



Policies, Procedures & Match Rules

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ARTICLE I – EQUIPMENT

- A. **DARTBOARD** - All league competitions, including tournaments and playoffs shall be conducted on a standard bristle 20-point clock-face board.
- B. **HEIGHT** - Dart Boards shall be placed 5' 8" from the floor to the center of the bullseye with the number 20 positioned at the top center. This wedge shall be dark colored.
- C. **DIMENSIONS** – All distances and dimensions are based on level floors and vertical walls. If the floor is not level or the wall not plumb then the boards and/ or the toe line may need to be adjusted so that they are at the correct distance and height relative to each other.
 - a. Dartboards should have a regulated overall diameter of 17.75", typical depth of 1.5" and weight between 10-12 lb.
 - b. Backboards should be a minimum standard of 36" wide. No Height requirements.
- D. **ACCEPTABLE BOARD** –The owner of the sponsored location will be responsible for supplying and maintaining the league dartboard, which must be deemed acceptable to both home and visiting teams. An outside board may be used if both team captains agree to use said board and the board is available for immediate use. If no outside board is available, play will commence on the existing board until Rules & Grievance can investigate the situation.
- E. **BOARD LOCATION** – The dartboard shall be positioned so that it is readily available to the players without distraction to the thrower.
 - a. If a dartboard is positioned on the wall where an existing dartboard is already present, then a minimum of 7 feet from bullseye to bullseye between boards must be present.
 - b. A backboard should be mounted on the wall with equal distance for both width and height to mount the dartboard in the direct center of the backboard.
- F. **THE FOUL (TOE) LINE** – shall be parallel to the board, three (3) feet long, with its mid-point on an imaginary center line perpendicular to the center of the board. The distance from the face of the board to the foul/toe line shall be 7'9-1/4" (115-3/8") diagonal measurement from center bull to the foul/toe line.
 - a. This distance shall be measured from even with the face of the board along the floor to include the width of the line. The back of the line is the official hockey.
 - b. An unobstructed 2 feet must be available on the left and right of the foul line from the front of the foul line and a minimum of 2 feet behind the foul line. (See Pub Guide)
- G. **LIGHTING** - All league play boards shall be firmly anchored and well illuminated in a way that does not impede play. Lighting should be provided by the sponsor and should eliminate shadows on the dartboard.
- H. **SCORING SURFACE** – Must be provided and located in such a position that the score may be easily read by players and spectators.
 - a. Sponsors are required to provide scoring surfaces as well as the means to write the score.
 - b. If a scoring surface is damaged in any way that scoring is impossible and a replacement is not ready for match time, then the score can be recorded using alternative methods while the match is called out. (example: paper, tablet, etc.)
- I. **WEIGHT AND SIZE OF DART** – Darts used in match play cannot exceed an overall maximum length of 12" nor weigh more than 50 gm per dart. Each dart will consist of a recognizable point, barrel and flight.
- J. **EYE PROTECTION** - For personal safety, the SADA strongly recommends that any person scoring a match wear eye protection. The team will provide eye protection. OSHA approved safety glasses are preferred. Eyeglasses made with poly-carbonate lenses will suffice for those who wear glasses. Team captains will ensure that any person who scores is encouraged to wear the proper protection.

- K. **SEATING** – sponsors are required to provide enough seating to allow a visiting team an unobstructed view of the dartboard as well as a surface to score their match sheets. a. the home team will relinquish their seating to any visiting team if enough seating is not provided.
- L. **SUBSTANDARD EQUIPMENT OR CONDITIONS** - Any member may request that the R&G chairperson check any of the above equipment or conditions believed to be possibly substandard.
 - a. The request should be made directly to the R&G chairperson. If they are not available, the other forms of contact can be: The league answering machine, email, the back of the match sheet, to another board member, or if necessary, via protest.
 - b. Match play is not allowed on unmeasured boards.
 - c. If a match is played on an unmeasured board the home team will receive a score of zero (0) for the match and the away team's score will stand as thrown.

ARTICLE II – DAYS AND TIMES OF MATCHES

- A. **MATCH NIGHTS AND STARTING TIME**
 - a. **League competition is scheduled weekly based on region.**
 - i. **Savannah** – Tuesday night first game at 8pm SHARP..
 - ii. **Hinesville/Midway** – Wednesday night first game at 7:30pm SHARP.
- B. **EMERGENCY** – In case of a state of emergencies the President with the Vice president, Secretary **or** **Regional Manager** shall have the authority to cancel play and call a shorter season. All teams scores will be 0 for **any missing weeks**.
 - a. If the President, Vice President, Secretary or Regional Manager is not available then the next available voting board member in command will help make the decision.
 - b. If necessary, a calendar change can be made to play a full season if the change does not conflict with playoff scheduling, holiday scheduling or end of year scheduling.
- C. **STARTING TIME**
 - a. If a team is unable to start at the designated start time due to any unforeseen circumstances that is not their own doing, then that team's captain must call his opponent and confirm that his team will be late to the match and provide the time that they will arrive.
 - b. If a captain has not heard from his opponent's captain after 30 minutes from start time, then the match can be officially called a forfeit and immediately called in as a no show/no call forfeit.
 - c. If the-forfeiting team is unable to attend but has notified the opponent, then a rescheduled match can be made.
- D. **RESCHEDULED MATCHES** – Matches may be rescheduled with the mutual consent of the concerned teams' captains and shall be played on any day no later than the following Tuesday. Short extensions may or may not be granted by the President.
 - a. Any team failing to play a second consecutive match prior to making up a prior match shall be deemed to have forfeited both matches and dropped from the league. Last two weeks matches may not be postponed beyond match time of last week.
 - b. In no case, however, shall any makeup match be played later than the last night of the season. In the event of a rescheduled match, the home team captain must notify the statistician by calling in to the league answering machine before the rescheduled match is played with the new day, time and place of the match.

ARTICLE III – MATCH PROFILE

- A. **GAMES PLAYED AND POINTS** shall consist of:
 - a. **Savannah**
 - i. **Block 1:** Six (6) single 301's, single in – double out for all divisions with the exception of "A" division who will play six (6) single 501's, single in – double out. With 1 point per game.

- ii. **Block 2:** Three (3) two-person cricket games, 20 through 15 & bulls anytime. With 2 points per game
- iii. **Block 3:** Two (2) three person 601's, double in – double out. With 3 points per game.
- b. **Hinesville/Midway**
 - i. In all 301 games when the limit of 17 rounds (48 darts) and in all 501 games when the limit of 28 rounds (64 darts) are met for both teams, dartconnect will display a screen with both team names. Both teams must throw one dart at the bull known as a Diddle/Cork. With double games each team will decide which one of the two players will Diddle/Cork for the win. Then the winning team of the Diddle/Cork will be selected as the winner on the dartconnect screen.
 - ii. Match will be played on two boards, with two games being played at the same time.
 - iii. Players can only play once in any of the blocks below.
 - iv. Away team will go first in each of the blocks and alternate with the home team for the remaining games in the block.
 - v. **Block 1:** Four (4) single 301's, single in - Double
 - vi. **Block 2:** Four (4) single Cricket's, 20 through 15 & bulls anytime
 - vii. **Block 3:** Two (2) double 501 games consisting of two legs of (1) point per leg and alternate starting team for each leg.
 - viii. **Block 4:** Two (2) cricket games consisting of two legs of (1) point per leg and alternate starting teams for each leg.
- B. **THE PLAYING LINE UP** - must be completed by both team captains before designated starting time the playing line-up is to be made BLIND and is to be exchanged by this time. All matchsheet spots must be filled in with a player's name or "bye". If using dartconnect the playing lineup must also be entered into dartconnect as it is on the scoresheet. Once the Match Sheet is completed and exchanged, there will be no changes or substitutions. Unless both captains agree on the change.
- C. **LINE UP** - All players registered on a team can be used in any order in any spot on their team's lineup, provided no one player is used more than once in each block.
- D. **BOARD OPEN FOR PRACTICE** - No later than 30 minutes prior to the time the competition is scheduled for, the board/boards shall be cleared of play by the management of the establishment. The boards will then be deemed open and will be available for practice. The Home team shall relinquish the home boards to the Away team for warm-up, ten minutes prior to the first game of the match.
 - a. Practice Darts - Each player is allowed up to ONLY nine practice darts prior to all games. In order that no player shall gain an unfair advantage (even unintentionally) by a delay in starting to throw his/her practice darts no player shall throw more than 1 consecutive round of 3 practice darts without at least 1 intervening player throwing his/her allowable practice darts.
 - b. No team member scheduled for further play shall practice on any other board while the match is in progress.
 - c. Players who are in a BYE match of singles will receive an automatic win and will still be given the option to throw their practice darts before the next match.
- E. **ORDER OF PLAY** – The away team shall shoot first in the first 301/501, Cricket and 601 games, and the order of play shall alternate from then on, i.e. Away, Home, Away, Home.
- F. **BOARD CHOICE** - The home team has the prerogative of choosing the board/boards on which the match is to be played if there is more than the number boards needed to play the match in the establishment.
- G. **ANY DISPUTES** that arise during match play must be settled in private conference between the captains only.
 - a. If the dispute is not settled between the captains refer to ARTICLE VIII – Protests for procedure.
 - b. Any decision that is made between the captains in a private conference must be in accordance with the rules and guidelines of SADA and ADO.

ARTICLE IV – TEAM PROFILE

A. **TEAMS**

- a. **A team shall consist of a maximum number by region** which includes the captain, who will be registered as active members of SADA:

i. **Savannah – 10 players.**

ii. **Hinesville/Midway – 8 players.**

- b. Deleted players listed on a team will not count toward the total players.

B. **TEAM CAPTAINS** – are responsible for the smooth running of each match.

- a. Captains will be required to notify their team of where matches will be.
b. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to make sure that the team is ready for match play, including dropping a roster at team sign-ups, receiving documents at captain's pickup, and attending the captain's meeting.

C. **ADDING NEW PLAYERS**

- a. Submissions

i. Savannah - may be done by calling the league answering machine or contacting membership and submitting a complete and signed *Add/Delete sheet with any dues owed.

ii. Hinesville/Midway - contacting regional manager, submitting a complete and signed *Add/Delete sheet with any dues owed.

- b. **Add/Delete sheets** must be personally submitted to the Membership Chairperson or Regional Manager 24 hours prior to match time for a new player to be eligible for next week's Match.
c. No players may be added to a roster after 8pm. on the Monday prior to the 11th week of play unless in extraordinary cases an exception may be granted by the president or Regional Manager for a team that would otherwise have to play short-handed, provided the team finishes the season.
d. Each new registered player will be subject to the membership registration fee regardless of the nearness of a season's end.
e. If a player has played a game in a match and is deleted from that team, dues are owed for any new player added; otherwise, the deleted player's dues may not be used for the new player.
f. **Add/Delete sheets** may be submitted through e-mail to the current Membership Chairperson or Regional Manager instead of submitting in person if a meeting can't be arranged.

D. **REGISTRATION** – A team will only be considered as registered for a scheduled season once both a completed Team Roster Sheet and dues have been received at signups (hours & location designated by SADA calendar by Region). Both the Team Roster Sheet & dues must be turned in together; neither will be received individually with the exception that a sponsor pays dues for multiple teams with one check. It is the individual's responsibility turning in the sheet to ensure that the sheet is correct & complete. If registration is missed, it is the captain's responsibility to contact either the Treasurer or Statistician or Regional Manager to meet them by 8:00pm the following Friday.

- a. A team shall be defined by Region:

i. Savannah - as a minimum of 4, but no more than 10 qualifying individuals in good standing with the Savannah Area Darting Association. (See Bylaws Article III: Membership)

ii. Hinesville/Midway - as a minimum of 3, but no more than 8 qualifying individuals in good standing with the Savannah Area Darting Association. (See Bylaws Article III: Membership)

- b. In the event of an overpayment by a team/sponsor prior to the beginning of the season. No credits will be carried forward.
c. Team Roster sheets must be filled out with name, address, telephone number, & Email address or the roster sheet will not be accepted at team sign-ups.
d. a single person of the players listed on the roster sheet shall be designated as the captain of the team.

E. **CHANGING TEAMS** – any player who leaves a team roster, for any reason, who has played in any of the season's matches will be ineligible for registration with another team during that season. If a player moves teams, he must notify both team captain's and make sure that an *Add/Delete sheet is submitted from both team Captains.

- F. **BAD CHECKS** – Any Person issuing bad checks to SADA will be considered under suspension immediately following written notification by the treasurer. They will not be allowed to compete in SADA events until the matter is settled. If the matter is not settled within seven (7) days of notification, the individual will be considered as having been an unregistered player retroactive to the date the check was written.
- a. Any person issuing a bad check to SADA on more than one occasion will be subject to a penalty equal to the amount charged by the Bank for any such check and may be required to make any further payments to SADA by cash or certified check.
 - b. Post-dated checks will not be accepted.
- G. **PAYMENT** – The Treasurer and Membership will allow any current payment form that is allowed for transactions per the IRS.gov website if SADA can accept that form of payment. If the form of payment can't be accepted due to lack of proper technology, then the team or sponsor must provide a secondary type of payment.

ARTICLE V – CHANGING SPONSORS

- A. **REQUIREMENTS** - Any team wishing to change sponsors after the start of the season must submit a "Sponsor Change Form" to the President of the league who will then call a special meeting with the Vice President, Membership Chairman, Statistician, Treasurer, Secretary, Division Rep **or Regional Manager** for the team wishing to change and the Team Captain. Team captains must be present at this meeting for the change to be approved.
- a. **STIPULATIONS FOR APPROVAL FOR SPONSOR CHANGE** - All the listed conditions below must be met for approval of sponsor change to be granted.
 - i. \$40 sponsor fee for new sponsor must be submitted with the "Sponsor Change Form" Old sponsor fee will be refunded once change is approved. Player dues paid by a sponsor are not the responsibility of SADA.
 - ii. Signature by sponsor that team notified them of the change or signature of a board member who witnessed the notification. If Signature is not present on the "Sponsor Change Form", a petition may be made at the change meeting as to why it is not present.
 - iii. Rules & Grievance or an authorized member on their behalf must measure a new sponsor board before approval is granted.
 - iv. Clearance of new sponsor location and reason for change.
 - v. Meeting for change with Captain of Team present and quorum of above-mentioned board members.
 - vi. The Statistician must approve the Sponsor change to ensure that no schedule conflicts arise should the new location be inside a location that another team is already playing.
 - vii. No "Sponsor change Form" may be submitted after 8pm the Monday immediately before Week 11's Match. The only exception to this is if a sponsor drops a team in the time frame, in which case, new location options will be provided by the meeting committee; for the team to choose a location to play their remaining games at.
 - viii. "Sponsor Change Forms" are not required for changes that occur between seasons, only for a change occurring during a season in progress.
 - ix. Once approved the Team Captain must notify all captains in their division of the change as well as call their Division Rep or Regional Manager to notify them that they have done so.
 - x. In the event a sponsor closes their business, and a team is no longer physically able to play at that business and must change sponsors, that team does not need board approval to change sponsor. The team simply needs to do the following: Notify their division representative or Regional Manager.
 1. Find a new sponsor location
 2. Verify with the Scheduler that there will be no scheduling conflicts with the new location.
 3. Have the new sponsorship paperwork and fee paid to membership chairman
 - b. Contact R & G to certify board before the night of play

ARTICLE VI – FORFEITS

- A. **FORFEITS** – If only one team of a scheduled match shows at the scheduled location, and the match is not rescheduled, the match shall be declared a forfeit. For the match to be declared a forfeit, a minimum of 50% of a standard team lineup team members representing the team that the forfeit will be awarded to, **MUST** be present and ready to play to be declared the winner of that match.
- B. **FORFEITS/EXCESSIVE** – a forfeit shall be declared for a team having less than 50% of a standard team lineup players in attendance. Any team forfeiting two (2) consecutive matches or three (3) matches within one season shall be dropped from the league for the remainder of the season.
- C. **POINT VALUES** - Teams forfeiting will receive a score of zero (0) for the match. The point value for the non-forfeiting team is determined weekly by taking the average of points won during the entire season and divided by the number of weeks (matches) the team played.
 - a. Any team that has a "bye" or whose opponent forfeits will receive a seasonal average for that week's score.
 - b. If a team folds or is removed/dropped from the league.
 - i. Before every team has not play them equally, the procedure shall be to remove all scores awarded to teams that played against the removed team and seasonal averages applied
 - ii. After every team has played them equally then the procedure shall be to let the scores stand up to the week that every team has played against the removed team equally and the rest of the weeks removed and seasonal averages applied.
- D. **LATE/ABSENT PLAYERS** – A player is not considered absent until the beginning of the game in which he/she is scheduled to play. A late arriving player may not join in a game after the first dart is thrown. If a player does not show for a scheduled game:
 - a. In singles, the game point will be given to the team that is present
 - b. In doubles and triples, the team may play short-handed (skipping a turn for the absent player). If a team decides not to play a particular game short-handed the points will be awarded to the opposing team.
 - c. If necessary, a five-minute timer (no more than 15) will start when the match is supposed to commence to give any later player time to arrive. Once this timer has ended, the awarded point will be given to the other team, or the game shall commence short-handed.
 - d. If a player has already arrived at the sponsor location but has not participated in practice throws and is not present at the dart area when other players have finished warming up, a one-time 5-minute timer will start and match play will commence after this timer has finished. The player will forfeit any practice throws after this timer has completed. If the absent player has not arrived to the throw area for his turn, it will be forfeited and marked as a MISSED THROW and play will continue to the next player in throw order.
- E. **PLAYING SHORT HANDED** – In doubles if the short-handed team beats the two-man team, he/she is awarded the usual points for a win. In triples, if the short-handed team beats the three-man team, they are awarded the usual points for the win.
- F. **UNREGISTERED PLAYERS** – The use of any unregistered player will result in forfeiting the games the player played in for that evening. The forfeit points will be awarded to the opposing team. It is the team's responsibility to accept the penalty of playing short-handed if they cannot field a team with only their registered players.

ARTICLE VII – SCORING

- A. **SCORE KEEPING** – The captain of each team is responsible for providing a caller/scorer for each game. Players may score their own match(s) if they desire.
 - a. Scorekeepers will refer to the Scorekeepers 10 Commandments while scoring a match which includes: No talking/drinking/smoking while scoring.
 - b. Scorekeepers will refrain from showing any form of emotion for either team while scoring.
- B. **THROWN DART** – Three (3) darts thrown by hand shall constitute a turn. A thrown dart is any dart that has been released in the direction of the board by the player with the intention of scoring with that dart.

- a. Once a dart has been thrown, it may not be thrown again during that turn regardless of where that dart may land, including bounced darts caught in mid-air.
 - b. A dart dropped unintentionally by a player during that player's turn is not a thrown dart.
- C. **VERIFICATION** - the score caller can call out the player's score for each turn prior to the player taking his/her turn's thrown darts from the board.
 - a. For a dart to score the point must remain in the board until retrieved by the thrower except in the case where the thrower requires assistance due to physical injury or disability.
 - b. The tip of the dart point must be touching the bristle portion of the board for that dart to be counted as a score.
 - c. A person's turn is over once he/she touches a dart in the board.
 - d. If darts are pulled from the board before score verification, that turn's throw results in a score of zero (0) and it is the next player's turn.
 - e. A dart's score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the wire segment
- D. **FOUL/TOE LINE** – While throwing a dart, a player's foot/feet may NOT BE ON OR ACROSS THE FOUL/TOE LINE and /or its imaginary extensions. If another match is being played on an immediately adjoining board, then a player must also keep at least one entire foot within the area extending directly back from the ends of the 3' foul line on that side.
 - a. If a player violates the foul line, he must be notified immediately by the opposing team captain or that game's opposing player(s).
 - b. Only the dart, which was thrown while committing the foot-foul immediately preceding the notification, can be disqualified.
 - c. Foot-foul violations may not be called after a player's darts are pulled from the board.
- E. **ADVICE** – the scorer can only tell a player what is left for him/her to attain or what has been scored with the darts he has thrown. The scorer cannot tell the throwing player what to throw at.
 - a. If the scorer tells the player by mistake to throw at a certain number for a finish and it proves to be a wrong number, the throw stands as thrown.
 - b. A player may seek advice on what to shoot from another team member after stepping away from the line in a non –throwing position.
- F. **OUT OF TURN** – 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.
- G. **MISTAKES** – It shall be the responsibility of the player to verify his/her score before removing the darts from the board. The score remains as written if one or more darts has been removed from the board.
 - a. In accordance with the inherent "strategy" Involved in the Cricket game, no alteration in score shall be allowed once an opponent has thrown a dart to that score.
 - b. In 301/501 errors in arithmetic must stand as written, unless corrected prior to the beginning of the player's/team's next throw.
 - c. In the interest of sportsmanship, obvious mistakes may be corrected at any time during the match. (Example: A deduction of 50 from 601 and having a total of 451 left.)
- H. **WINNING DART ENDS GAME** – In '01, a leg or match is concluded at such a time as a player or team hits the double required to reduce the remaining score to zero. In Cricket, the game is won when a player or team closes all numbers and has an equal or greater number of points than the opponent. Any darts thrown subsequently shall not count for score.
- I. **MATCH SUBMISSIONS** - Team Captains are responsible for recording scores on the Match sheet/Dart Connect. Entries must be made as points are scored.
 - a. **Savannah**
 - i. "Attaboy/Attagirl" points must be entered immediately after they are scored.
 - ii. Each Team Captain MUST turn in his/her Match Sheet with his/her name circled.

- iii. Match sheets need to be photographed front and back using a digital media device.
- iv. Match sheets must be sent in via email form with attached pictures to savannahdarts@gmail.com with a subject line that must include the following: your Team Name / Team Number / Score - other Team Name / Team Number / Score, week of play number. Example: (Week 1 match Timbuktu against OhMyMy) Timbuktu subject line "Timbuktu / #1 / 14 - OhMyMy / #2 / 4, Week 1" and OhMyMy subject line "OhMyMy / #2 / 4 - Timbuktu / #1 / 14, Week 1".
- v. Refer to Anatomy of a Scoresheet for proper procedure on how to fill out match sheets

b. Hinesville/Midway

- i. Match sheets need to be photographed using a digital media device.
- ii. Home team Captain needs to photograph the scoresheet using a digital media device.
- iii. Match sheets must be sent in via email form with attached pictures to sadahinesvilleregion@gmail.com with a subject line that must include the following: Home Team Name / Score - Away Team Name / Score, Week #. Example: (Week 1 match home team Timbuktu against OhMyMy) "Timbuktu / 14 - OhMyMy / 4, Week 1"

J. MATCH SUBMISSION SHEET PENALTIES –

a. Savannah

- i. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to see that all Match Sheets are turned in on time. (There will be a maximum total of 10 penalty points for late score sheets).
- ii. There will be one (1) penalty point assessed to the team if the subject line does not include all the required information in the format referenced in Section I. Subsection c.
- iii. If the match sheets are not received via email by 11:59 pm on the day following the evening of play. Two (2) penalty points will be assessed to the team and subtracted from team score totals.
- iv. If sheets are not received by the second week later, the statistician will notify the negligent team captain.

b. Hinesville/Midway

- i. No Penalties

ARTICLE VIII – PROTEST

- A. **NOTIFY OTHER TEAM** – The captain of any team may file a protest for any irregularity of a match. The opposing Team captain must be notified at the time of the said protest; the match from that point on is being played under protest. The Match shall be played to a conclusion.
- B. **FILING PERIOD** – The protest must be filed with the Rules & Grievance Committee Chairman in writing within three (3) days.
- C. **OTHER REQUIREMENTS** – The protest must also be indicated on the Match Sheet and called into the Statistician as a Match played under protest. The Match Sheet must be handled the same as a Match sheet that is not under protest, as far as scoring is concerned.
- D. **PRESIDENTIAL GRIEVANCE** – The President may file a grievance for illegal activities by a member or for violations of the rules or bylaws upon receipt of a complaint (either written or oral).

ARTICLE IX – PERSONAL CONDUCT

- A. **DEFINITION** - Personal conduct applies to any interaction with other SADA membership/teams, sponsors, and employees/patrons of hosting venues.
- B. **CONDUCT AT THE LINE** – All darts shall be thrown deliberately from the foul (toe) line in a standing position (Exception to this rule are handicapped individuals with a permanent *i.e. Wheelchair bound) physical condition). One at a time, from the hand in an overhead delivery. All darts must be thrown with the needlepoint aimed towards the face of the dartboard with the intent of scoring.

- C. **HECKLING OR OTHER HARASSMENT** – is strictly forbidden. It is the home team's responsibility to maintain the best of order during play. Sportsmanlike conduct shall prevail. Good sportsmanship encompasses decent behavior and thoughtfulness and, in some cases, may mean self-discipline if needed.
- D. **BAD CONDUCT** – The repeated use of foul or insulting language and/or resorting to physical violence shall be considered just cause for penalizing the offender and his team up to 10 penalty points. The offender may also result in a recommendation for expulsion. Physical violence will result in immediate suspension and/or expulsion for an individual or team involved in the incident.
- E. **ANY BEHAVIOR** - deemed unsportsmanlike, disruptive, or detrimental to the league or its functions and which may not be otherwise covered under these rules must be reported directly to the President or to the Board of Directors within three (3) days. The president may refer the matter to the R&G chairman or the Board of Directors, which may consider the matter or refer it to the R&G chairman. Punishments then currently available from probation and/or penalty points through suspension or expulsion may be imposed.
- F. **WEAPONS** - any person carrying a weapon must adhere to all State, Local and Bar owners' law/rules.
- G. **DURATION OF DART NIGHT** - All SADA members are deemed responsible for their personal conduct at all SADA functions and sanctioned events from the time they arrive until the time they depart the venue in their vehicle.

ARTICLE X – DIVISIONS

- A. **WINNERS** - The team scoring the most points in its respective division shall be the winner of that division.
- B. **RESTRUCTURE** – At the end of the season the team/s with the lowest score in each division will move down to the next lower division if available and the team/s with the highest score in each division will move up to the next higher division if available.
 - a. If any division loses a team/s before, during, or after a playing season, that team should be waived, and emphasis placed on fielding an eight-team division and on minimizing the byes.
 - b. No Division is exempt from byes.
 - c. If any division was scheduled to a 6-team or 10-team structure, then that division will be restructured back to an 8-team division and will not be subject to the same structure for back-to-back seasons.
 - d. All restructuring shall be determined by the scheduler prior to the appointed scheduling meeting, then presented to all in attendance at the meeting for voting approval.
 - e. The Scheduler will attempt to accommodate all needs for division restructure, team board mirroring at the same sponsor location, and new team placements.
- C. **TIES**
 - a. **Savannah**
 - i. In the event of a tie situation, a single point will be awarded to the winner of a 1001, double-in/double-out game.
 - 1. This match shall consist of a standard team lineup. A team may play short-handed (skipping a turn for the absent player).
 - ii. The point given for the tiebreak will not affect seeding in the City Playoffs other than giving the winning team a higher seed than the losing team. It will not change their total points on the season
 - b. **Hinesville Midway**
 - i. In the event of a tie situation, the team that has won more match's heads up will be awarded a single point.
 - ii. If there's still a tie, then the team that has the most points of matches heads up will be awarded one point.
 - iii. If there's still a tie, then the winner of a double in and double out 1001 will be awarded one point. This game shall consist of standard team lineup players per team.

- D. **SCHEDULING** – a meeting will take place the following Saturday after team signups to determine placement of teams inside divisions and to ensure that sponsors with multiple teams do not conflict with each other.
- Any member of SADA can attend this meeting and is encouraged to help if attending.
 - The SADA Scheduler will be required to present all restructured options for the upcoming season and use the “magic scheduling board” to adjust changes if needed based on voting by all members of SADA in attendance.
 - Enough copies of all team rosters will be provided by the secretary to ensure that the following will receive physical copies before the beginning of the season: Division Rep Packets, Captain's Packets, & Membership(Originals).
 - The President, Vice President, & Secretary can opt to receive a physical or digital copy.
 - Any additional members of the board that might need packets can request a physical or digital copy.
 - Any new team rosters must be placed within a division voted upon by members at the meeting that reflects where they would be most effective based on player value.
 - Each player on this roster must be given a value based on the last 5 seasons of SADA of which division they might have played in before.
 - Each player on the roster, if available, their average tons per game, points per round in 01 and marks per round in cricket for the last 5 seasons of SADA.
 - Scores will be given based on the highest division reached while on a team.. If a player has never played in our league before they have a score of 0.

ARTICLE XI – CITY PLAYOFFS

A. COMPETITORS

- Savannah** – At the end of the season the 1st and 2nd place teams in each Division will advance to the City Playoffs. In addition, a selection of 3rd place teams can be added into the playoffs to make a total of 24 total playoff spots.
 - If SADA has less than 24 playoff spots after adding 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place teams from all available divisions, then a 16-playoff bracket will be used instead using the same seeding system.
 - If SADA has less than 16 teams after adding 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place teams from all available divisions, then a format will be created to accommodate for the total number of teams available with the least number of BYEs possible.
 - If the total number of teams between 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place teams is equal to an odd number, then the tournament director can opt to include a specialized BYE spot to create an equal bracket.
- Hinesville/Midway** -

B. THE TEAM PAIRINGS

- Savannah** - order of play in the City Playoffs shall be determined by a seeding system and will be determined the Wednesday following the last night of seasonal play. At that point all captains involved in the playoffs will be contacted either by the Statistician or the Tournament Director with the time(s) they will be playing.
- Hinesville/Midway** -

C. SEEDING SYSTEM

- 8 DIVISIONS OR LESS
 - The 1st Place team in each division will get a bye in the first round of playoffs.
 - All 2nd & 3rd place teams of each division will play each other in the first round of playoffs to advance to the next round.
 - A random draw for seeding will follow for each round except for the final round.
- 9-11 DIVISIONS
 - 1st place teams will be seeded in order of points with the top 8 getting a bye to Sunday.
 - Saturday the bottom remaining 1st place teams, all 2nd Place teams and the top 3rd place teams in order by points with a random draw for seating.
 - Sunday Teams, a random draw for seating before each round except for the final round.
- 12 DIVISIONS
 - 1st place teams will be seeded in order of points with the top 8 getting a bye to Sunday. Saturday the bottom remaining 1st place teams, all 2nd Place teams with a random draw for seating.

- ii. Sunday Teams, a random draw for seating before each round except for the final round.
- d. **13-23 DIVISIONS**
 - i. 1st place teams will be seeded in order of points with the top 8 getting a bye to Sunday.
 - ii. Saturday the bottom remaining 1st place teams, top 2nd Place teams by points with a random draw for seating.
 - iii. Sunday Teams, a random draw for seating before each round except for the final round.
- e. **24 DIVISIONS**
 - i. 1st place teams will be seeded in order of points with the top 8 getting a bye to Sunday.
 - ii. Saturday the bottom remaining 1st place teams with a random draw for seating.
 - iii. Sunday Teams, a random draw for seating before each round except for the final round.
- f. **TIE BREAKS** - To determine seeding: If two or more teams tie there will be three different levels of tie breaks to determine which team has the higher seed.
 - i. If teams are in the same division, the winner of the 1001 tie-break game will receive the higher seed.
 - ii. If teams are in different divisions, then the team that finishes higher in their respective division will receive the higher seed. (i.e. 1st will be placed before 2nd, while 2nd will be placed before 3rd)
 - iii. If teams are in different divisions and finish with the same 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ranking, then the team that has the best Win-Loss record will receive the higher seeding.
 - 1. If the Win-Loss record is the same, then the team with the highest score total after Week 7 will receive the higher seed.
 - 2. If Score after Week 7 is the same, then the higher seed will be determined by a coin toss.
- D. **MATCH TIMES** – the following match times for playoffs are as follows:
 - a. All tie-break matches will be called and underway no later than 30 minutes prior to 1st round matches on Saturday night. All 1st round matches will be called and underway no later than 7pm on Saturday night.
 - b. All 2nd round matches will be called and underway no later than 11am Sunday morning. Any team not playing by the announced time will be given a 2nd call 5 minutes after the start time for that match. A 3rd call will be issued 5 minutes later. Any team not playing within 5 minutes of receiving a 3rd call will forfeit that match and will be disqualified from further competition in the tournament.
 - c. All Match times can be adjusted by the tournament director if needed for emergencies or scheduling venue conflicts.
- E. **MATCH FORMAT** – All matches will follow the standard league format, i.e. 6-301's, 3- Crickets and 2601's.
 - a. All SADA rules and regulations will apply to the matches.
 - b. The lead off player/team in EACH GAME shall be determined by "corking". Standard ADO corking rules apply. Match Sheets have no home/away relevance so long as Team Captains decide collectively which side to use for his/her lineup.
 - i. NOTE: The corking rule applies only to the City Playoffs. It does not apply to regularly scheduled league play.
- F. **TEAM ROSTER** – A player is considered in the City Playoffs while his team has still not been eliminated, regardless of if that player is written into the player lineup.
 - a. Players can opt-out completely from tournament match play to participate in other SADA events if the player's captain registers this before the 1st round match begins. The player who is opted-out will not be a legal player in the City Playoffs
 - i. Players who opt-out from match play will also forfeit their trophy if their team wins the City Playoffs.
 - b. Players will be considered eligible to play in the playoffs if they have played at least a single game during the regular season prior to the city playoffs and are a member of SADA in good standing.
 - i. Players who are ineligible will not receive a City Playoff Award
 - 1. Captain of the ineligible player can opt to pay the league for a City Playoff Award for the ineligible player
 - ii. Players who have not played a single game due to personal situations (such as injury or family obligations), may only play in the city playoffs with their team if a majority vote between the President, Vice President, & Tournament Director has approved this prior to the end of the season.
- G. **DETERMINING A WINNER** – The winner of a match is determined by whoever scores 10 points first.
- H. **TIES** - Ties during the Playoffs must be decided by a game of double-in/double-out 1001. There will be a coin toss determining home and away teams. The game should be played immediately after the match. The winning team will be awarded one (1) point and will advance in the tournament.

- I. **THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF** – The two losing teams of the semi-final rounds will play each other in a 1001 Double in/Double Out game consisting of 6 players vs. 6 players. The winner of this game will receive the title of 3rd in the city playoffs.

ARTICLE XII – TROPHIES & AWARDS

A. SAVANNAH REGION

- a. **ATTABOYS/ATTAGIRLS** – Any player scoring 100 points or more in an '01, 6-9 marks in cricket or 4-6 bulls in cricket will receive an "Attaboy/Attagirl" point. Anyone scoring 180 points in an '01, 3 triples in cricket (a 9 count), or 3 double bulls will receive two "Attaboy/Attagirl" points. All 3 marks of a triple and/or all bulls must be usable for closing and/or scoring points needed to end the match for the triples or bulls to count towards an "Attaboy/Attagirl". For Example: If a player needs two (2) bulls to close the bulls out and one (1) bull to cover the point difference in order to win the match, and that player hits two (2) double bulls in their turn they will have won that match but will not receive an "Attaboy/Attagirl" because not all four (4) bulls that are required to receive the "Attaboy/Attagirl" are usable in their throw. (3 of the 4 bulls ended the match). "Attaboy/Attagirl" hit in 301 byes, Cricket with 2 byes or 601 with 3 byes do not count towards that player's season total.
- b. **DEAD-EYE AWARD** – Registering three darts inside the double bull in one turn. A player will receive a plaque for doing this on any league night match play, during the playoffs, or any SADA/ADO sanctioned event.
- c. **170 DOUBLE IN/OUT** – Registering a total of 170 points with two darts inside the triple 20 and the first dart or last dart thrown inside the double bull to start or end the game. A player will receive a plaque for doing this on any league night match play, during the playoffs, or any SADA/ADO sanctioned event.
- d. **PERFECT GAME 3-DART 301/9-DART 501** - Any player who throws only 6 darts in a 301 match or only 9 darts in a 501 match and wins his match. The player will receive a plaque for doing this on any league night match play, during the playoffs, or any SADA/ADO sanctioned event.
- e. **CITY PLAYOFF AWARDS** – Awarded to the City cup winners as well as the runner up team. 3rd place team winners will receive a medallion.
- f. **DIVISIONAL AWARDS** – 1st and 2nd place awards will be made for each divisional placed team accordingly.
- g. **HIGH TON AWARDS** – Each division will have trophies for the male and female high ton winners. In the case of a tie, multiple awards will be made for each player.
- h. **UNDERDOG AWARD** – Any player that plays a cricket game with a BYE partner against 2 other players and wins the match will receive this award.
- i. **MOST CONGENIAL** – Each team will cast a vote at the end of the season on the back of the week 14 GOLD Sheet for who they think is the most congenial for that season in their division. The majority vote between all teams in the division will win the award.
 - i. In the event of a tie, the statistician will choose a winner with a coin flip. 1 award will only be given.
- j. **UNDEFEATED AWARD** – If a player wins every game of 301/501 in a season and plays all available weeks, they shall be awarded this.
 - i. If there is a BYE in the division, then the award shall note that the player went undefeated with a 12 -0 season.
 - ii. If there is a game in which the player won by default against a BYE player, then the trophy will show 14 -0 with (x) number of BYE matches.
- k. **ROADIE AWARD** – This award is given out by the Tournament Director or Open Director of the current year at the last playoff of the year to the person(s) they deem has done the most traveling and gone above and beyond for the league. A maximum number of 2 awards should be given out for this each year.
- l. **PRESIDENTIAL AWARD** – This award is given out by the president of the current year at the last playoff of the year to the person(s) they deem has done the most to help the league or gone above and beyond for the league. A maximum of 2 awards should be given out for this each year.
- m. **CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR AWARD** – This award is given out by the statistician of the current year at the last playoff of the year to the captain that they think has done the best job as Captain all year long. Only one award is given each year.

- n. **JEANIE HERNANDEZ AWARD** – This award is given to the board member who is voted on in a secret cast ballot by other board members during a board meeting before the playoffs of the last season. The majority wins the vote count. Only 1 award is given each year.
 - i. In the event of a tie breaker, the secretary shall flip a coin to determine the winner.
 - o. **LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD** – This award is given out to any nominated person in good standing with the Savannah Area Darting Association may be awarded lifetime membership by a majority vote from the Board of Directors present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, or a special meeting called for that purpose. All nominations for Lifetime Membership shall be presented to the President. Said nominations shall be signed by five Lifetime Members and/or Active Members; limited to no more than two nominations per year.
 - p. **HALL OF FAME AWARD** – This award is given out to honor those individuals who, through their actions and contributions, have distinguished themselves as having made a difference in the way the league is perceived, in the way the league functions, or through significant accomplishments.
- B. HINESVILLE/MIDWAY REGION**
- a. **SPONSOR AWARD** - This award is given to the Sponsor of the First Place Team of each Division.
- C. ALL REGIONS**
- a. **9 COUNT** – Registering three Cricket triples in one turn. This could be three different triples that have previously been scored upon by your team, two triples that are the same and a different triple or the same three triples. A player will receive a 9 Count pin for doing this on any league night match play, during the playoffs, Revised 2/2024 or any SADA/ADO sanctioned event.
 - b. **180 MARK** – Registering three darts inside the triple 20 in one turn. A player will receive a 180 pin for doing this on any league night match play, during the playoffs, or any SADA/ADO sanctioned event.
 - c. **MOST CONGENIAL** – Each team will cast a vote at the end of the season on the back of the week 14 GOLD or via email Sheet for who they think is the most congenial for that season in their division. The majority vote between all teams in the division will win the award.
 - i. In the event of a tie, the statistician will choose a winner with a coin flip. 1 award will only be given.

ARTICLE XIII – ADO EVENTS

- A. **LOCAL QUALIFIERS** – Local Qualifiers for ADO Tournaments shall be set on the calendar by the ADO Representative & publicized to draw participants. Entrance into the Local Qualifiers shall be \$25 per person paid either in cash or check to the Savannah Area Darting Association (SADA).
 - a. Eligible participants are to be defined as those who are in good standing with SADA.
 - b. All league rules apply to SADA Members participating in the ADO Local Qualifier.
 - c. A minimum of 3 participants is required for a Local Qualifier to occur.
 - d. SADA shall pay the difference to pay for an (1) additional player once funds exceeding registration for 1 player has been collected. Example: 10 players register for the Local Qualifier (\$250 collected), SADA will pay for 3 players to advance to the Regional Qualifier ($110 * 3 = \$330$). The difference between the amount collected at the Local Qualifier & amount used for Regional Qualifier Registration (\$80 in the example above), shall be disbursed from the Savannah Area Darting Association.
 - 1. All registration fees are to be turned into the Treasurer & Awards turned into the Statistician by the ADO Representative.
- B. **REGIONAL QUALIFIERS** – Regional Qualifiers for ADO Tournaments shall be set on the calendar by the ADO Representative & publicized to draw participants. Entrance into the Regional Qualifiers shall be \$110 per person paid either in cash, check, or money order (Payable to ADO, Inc.).
 - a. Individuals who won a Regional Qualifier Registration at the SADA Local Qualifier will have their registration paid by SADA.
 - b. For further information regarding rules/regulations, visit the ADO Website.
- C. **NATIONAL FINALS** – Please see the Rules, Regulations, and Format on the ADO Website.
 - a. If a member of the Savannah Area Darting Association should reach the National Finals, they may come before the Board of Directors to request \$150.00 in travel money.

ALL POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND MATCH RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.