc please refer to the **Clubs NZ Darts:- rule book**

(11) Board, Och'e & Measurements

- (a) All games are to be played on DPNZ ,Puma Bandit bristle board and it must be in good condition.
- (b) The standard playing measurements are as follows, (height from floor to bull centre is 173cm, the throwing distance from the Och'e to the face of the board is 237cm, to check this distance on the rake from the centre of the bull to the Och'e is 293cm.
- (c) The raised Och'e shall be a neat, straight, raised strip 50mm in height, with the length not less that 90cm, which is to be fixed to the floor in a stable manner, so as it will not move.
- (d) The minimum playing distance between adjacent boards, is from bull to bull of 1.8 metre's. This is to ensure the safety of the players and officials.

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DART PLAYERS NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

Code of Dress

Clean, Neat and Tidy Clothing
is required at All Times

Shirts MUST Be Collared

Trousers/Skirts MUST Be Dress

NO Ripped or Torn Clothing

NO Tee Shirts or Tank Tops

Full Footwear MUST Be Worn at All Times

NO Crocks or Open Toed Shoes

NO Slippers, Sandals or Thongs

MOBILE PHONES

All Phones MUST Be Deactivated while in the Tournament Area

Failure TO COMPLY with any of the above may

Exclude your entry, even removal from the Tournament.

Abiding by this Dress Code not only do players look smart
it is good for all concerned on Players and Officials alike.

Puma Open Tournament's

Amendment's

Rule Book's

Current Date

20th August, 2012

