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**Attention all Tavern Owners:**

The Cleveland Darter Club is excited to once again provide you with an opportunity to cash in on our Winter Leagues for one more week before the season ends. Last year's Winter League Team Championships were a stunning success with over 90% of our league players "sticking around" for this event and winning some cash.

Due to the popularity of this event, the divisional playoffs will once again be played "in the bars" during the week of April 26, on the normal weeknight of play. The divisional playoffs will include anywhere from 4 to 6 teams playing off on one night, in the same bar, for a chance to compete in the Finals of the Team Championships to be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

We are offering you, our Affiliate members, an opportunity to host the divisional playoff and earn an extra week of darts in your bar, by purchasing one or more lottery tickets. All proceeds of lottery ticket sales will go directly into the prize payout for the tournament to which the CDC will also be adding \$5 per team (or \$510 total) to the pot for their level of play (Bronze money goes to bronze team payout, Silver money goes to silver team payout, Gold money goes to gold team payout.)

Below is an explanation of rules for the tournament and how to purchase the tickets.

**The Cleveland Darter Club 2010 Winter Tournaments Lottery Rules**

The playoff location for each division is determined by a drawing from the lottery tickets purchased by the taverns from that division. In the event that zero tickets are purchased for a division, a ticket will be drawn from all non-winning tickets for that night. If a location has already won a playoff event(s) to full capacity on a specific night, a new ticket will be drawn until an eligible location is selected. The drawing will be a public event held on **April 2, 2010 at Panera Bread (5090 Tiedeman Rd., Brooklyn, OH) at 5:30 pm.**

The playoffs will occur during week 16 of the Winter 2010 session, April 26-29, on the team's regularly scheduled night of play. The winning taverns will be notified by phone they have won and when to expect teams.

Capacity for hosting playoff events is limited per League Night (Monday, Tuesday or Thursday), in accordance with the following:

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| <b># Dartboards in your bar</b>                              | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>7+</b> |
| <b># Division Playoffs per League Night that you can win</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b>  |

**EXAMPLE:** If your bar has 2 Monday teams and you buy a ticket for each division your teams play in and win both times, if you have only 1 dartboard, the 2<sup>nd</sup> winning ticket drawn will be discarded. If you have 3 dartboards, you will host both Division Playoffs.



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**CHANGE FOR TAVERNS WITH ONE BOARD:** If a tavern that has one board wins the opportunity to host a division playoff, there will be a starting time assigned to each set of teams, (i.e., #1 vs. #4 plays at 7 pm, #2 vs. #3 plays at 8:30 pm, winners play off after second match) so two teams do not have to sit and wait for the first match to finish.

The League reserves the option to require any bar that it deems a potential for overcrowding to specify an “alternate location” if such a case occurs. “Overcrowding” is defined by current municipal fire code. If an “alternate” is not specified at least 2 weeks prior to the playoff date, the League will chose one.

**Ticket Prices: \$10.00 each or 6/\$50.00**

**What to expect if you win a Division Playoff:**

You will host a Divisional Playoff [4 or 6-team division] at your bar on the designated League night of Week #16 of the Winter session. Monday League Playoffs are on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday League Playoffs are on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday League Playoffs are on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Hosting a playoff match brings 4 teams to your establishment (usually a minimum of 16 players) to compete in a best-of-5, two round, single elimination competition (for 5- or 6-team divisions, the format will be three rounds, “best-of-3”, except for Gold divisions which will play “best-of-5”). The winning team will be the Division Champion. There is, of course, no guarantee that all 4 teams for each division will show up, but based on the turnout for previous years it is likely. In some divisions there is a bye so only 3 teams would be there.

Some Things that may be important:

1. Teams generally prefer to have “Home Dart Board” advantage.
2. With an average of 5-6 players per team, that’s around 25 people in your business for several hours.
3. To purchase tickets, please fill out the tickets attached to this letter and mail with a CHECK payable to The Cleveland Darter Club, c/o CDC Team Tournaments, P.O. Box 30615, Middleburg Hts., OH 44130. Please include your email address if you would like a confirmation of receipt. ***Ticket Cost is \$10.00 each or 6/\$50.00.***
4. **Deadline to turn in money and completed tickets is 03/31/2010!! Drawing will be held on April 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Panera Bread (5090 Tiedeman Rd., Brooklyn, OH).**

Best of luck to you in the lottery, and thank you for being a loyal sponsor of The Cleveland Darter Club. Any questions can be e-mailed to me at scores@darter.org or by calling the Club at 216-226-2582.

Missy London, League Manager  
The Cleveland Darter Club