

# **Tournament Trails Rules**

**EFFECTIVE: May 7, 2010**

1. Anyone is eligible to play Tournament Trails, however, in order to receive points you must be a current CDC member in good standing. You must know your CDC number to guarantee your points.
2. Points are accumulated as long as your CDC membership is current and you are a member in good standing.
  - a. If membership is not renewed within one year of expiration, you will lose your Trails points.
  - b. Trails points lost due to provision 2.a above may be reinstated if the member renews his/her membership and pays a \$25 reinstatement fee.
  - c. Maintaining a tally of your trails points will help assure an accurate account of your Trails points.
3. Entry fee is \$5.00 for singles and \$3.00 for doubles. Registration ends at the posted starting time for that Trails.
4. A player receives four (4) points for entering singles and each bracket advancement is worth two (2) points. A player receives two (2) points for entering doubles and each bracket advancement is worth one (1) point.
5. Phone entries are taken at the discretion of the Trails Director. If you wish to call your tournament director, you must do so prior to the start time of that Trails. You must give your name and CDC number to the tournament director, if he/she agrees to take your call in. If you phone in your entry and fail to appear, or appear once your bracket is completed, you will owe the entry fee for the event you missed.
6. A player need not play both events.
7. Format: must win 2 out of 3 games. The first singles is a 301 double in/double out. Second game is score cricket. Third game is 501 free in/double out. For doubles events, the first game is 501 double in/double out, game two is score cricket, and game three is 501 free in/double out.
8. A coin toss determines who will have the option of corking first. The loser of the first game has the option of corking first for the second game. If a third game is necessary, the loser of the original coin toss has the option of corking first.
9. All applicable Cleveland Darter Club rules are enforced during Tournament Trails.

10. Tournament Trails darters shall not participate in any conflicting event while Tournament Trails is in progress.
11. Emergency situations concerning the Tournament Trails Program will be handled at the discretion of the Tournament Trails Committee Chairperson.
12. Eligibility for Trails Trips:
  - a. You must be a current CDC member in good standing with the CDC.
  - b. A minimum of 500 points is needed to be eligible to receive one of the fifty Trails Trip application letters.
  - c. Trails Trip application letters will be mailed after an announced "cutoff" date to the top 50 point earning applicants. This cutoff date notification shall precede available tournaments by a minimum of (40) days but not more than 3 months.
  - d. The number of trips awarded is based on the amount of money in the Trails Account less a reserve allocated for the next trip. This reserve shall not be less than 1/3 of the Trails Account balance.
  - e. Letters of intent to participate in a Trails Trip shall be returned to the CDC by the specified date in the application letter.
  - f. Trips are awarded to the highest point earners until all of the allocated Trails Account money has been spent. If a tie occurs for a trip spot, the member reaching the point total first is awarded the trip. If the point totals were reached at the same time, then the member who joined the CDC earlier will be awarded the trip.
13. The Trails Trip Participant will receive:
  - a. Fees and expenses based on double occupancy of two CDC members in each room; number of days to be determined by the location of the tournament.
  - b. Money for entry into a singles event and ½ the total entry fee for a doubles event.
  - c. The Trails trip participants will have all arrangements made for them with special provisions. The participant is to make all special provisions known to the Travel Agent at the time of her first phone call. (i.e. - extra persons traveling with you, extra days stay, etc.)
14. The Trails trip participant is required to throw in two darting events - a singles and preferably a doubles event. After your return from the trip, you must submit the original, legible, event receipts to be kept on file in the CDC Office.
15. Participation in a Tournament Trails trip will revert that participant's point total to zero (0). The point total will revert to zero as of the cut off date.
16. Tournament Trails points have no cash value.

17. Penalties for trip violations

- a. Acceptance of a Trails expense check and failure to go on the trip will result in forfeiture of all Trails points. The member will be required to repay the cost of the trip plus a ten-percent penalty. The member will be suspended from the Trails program for a period of two years. Failure to repay the money will result in a hearing before the CDC Board of Directors for suspension of membership. Legal action may be initiated for recovery of any monies.
- b. Failure to throw in the required darting events during a Tournament Trails trip will result in forfeiture of all Trails points. The member will be required to refund the cost of the trip. Also, the member will be suspended from the Tournament Trails program for a minimum of one year. Failure to repay The Club will result in a hearing before the CDC Board of Directors for suspension of membership. Legal action may be initiated for recovery of any monies. Only the original, legible entry receipt, or a written statement from the Tournament Director will be accepted as proof of throwing during the darting event.