

## 23. Championships

### 23. A.

Championships will be held for each League (see Rule 15.C.). Championships will be broken down into two rounds. The first round will be a Regional Championship. The second round will be a League Championship.

### 23. B. Regional Championship Round

#### 23. B. 1.

If there is only one Division in a Region, the Division Champion will host the Division Playoff Winner for the Regional Championship Round. In this event, Regional Championships may be held on the regular league night.

#### 23. B. 2.

Regional Championships will be held at a host bar in the Region. In order to host a Regional Championships with six teams or less, the host bar must have at least eight dartboards, including any temporary stands. In order to host a Regional Championships with seven or more teams, the host bar must have at least sixteen boards, including temporary stands.

#### 23. B. 3.

The Regional Championship Round will be a single elimination format tournament. Each match of the tournament will be played in the same format as regular league play. Each match will end as soon as one team reaches a majority of possible points and is declared the winner.

#### 23. B. 3. a.

Division Champions will be seeded within the Regional Championship Round bracket based upon their win percentage from league play, with the team with the highest win percentage awarded the first seed and the remaining Division Champions seeded accordingly.

#### 23. B. 3. b.

Division Playoff Winners will be placed in the opposite half of the Regional Championship Round bracket as their respective Division Champion. Division Playoff Winners will then be seeded within their half of the bracket based upon their win percentage from league play, with the team with the highest win percentage awarded the highest available seed in their half of the bracket and the remaining Division Playoff Winners seeded accordingly.

#### 23. B. 4.

If a player is a member of more than one team represented in the Regional Championship Round, that player must declare, prior to the start of play, which team that player will initially represent. Should the selected team be eliminated, that player may select another team to represent.

#### 23. B. 5.

If a team that has qualified for Regional Championships cannot make the tournament or fails to appear at the tournament check in time, that team will forfeit their first round match and the opposing team then advances. If a large number of teams do not appear, the Executive Director, in his discretion, may adjust the bracket to prevent teams from advancing too far based upon team forfeitures.

### 23. C. League Championship Round

#### 23. C. 1.

If there is only one Division in a League, the Regional Championship Round will be skipped, and the Division Champion will host the Divisional Playoff Winner in the League Championship Round. In this event, League Championships may be held on the regular league night.

#### 23. C. 2.

If there is only one Region in a League, the Regional Championship Round will serve as the League Championship Round for that League.

23. C. 3.

If there are only two Regions in a League, the two Regional Champions will play a single match in the same format as regular league play. The match will end as soon as one team reaches a majority of possible points and is declared the winner.

23. C. 4.

If there are at least three Regions in a League, the Regional Champions will play a round-robin style format such that every team will play every other team once. The League Champion will be the team that accumulates the most points after all rounds are complete.

Note: references in 14D, 16B, 18C, 21B, 22A, and 24A will need to be updated.

Note: Additional change to Bylaws:

Article V, Section 11.5

Board Members are required to attend and assist the Executive Director in running all Regional Championship Round matches that are held in their Region. If the Executive Director is unable to attend a Regional Championships due to a conflict caused by multiple Regional Championships held on the same day, the Chairman of the Board must assist the Executive Director by attending and running one of the Regional Championship Rounds as needed. In the event that both the Executive Director and the Chairman of the Board are unable to attend a Regional Championship, the Board Member from that region may run their own Regional Championship Round.

#### Comments

- a. The purpose of this rule change is twofold: 1) To cut down on travel for most teams who qualify for Championships, allowing players to play their Regional Championship in their *own* region, rather than require them to travel an hour every other season. 2) To give regional bragging rights for teams and bars in each region, with Regional Championship plaques given to bars and individual prizes given to the players. In addition, it will allow more bars the opportunity to host championship rounds.
- b. Regional rounds do not need to be played on weekends. For example, if every B Division in DC is on a Tuesday night, then the regional round can also be played on a Tuesday night as a convenience to the players.
- c. Regional rounds will be run exactly the same way as the Championship round is currently played, as a single elimination tournament.
- d. The Championship round will be a round-robin format to ensure that the WADA Champion has played every other regional champion.