

THE BYLAWS OF THE DIXIE DART ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS:

- A. Whenever the initials “DDA” are used in these Bylaws, they shall mean “Dixie Dart Association”.
- B. Whenever the initials “ADO” are used in the Bylaws, they shall mean “ American Darts Organization”.
- C. Whenever the term “Senior Board Member” is used in the Bylaws, it shall mean the most Senior Executive board member present in terms of continuous service.
- D. Whenever the word(s) “Board”, “Board of Governors” or “BOG” is used in these Bylaws, it shall mean the body described in Article VII.
- E. Whenever the word “Investigators” is used in these Bylaws, it shall mean a member who has been appointed (there are six positions of Investigator - 1,2,3, 4, 5 and 6) to investigate disputes/problems and report back to the Executive Committee.
- F. Whenever the word “Member” is used in these Bylaws, it shall mean a non-gender specific individual who is a member of the DDA in good standing.
- G. Whenever the word “Team” is used in these Bylaws, it shall mean a group of members playing darts as such.
- H. Whenever the words “Good Standing” are used in these Bylaws, it is to mean a current membership card carrying member that is not on suspension through protest through DDA.
- I. No Vote Proviso: No Board of Governors Member may vote a protest and/or complaint if inappropriate actions against or for a team or team member that plays for the same sponsor as they do.
- J. DDA Forms are to be put into drop boxes or given to the Secretary by deadlines stated in ARTICLE XIII.
 - 1. **TR-1 Form** - This is the Roster/Statement of Intent Form. It is to be up to date and in the possession of the team captain during any league play matches in which any team is participating. Forms must be filled out COMPLETELY. Name of location, name of team, and which season it is for. Each player’s name, phone number and each player’s signature. No roster will be accepted without signatures.
 - 2. **TR-2 Form** - This form is used to notify the secretary of any new player(s) signed on the team after the season starts.
 - 3. **TR-3 Form** - This form is used to notify the Secretary of any player(s) released from a team. The team captain cannot sign a form for themselves.
- K. The boundaries shall be set as (West) Elks Lodge on Hwy. 90 in Biloxi, (North) to the V.F.W. and Moose Lodge on Gay Rd. in D’Iberville, (East) to the Gautier Bridge and (South) to the Gulf of Mexico.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVE:

- A. The objectives of the DDA are
 - 1. Promote the sport of darts throughout the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
 - 2. Coordinate the activities, tournaments, and functions of affiliated teams and leagues.
 - 3. Establish friendly relations with similar organizations in the neighboring states.
 - 4. Establish DDA rules of play regulations used during league play, in-house tournaments, and DDA sponsored events.
- B. The DDA shall be a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian and non-sexist organization.

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ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP & FEES:

- A. Membership is open to any person at least 21 years of age who evidences interest in darts as a sport.
- B. Membership fees shall be established, and may be revised, by a majority vote of the Board of Governors.
- C. Membership fees shall be applicable for the period of January 1st through December 31st, and shall be \$25.00. There will also be available cards that may be purchased for a single season in either January or July and shall be \$15.00.
- D. A membership may be terminated or restricted with cause.
- E. There shall be no refund of any membership fee for any reason.
- F. All returned checks will be subject to a NSF (non-sufficient fund) fee of \$35.00 added to the amount of check.
 1. The EC will set the NSF fee at the January ECM meeting and it will carry through until the following January.
 2. The member who wrote the NSF check will be suspended from DDA until the fee and the amount of the check has been collected by the DDA Treasurer. Anyone who does not clear a NSF check prior to mid-season will lose all points for the season.
 3. If a non-member wrote the check, the member the check was written for will be suspended until the full amount of the NSF check and the NSF fee has been collected by the DDA Treasurer.
 4. The suspension will commence the moment the DDA Treasurer receives notice of the NSF check.
 5. The DDA Treasurer, for the purpose of collection will:
 - a. Notify the suspended member by phone.
 - i. The Treasurer will contact the suspended member as soon as the Treasurer is notified of the NSF check.
 - ii. If the Treasurer is unable to contact the suspended member by phone after 24 hours, a letter will be sent.
 - b. Notify the suspended member by mail:
 - i. A registered letter will be sent to the address on file with the DDA Secretary.
 - ii. If the address on the check differs from the address on file with the DDA Secretary, a registered letter will be sent to both addresses.
 - c. Charges will be filed with the Biloxi District Attorney's Bad Check Division if:
 - i. Notice is not able to be made by phone or registered letter within thirty (30) calendar days of the Treasurer receiving notice of the NSF check.
 - ii. The NSF fee and the amount of the check are not paid before the July Board of Governors meeting.

ARTICLE IV DDA CENSURE, PROBATION, SUSPENSION & EXPULSION:

- A. Perspective:

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1. Categorically and without restriction, the DDA reserves the right to censure, suspend or expel (terminate) any Member or Officer.
 - a. Any member who willfully creates disharmony, behaves in a manner prejudicial to the order and discipline is subject to suspension.
 - b. Any member who tarnishes the image of the sport of Darts will be expelled, suspended or censured.
 - c. No player, official, sponsor, nor spectator needs to tolerate embarrassment, belligerency, and/or defamation or poor sportsmanship from any DDA member.
 - d. The Executive Committee may choose the following disciplinary actions according to the offense:
 - i. Verbal reprimand will be given to any player which will be placed in the player's file.
 - ii. A written reprimand which will be completed by the Secretary and will be placed in the player's file after being signed by player.
 - iii. The player can be placed on probation for an amount of time to be determined by the EC.
 - iv. The player can be expelled from the DDA.
 2. Non-DDA and non-ADO sponsored tournaments and matches.
 - a. DDA will not be responsible for the behavior of any DDA member involved in any tournament or match that is, not sponsored in whole or in part by DDA.
 - b. Problems in public or private bars, lounges and taverns are the province of the injured party, the owner(s) or bartender who may seek redress under local and state laws by ejection, police intervention or arrest.
 - c. The bar's owner will have the backing of the DDA in whatever decision they make.
- B. Procedure
1. All protests and complaints of inappropriate actions must be in writing and filed within 48 hours of the incident and must be HAND CARRIED to a member of the Executive Committee, or designee. The secretary should be notified of the protest for purposes of record.
 - a. Within two (2) days of hearing of an alleged incident, the DDA President will notify the Vice President to investigate said incident.
 - b. The Vice President will inform all involved parties that an investigation is underway and make arrangements to meet with the people involved.
 - i. The VP will try to resolve the reported dispute.
 - ii. the VP will make a written report within three (3) days of findings, citing all specifications and charges, if any to the President.
 2. If the reported dispute cannot be resolved by the Vice President, the President will call a meeting of the EC within (3) days to serve as a Trial Committee.
 - a. The parties involved in the incident will be notified of the place and time of the trial hearing and their attendance will be requested.
 - b. All involved parties will be given an opportunity to address the Trial Committee.

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3. When the Trial Committee reaches a decision of what action to take, the accused will be informed of the decision.
 - a. The accused will have an option of accepting the decision or appealing it to the Board of Governors.
 - b. If the accused accepts the decision of the Trial Committee, the matter is then closed, and the decision of the Trial Committee goes into effect.
4. If the accused chooses to appeal to the board of Governors, the appeal will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors.
 - a. The decision of the Executive Committee remains in effect until there is a decision made by the Board of Governors, and the involved parties will be given an opportunity to speak.
 - b. After discussion, the Board of Governors will reach a decision in the matter.
 - c. The decision of the Board of Governors will be final and binding.

ARTICLE V THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- A. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Director, ADO Representative, Investigator's (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6), and Parliamentarian.
- B. No board member shall serve on the board of ANY other organization.
- C. The executive Committee shall administer the DDA within the confines set forth in these By-Laws.
- D. The governing body of the DDA shall be the Members of the Association.
 1. This governing body shall have and exercise a general supervision of the affairs of the DDA and shall manage its properties and effects.
 2. The Executive Committee shall assist in the administration of the DDA's policies, by presenting problems/infractions committed by teams and/or individual members to the governing body.
 3. The Executive Committee will establish communication with team members and expand the membership of the DDA.
 4. The legitimate organization expenses will be discussed and approved by the governing body and will be paid by the DDA Treasurer with a second signature.
 5. An Executive Committee Member, here-in-after, automatically resigns when, without sufficient cause, they fail to fulfill the job duties as described in Article VII.
 - a. If an ECM, for any unexcused reason, fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings and/or events, or two (2) out of three (3) scheduled meetings and/or events, the ECM automatically resigns.
 - b. The ECM must call the President before the meeting/event to explain why they will be unable to attend.
 - c. The President will make the determination if the absence is excused or unexcused.
 - d. The ECM will appeal to the BOG at the next scheduled BOG meeting if the ECM disagrees with the President's decision.
 - e. The decision of the BOG will be final and binding.
 - f. Should an Executive Committee Member resign from office during the interim between regularly scheduled Board of Governors meetings:

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1. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint an interim Executive Committee Member to the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting provided the vacancy was not the result of recall proceedings.
2. Should the President take leave of office, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President with the provision that a call for an election is made within sixty (60) days of the office being vacant.
6. The Executive Committee will meet as deemed necessary by the President, with meetings to held at least once a month. (With the exception of December)

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

- A. The Board of Governors shall be comprised of all DDA members who are in good standing.
- B. The Board of Governors will meet every 4th Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. Location to be announced. (With exception of December)
 1. Beginning season meetings will be held before the start of every season.
 2. The Secretary will publish the meeting dates, days, times and locations.
- C. A quorum shall constitute a simple majority of the Board of Governors Members in attendance.
- D. The Board of Governors has the power to make and amend all Bylaws of the DDA.
 1. Proposed Bylaw revisions may be submitted in writing at any time throughout the year.
 2. All proposed Bylaw revisions received by the Secretary will be addressed at the meetings. All voting will take place in November. (*Any dart member unable to attend the November meeting can have a proxy with a signed & dated letter of approval*).
- E. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Senior Executive Board Member shall assume the chair.

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

A. President:

1. The President shall reside at all Board of Governors and Executive Committee meetings.
2. The President shall decide all questions or order, appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered and be an ex officio member of all committees.
3. Be responsible for ensuring the maintenance of the corporate papers for the Association.
4. Unless excused by the No Vote Proviso, he/she may only vote to break a tie.

B. Vice President:

1. The Vice President shall assist the President in maintaining the efficiency of the operation.
2. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties normally performed by the President.
3. Be responsible for ensuring that all league playing dartboards be certified a minimum once per year and/or as needed according to DDA standards.

C. Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall be responsible for scheduling all meetings.
2. Record the minutes of all BOG and Executive Committee Meetings.
3. Notify parties of their election to the Executive Committee.

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4. Issue notices and results of all Board of Governors meetings and elections.
5. Conduct the correspondence between the board members.
6. Perform other duties as from time to time be imposed on the office.
7. The Secretary will be deemed the State Registered agent of the DDA.
8. Be responsible for filing the annual report to the State.
9. Be responsible for filing the updated registered agent papers to the State.

E. Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer will be listed on the bank account with the President's name.
 - a. There will be NO DEBIT CARD.
 - b. There will only be one (1) bank account with frozen funds separated for accountability.
 - c. All checks issued by DDA will be required to have two (2) signatures. One signature being that of the Treasurer and the other being that of the President.
2. The Treasurer shall receive and maintain custody of DDA funds and shall promptly deposit all monies received.
3. The Treasurer shall keep separate records of all funds to be used by the PR Director and the ADO Rep to be turned over as needed for special events and/or tournaments.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection of dues and fees.
5. The Treasurer shall receive ALL dart cards prior to sale for accounting purposes.
6. The Treasurer shall receive ALL monies from sale of dart cards to ensure accountability.
7. Be required to submit a Treasurer's report at all scheduled Executive Committee & BOG meetings concerning all DDA financial activity, in its entirety.
8. Be required to file appropriate tax forms to the IRS annually.
 - a. Federal Tax form Ecard 990 for income under \$25,000.
 - b. Federal Tax form 990 for income over \$25,000.
9. Be required to turn updated membership list over to the Secretary on a monthly basis for record keeping purposes.

F. Public Relations Director (herein after "PR"):

1. The PR Director shall in concert with the Executive Committee and/or Board of Governors, will plan, initiate, direct and coordinate all advertising, promotional and membership campaigns, etc. of and for the DDA.
2. Be responsible for securing sponsors for TV, radio, newspaper and magazine coverage of DDA sponsored events.
3. Be responsible for the charity fund raising via running the fun board at DDA sponsored events.
4. Be required to maintain a journal of funds and present a report to the Treasurer a week before any scheduled BOG meeting.
 - a. The Treasurer shall notify the PR Director of the funds available to them for use in obtaining items for charity events such as items for the fun board & food if required.
 - b. The PR Director shall be provided with a journal each year in order to keep up with funds used & collected.

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5. The current PR Director will distribute funds raised for the DDA charities at the July BOG meeting.
 - a. In the event the current PR Director is not available, then the President shall present the funds to the DDA charities at the July BOG meeting.
6. The PR Director shall create ideas for fundraisers throughout the year in order to raise monies for the DDA charities.

G. ADO Representative (herein after “ADO Rep”):

1. The ADO Rep will oversee all ADO sanctioned DDA directives where applicable and relate information received from ADO to the Board of Governors and Executive Committee.
2. The ADO Rep will certify members to any ADO competition. The ADO Rep is the liaison between the DDA and the ADO and will ensure that the DDA ADO membership dues are paid each year by the Treasurer.
3. The ADO Rep will be required to maintain a journal of funds & present a report to the Treasurer a week before any scheduled BOG meeting.
4. The ADO Rep shall be provided with a journal each year in order to keep up with funds collected and distributed.

H. Investigators:

1. The Investigators will initiate, plan, coordinate and co-direct major functions assigned by the President.
2. The Investigators will be responsible for recruiting volunteers in the respective areas.
3. The Investigators will act as liaison between the Executive Committee and the General Membership.

I. Parliamentarian:

1. The Parliamentarian will be responsible for knowing the Bylaws and ensuring that they are followed.
2. The Parliamentarian will keep notes of any proposed changes to the Bylaws to ensure that all changes are submitted to the President to present to the Board of Governors at the next meeting to be voted on.

J. All Executive Committee members shall work with the PR Director throughout their term in office in an attempt to raise money for DDA charities.

K. No Executive Committee member shall take it upon themselves to do a job without first checking with whoever is responsible to make sure that it has not been done and is okay for them to do.

L. At the expiration of the term of any Executive Committee Member’s office, all pertinent property, books, papers, correspondence and work in progress belonging to the DDA will be turned over to the successor.

1. If the office term is expired through an election of another member, the DDA property will be turned over on January 1st.
2. If the office term is expired through any other means, DDA property will be turned over immediately.
3. A committee formed will make their findings or suggestions known to the BOG for final decision by vote.

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ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS:

- A. The order of business and/or procedure of any Board Meeting or any subject not covered by these Bylaws or noted in the Board Minutes shall be subject to “Robert’s Rules of Order”, newly revised. However, should there be a conflict with these Bylaws and/or “Robert’s Rules of Order”, newly revised, these Bylaws shall prevail.
- B. Board of Governors Meetings:
 - 1. Participating in such meetings shall be ALL cardholding members.
 - 2. The President or Presiding Officer, reserves the right to expel any non-member or DDA Member not in good standing with evidence and supporting reason for why they should not attend.
 - 3. BOG meetings shall be held as follows in a location secured by the Executive Committee:
 - a. Winter/Spring Season meeting will be prior to the first night of league play.
 - 1. Awards from previous season will be distributed.
 - 2. Packets for upcoming season will be distributed.
 - 3. If an urgent matter comes up - the Executive Committee shall reserve the right to take action for the best interest of the DDA and will present justified reasoning for their action at the next BOG meeting.

ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS:

- A. The officers of the DDA listed in Article V of these Bylaws will be nominated in June’s meeting, elected at the November Board of Governors meeting and will take office on January 1st of the next year.
- B. Nominations will be accepted from the Board of Governors at the June meeting.
 - 1. Any DDA member not on suspension or probation is eligible to run for any elective office.
 - 2. Members nominated must be present at the June meeting to accept the nomination or have hand delivered a signed letter of acceptance for the position being nominated for to a sitting ECM.
 - 3. Unopposed nominees will take office on January 1st.
- C. A simple majority of total votes cast will be needed for a candidate to be elected.
- D. All members of the DDA are eligible to vote, except those not in good standing.
- E. The BOG will appoint three (3) members to be Poll Supervisors.
 - 1. Poll Supervisors will be appointed at the October BOG meeting.
 - 2. Poll Supervisors should not include anyone that is presently in office or anyone who is nominated to run for office.
 - a. In the event that someone is appointed before June but for some reason is placed on the ballot after that time, they should be replaced by another person appointed by the BOG at the next meeting.
 - 3. All votes for offices done on a ballot, are to be handed to DDA Board Members.

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- a. Members will vote their ballots by making a mark in the space provided for one (1) name for each office that they are voting for. Voting for more than one (1) person for the same office nullifies both votes. Marks will be in ink only. Voting in pencil nullifies the ballots.
 - b. If a member cannot be present at the voting meeting, they can vote at previous meeting by putting their ballot in a signed and sealed envelope given to the Secretary to be presented on the day of voting.
 - c. The Poll Supervisors will count all ballots that are qualified.
4. The results will be given to the President and he/she will announce the voting results as elections at the same November BOG meeting.
 5. Any person running for a board position must be present at all meetings after being nominated.

ARTICLE X RECALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- A. Any Executive Committee Member may be recalled from office by a majority of those Board of Governors in attendance at any Board of Governors meeting with just cause.
 1. Recall voting shall be accomplished by secret ballot. Purpose of recall shall be for cause:
 - a. Dereliction of duty.
 - b. Misappropriation of funds.
 2. Any Executive Committee Member recalled by the Board of Governors has the right to appeal such recall action.
 3. Such appeal must be in writing and received by the President no later than ten (10) days after the Board of Governors recall ruling.
 4. If, after consideration of the appeal by the Board of Governors, the appeal is rejected, there can be no further appeal.
- B. If the President is recalled, the Vice President shall assume the office and a new Vice President will be elected to the position that the Senior Vice resigns.
 1. Should the President appeal the case the Vice President, from the date of the petition, shall assume the duties of the President until the Board of Governors makes a final determination.

ARTICLE XI ESTABLISHED TEAM STATUS:

- A. Established teams are teams that completed the last scheduled season, including teams that were down to four (4) players and meet the minimum requirements listed below.
- B. Established teams will play in the League for which the team is qualified, after the last game of the last scheduled season.
 1. Provided the team consists of four (4) members of the original team and any two (2) members that are qualified to shoot in that league.
 2. The team must consist of at least four (4) players eligible to play the next season.

ARTICLE XII NEW TEAM ENTRANCE TO LEAGUE PLAY:

- A. A new team is:
 1. At least six (6) players that have not competed as a team.

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2. A team of at least six (6) players that failed and did not complete the last season, but rebuilds to meet the requirements.
 3. A team of at least six (6) players that completed the last season, but could not meet the Established Team requirements, but meets the requirements in Article XIII.
- B. The Executive Committee reserves the right to approve new teams and new sponsors prior to affiliation with this association. The Executive Committee has the authority to approve or reject a new team or new sponsor, with cause.

ARTICLE XIII TEAM, NEW AND RELEASED PLAYERS, AND FORMS:

- A. No team will be scheduled for a season if the VP has not received the Roster/Statement of Intent Form (TR-1) by the cut-off date and time for that season.
1. All players intending to play during a given season must sign the TR-1 Form of a team.
 2. As soon as a player signs the TR-1 Form, they are committed to play for that team.
 3. Any Player signing another team TR-1 Form without being released from a prior commitment, shall continue playing for their original team until they are replaced on the original team, if the release puts the team under six (6) players
- B. Rosters must be received by the DDA VP no later than six (6) p.m. *There will be no exception to this rule.*
1. On December 15th for the Winter/Spring Season.
 2. On June 15th for the Summer/Fall Season.
 3. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to make sure that the DDA VP has received their TR-1 Form by the cut-off date for each season.
 - a. The team Captain should call the DDA Secretary no later than seven (7) days after the due date to ensure that their TR-1 Form has been received.
- C. Cut-off date of mid-season shall be seven p.m. (7:00 p.m.) of the date of the first game of the last half of the season. (Example: If the season is to be eighteen (18) weeks, the cut off will be week 9 at 7:00 p.m. If the season is 14 weeks, the cut off will be week 7 at 7:00 p.m.) No player may join a team after this date and time except as allowed elsewhere in this Article.
- D. Players may be released from committal, at their request, by the team captain, provided that team strength will not be fewer than six (6) players.
1. Any player refused a release by a team captain, may request the Executive Committee to intervene on their behalf.
 - a. The Executive Committee may grant release after both parties and any witnesses have appeared on their behalf.
 - b. Failure of either party to appear at the hearing will automatically give the opinion to the party that is present.
 2. If a member of a team leaves the area, the team must release him by request.
 - a. Should the member return to the area, the release may be canceled upon notifying the E.C.
- E. Released players may sign with any team up to the mid-season cut-off date.
1. Released or new players may sign at any time with a team that has six (6) players or less.

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2. Players from disbanded teams, with exception of the players who caused the disbandment, shall be allowed to play with other teams.
 - a. Player(s) that cause a team's disbandment shall not be allowed to play for the rest of the season, unless their absence was due to physical impairment or job/duty requirements.
 - b. The Executive Committee shall determine the eligibility of these players. Any recommendations for disciplinary action will be made to the Board of Governors at the next BOG meeting.
- F. Any player voted off of any team for any reason shall be said to have been released with cause.
 1. Any player released with cause must appear before the Executive Committee with both former Captain and the gaining Captain and any witness that any party desires to call, before he may join another team.
 2. The Executive Committee will present the information to the B.O.G. for their vote for whether to allow the player to join another team.
- H. Within sixty (60) days of their moving into the area, new members may join the D.D.A. and sign a Team/ Roster/Statement of Intent. This also includes an individual who has left the area for more than fourteen (14) weeks and returns.

ARTICLE XIV PLAYING LEAGUE STRUCTURE AND SCHEDULING:

- A. The year consist of two (2) seasons.
 1. The winter/Spring season (January through May) will start on the third (3rd) Monday in January.
 2. Summer/Fall season (July through November) will start on the third (3rd) Monday in July.
- B. D.D.A. teams will be divided into leagues of at least two (2) levels of skill play based on past performance of either players or teams.
 1. These leagues will be "A" League, "B" League, Etc.
 - a. Additional Leagues may be added or decreased to accommodate additional teams as needed
 2. Teams and players will be rated at the level the team held at the end of the last season played including those promoted/demoted as described in Section C. of this Article.
 - a. If a lower team picks up 2 higher ranking players, their team will subsequently moved up 1 to 2 divisions as the Executive Board sees fit.
- C. Promotion/Demotion Procedure (guidelines use only)
 - 1 The Scheduling Committee has the authority to place any new team at any higher or lower level, regardless of eligibility to maintain a numerical balance of teams as nearly as possible at all levels.
 2. Our leagues are labeled as "A" and "B". The last two teams in "A" League, will be moved down to "B" League, providing a majority of established teams have rejoined for the new season. And the two (2) top teams in "B" League, will be moved up to "A" League. This remains true if it is possible to do so.

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3. Any tie promotion/demotion or first place between any teams within a division/subdivision will require a one game play-off, unless one team concedes to the other.

D. Scheduling League Play

1. Persons designated by the President to do the scheduling will group all teams, established and new, into leagues the teams are qualified for.
2. The leagues will be balanced numerically by placing a team in the next lower league as needed to fill any vacancies.
3. If it is necessary to move teams up, then the next highest established team, based on results of last leg will be moved up.
4. When a central division is activated through all league levels, the schedulers will start in the approximate geographical center of the Central division and working alternately to schedule the Central division.
5. Schedulers will then schedule as many complete rounds as is possible for teams to play each other two (2) times. The number of weeks will be determined by the number of teams in each league.
 - a. An extra week may be inserted for hurricane season and/or major holidays or time for scheduled preparation if needed.
 - b. It is permissible for a season to be less than fourteen (14) weeks.

E. All play-offs shall be best two (2) out of three (3) matches based on regular league format.

1. The first team to score ten (10) points wins that match.
2. Should a tie result after a full match has been played, then a team game of 1001 easy on/double out will be played, with six (6) players from each team.
 - a. If a team played shorthanded, then all players on that team who participated, must play if still present. If shooting with less than six players, a team must skip turns to equal six players.
 - b. Each team will shoot in rotation.
 - c. Once lineup has been set, no deviation from the lineup will be allowed.
 - d. Deviation will be cause for forfeit.
3. All division winner ties, promotion/demotion play-offs, must be completed within fourteen (14) days of season's final game, unless a hurricane or holiday intervenes, then the time limit will be extended if needed. This will be one match only between the two teams.
4. All league champion play-offs must be completed within twenty-one (21) days of season's final game, unless there is a division play-off. Then the play-off must be completed within twenty-one (21) days of completion of division winner play-offs.

F. The Scheduling Committee has the authority to:

1. Decide which major division will be subdivided.
2. Decide when to implement a central division.

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3. Increase or decrease the number of teams promoted/demoted to maintain a balance throughout the entire league structure.
 - a. This rule may not be imposed to make room for a newly formed team.
 - b. Established teams always take precedence over a new team.

ARTICLE XV PLAYING RULES:

A. General:

1. All dart events played under the exclusive supervision of and/or sanctioned by the ADO/DDA, shall be played in accordance with the following rules.
2. All players/teams shall play by these league rules and where necessary supplemental rules stipulated by the DDA Board of Governors.
3. Any player/team who, in the course of any event fails to comply with any of these league rules, shall be subject to disqualification from the event.
4. The interpretation of these league rules, in relation to a specific darts event, shall rest with the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.
5. Good sportsmanship shall be the prevailing attitude during league tournament play.
6. Gambling is neither permitted nor sanctioned by the ADO/DDA.
7. The ADO/DDA assumes no responsibility for accident or injury during any league or special event.
8. If a problem or question should arise during a match, the VP should be called.

B. League Play shall consist of the three legs of play as follows for the "A" and "B" League.

1. Leg 1. Six (6) single games, 301 Double On/Double Off.
2. Leg 2. Three (3) doubles games, Killer Cricket with Points.
3. Leg 3. Three (3) doubles games, 501 Easy On/Double Off.

C. Points will be awarded as such:

1. One point will be awarded for each game of singles.
2. Two points will be awarded for each doubles game.
3. A total of eighteen (18) points for each match.

D. No player may move down in divisions more than one (1) division at a time. A player must sit out one (1) complete season to be considered a lower ranking player. For example, an "A" Player who has played in "A" one season may only go down to "B".

E. Score Cards

1. The DDA Official Score Cards will be in triplicate and will be used by all teams.
 - a. Home Team Official Score Sheets consisting of white & yellow copies. White copy to go in drop box and yellow copy is for home team..
 - b. Visiting Team Official Score Sheet consisting of single pink sheet.
2. Date of match and team names (home team on left, visiting team on right).
3. Print players name, FIRST AND LAST as well as their membership card number for the first time they play.
4. Both team captains must indicate their line-up, one leg of play at a time, and no substitutions will be allowed after the line-up is made unless agreed upon by both team captains.

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5. Winners of each game will be marked with an "X" or by circling the number/name.
6. Both team captains are responsible for recording high scores, high on and high outs for Ladies and Men.
7. Mark final match score at the top of the score sheet.
8. Both team captains must sign the scorecard and make sure the score is written at the top as well as both team names and correct date. Once signed, scores and feats are final. If you have a problem, it MUST be written in the comment section or we cannot consider it.
9. The comment section is to record 8T0, trip trips, etc..
 - a. Example: If a player scores a 120 out/on and no other player scores higher during that night of play, the 120 is considered High Out/On as well as High score.
 - b. Awards are given for Trip Trips in Cricket ONLY. All 9 marks must count, either to close or score points.
 - c. Denote any problems/praises.
 - d. To notify the Secretary of a formal complaint.
 - e. To notify the Secretary that the Captain/Co Captain was not present to sign the scorecard and as to who signed it.
10. The host team captain must put score cards in one of the drop box locations.
11. If the scorecard is not received prior to the next match scheduled, 3 points will be deducted for each week it is late. The official DDA score card will remain invalid and winning placement, team awards and individual awards of all teams in all divisions will be based on verified points only.
 - a. The Secretary may call the Visiting Captain and ask for the PINK copy of the scorecard to be hand delivered to an Executive Committee member/Secretary, or designee to verify points.
 - b. The Visiting Captain may call the Secretary and offer to hand deliver the score cards to verify points won/lost and high scores.

F. FORFEITS:

1. League play will commence strictly at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays.
 - a. It is permissible to start early provided, both teams are present and both captains concur.
 - b. A match may be postponed by agreement of both captains for reasonable situations or conveniences.
 - c. A postponed match must be completed prior to the next scheduled league play date.
 - d. The last game of the season may be advanced a maximum of seven (7) days.
 - e. The hosting location for a postponed match may be changed by agreement of both captains.
2. A team with less than four (4) players in attendance at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night automatically forfeits.
 - a. At least four (4) players of the team calling the forfeit must be present.
 - b. Any team with at least four (4) players in attendance at the scheduled starting time must play the match if an opponent is present.

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- c. When a Game comes up and there is no one to play the game, that particular game will be forfeited to the opposition in attendance.
 - d. Points will only be awarded for events where players are in attendance. If neither team has a member present to shoot that game, points will not be awarded to either team.
 - e. All players in attendance will be listed on their respective side (home/visitor) of the scorecard with their dart card number.
 - f. The scorecard is to be signed by the attending captain(s) and placed in one of the drop boxes.
3. Anytime a player stands at the hockey line and purposely throws three (3) darts to the floor, it shall be considered an automatic forfeit of that game.
- G. An unauthorized player is a player that is not a member of DDA, a member not in good standing or a member that is not on the TR-1 Form and/or a TR-2 Form has not been filed with the Secretary.
1. A match that an unauthorized player played will be declared a forfeit. All points scored by that player and any points scored with a partner, will be forfeited. NO ONE may play under another person's name.
 2. Point(s) will be awarded to the player of the team that is present at the time of game.
- H. All players will have their membership cards in their possession during matches as proof of membership.
1. If a player is challenged and the player does not have the membership card in possession, the challenger has the option of allowing that player to play on a conditional basis as long as the team captain shows proof of the player on the TR-1.
 2. Conditional basis should be noted on the scorecard in the comments section.
 3. The Secretary will verify or deny the claim.
- I. Nine darts warm up is the maximum allowance per player.
- J. Players and scorer only are allowed inside the playing area. Opposing players must stand at least two feet behind the player at the hockey line.
- K. The Throw:
1. All darts must be thrown from the hand.
 2. A throw shall consist of three darts, unless a game is finished in a lesser amount.
 3. Any dart bouncing off or falling out of the dart board shall not be re-thrown, except when throwing for the cork.
- L. Starting:
1. The visiting team will have the option of throwing first for the cork in each game of each leg.
 2. The second thrower may acknowledge the first as an inner or outer Bull (cork) and ask for the dart to be removed prior to their throw.
 3. Should the second player dislodge the dart of the first, a re-throw will be made with the second thrower, now, throwing first.
 4. The dart must remain in the board in order to count. Additional throws may be made when throwing the cork until such time as the player's darts remains in the board.
 5. Re-throws will be called if the scorer cannot decide which dart is closest to the cork, or if

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Both darts are anywhere in the inner bull.

Should a re-throw be necessary, the person who shot second will now shoot first.

6. No dart may be touched by the thrower, another player, the scorekeeper, or a spectator prior to the decision of the scorekeeper.
7. For a dart to score, it must remain in the board for five (5) seconds after the third (3rd) or final dart has been thrown by that player.
8. In order for a dart to be counted as a score, the tip of the dart must be touching the bristle portion of the board.
9. A dart score is determined from the side of the wire at which the point enters the board.
10. It is the responsibility of the player throwing the darts to verify the score before removing the darts. Failure to do so will result in no points scored.

M. The decision of the scorekeeper is final.

N. The Games:

1. 301

- a. Double On/Double Off.
- b. The inner bull is considered a double 25.
- c. The "Best Rule" shall apply, if a thrower scores one less, equal or more points than needed to reach zero, and did not hit a double with the last dart thrown to equal zero, the thrower has busted.
- d. The score left reverts to the score required to win the game prior to the beginning of this throw.
- e. Fast finishes, such as 3 in a bed, 222, 111 Shanghai etc., do not apply.

2. Killer Cricket:

- a. Only the numbers 15 through 20, the inner and outer bulls eye are used.
- b. The object is to close all the numbers and the bulls eyes prior to your opponent.
 - i. Killer Cricket means what it implies and often the strategy of shooting points means the difference between a game won or lost.
 - ii. To close a number, you must score three (3) of that particular number. (Example: Throw three singles, or one double and one single, or a triple.)
 - iii. To close the bulls eye the inner counts as a double and the outer as a single.
 - iv. Once a player/team closes a number, points may be scored on that number until the opponent closes that number, after which no further points may be scored on it.
 - v. The player/team that closes all the numbers and bulls eyes first and has the most points is the winner.

3. Doubles Events Cricket and 501:

- a. Doubles Cricket will be played as stated above with the exception of a partner throwing in split rotation against opposing team.
- b. 501 will be played as easy on/double out.
- c. It is permissible for one member of a doubles team to throw for the cork and have his/her partner shoot first.

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- d. It is permissible for a doubles team to participate with one player provided that team forfeits a turn in rotation equal to the missing player. The missing player may not join a game in progress.
- O. No player may participate in more than one game per leg of play either singles or doubles.
- P. Darts used in league play shall:
1. Not exceed an overall maximum of length of 30.5 cm (12 inches).
 2. Not weigh more than 50 grams per dart.
 3. Consist of a recognizable point, barrel and flight.
- Q. Dartboard:
1. The dartboard will be a standard 18" bristle board of the type approved by the ADO/DDA, and shall be of the standard 1-20 clock pattern, and shall be in good or better condition.
 2. The minimum throwing distance shall be 7'9 ¼". The board height shall be 5'8" from the floor level at the hockey to the center of the double bulls eye. It shall be 9'7 " from the center of the double bulls eye to the hockey at the floor level.
 3. The scoring wedge indicating 20 shall be the darker of the two colors and must be the top center wedge.
 4. The outer narrow band shall score double the segment number the inner narrow band shall score triple the segment number. The center ring shall score 25 points and be a single bulls eye. The inner circle scores 50 points, be a double for starting and finishing games and shall be a double bulls eye.
 5. A dartboard that is not in playing condition can cause a sponsor to lose the certification and cause the team to either re-schedule or forfeit a match.
 - a. If the board is not in playing condition and another one is not available either team can refuse to play on that board.
 - i. The match can be re-scheduled as described in Article XV C.1.
 - ii. The teams can go to another sponsor lounge with a certified board that is available.
 - iii. Or declare a forfeit.
 1. The VP must be called and informed what is happening.
 2. The Secretary must be notified via phone call and by explanation written in the comments section of the scorecard.
 - b. Boards that have gotten "hard", have broken wires, missing numbers, etc, are not "good boards".
 - c. It is up to the Captain/Co-Captain to bring the condition of the board to their sponsor for it to be replaced.
 6. Anytime a dartboard bracket is moved, the dartboard must be recertified prior to the next league match.
 - a. Once the board has been "replaced", the Vice President must be contacted.
 - b. The VP has 5 days to recertify a "moved" board.
 - c. It is suggested to notify the VP when a dartboard bracket will be moved.
 - d. It is suggested to make moves to boards during season breaks.

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R. Lighting:

1. Lighting must be affixed in such a way as to brightly illuminate the board, reduced to minimize the shadows cast by the darts.
2. The lights may in no way physically impede the flight of the dart.

S. The Hockey:

1. A raised hockey 1 ½" high and 2" long shall be placed at the minimum throwing distance however, a tape or painted line is permissible.
2. The edge of the tape or painted line nearest the dartboard will be the hockey line.
3. Marked plastic floor runners are permissible only if they are secured to the floor in some manner where they will not move and change the hockey distance.
4. Should any portion of a player's foot or shoe extend over the hockey line during a throw, all darts so thrown shall be counted as part of the throw, but any score made by said darts shall not be scored. One warning by opposing captain shall be sufficient before invoking this rule.
5. A player wishing to throw a dart, or darts, from a point either side of the hockey line must keep their feet behind an imaginary straight line extending from either side of the hockey line.

T. Scoreboard:

1. A scoreboard must be mounted within 4' laterally from the dartboard.
2. The scoreboard shall not be more than a 45-degree angle from the dartboard.

ARTICLE XVI TEAM CAPTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Captains for each individual team may be elected, appointed or chosen in any manner agreeable to the team. If desired, a co-captain may also be chosen to share the duties and responsibilities.
- B. The team captain shall advise team members of dates and times of Board of Governors meetings.
- C. The team captain will maintain the TR-1 for their team and will promptly put in drop box any and all changes for the DDA Secretary.
- D. The captain will maintain all team records and perform all duties necessary to the team.
- E. The captain/co-captain will make the lineup, and with the opposing team captain, ensure that the scorecard is neat and properly completed.
- F. The host captain will place the scorecard in one of the three (3) drop-box locations (O'Diddles, Val's or Inn Zone) within 48 hours of play.
- G. The team captain will designate scorekeepers for games when playing at home and will ensure that each scorekeeper is familiar with and abides by the rules and courtesies of correct scorekeeping.
- H. The team captain is responsible for the conduct of the team during league play.
 1. Excessive drinking, unruliness, profanity, verbal harassment in any form or any other action which disrupts the match or places DDA in a bad light are not acceptable.
 2. The team captain shall take action to stop and prevent any such conduct, up to and including expelling the offending party from the playing site with the aid of the sponsor's designee.
- I. The team captain shall be responsible for posting correspondence in the sponsor bar/lounge.
- J. The team captain shall have a current revised copy of the DDA Bylaws in their possession and will

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familiarize themselves with said Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII SCOREKEEPING:

- A. The home team is to be listed on the left side of the scoreboard and the Visitors on the right. Do not change sides during the night of play.
- B. Mark the board so that scores made are listed in the outer columns of the scoreboard and the remaining score is listed in the inner column. (ADO rule #36).
- C. Do not touch a dart when checking to see who has won the cork. If decision cannot be made "as is" how/where the darts are in the board, a re-throw will be made.
- D. Do not talk to a player at the hockey line.
- E. Sit/Stand facing the scoreboard.
- F. Stand still. No Dancing or fidgeting. Most players do not mind if the scorekeeper smokes/drinks while keeping score. Use judgement and if asked not to, don't.
- G. Do not call out the score of any dart(s) thrown unless asked by the shooter.
- H. Do not tell a shooter what to shoot to take a game out
 1. The scorekeeper is not to tell a shooter what to shoot.
 2. If the scorekeeper is asked, they may tell the shooter what is left and/or what is shot.
- I. Do not change the score once it is written down.
 1. A shooter should not remove their darts until they have confirmed the score they have shot and it has been written on the scoreboard.
 2. Once a shooter shoots and a remaining score is written down the previous score stays as written.
 3. In a doubles match after the partner shoots the previous partners score stays as written.
- J. Do not lean out to see what a dart has scores until the last dart in a turn is thrown.
- K. Do not show any signs of disgust or excitement.
- L. Never mark cricket scores until the last dart in a turn is thrown.
- M. Do not change the score or erase the board in the middle of a players throw.
 1. When the scoreboard is full and needs to be erased, it is recommended that the scorekeeper erase only the top of the board, leaving the last couple of scores to allow all shooters an opportunity to check the math.
 2. Changes should be made between throws.

THE PART OF THE BYLAWS THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE IS:

1. The members RUN and VOTE everything in the Dixie Dart Association.
2. No electronics, always use paper for DDA records.
3. The DDA's facebook page is not an electronic record for the league. The facebook page is for informational posts ONLY.