

Casper, Wyoming
NCDA By-Laws and Rules

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By-Laws

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be: NATRONA COUNTY DARTING ASSOCIATION. The office of the organization for the purposes of this document is P.O. Box 291 Casper, WY 82602-0291

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

Section 1. Whenever the initials NCDA are used in these by-laws and rules they shall mean the NATRONA COUNTY DARTING ASSOCIATION.

Section 2. Board shall mean the offices and positions described in Article VI, Section 1.

Section 3. Neutral shall mean a person not involved in the team, location, or division under discussion.

Section 4. Masculine gender nouns or pronouns shall include female.

Section 5. Singular terms shall, where needed, include the plural.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the NCDA shall be to promote competitive darts, coordinate the functions and activities of darts, and promote friendly relations with similar organizations.

Section 2. The NCDA shall be a non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian organization.

ARTICLE IV – FEES

Section 1. Membership Fees and Weekly Dues shall be established by a 2/3 majority of those members present at a General meeting.

Section 2. Fees for social activities and tournaments sponsored by the NCDA as well as raffle fees and prizes shall be established by the Board.

Section 3. Membership Fees shall be applicable to the period established at a General Meeting. An applicant shall be considered properly registered when, within current policies his appropriate fee has been received by the Treasurer.

Section 4. Membership fees shall be \$50.00 per team per season. Membership fees for each team are to be paid by the second week of the season. Any team which has not paid its membership fees by the second week of the season must be in contact with the League Treasurer to make arrangements. Any team that has not paid membership fees by the second week of the season may be suspended from any league activities.

Section 5. Weekly dues of \$20.00 per match must accompany the results of match play when delivered to the designated drop-off location(s). If the weekly dues are not sent in with the weekly score sheet, all points and achievements of the team not having paid said dues shall be removed from the score-sheet until such dues are delivered to the League Treasurer.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the NCDA is open to anyone 21 years of age or over who evidences interest in darts as a sport.

Section 2. All memberships are subject to approval of the Board.

Section 3. A membership may be terminated or restricted by a majority opinion of the Board if such member creates disharmony or behaves in a manner that is prejudicial to order and discipline. The Board's decision in such a matter may be appealed by the member concerned according to the procedure set forth in Article XVI.

Section 4. It is the responsibility of each member to maintain a current and valid address and phone number when possible with the Secretary.

Section 5. A non-voting honorary membership, at no charge to the recipient, may be issued at the discretion of a majority of the Board. Honorary members shall be entitled to any benefit of the NCDA except the right to vote and participate in any function of the NCDA in which participation is incumbent upon dues and fees.

Section 6. An NCDA member shall be any individual who has thrown eighteen games and/or paid dues three nights in one season. That member is an NCDA member for that season and the next season. That member may participate in any NCDA functions. Any individual may also pay \$15.00 to the NCDA to become a member.

ARTICLE VI – THE BOARD

Section 1. The NCDA shall have a governing Board consisting of four (4) officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and one (1) trustee per current season division and collectively these officers and trustees shall be known as the Board. All are voting members of the Board except for the President who may vote only to break a tie. The number of Board members may be changed by amendment of these by-laws as provided in Article XI.

Section 2. The Board officers (with exception of the Treasurer) shall be elected for a period of one year and will assume office immediately following election. The position of Treasurer will be filled by a qualified candidate appointed by the newly elected Board members. Members of the out-going Board will continue to hold office concurrently until the end of the calendar year with the newly elected Board working closely with the out-going Board so as to make for a smooth transition from one Board to another.

Section 4. When a Board vacancy occurs, sufficient additions shall be made in accordance with Section 5 of this Article to bring Board membership to the required number. Such additions must be made no later than the next regular monthly Board meeting following the creation of the vacancy. No joint offices may be held.

Section 5. Except for Board members recalled per Article XIV, vacancies on the Board, which occur as a result of resignation or other forms of estrangement, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board members. The newly appointed Board member shall assume responsibilities immediately.

Section 6. Board members automatically resign when, without sufficient cause, he fails to appear at three (3) consecutive meetings provided such meetings are not scheduled within a period of thirty-three (33) calendar days. Board and General meetings scheduled for the same night shall be considered one (1) meeting.

Section 7. Board members resigning shall not be permitted to run for office for a period of one year from date of resignation.

ARTICLE VII– BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM

Section 1. It is the duty of the Board to govern and manage the operations of the NCDA in a fair and impartial manner, which is beneficial to the health and growth of the NCDA in particular, and the sport of darts in general as set forth in Article III of these by-laws.

Section 2. The Board must meet at least once a month. The meeting date will be determined by the President. Attendance shall be excused if notice of the meeting is not received at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Board meetings shall have a time limit of 2 ½ hours from the time the meeting is called to order. A maximum of 15 minutes may be allowed for the purpose of completing a point under discussion. This section may be waived by the unanimous vote of the Board members in attendance.

Section 3. Five (5) Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Prior to the first membership meeting of the year, the Board shall prepare a proposed annual budget for presentation to the membership detailing the projected income and expenditures for the coming year.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the NCDA and shall, subject to the control of the Board, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the NCDA. He shall perform all duties incident to his office and such other duties as may be required under these by-laws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. He shall preside at all meetings of members and meetings of the Board. He may vote only to break a tie vote. The President shall also have the authority to appoint willing NCDA member to committees for the purposed of conducting NCDA business not inherently assigned to any Board members (i.e. tournaments, picnics banquets). His signature shall be one of the four (4) valid signatures on the NCDA checking account.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, or in the event of his refusal to act, perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have the powers of the President subject to the restrictions placed on that office. His signature shall be one of the four (4) valid signatures on the NCDA checking account.

The Vice-president shall have the key for the league mailbox and must obtain mail and distribute to appropriate board members in a timely fashion. The Vice-president must make two copies of the monthly bank statement before delivering said statement to the League Treasurer and give one copy to the league President and keep on for him/herself.

Sections 3. The Secretary shall act as Liaison with the NCDA Statistician. He shall keep and maintain a book of the minutes of all meetings, Board or membership, recording therein all specifics of said meetings. He shall working in conjunction with the Statistician, be responsible for the dissemination of all league correspondence to the NCDA membership including, but not limited to, meeting notifications, newsletters, upcoming events, and divisional standings. Board directives to the Statistician shall be

communicated through the Secretary in writing. His signature shall be one of the four (4) valid signatures on the NCDA checking account.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall act as liaison with the NCDA Statistician, maintaining a close working relationship and shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer at the discretion of the Board. He shall deposit all monies of the NCDA and disburse such funds as directed by the Board, keeping accurate records of such transactions. Said records shall be available for inspection by any NCDA member or Board member at all reasonable requests. At each monthly Board meeting he shall give the statement on the financial status of the NCDA and present his books for an audit by the Board. This financial statement shall be published in the subsequent league newsletter. His signature shall be one of the four (4) valid signatures on the NCDA checking account.

Section 5. Sufficient additional voting Board members as required per Article VI, Section 1, shall be elected per Article X, Section 4 to assist in administration of NCDA policy. These Trustees shall be liaisons between the Board and the various divisions of leagues they represent during sanctioned play.

Section 6. The NCDA Statistician will be contracted by the Board to handle all the statistical duties relevant to league functions. Bids for the position shall be let by the Board annually with all bids received in writing considered. The request for bids shall specify in detail the scope of work the Board wishes the Statistician to handle. A contract shall exist between the NCDA and the Statistician, which shall further define the responsibilities, duties, and limitations of this position as set forth by each Board. This position may be filled by a non-member and is not considered a member of the Board.

Section 7. Should both the President and Vice-President take leave of office for reasons other than a recall meeting, the senior Board member shall assume the duties of the President with the provision that he call an election meeting within 30 days of their leaving office.

Section 8. NO VOTE PROVISIO – To avoid the conflicts of interest, Board members must meet the provisions of neutrality set forth in Article II, Section 3 to vote on a procedural protest. Should this provision delete the Board below quorum level then the senior neutral Board member shall fill the vacancy (ies) from the list of neutral captains until a quorum is attained.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

Section 1. BOARD MEETINGS – Such meetings shall be comprised of Board members only and be subject to the provisions set forth in Article VII.

Section 2. PROTEST MEETINGS – Such meeting shall be comprised of Board members only and be subject to the provisions set forth in Rule 17 of this document.

Section 3. CAPTAINS MEETINGS – Such meetings shall be comprised of a committee from the Board and the Captain of each registered team. If the Captain is unable to attend, he may appoint another member of his team as his alternate representative. Failure of a team captain or representative to attend a captain's meeting may result in the loss of five (5) points from the team's accumulated season score.

Section 4. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – Membership meetings shall be held once during each season, for the purpose of meeting the entire membership and informing them of league activities and voting on revision to the by-laws, One such meeting may be held for the purpose of elections. Such meetings shall be published in at least two separate weekly newsletters. Failure of a Team Captain or captain representative to attend a membership meeting may result in the loss of five points from the team's accumulated season points.

Section 5. RECALL MEETINGS – Such meeting shall be held subject to the provisions set forth in Article XIV.

Section 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS – Such meeting may be called for by any NCDA member for a specific purpose only. The specific purpose must be in writing and be witnessed by the signatures of at least ten per cent (10%) of the current league membership. No other business will be discussed at such a meeting, The Board must announce the time and place of the meeting no later than twenty (20) days after the receipt of the petition by the Secretary. Such a meeting shall be comprised of a committee from the Board and the Captain or representative from each registered team. Interested members in good standing may attend and participate in the discussion. Voting however, is restricted to one Captain or representative per registered team. The NO VOTE PROVISIO as described in Article VIII, Section 8, shall apply to those captains or representatives attending a Special Meeting.

Section 7. Unless otherwise specified, meetings shall be called for at the discretion of the Board.

Section 8. If the NCDA is between seasons, written or printed notice of the time and place of meeting shall be delivered personally to each member or sent via U.S. Mail at least seven (7) days prior to such meetings. The notice shall be addressed to the member at his address as shown on the records of the NCDA and shall be deemed given at the time it is deposited in the mail. The Secretary shall give the notice or other person designated by the President. If league play is ongoing, notification will be provided via the weekly newsletter of the NCDA.

ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elections of Officers shall be held at a membership meeting to be conducted after the final shooting date of the Fall Season and before the first shooting date of the Winter Season each year.

Section 2. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected by secret ballot. The Secretary shall create such ballots. Nominations may be received by the Board prior to the election meeting. The person obtaining the highest number of votes shall win that office. Unsuccessful candidates for one office may run for another office in the same elections. All members other than honorary members may run for and hold office. The position of Treasurer shall be filled by appointment of a qualified person by the Board.

Section 3. Divisional Trustees, who shall be full voting members of the Board, can be nominated at the Captain's Meeting prior to the start of the season or by contacting existing board members of his/her intent to run for trustee, or by mention from any NCDA member. Elections will be performed by the Board before the first Board Meeting of the season; and the elected Trustee will take their place on the Board at the first Board Meeting. Accordingly, the number of trustees will be equal to the number of divisions in play during the current season. Trustees should meet the minimum requirement of having a telephone at their residence in good working order throughout their term.

Section 4. No member may vote more than once per candidate per office.

ARTICLE XI – GENERAL

Section 1. These by-laws may be adopted, amended, or replaced by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members in attendance at a General Membership Meeting.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to these by-laws must be published at least once in the NCDA newsletter at least two weeks prior to a General Membership Meeting. Such proposals must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

Section 3. Should sections of the by-laws be declared ambiguous by the Board they may be interpreted and rewritten so that the meaning is clear to all members. Care shall be exercised so as not to distort the original intent. Additions and changes to these by-laws may be made according to the provisions set forth in Section 1 above.

Section 4. It is incumbent upon each NCDA member to make interim by-law page changes to his copy of these by-laws as they are received.

ARTICLE XII – CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Section 1. The Board shall have the authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of the NCDA.

ARTICLE XIII – EXPENSES

Section 1. Any member is entitled to be reimbursed for all legitimate expenses incurred in the name of the NCDA. Mileage is to be the current Internal Revenue Service allowable rate per mile with the provision that travel to NCDA Board meetings is not reimbursable.

Section 2. All expenses are subject to approval of a majority of the Board members in attendance at a Board meeting.

Section 3. The NCDA will reimburse valid expenses, given approval of the Board, upon presentation of receipts.

ARTICLE XIV – RECALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICES

Section 1. Any Board member may be recalled from office by a majority of those present at a Special or General Membership Meeting. Members other than Board members may institute recall through a recall meeting under the provisions set forth in Article IX, Section 6. Appeals of such action must be in writing and received by the Secretary no later than fifteen (15) days after the Board's recall ruling. There can be no further appeal.

Section 2. Recall voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3. Should recall take place at a Special or General Membership meeting it shall immediately be followed by an election to fill the vacancy (ies). If the President is recalled, the office shall be assumed by the Vice-President after which a new Vice-President shall be elected. If the successful candidate is a Board member or other office, a subsequent election shall be held to fill the new vacancy.

Section 4. Any Board member who is recalled will not be eligible for office for a period of three (3) years from the date of recall.

Section 5. Should the President be recalled and appeal his case, in the interim, his duties shall be assumed by the Vice-President from the date of recall until a final determination is made at an appeals hearing. In the absence of the Vice-President, the duties shall be assumed by the most Senior Board member in attendance.

ARTICLE XVI – APPEALS PROCEDURE

Section 1. Board decisions concerning membership or league play protests may be appealed by the member/team concerned to a Committee comprised of at least five (5) Neutral Captains drawn by lot. Such appeals must be in writing and have been received by the Secretary no later than seven (7) days after the Board's ruling. The Secretary shall arrange for a location for the appeal meeting and shall send notice to the neutral captains within three (3) days of receipt of the appeal. The appeal meeting must take place within seven (7) days of receipt of the appeal. No further appeals will be possible. This is appeal procedure to be used when the Board rules on a league play protest.

Section 2. The appeals hearing shall be conducted according to the following procedure: 1.) The member submitting the appeal shall present his position to the five (5) neutral captains selected to hear the appeal (appeals committee) and he will exit the hearing room to a neutral area. 2.) A board member shall present to the appeal committee the Board's position and also exit the hearing room. 3.) The appeals committee will then begin deliberation (a board member will be present with the appeals committee during the appeals process only for the purpose of assisting with the appeals process and is forbidden to discuss the subject of the appeal). 4.) Voting shall be done by secret ballot with a majority determining the final decision. 5.) The sequestered participants are then returned to the hearing room and the final decision is announced.

NCDA RULES

1. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Only registered players pursuant to Article V or Board approved guests may participate in NCDA activities.
- B. If members have owed money for an extended period of time (to be determined by the Board) that member needs to petition the Board to be able to participate at any NCDA functions. Additionally, any member that steals money or property from the NCDA will be banned for life from any activities of the NCDA.
- C. All members of a team are responsible for unpaid membership fees and/or unpaid weekly dues.
- D. Mitigating circumstances may be appealed to the Board. The Board must meet in the matter within seven days of receipt of written appeal by the Secretary. The Board's decision may be appealed according to the procedure described in Article XVI. No further appeal will be possible

2. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Good sportsmanship shall be the prevailing attitude at all NCDA events. Captains are specifically charged with maintaining an atmosphere of good sportsmanship.
- B. Match officials, scorekeepers, participants, and spectators shall refrain from making noise, movements, or other such actions that may prove to be distracting to a player while at the toe line. Attempts to distract an opponent while he is shooting will not be tolerated. Complaints may result in the Board taking disciplinary action or suspension in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article V, Section of these by-laws.
- C. If so requested by the thrower, all spectators must align themselves out of his line of vision and/or behind the position from which he is throwing.

3. DEFINITIONS

- A. Session – A period of time not exceeding fourteen (14) weeks and occurring three (3) times per year in the order of Winter, Summer, and Fall. The term is understood to mean the same as session.

B. Match

1. Four single games of _01, each match playing for best 2 out of 3 victory. Cork will be thrown before each game with a choice of 301, DI/DO, or 501 single IN/DO. Each match is worth one point.
2. Four Doubles 501 Games, each worth one point.
3. Four single Cricket games. Each match playing for best 2 out of 3 victory. Cork for each game will decide first thrower for each game. Each match is worth one point.
4. Four Doubles Cricket games, each worth one point.

C. THE GAMES

1. 301 will be played only as a singles game and requires a double to start and finish (double in, double out).
2. 501 will begin with a straight start (no double required) and a double to finish.
3. Cricket, in either singles or doubles, will be played according to American Darts Organization (ADO) rules.

D. Scorer – Referee, chalker, scorekeeper, or marker.

E. Cork – Bullseye

F. Neutral – A member not participating in the Division or sponsoring establishment in which a protest or policy matter is being discussed.

G. Straight Start – Scoring shall commence without the need for the first dart to land inside the double ring.

H. Sponsor Trophy – An award that may be displayed by, and become the property of, the individual so awarded. Given each season the sponsoring establishment of the first place team in each division.

I. Individual Trophy – An award that may be displayed by, and become the property of, the individual so awarded.

J. League – The NCDA may divide itself into an unlimited number of leagues, each being of different format and/or on separate days of the week.

K. Throw – All darts must be thrown by and from the hand. A throw shall consist of three darts unless a game is completed in a lesser amount. Any dart bouncing off or falling out of the dartboard shall not be rethrown. Also known as a turn.

L. Team – A minimum of four (4) players.

M. NCDA CRICKET RULES

1. The objective shall be to own/close certain numbers on the board, and to achieve the highest point score. The player/team to do so first shall be the winner.
2. Cricket shall be played using the numbers 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, and both the inner and outer cull (cork).
3. Each player/team shall take turns in throwing. (Three darts in succession shall constitute a turn).
4. To close a number, the player/team must score three of a number. This may be accomplished with three singles, a single and a double, or one triple.
5. Once a player/team scored three of a number, it is owned/closed by that player/team. Once both players/teams have scored three of a number it is closed and no further scoring can be accomplished on that number by either player/team.
6. To close the bullseye, the outer bull counts as a single and the inner bull counts as a double.
7. Once a player/team closes a number, he/they may score points on that number until the opponent also closes that number. All numerical scores shall be added to the previous balance.
8. Numbers may be owned/closed in any order desired by the individual player/team. Calling the number a player/team is shooting at is not required unless "call cricket" is chosen as a game option at the captain' meeting.
9. For the purpose of owning/closing a number the double and the triple ring shall count as two or three respectively. Three marks will close a number.
10. After a number is owned/closed by a player/team, the double and triple ring shall count as two or three times the numerical value of that number respectively.
11. WINNING THE GAME:

- a. The player/team that closes all numbers first and has the most points shall be declared the winner.
 - b. If both sides are tied on points, or have no points, the first player/team to close all numbers shall be declared the winner.
 - c. If a player/team closes all numbers first and is behind on points, he/they must continue to score on any numbers not owned/closed by the opponent until either the point deficit is made up or the opponent has closed all numbers.
- N. Triple Crown – Achievement attained by shooting a triple 20, triple 19, and triple 18 (in any order) on a players **FIRST THREE DARTS** in a cricket game.
- O. Finishing Dart – The final dart thrown to win a game.
- P. Quality Points – (QP's) Are individual achievement points awarded for various feats in either cricket or '01 games. They are awarded on the following basis:

a. **In any '01** game, quality points shall be awarded for achieving certain levels of total points for three darts thrown in one turn. The point break down is as follows:

95 to 114	1 quality point
115 to 132	2 quality points
133 to 157	3 quality points
158 to 170	4 quality points
171 to 180	5 quality points

b. **In cricket**, hitting marks (triple = 3 marks, double = 2 marks, singles = 1 mark) in three darts thrown in one turn as shown below will result in the following quality points being awarded:

5 hitter (5 marks)	1 quality point
6 hitter (6 marks)	2 quality points
7 hitter (7 marks)	3 quality points
8 hitter (8 marks)	4 quality points
9 hitter (9 marks)	5 quality points

Additionally, hitting certain numbers of bulls in one turn as shown below will result in the following quality points being awarded:

4 bulls	1 quality point
5 bulls	3 quality points

6 bulls 5 quality points

Explanatory note: Only those marks which “count” will score toward quality points. For example; if a player already has 2 19’s before his turn begins and he throws a triple 19 and his opponent already has the 19’s closed, the triple will count as only one 19. The same applies for any multiple of any number. Also, should a player need three bulls to finish the game and hit two double bulls, only three of the four would count and no QP’s would be awarded.

4. EQUIPMENT

- A. Darts used in league shall not exceed an overall maximum length of twelve (12) inches nor weigh more than 50 grams per dart. Each dart shall consist of a recognizable point, barrel and flight.
- B. An acceptable bristle board must be secured to the wall so that the distance from the center of the board to the floor measures 5’8” plus or minus ¼”.
- C. The scoring wedge indicated by the 20 shall be the darker of the two wedge colors and must be the top center wedge.
- D. No markings, other than the manufacturer’s advertising, shall be permitted on the bristle/front surface of the dartboard.
- E. Lights must be affixed in such a way as to brightly illuminate the dartboard, reduce to a minimum the shadows cast by the darts, and not physically impede the flight of the darts.
- F. A toe line shall exist on the floor from which to throw. It shall be in place and clearly visible at all times during the match. Rubber mats are acceptable but must be affixed in such a way so that they are stationary during the match. The front edge of the toe line shall be a minimum of 7’9-1/4” at floor level from the face of the board (not the wall) or, measured diagonally from the center of the dartboard (double bull), 115-3/8”. The toe line shall extend infinitely from side to side beyond the actual line in place.
- G. Sufficient room at the toe line shall be maintained from which to throw. From the center point of the toe line (straight out from the center of the board) a lateral distance of 2’ 9” to each side shall be clear from any encumbrances such as walls, shelves, tables, etc.
- H. When more than one match is being played on dartboards mounted on the same wall, there shall be a minimum of 8 feet between the centers of the boards in use.

- I. An acceptable scoreboard must be mounted within 4 feet laterally from the dartboard and at no more than a 45-degree angle off a line from the toe line to the center of the dartboard. Each sponsoring establishment is expected to providing marking supplies for their scoreboards (chalk, dry erase marker, etc.).
- J. Each Sponsoring Establishment is encouraged to provide a bulletin board or wall area for the exclusive posting of dart news and information.
- K. At the beginning of each season or as requested during the season, the President shall appoint a committee to inspect all match equipment and dart area layouts for compliance to the above rules. Any substandard equipment or layouts of the playing area will result in a change of venue to another darting establishment until the required corrections have been made.
- L. All comments or protests concerning equipment at a particular establishment should be brought to the attention of the Board. The inspection committee shall as soon as possible make an inspection of the equipment or layout in question and recommend corrective action if deemed necessary.

5. DIVISIONS

- A. The NCDA divides itself into leagues, which may be further divided into divisions with the teams of the highest caliber placed in the “AA” division, those of the next highest caliber in the “A” division, and so on down the line.
- B. As a general rule, the bottom 2 teams in each division at the season’s end will be relegated to the next lower division for the following season and the top 2 teams in each division shall be placed in the next higher division.
- C. **The Board shall have to final authority in the assignment of teams to divisions.**

6. SCHEDULES

- A. The Board shall have the responsibility of scheduling and assignment, and shall also have the responsibility to place a team in a competitive division based either on the reputation of the team members or past performance.
- B. The Board shall, when scheduling, make every attempt to have each team throw at home (their sponsoring establishment) at least half of the season and be visitors the other half of the season. The scheduling committee shall also attempt not to have three or more consecutive visiting league nights for any specific team. In a double round robin season, each team will play an

opponent at home one night and visit their opponent the second night or vice-versa.

- C. Copies of the schedule shall be provided to all sponsors and team captains. The Board shall be responsible for providing schedules in time to permit posting prior to the start of each season.

7. DUTIES OF THE TEAM CAPTAIN

- A. A team captain is responsible for the conduct of his team, accuracy and completeness of the scoresheets, attending all captains, membership, and special meetings, properly registering new members of his team, and representing his team in dealing with their sponsoring establishment. Additionally, the captain is responsible for obtaining and distributing league information to his team.
- B. When required to attend captains, membership, and special meetings, or protest hearings, he shall provide an acceptable substitute when circumstances prevent his attendance. For the purpose of team representation at captains, membership, and special meetings, or protest hearings, Board members shall be considered representatives of their respective teams should the captain be unable to attend.
- C. If a captain disregards his duties to the point where he creates disharmony and/or impedes and interferes with the efficiency of established procedures, the Board shall have the authority to require his team to provide a replacement for him. Failure to do so could result in the Board taking disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article V, Section 3 of these by laws.
- D. Captains failing to attend captains, membership, and special meetings, or protest hearings, and failing to provide an acceptable substitute team representative may cause their team to lose five (5) points from their accumulated team points for the season in progress or beginning.
- E. It is the responsibility of each team captain to maintain a supply of scoresheets. Should there be no scoresheets available, it will be his responsibility to obtain or construct an acceptable substitute.
- F. Each team must have a team co-captain as well as a captain. He shall assume the duties and responsibilities of captain in the absence of the team captain.

8. THE TEAM

A team shall have a minimum of four (4) players as to field a full team for the format of the present NCDA league in which the team is entered.

B. Rostered members of a team are defined as any member who has shot eighteen matches or three nights for the team.

C. A team is allowed to change sponsors during the course of a season. In general, the right to a team lies in the team and its members and not in the sponsor. A sponsor may expel a team with such team then having the right to choose a new sponsor for the remainder of the season.

D. The Board may change or institute any requirements in team make-up deemed necessary regarding the formation of any additional leagues.

9. PLAYER TEAM STATUS

A. A player may register with any team he wishes. However, he does not officially become a member of any team until he has shot eighteen games or three separate nights with that team.

B. Any player declaring as a substitute may play for any team he may wish during the season under the provisions in Rule 10c. Substitute players are “locked in” to the first team the play three matches for subject to Rule 9c. Substitutes may qualify for any individual awards in the division(s) they play in. Should a Substitute play the required three nights for a team award with multiple teams, he will only be awarded one team award of his choice.

C. A player, in rare cases, may be allowed to change teams by petitioning the Board in writing, describing the unusual set of circumstances. The Board’s decision in this case shall be final with no further appeal available to the player and the “no vote proviso” shall apply.

D. Penalty for violation of this rule shall be the same as that stated in Rule 10c.

10. ADDING NEW PLAYERS

A. A Team Captain may add any new player to his/her team as long as the new teammate fits all NCDA By-law rules and agreements

B. The captain must write the players full name and address on the score sheet the first night they play in order to register the player with the Secretary. A new player is an individual who has not played with any other team in the NCDA during the current season. In those cases where an individual may

have played for another team in the NCDA during the current season, see rule 9B.

- C. A team may not add a new player that has, in previous seasons, played in a higher division after the beginning of the season without prior board approval. Penalty may be the loss of all points (team and individual) awarded in games in which the offending player played.

11. LINE UPS

- A. The line up for the first four singles games/matches must be entered on a score sheet at the starting time of the match. Following completion of the singles format of play, names will be entered on the score sheet for the next set of games dependent on the match format being played. Lineups for successive sets of games will be captains agree to a change, this includes both the doubles and team game. Each captain's agreement will be so indicated by the initials of the opposing captain.
- B. The line up for all games shall consist of the player's names.
- C. Changes and/or substitutions of players will not be allowed after a game has begun without mutual consent of both team captains.
- D. A team may play late arriving players providing the game he is to play in has not begun.

12. TIME FACTORS

- A. The time for starting a night's match will be voted on by the captains at the Captains Meeting starting each season.
- B. Matches must begin no later then fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time.
- C. No more than ten (10) minutes may elapse between games. This time must be given when requested by any captain for the purpose of allowing additions time for late arriving players. However, if enough players are in attendance to complete a team of four, time between games is limited for five (5) minutes. In the case of singles matches playing best two of three (3), this time is reduced to three minutes between games.
- D. Accelerated bar time has no significance. Normal time in effect will be used to indicate the start of a match.

13. THE MATCH

A match shall be as defined in Rule 3B. No changes from the format chosen during the captains' meeting shall be permitted. Points shall be awarded for each game won with the total points available dependent upon the format for each match.

14. BEGINNING THE GAME

- A. Warm up prior to the start of each game shall be limited to nine (9) darts per player. Any player found guilty by the opposing team of throwing additional practice darts on any board after his game has begun forfeits his next turn at the board. This may include throwing a dart at the board after a bust in '01. The opposing Team's Captain will first issue a warning in this instance with a throw for failure being imposed if it continues.
- B. All games are begun by "throwing the cork" (corking) with the winner of a coin toss having the option of throwing first or second. The player or team of the player who throws closest to the cull shall throw first in starting the game. A cork dart must remain in the board to count. Additional throws may be made at the board until such time as the player's dart remains in the board. After the first thrower has corked, the second thrower may acknowledge the first dart as an inner or outer bull and ask for that dart to be removed prior to his throw. Should the second thrower dislodge the first thrower's dart, a rethrow will be made with the second thrower now shooting first. Decision of the scorekeeper is final and rethrows will be called for the following: (1. He cannot determine which dart is closer to the bull. (2. Both darts are within the inner or outer bull. (3. The second dart dislodges the first from the board. Should a rethrow be necessary, the darter who shot second will now shoot first.
- C. Only players scheduled to play in the game may throw for the cork.
- D. The player throwing the cork need not throw first when starting any doubles or team game.
- E. For the purpose of starting or finishing a game, the INNER BULL is considered a double 25.
- F. Darts must not be touched prior to the decision of the scorekeeper. Should the scorekeeper or thrower be in doubt or dispute, then both captains shall add their opinions with a majority ruling.

15. SCORING AND MARKING

- A. The scorer shall be a person acceptable to both captains. Generally, players from the team who are not participating in the game will score each game

however; other persons may score if acceptable by both teams. Teams shall alternate scorekeeping duties with the home team scoring the first game.

- B. For a dart to score, it must remain in the board 5 seconds after the third or final dart has been thrown by that player. The tip of the dart point must be touching the bristle in order for that dart to be counted as score. A dart sticking into another dart (robin hooding) counts as a thrown dart but has no score value and cannot be rethrown.
- C. A dart's score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board. In the case where the double or triple rings are bounded by bands instead of wires, or where a wire is broken or overlaps, a dart lodging between such point shall be scored as the higher value.
- D. No dart may be touched by the thrower, another player, scorer, captain or spectator prior to the decision of the scorer.
- E. It is the responsibility of the player to verify his score before removing his darts from the board. The score remains as written if one or more darts have been removed from the board. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the beginning of the player's next throw. In the case of doubles/team games, such errors must be rectified prior to the next turn of any player on that team.
- F. In doubles or team events, no player may throw during the game until each of his teammates has completed his throw. The first player throwing out of turn shall receive a score of zero points for that round and his team shall forfeit such turn.
- G. The scorer shall arrange the scores in such a manner as to show the score remaining as well as the score achieved in any one turn in a clear and legible manner. It is the responsibility of the players to question the scorer regarding their remaining score if any doubt exists.
- H. The scorer may inform the thrower what has been scored and/or what score is remaining. He may not, at any time, inform the thrower what is remaining in terms of "out" combinations even if he and the thrower are on the same team. It is permissible for the captain, partner, teammate (other than scorer), or spectator to advise the thrower during the course of a game.
- I. The "BUST RULE" shall apply in '01 games. If the player scores one less, equal, or more points than needed to reach zero, he has busted. His score reverts back to the score required prior to the beginning of his throw. The next opposing player then shoots.

- J. To finish an '01 game, a player's last dart thrown and scoring must be in the doubles ring of the number equal to half the remaining score. (i.e. if a player has 16 remaining, a double eight would be required to end the game in one dart.) Any and all darts thrown subsequently shall not count for score and may be subject to penalty under Rule 14A. A dart thrown and hitting the board after a finishing double has been hit is of no consequence. This is the interpretation whether or not the thrower realized that the finishing dart had previously been thrown.
- K. Fast finishes such as 3 in a bed, 222 or 111, shanghai, etc. do not apply.
- L. Unless the scorer asks and gets permission from all person throwing in that match, he/she shall refrain from smoking or drinking while in performance of his/her duties.
- M. Should a player have any portion of his feet or shoes over the toe line during a throw, all darts so thrown shall be counted as part of his throw but any score made by said darts shall be invalid and not counted. One warning by the scorer shall be considered sufficient before invoking this rule. A player wishing to throw a dart or darts from a point either side of the toe line, must keep his feet behind an imaginary straight line extending from either side of the toe line.

16. REPORTING RESULTS

- A. The team captain is responsible for the full completion and mailing or deliverance of the scoresheet to the league office or designated league drop box after each night of league play. If mailed, the envelope must bear a postmark no later than 24 hours after the match. Envelopes not deposited in the designated drop box (es), either not bearing a postmark or postmarked later than the prescribed time above will be considered late and may result in the loss of five (5) points from the accumulated points of the offending team. Lack of a scoresheet shall not be considered an excuse for the late reporting of the results.
- B. Both captains are responsible for the accuracy of the scoresheets with their signatures attesting to the same.
- C. The individual feats portion of the scoresheet shall be filled out properly by the team captain with regard to quality points, MVP's, High In, High Out, High Score, etc. All of which shall be attested to by the signature or initials of the opposing team captain. Other significant darting feats should be recorded and explained. The "comments" portion of the scoresheet shall be used to record relevant league business such as address changes, new players, etc. Recognition of individual achievements cannot be given if they are not properly recorded on the scoresheet.

17. MATCH RESULTS

A. All results and standings as posted in the NCDCA newsletter shall be considered final and official unless protested. Other listings of results or standings (newspaper, radio, etc.) are informative only.

B. All members are responsible for any and all information that has been posted by league night.

18. POSTPONEMENTS

A. A match may be postponed only by mutual consent of both captains 24 hours prior to the night on which the match is scheduled to be played. Exceptions to the aforementioned shall be “acts of God”.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the captain requesting the postponement to notify the league Secretary.

C. All postponed matches must be played within seven (7) days of the originally scheduled date and at the location where the match was originally scheduled.

D. If both captains so agree, and the league Secretary is so informed, they may play their match prior to the night on which it was originally scheduled.

E. Postponements during the last two matches of the season may only be done with express permission from the league secretary. However, during this time period, matches may be shot before they are scheduled as covered in part D. above. Should a postponed match not be played within the allotted seven (7) days, the board shall meet to determine the course of action.

F. Penalty for non-compliance to any section of this rule could result in maximum penalty of zero points being awarded to each team for the match in question.

19. FORFEITS

A. Should a team have less than 2 players at starting time, and after allowing for fifteen minutes (rule 12B.), it shall forfeit the entire and the total number of match points will be awarded to the opposing team.

B. Any team awarded a match by forfeit shall receive no quality points or MVP's and must submit a scoresheet indicating a forfeit took place, and they must submit fees.

C. Any team forfeiting a match (insufficient number of players or no show) will be considered for elimination from league play by the Board for the remainder of that

season. The NO VOTE PROVISIO shall apply as covered in Article VIII, Section 7 of these by-laws.

20. TEAMS WITHDRAWING

A. A team shall be considered withdrawn from the NCDA as of the date of receipt of written notice by the Secretary.

B. A team shall be automatically withdrawn from the NCDA if it forfeits twice during a season.

C. No team replacements for teams withdrawing from the NCDA are permitted during a scheduled season, except by the approval of the Board.

D. A team withdrawing from the NCDA shall receive no refunds or monetary compensation for membership fees or weekly dues paid. All team/individual awards are forfeited.

E. All matches played against a withdrawing team shall be considered null and void if the team withdraws during the first half of the season. All team and individual points won during match deemed null and void shall be forfeit by any teams/players, which have played the withdrawing team. Weekly fees will be credited to those teams losing points. If the team withdraws during the second half of the season, all its matches played since the completion of the first half shall be deemed null and void and subject to the provisions outlined above. Half a season shall mean one full round-robin rotation in a division where each team plays the others twice in a full season. If a season is less than a round robin season, all matches played by a team withdrawing will be null and void.

F. Should a team withdraw or be suspended, the members of the team shall be barred from participating in NCDA activities for one year from the completion of the season in which it was participating. The Board on a case-by-case basis will consider exceptions to this policy. Appeal of decisions made under this provision will be accepted in the manner prescribed in Article XVI.

21. PROTEST PROCEDURE

A. Only team captains or co-captains may file protests by notifying at least one Board member within five (5) days of the alleged infraction.

B. Protest may be initiated by telephone or by stating it in the comments section of a score sheet. However, details must be submitted in writing along with a \$20.00 protest fee to the Secretary no later than five (5) days after the alleged infraction took place or the protest shall be considered invalid. Should the protest prove valid, the \$20.00 fee will be refunded to the protesting party.

C. A decision shall be made by the Board within seven (7) days of receipt of the written protest.

D. The decision of the Board may be appealed in accordance with the appeal procedure set forth in Article XVI of these by-laws.

22. DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PLAYOFFS

A. The team with the highest accumulated points at the end of a season is that division's champion.

B. First through third place ties will be played off.

C. All teams in contention must be prepared to play off ties on the same league night the following week after their last regularly scheduled match in their division.

D. No postponements will be allowed during playoffs. However, if both captains agree and so inform the Secretary, they may play their match prior to the night on which it was scheduled.

E. The playoff match will be the same format as the league format for the season being completed. Should more than two teams be tied for the same position, a round robin series of matches will be played with total points accumulated determining the positions awarded.

F. The team accumulating the most points during the playoffs will be judged the winner of the contested position.

G. All playoffs will be held at a location to be determined by the Board.

23. AWARDS

A. Individual awards shall be awarded to any member that has eighteen games or three separate nights on a division champion team and members of the second and third place teams in that division. One additional award will be awarded to the first place team's sponsoring establishment. Additional awards may be purchased through the Board.

B. Additional awards for special events or achievements (High In, High Out, High Score, Triple Crown, Quality Points, Most Valuable Player, 9 Hitter, 8TO, & 7T1) within each division will be awarded to qualifying individuals. The weekly newsletter will continuously or periodically publish the names of the leading qualifiers in the categories mentioned above.

C. Additional awards for special achievements may be made at the discretion of the Board.

D. Eligibility to receive NCDA awards is contingent upon being a member in good standing with the organization and having played a minimum of three (3) weeks or

a minimum of 18 games during the specific season. Exceptions to this rule would be allowed for sponsoring establishments or to awards deemed appropriate by the Board.

E. All-Star awards will be given to the top eight players (in terms of total QP and MVP points) in each division. The Board may hold an All-Star tournament at the end of each season for these players with the format and location to be determined by the Board.

F. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that awards won during a season are awarded to the appropriate teams and individuals during a ceremony that must take place prior to completion of the following season.

24. GAMBLING

A. Gambling is neither sanctioned nor authorized at any NCDA sponsored event.

25. NCDA MONETARY POLICIES

A. If an individual makes payment to the NCDA with a check and said check is returned from the bank for any reason, the individual has one week from the date notified by the treasurer to make the check good and pay \$15 service charge to the NCDA. If after one week the check is not made good, the entire team will be suspended from the NCDA until the amount due is collected. If at any time during that same season the same team has another check returned then, under Wyoming law, double the amount of the check will be collected by the NCDA.

B. The NCDA will not accept payment in the form of a check from ant team that has two checks returned in the same season.

C. Funds of the NCDA shall be maintained in an account requiring two signatures for disbursements and all checks will require the signature of the treasurer and one other titled officer.

26. RULE CHANGES

A. These rules may be revised by the board at their discretion as the situation dictates within the mandates of the general membership.

B. Rule changes, additions, or deletions will be published in the weekly newsletter and/or supplemental pages to this document.