

**CRESTVIEW DART LEAGUE  
BY-LAWS**

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## ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization will be Crestview Dart League Association.

## ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

- A. Whenever the initials “CDL” are used in these by-laws, they shall mean Crestview Dart League Association.
- B. Whenever the term “Executive Committee” is used, it shall mean the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- C. Whenever the term “Board” is used, it shall mean all members of the Executive Committee, all Standing Committee Chairpersons and additional members appointed by the President.
- D. Whenever the term “General Members” is used, it shall mean a member of the CDL and not a board member.
- E. Whenever the term “Sponsor” is used, it shall mean any entity sponsoring a participating team in the CDL.

## ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

- A. The objectives of the CDL are as follows:
  - 1. Promote competitive English Darts within North Okaloosa County.
  - 2. Sanction league/tournament play according to CDL by-laws in effect.
  - 3. Establish and maintain friendly, competitive relationships with similar organizations involved in the sport of English Darts.
- B. The CDL shall be a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-sexist organization.

## ARTICLE IV – FEES, DUES, AND REGISTRATION

- A. General membership and sponsor fees shall be established and may be revised by a two-thirds majority vote of those captains present at any Team Captains meeting.
- B. Fees, if any, for CDL sponsored activities, other than league play, shall be established by a two-thirds majority vote of those Executive Committee members present at an Executive Committee meeting.

C. CDL members shall be considered properly registered when the appropriate membership fee has been paid and membership recorded by the CDL Secretary. Any new member added to a team must pay registration and weekly fees at the time of sign up and play or their matches and match points will not count.

D. All sponsors and team members must pay a registration fee for each league season. Each member will pay a weekly fee when he/she competes. The Executive Committee and Team Captains will determine fees. Sponsor fees will be due the third week of league play. Fees shall be \$7.00 per person each season and \$4.00 per person each night of competition. Sponsor fees shall be \$20.00 per team each season.

#### ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

A. Application for general membership is open to anyone who shows an interest in English Darts as a sport.

B. Membership eligibility will be based on Team captain discretion providing prospective members are in good standing with the CDL and are NOT under any type of sanction from our league.

C. CDL membership may be terminated by majority opinion of the Executive Committee, if such member behaves in a manner, which is prejudicial to order and discipline. The Executive Committee's decision is final in such matters.

#### ARTICLE VI – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. All Executive Committee members shall be CDL members in good standing.

B. The Executive Committee shall be elected for a period of one year and shall take office immediately after election.

C. An Executive Committee member automatically resigns when, without sufficient cause, he/she fails to appear at two committee meetings during his/her term of office.

D. Any Executive Committee member can be removed from office at any time for incompetence or misconduct by a majority vote of the members present at a Team Captains meeting.

E. The President may appoint a CDL member to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee by using the following guidelines:

1. The appointee has not been removed or resigned from the Executive Committee within the last two years.

2. The Executive Committee approves the appointment with a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee.

3. The appointment is on an interim basis until the General Membership can hold a special election/vote normally held once each year in January.

F. Executive Committee members resigning as per paragraph C of this Article shall not be allowed to run for office or chair a committee for two years.

G. Executive Committee members may resign from office at any time during their term of office by submitting a written notice to the Secretary, who will notify the members of the board. Such resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt by the board.

H. The decisions of the Executive Committee may be overruled only by a majority vote of the CDL members.

#### ARTICLE VII – BOARD DUTIES AND PROCEDURES

A. The Board shall be comprised of the Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairpersons, and any additional members as appointed by the President. All Board members shall be CDL members in good standing.

B. A majority of Board members at a Board meeting shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the President, and Vice President, the Secretary may chair the board.

C. The Board must meet at least once a month to conduct business and evaluate the progress of the Association. The CDL will meet on the Third Tuesday night of each month. It is the responsibility of the Team Captains to ensure a member (non-officer) of his/her team attends. The representatives shall not show up later than the allotted 15minute grace period.

1. Penalties: Any team not represented at the monthly meeting will be penalized as follows:

a. First meeting missed 3.5 points will be deducted from a team's point standings.

b. A second infraction or more, will result in 5.5 points being deducted from a team's point standings for each meeting missed after the first infraction.

c. One excused absence will be allowed if all members of team are at work. If this occurs, the team captain must notify a Board member for this request BEFORE the team captains meeting begins. This will only be one instance per team, per season, with no penalty of points.

2. Team Captain's representatives must be present for the duration of the meeting unless excused by a member of the Executive Board.

D. Any board member can be removed from office at any time for incompetence or misconduct by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

E. Board members may resign from office at any time during their term of office by submitting a written notice to the Secretary, who will notify the members of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII – LEAGUE OFFICERS

A. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the CDL. He/She may vote only to break a tie. His/Her signature shall be one of three valid signatures required on the Association checking account. He/She shall decide all questions of order, appoint all committees, standing and special, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees. He/She shall represent the CDL at all Association functions and be responsible for the proper operation of the Association.

B. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall assist the President in maintaining efficiency of the operation and, in the absence of the President assume the duties normally performed by the President. He/She shall serve as public relations officer, retain records of the league standings, inspect facilities of sponsors to insure standards are complied with and be the committee chairperson of the banquet committee. His/Her signature shall be one of the three valid signatures on the Association checking account.

C. **SECRETARY/TREASURER:** The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the CDL, issue score sheets, correlate standings. He/She shall maintain team rosters of all players, and maintain historical files of the CDL. This historical file will include as a minimum, a copy of the By-Laws, minutes of all CDL meetings, and the financial statement. He/She will ensure Team standings are distributed to the designated locations each week. The Secretary/Treasurer will have custody of CDL funds and shall promptly deposit all moneys received. He/She shall be required to submit a financial statement at each meeting. His/Her signature will be one of the three valid signatures on the Association checking account. The Secretary/Treasurer, at the discretion of the broad shall submit the books for an audit at the end of each calendar year. Ensure that \$100.00 is maintained in the checking account at the end of each season to use as start up expenses for the next season.

1. Trophies: Shall be discussed at a teams captains meeting prior to the end of the season.
2. Banquet: Shall be discussed at a team captains meeting prior to the end of the season.

D. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: The Tournament Director is a non-voting member of the board. He is responsible for the running of CDL sanctioned tournaments in accordance with the CDL By-laws and the member's wishes.

E. TEAM CAPTAINS: Team Captains are responsible for depositing envelopes with the weekly fees into the box provided at one of the locations established at the beginning of the season by 7 p.m. the Friday following a scheduled match. 3.5 points will be deducted for the envelope not being there. Home team captains will also include score sheets with match results, signed by both team captains. Not having a printed score sheet to use does not excuse you from turning in your sheet; in an emergency you can use a plain sheet of paper.

#### ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

A. Board Meetings: Such meetings shall be comprised of board members and other individuals as requested by the Executive Committee.

B. Protest Meetings: Protest procedures shall be followed in accordance with Rule 14, in the Rules section of the By-laws.

C. General Membership Meetings: A minimum of One General Membership Meeting per year is mandatory. Such a meeting must be announced to all sponsoring establishments and team captains at least seven days prior to the banquet.

D. Recall Meetings: These meetings shall be held subject to the provisions set forth in Article XIII.

E. Special General Membership Meetings: Any member may call for such meetings for a specific purpose only. The specific purpose must be in writing and witnessed by the signatures of at least thirty five percent of members in good standings. No other business will be discussed at such a meeting. The Executive Committee must announce the time and place for this meeting, no later than ten days from receipt of petition by the Secretary.

F. Monthly/Captains Meetings: These meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month. Attendance is mandatory, and each team will provide a representative. The schedule for these meetings is posted on the Division Play Schedules. 3.5 points will be deducted from a team's standing the first time a team representative fails to show for a meeting. 5.5 points will be deducted for each additional meeting missed.

G. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings shall be at the discretion of the President.

## ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

A. Elections shall take place at the end of the fall season. The President shall appoint an Election Committee of at least three persons to conduct, count and verify the election.

B. All elections shall be by secret ballot. It shall be the responsibility of the Election Committee to conduct such a ballot.

C. Elections shall be held for, and in order of, President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Tournament Director. Should more than two candidates be nominated for any of the aforementioned offices, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be considered elected.

D. No member may vote for more than one candidate per office.

E. The Election Committee shall call for candidates for all existing Executive Committee positions no later than thirty days prior to the date scheduled for election. Those members wishing to place themselves in contention for an office shall notify the Election Committee no later than twenty days prior to the election. These provisions shall not preclude nominations from the floor at the time of the election meeting.

EXCEPTION: This section is not applicable when conditions are those outlined in Article VI, Paragraph F.

F. The Election Committee shall establish a control system and distribute ballots to all members in good standing, no later than ten days prior to the scheduled date for elections. This committee shall establish a secure ballot turn-in location and deadline for members who wish to vote without attending the meeting.

G. A nominee can run for only one office during an election. If a member is nominated for more than one office, then he/she shall choose which office he wishes to be a candidate for.

## ARTICLE XI – GENERAL

A. The Team Captains are given full power to make, alter, amend, or appeal any By-laws of the CDL; at any regular or special meetings, without giving prior notice of the intentions to so act. A majority vote of the Team captains are required to make, alter, amend, or appeal any By-laws of the CDL at this time.

B. By-laws may be revised for the purpose of clarity and uniformity. Any addition, deletions, or changes may be made by a 2/3 vote of the Team Captains.

C. The order of business and/or procedures of any meeting called on any subject not covered by these By-laws or noted in the Executive Committee minutes shall be subject to “Robert’s Rules of Order – Revised”. However, should there be a conflict with these By-laws, the CDL By-laws shall prevail.

## ARTICLE XII – CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Only the Executive Committee shall have the authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of the CDL. Such contracts and agreements must bear the signatures of the CDL President or Vice- President, and must be “Attested to” by the CDL Secretary/Treasurer, in order to make such a contract or agreement binding upon the Crestview Dart League.

## ARTICLE XIII – RECALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, See Article IX, Paragraph D

A. Any Executive Committee member may be recalled from office by a majority vote of those members present at an Executive Committee, Special General Membership, or General Membership Meeting. Members other than Executive Committee members may institute recall under provisions set forth in Article IX, Paragraph E.

B. Recall voting shall be done by secret ballot.

C. Should a recall take place at a Special General Membership meeting, it shall be followed by an election to fill the created vacancy or vacancies. If the President is recalled, the office shall be assumed by the Vice-President, after which a new Vice-President shall be elected.

D. Any Executive Committee member that is recalled or has resigned will not be eligible for office for a period of two years.

## ARTICLE XIV – POLICY

Policy changes and temporary rulings, as approved by a simple majority of the Executive Committee, and general information, will be in the form of announcements endorsed by the Executive Committee and issued by the Secretary. The policy changes and temporary rulings will be considered to be in force immediately. It is the responsibility of each CDL member to read such announcements. This will be addressed in the weekly status sheets, and for urgent matters and changes via the phone to all team Captains.

## ARTICLE XV – LEAGUES

A. The Executive Committee shall be the highest authority to which any general member may appeal and shall be the final authority on the structure of the leagues and the assignment of the teams to a division.

B. In order to maintain two seasons a year, a 15week format, the following will be used.

1. The spring season will start in the month of February.
2. The fall season will start in the month of August.
3. 8 teams or less will be one division, subject to changes by 2/3 of the Executive Committee for the betterment of the league and sponsors to instill fairness all around.
4. 9 – 12 teams will be two divisions.
5. 13 – 16 will be three divisions.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following terms and meanings shall apply when used in the body of the rules.

**BUST RULE:** When a player scores one or less, equal to, or more points needed to reach zero, it is a “bust”. The score then reverts back to the score required prior to the beginning of the throw.

**CORK:** Bull’s eye or Bull.

**HOCKEY (OCHE):** The line from which the darts are thrown.

**LEG:** One game in the best two out of three match.

**MATCH:** The total number of legs being competed for between two players/teams.

**SCOREKEEPER:** Scorekeeper, marker, or chalker.

**SHANGHAI:** Single, double, triple in that order of any number.

## 1 – GENERAL RULES

- A. Good sportsmanship shall be the prevailing attitude throughout match/tournament play.
- B. Any player/team who, during the course of any event fails to comply with any of these League/Tournament rules shall be subject to disqualification from the event.
- C. Gambling is neither permitted nor sanctioned by the CDL.
- D. A twelve-dart warm-up is the maximum allowance per player.
- E. No board, side by side, shall be used for practice during play unless agreed upon by both team captains.
- F. Two boards may be used for all league matches upon the agreement of both team captains.
- G. Players and scorekeeper only are allowed inside the playing area.
- H. Opposing players must stand at least three feet behind the player at the Hockey.
- I. All darts must be thrown by, and from, the hand.
- J. A throw shall consist of three darts, unless a leg/match is completed in a lesser amount.

- K. Should a player move forward of the Hockey and “touch” any dart, which is in the dartboard during a throw, that throw shall be deemed to have been completed.
- L. Any dart bouncing off or falling out of the dartboard shall not be re-thrown.
- M. The “Bust Rule” shall apply.
- N. Fast finished such as “3 in-the-bed, 222, 111, Shanghai, etc.” do not apply.
- O. The leg/match is concluded at such time as a player/team hits the “double” required to reduce their remaining score to zero.
- P. Match pairings will be called three times only, a minimum of five minutes between calls. Should a player/team fail to report to the assigned board within 15 minute allotted time, a Forfeit will be called.
- Q. Should a player’s equipment become damaged, or lost during the course of a throw, that player shall be allowed up to the maximum of five minutes in which to repair/replace their equipment.
- R. A maximum time limit of five minutes, under exceptional circumstances subject to the team captains (tournament officials), shall be allowed in the instance of a player requiring leaving the playing area, during the course of match play.
- S. All matches begin by Throwing the Cork or Diddling for the Middle.
1. The player throwing closest to the cork shall throw first in the first leg. The losing player of the first leg has the option of throwing the cork first in the second leg.
  2. The second player may acknowledge the first dart as an inner or outer bull and ask for the dart to be removed prior to his throw. Should the first dart be removed without the request of the second player, a re-throw will occur; with the second player now having the option of throwing first.
  3. Additional throws may be made when throwing the cork, until such time as both players’ darts remain in the board.
  4. Should the second player dislodge the dart of the first, a re-throw will occur.
  5. Re-throws will be called if the scorekeeper cannot decide which dart is closer to the cork, or if both darts are anywhere in the inner or outer cork. Scorekeepers are not allowed to touch the darts to make this

determination. Should a re-throw be necessary, the darts will be removed and the player who threw second will now throw first.

6. The decision of the scorekeeper is final. No arguing.

#### T. Double/Team events.

1. It is permissible for the doubles/team player finishing a leg, to throw the cork and start the subsequent leg.
2. It is permissible for one member of a doubles or team to throw the cork and have his/her partner or teammate shoot first.
3. No player may participate in more than one doubles or team match, in a respective dart event.
4. There shall be no recycling of players under any circumstances.
5. No substitute shall be allowed after the first leg of double/team play.

#### U. Scoring.

1. For a dart to score, it must remain in the board five seconds after the third or final dart has been thrown by that player.
2. The tip of the dart point must be touching the bristle portion of the board, in order for that dart to be counted as score.
3. No dart may be touched by anyone prior to the decision of the scorekeeper. Should this occur, that throw will be deemed completed, per provisions set for in General Rules paragraph K.
4. The inner narrow band shall score “triple” the segment number and the outer narrow band shall score “double” the segment number.
5. The outer center ring shall score “25” and the inner center ring shall score “50” and shall be called the Bull or Cork.
6. A dart’s score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board. Should a dart lodge directly between the connecting wires on the dart board, making it impossible to determine on which side of the wire the dart resides, the score shall always be the higher value of the two segments in question. This includes the outside double ring for the game shot.
7. It is the responsibility of the player to verify his/her score before removing his/her darts from the board. The score remains as written if one or more darts has been removed from the board.

8. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written, unless corrected prior to the beginning of that player's next throw. In case of doubles/team matches, such errors must be rectified prior to the next turn of any partner/player on that team.
9. If a player throws out of turn, on occasion, it shall be considered an oversight; however, it is the decision of the team captains to rectify.
10. The scorekeeper shall mark the board so that scores made are listed in the inner columns of the scoreboard and the totals remaining are listed in the outer columns.
11. The scorekeeper may inform the thrower what he has scored and/or what he/she has left. He/She may not inform the thrower what he/she has left in terms of number combinations. It is permissible for a partner, teammate or spectator to advise the thrower during the course of the match.
12. The scoreboard must be clearly visible in front of the player at the Hockey.

## 2 – EQUIPMENT

- A. Darts used in league/tournament play shall not exceed an overall maximum length of 12 inches nor weigh more than 50 gram per dart. Each dart shall consist of a recognizable point, barrel, and flight.
- B. The dartboard shall be a standard 18" bristle board, and shall be of the standard 1-20 clock pattern.
- C. The scoring wedge indicated by 20 shall be the darker of the two wedge colors and must be on the top center wedge.
- D. Dartboards shall be placed five feet eight inches from the floor to the center of the bull's eye.
- E. The Hockey will be seven feet nine and one quarter inches from the surface of the board measured along the floor to the front edge of the line or nine feet seven and one half inches measured diagonally from the center cork to the front of the line, and will be 18 inches on either side of center.
- F. No alterations/accessories may be added to the board setups.
- G. Lights must be affixed in such a way as to brightly illuminate the board, reduce to a minimum the shadows cast by the darts, and not physically impede the flight of the dart.

H. A scoreboard must be mounted within four feet laterally from the dartboard and not at more than a 45 degree angle from the dartboard. The scoreboard must be clearly visible in front of the player at the Hockey. Scoreboards can be either dry erase or chalk, in either case; sufficient markers and erasers must be available.

I. Whenever possible a raised Hockey, at least one and one half inches high and two feet long, shall be placed at the minimum throwing distance.

J. In the event the Hockey is a tape or similar “flush” marking, the minimum throwing distance shall be measured from the front edge of the tape closest to the dartboard.

K. Should a player have any portion of his/her feet or shoes over the Hockey line during a throw, all darts so thrown shall be counted as part of his/her throw, but any score made by said darts shall be invalid and not counted. One warning by the official shall be considered sufficient before invoking this rule.

L. A player wishing to throw a dart or darts from a point on either side of the Hockey line, must keep his/her feet behind an imaginary line extending either side of the Hockey line.

### 3 – CRICKET RULES

A. The objective shall be to “own/close” certain numbers on the board, and to achieve the highest point score. Once a player/team scores three of a number, it is “owned” by that player/team. The player/team to “own” all the numbers and has the most points first, shall be the winner.

B. Cricket shall be played using the numbers 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, and the inner/outer cork.

C. Each player/team shall take turns throwing. Three darts in succession shall constitute a turn. To “own” a number, the player/team must score three of a number. This can be accomplished with three singles, a single and a double, or a triple.

D. Once a player/team “owns” a number, they may score points on that number until the opponent closes that number. All numerical scores shall be added to the previous balance.

E. 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.

F. Numbers may be “owned” or “closed” in any order desired by the individual player/team.

G. Calling your shot is not required.

H. The player/team that “closes” all the numbers first and has the most points shall be declared the winner. If both sides are tied on points, or have no points, the first player/team to “close” all the numbers shall be the winner. If a player/team “closes” all the numbers first, and is behind in points, they must continue to score on any numbers not “closed” until either the point deficit is made up, or the opponent has “closed” all numbers.

I. It shall be the responsibility of the player/team to verify their score before removing their darts from the board. The score remains as written if one or more darts are removed from the board. In accordance with the inherent “strategy” involved in the Cricket game, no alterations in score shall be allowed, after the fact.

#### 4 – MEMBERSHIP

A. Only registered members may participate in CDL league matches.

B. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to join the CDL.

C. Any general member found guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman or lady, as the case may be, may be suspended for said offense by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

#### 5 – SPORTSMANSHIP

A. Good sportsmanship should be the prevailing attitude during CDL competition.

B. Attempts to distract an opponent while he/she is shooting will not be tolerated. Heckling or other harassment is strictly forbidden. It is the home team’s responsibility to maintain the best of order during competition. Complaints may result in disciplinary action against the offending player/team.

C. Team cheers are acceptable, if not offensive in nature. Team cheers shall in no case consist of foul language nor shall they distract any other players or teams playing in other matches. Please be considerate of others around you.

D. If so requested by the thrower, all spectators must align themselves out of the line of his/her vision and/or behind the position from which he/she is throwing.

E. The Executive Committee will immediately suspend a CDL member involved in a physical confrontation from the league pending a ruling. The Executive Committee will meet and have a final ruling before the next scheduled league match. In addition, the team or teams involved will be considered to be on temporary probation.

F. Unsportsmanlike conduct (e.g. verbal abuse, gestures) will not be tolerated. Sustained incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for protest against an individual or a team and if upheld, shall result in immediate suspension of the individual or team involved pending the investigation and decision of the Executive Committee.

G. If distractions are caused by a person/team, other than the opposing team, a team captain may file a grievance through the President following protest procedures in Protest/Grievance.

H. At any CDL event, darts are to be thrown only at the appropriate dartboard. Throwing darts elsewhere whether in frustration or horseplay is not only dangerous it is inappropriate and distracting behavior. Such action is cause for protest and could result in termination of membership.

## 6 – DATES AND TIME OF MATCHES

A. League matches are scheduled for Thursday evenings at 7 P.M. with a 15minute grace period allowed. Both teams prior to the beginning of the match, with a player's name in each slot, must complete the playing line-up. With the agreement of both team captains, the sequence of individual games may be altered to accommodate players arriving late. In the event a scheduled player doesn't show up for the league match, another team member may be substituted provided he/she has not and is not scheduled to play in the same type of game. All team members may be used by the captain in any order, or playing position, in the line-up as long as no one player is used more than once in any type game.

B. Any match rescheduled through mutual consent of the concerned team captains must be played within two weeks of the regularly scheduled match unless otherwise approved by the league President with the exception of the final week of darts at which time the reschedule will be done within a week to enable the Secretary to order the trophies on time.

C. Start time, for, match play shall be established by the Executive Committee, for each division. This time may be revised by the unanimous consent of team captains in the affected division.

D. The Executive Committee reserves the right to reschedule any match or matches to maintain an equitable and efficient competition schedule.

E. Byes will occur, any time the league has an odd number of teams. The team with the bye will receive the full points available as if they had played the match. In the case of both forfeits and byes, teams are responsible for submitting their weekly fees. Total amount due for a forfeit or bye is equal to a four-man team.

## 7 – TEAM PROFILE

- A. A team shall consist of any member or player who shall be registered with the CDL.
- B. At no time can a team add players the last three weekly matches of the season.
- C. Any player who is dropped from a team's roster, for any reason, who has played at least five of the season's matches, will be ineligible to re-register with another team until a new season begins. A player that has not played in at least five matches and is dropped from a team's roster may be eligible for registration with another team in accordance with paragraph B of this rule.
- D. Players who wish to transfer to other teams and meet the requirements in paragraphs B and C, can only transfer to a team in the same division or a higher division. Players cannot transfer from their current division to a lower division. Alternates may transfer to another team as a regular team player with the agreement of both team captains IAW paragraphs B and C.
- E. Under extraordinary circumstances, a team captain, through the Executive Committee may approach for a waiver of paragraphs B, C, and D.

## 8 – MATCH PROFILE

- A. Each division in the league shall establish a format before the start of the season, and will not be changed for the entire season.
- B. The league format shall be a minimum of \_01 singles games, cricket doubles, and \_01 team game. Each division may add to but not delete from these minimums.
- C. Both team captains prior to the scheduled starting time shall complete the playing line-up. The line-up is to be made blind by the visiting team and viewed by the home team and posted at this time. All playing spots must be filled with a player's name. The sequence of games may be modified to accommodate team members arriving late. Both captains must agree upon this modification.
- D. All registered team members can be used in any order in any spot in the line-up, providing no one member plays more than once in any set of singles, doubles, or team game.
- E. The board being used for the match shall be cleared one hour prior to the scheduled starting time by the management. Players engaged in the night's competition would then declare the board open for warm-up.

## 9 – SUBSTITUTION

- A. Team captains shall make substitutions deemed necessary. Substitutions shall be made in honest fairness to the member, team, division, and league.
- B. If a player is absent at the time of his game and a substitution is made, the original player shall not be allowed to play in any games of the type substituted for.
- C. If a player is present and substituted for, the player shall not be allowed to play in any of the remaining night's completion.
- D. No changes shall be made to a game line-up once the game has begun. If a player must withdraw from a doubles or team game, the rotation will continue as listed skipping the absent player.

## 10 – FORFEIT

- A. A player shall not be considered absent until the beginning of the game in which he/she is scheduled to play. If a player is absent for a scheduled game, and no substitutes are available, the game point(s) will be given to the team in attendance.
- B. It is the ultimate responsibility of the team captain to ensure that a player is present and ready when scheduled to play. If a player fails to appear within the 15 minute allotted time, for a game the match will be forfeited and awarded to the opposing player. See General Rules, paragraph P.
- C. A forfeit shall be declared for failure of a team to attend a scheduled match, the game points awarded to the team in attendance.
- D. The match will be played and not declared a forfeit if one more than 50% of the singles spots in the match report sheet can be filled.
- E. A match forfeit due to non-attendance may be rescheduled through the agreement of the team captains, and coordinated through the league Secretary. The match must be rescheduled prior to the following schedule league night but no later than two weeks.
- F. Any team forfeiting two matches during the league season shall be suspended from the league for the balance of the schedule.
- G. A forfeit shall be declared for the use of any unregistered player. The use of unregistered player(s) will result in the game(s) of the unauthorized player to be forfeited; it is the team's responsibility to accept the penalty of playing shorthanded if they cannot field a full team. Unregistered players are those players that do not comply with Article IV, paragraph C.

H. A team having a minimum number of players, but unable to field a full team shall forfeit the respective number of points for each game not played. If an opening exists in the team game, the short team will miss one turn for each open spot, each round. The same rotation shall take place in the doubles game.

I. If both teams are short players the upper most spots must be filled in on the score sheets in each set played so the missing player slots are opposite each other. No points will be awarded to either team for the forfeits in the single matches

## 11 – SCORING AND MARKING

A. The scorekeeper for each game will be a person acceptable to both team captains and all players of the game.

B. Both teams are responsible for providing a recorder who will attend to the match report sheets. Both recorders, for correctness shall verify the sheet.

C. A double/team match may begin with the visiting team throwing first for score, or by “throwing the cork”. This player does not have to be the first shooter.

D. Only players scheduled to play in that game shall throw the cork.

E. When all games are begun by “throwing the cork”, the home team throws first. The team of players throwing closest to the cork shall throw first in that game.

F. Re-throws shall be called if the scorekeeper cannot decide which dart is closest to the cork, both darts are in the inner bull, or both darts are in the outer bull.

G. Should the scorekeeper call for a re-throw, the visiting team shall throw first, with additional re-throws being made on an alternating basis.

H. The second thrower, if he/she wishes, may acknowledge the first dart as an outer or inner bull and ask for the dart to be removed prior to the second player throwing.

I. For a dart to score it must remain in the board five seconds after the third or final dart has been thrown by the player. The tip of the point of the dart must be touching the bristle scoring surface of the board to count. A dart score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.

J. A throw will be considered valid, if the dart has traveled far enough to break the vertical plane of the face of the board.

K. The thrower, scorekeeper, another player, captain, or spectator prior to the decision may touch no dart. It is the responsibility of the player to verify his/her score before removing his/her darts from the board. Failure to do so before either the scorekeeper or an opponent verifies the score, will count as zero and the loss of turn in which the infraction occurs.

L. The scorekeeper may inform the thrower, only when the thrower request, what the thrower has scored and/or has left. The scorekeeper shall not call any dart's score unless so requested. Although the scorekeeper may not inform the thrower what he/she has left in number combinations, it is permissible for any other player or spectator to advise the thrower upon request during the course of the game.

M. The scorekeeper shall not communicate with anyone other than the players in the on-going match, except to clarify a point with either team captain. The scorekeeper shall not make any unnecessary movements that in any way distract the thrower. The scorekeeper may be changed upon request of either team captain or any player of the game.

N. The score shall not be posted until all three darts have been thrown and called, CDL rules shall prevail for all darts thrown.

O. In the \_01 games, changes made to correct mistakes in the scoring or calling may be corrected before the next turn of the player or team whom the mistake was made. Errors in addition or subtraction should be corrected when identified.

P. In cricket, any scoring or marking errors must be corrected before the opposing team player begins his/her turn or it stands as marked.

Q. If a player throws out of turn, the opposing team has the option of having the round re-thrown or allowing the round to stand as thrown, if the violation is detected prior to the next player's turn. If re-thrown, proper order of play shall be resumed. If not re-thrown, both team captains may agree to continue the game to completion by revising the order posted.

## 12 – COACHING

A. Coaching shall be allowed, but out of the throwing area. Scorekeepers are not allowed to coach.

B. At the throwers request, any team member may offer advice as to what number to throw at or what double is left. This applies to all games on the format.

C. Coaching advice does not relieve the thrower of the responsibility of throwing at the correct number(s).

D. Throwers who do not desire coaching shall have the courtesy of quiet. An infraction rule shall result in a warning by the team captain.

### 13 – REPORTING RESULTS

- A. Each season, drop off locations shall be established for the collection of match report sheets. The drop off points shall be as convenient as practical and turned in the Friday night following the match or the following day if the match was rescheduled.
- B. Each team captain shall be responsible for insuring the match sheets are turned in at one of the drop off points.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for collecting and compiling match report sheet. The deadline for turn-in of the match report sheets shall be 7 P.M. on the day following the match.
- D. Home teams failing to meet the established deadline shall be assessed 3.5 penalty points, subtracted from league standings.
- E. In the event of a postponement, the home team must notify the league Secretary prior to the 7 P.M. deadline.
- F. Match report sheets for postponed matches shall be turned in by 7 P.M. on the day following the match or all penalties will be enforced.
- G. Lack of a match report sheet shall not be considered an excuse for late reporting of results. You may use any blank paper in an emergency.

### 14 – PROTEST/GRIEVANCE, see Article IX, paragraph B

- A. Only team captains, or in the case of his/her absence the team representative, may file protest for an infraction of the By-laws.
- B. The opposing team captain shall be notified of the protest and that the match from that point on is being played under protest. If the opposing team captain/representative is not notified at time of play, no protest/grievance can be filed.
- C. Even though a protest is filed, the match shall be played to conclusion.
- D. The protest shall be outlined on the match report sheet and signed by both team captains.
- E. Details of the protest must be filed with the league Secretary in writing no later than three days after the alleged infraction.
- F. Each team is responsible for appointing a grievance member. A Grievance Committee headed by the league Vice-President will consist of three members from teams not involved and will be chosen by the “name in the hat” method,

drawn at random by the league President. At which time both teams will give their side as to what happened. All decisions of the Grievance Committee will be final.

G. In the event of an appeal to their decision, it will be put before the General Membership in writing by both team captains for final disposition.

## 15 – SEASON AWARDS

Awards: Trophies will be presented for first through fourth place for one division, and first through third for two or more divisions (maximum of seven players per team). At the end of the season, if two teams are tied for a trophy position, they will be scheduled to play the week after the season ends at a neutral location, drawn from a hat and no fees charged. Individual trophies will be presented for male and female MVP winners, all divisions, and for Ton 80's plaques. Certificates will be presented for any other individual accomplishments. Team sponsors will receive plaques.

## 16 – TIE BREAKERS

A. In the event of a tie for an awarded place at the end of the season, the two teams will play a tie breaker match within a week following the last night of the season at a neutral location, drawn from a hat, and no fees charged. This is to ensure timeliness of getting the trophies ordered.

B. During such a tie breaker match, ton eighties will be recognized but scores toward league individual awards of most tons, high in/high out, and MVP points will not count.

## 17 – DISPUTES

A. If a dispute arises between the management of a Tavern or Club and the members or team, the franchise for the team shall remain with the sponsor(s). If the Tavern/Club sponsors the team, it shall remain so long as it can field a team. If the team is sponsored by its members, the team may relocate wherever it chooses.

B. If a Tavern/Club no longer wants to sponsor a team, a majority of registered team members may relocate the team and complete the season.

C. If a team relocates and takes one more than half of the registered players, the team shall retain its standings.

## 18 – TEAM WITHDRAWING

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

B. If a team withdraws from the league, the matches they have played in the current round will be considered null and void. The schedule for the division will continue with the withdrawn team position considered a bye for the scheduled opposing team.

C. All games that had been played by a withdrawn team in any completed rounds before their withdrawing will be considered valid.

## 19 – GAMBLING

Gambling is neither sanctioned nor condoned by the CDL.

## 20 – RULES

These rules may be revised under the provisions set forth in Article XI, paragraphs A and B.

## 21 – SCOREKEEPERS TEN COMMANDMENTS

A. Team captains are presented with these By-laws it is their responsibility to ensure all team members are aware of these rules and that they are followed.

B. If there is an infraction of said commandments the opposing team may protest to the opposite team captain with a one time warning to correct said infraction, then to be followed by protest procedures.

C. Scorekeepers Ten Commandments.

1. Thou shall not talk while keeping score. No conversation with anyone when a player is at the Hockey.
2. Thou shall not look at the shooter, stand or sit facing the board. If the shooter takes a little extra time between darts, do not turn to see what the problem is.
3. Thou shall not move about, stand or sit still, do not fidget.
4. Thou shall not call out the score of one dart or all three, unless player throwing asks. Then and only then do you tell a shooter what his dart has scored.
5. Thou shall not tell a shooter what to shoot.
6. Thou shall not tell a shooter what combination to shoot for an out. If in doubt, the shooter should confer with his/her partner or team. The

scorekeeper may only tell the shooter what he/she has scored and what he/she has left.

7. Thou shall not change a score if that player has shot again and a second score written down. He/she should check your math before shooting, as would his/her opponent. Should the scorekeeper discover an error, never make the correction while the shooter is in the middle of his/her throw. Wait until he/she has completed his/her throw; tell him/her to leave his/her darts in the board, make the correction, and then write his/her score. Never mark a cricket score until the shooter has completed his/her throw.

8. Thou shall not lean out to see where the dart is, or follow the dart with head or body movement. Head and/or body movement is one of the most irritating distractions encountered by darters. However, should you persist, you will be the one embarrassed when he/she asks for a new scorekeeper.

9. Thou shall not show signs of disgust or excitement while scoring.

10. Thou shall not change the sides of a scoreboard of the players in the three leg matches. If you start players on the left, leave them on the left, regardless of the cork. The scorekeeper shall mark the board so that scores made are listed in the inner columns of the scoreboard, and the remaining scores are listed in the outer columns.

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