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### PREFACE

- A. The rules and regulations of this association are based upon the good sportsmanship and desire of the members to have fun and show good common sense. These rules are set forth to give everyone a fair chance, and should be followed and accepted on a regular basis. The Captains Committee will enforce these rules when necessary and may alter a given rule when necessary to facilitate general welfare and fairness.
- B. The rules of play that govern the ADO (American Dart Organization) will be enforced as the standard rule of the SRDA (Savannah River Dart Association). The rules of the ADO are the standard of organized darts of the United States.

### ARTICLE 1: REGISTRATION, FEES, TEAM PROFILE, AND SCHEDULES

- A. The registration date will be set and published by the Captains Committee during the end of season committee meeting. The date will generally be set for approximately one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to the first match date of a season. On this date, all names, addresses, and fees for a minimum team will be submitted to the Seeding Committee. Generally, ALL teams must be formed and registered at or before the Seeding meeting.
- B. The present registration fee for each member of the SRDA is twenty five (\$25.00) dollars for the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons. A five (\$5.00) dollar refund per fall and winter season paid is given for participation in the next years Garden City Classic tournament. Five (\$5.00) per member paid in the spring season goes directly to the Garden City Classic payout. Before a person may be placed on the team roster or added to a team, the registration fee must be paid in full. The fee for each member allows him/her to participate in each match, receive awards won by themselves or their team, and to attend the end of season banquet for the registered season. The bank must honor any fee paid by check or the member will be ineligible until the fee and bank charges are paid in full by cash. A full registration fee will be paid no matter when a player is added to the roster.
- C. A minimum team profile for registration is four (4) players. A completed SRDA Registration Form and the fee for each of the members must be received by the Seeding Committee meeting for that team to be eligible for play. The maximum number of players allowed on any given team is eight (8). Players may be added to a team, as long as they have not thrown for another team during the current season, are not registered to another team, have paid their registration fee, and their ranking is not more than the division they are attempting to join. Players may be dropped from a team, but if they have thrown during a match, they will forfeit their registration fee. Players may switch to another team one (1) time within the same or higher division prior to the fourth week of the season, but may not join another team after the third week of play. Registered players who are dropped may attend the banquet, but are not eligible for awards. Anyone who feels they should not have been dropped may register a complaint with the President for consideration by the Captains Committee.
- D. Each season is scheduled for twelve weeks (ten (10) weeks of competition and two (2) weeks for the city championship playoffs with the semi-finals and finals to be played at the banquet). Matches are scheduled for Monday nights. Holiday matches may be rescheduled with a vote by the Captains Committee. Any match may be rescheduled by the mutual consent of the concerned team captains (BOTH team captains must agree). The date for all rescheduled matches must be reported to the League Scorer no later than the day of play. Home Team Captain (based on original schedule) must call in results of the match and mail the score sheet to the League Scorer by 10 p.m. of the day following the match. Failure to call score in or to mail in score sheet on time will result in a deduction of 3 points from the score of the offending team. All matches must be played and reported to the Scorer prior to Wednesday of the final week of play. Matches will start at eight (8) p.m., with a fifteen (15) minute grace period allowed if needed by either team.

### ARTICLE 2: MATCH PLAY, FORFEITS, AND PROTESTS

- A. League matches will be thrown by the format decided by the Captains Committee (see Annex L for the current format). The format will remain the same until changed by vote by the Captains Committee. Registered players can play in any order (the order written down in doubles and four man does not have to be the order of play), as long as no one plays twice in each game. A minimum of three (3) players must be present for a match without a forfeit being declared. An absent player's name and a substitute's name may be entered for a game and either may throw when that game comes due. If neither arrives by the start of that game, that game is forfeited.
- B. Once the score sheets for each game are prepared and traded, no changes are allowed. The home team will announce the players for each game, and the throwers will agree on who corks (see ADO Rule #21, 22 and 28; if there is a debate, home team corks). Each team will provide a scorekeeper (if they have players available), but the actual scores are the responsibility of the throwers. Scorers may not assist either thrower during the game, except when asked for the actual score. Players should pay close attention to the scores. Once a set of darts is recorded, any corrections must be made prior to the next throw by the team with the wrong score. If a player throws out of turn, that turn and score are forfeit (see ADO rule #36). If the wrong order is noticed after the team has thrown again, the new order will remain with no loss of points. A throwers turn is over once a member of their team touches a dart embedded in the dartboard, even if they have not thrown all their darts (a scorer may not touch a dart at all (see ADO Rule #19)).
- C. There are two (2) types of forfeits: entire match and individual game. An individual game forfeit will result in one (1) point being given to the other team. An entire match forfeit will result in the other team receiving the team average at the end of season or 16 points, whichever is higher. The following circumstances are to be considered forfeits unless the concerned Captains can agree on a solution:

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- If a player/substitute is not present by the start of their assigned game (individual)
  - An unregistered (or unapproved substitute) player throws in a game (individual)
  - If less than three (3) players are present by the start of the match (match)
- D. Protests will not be cause for a match not being thrown, and if possible, should be worked out by the teams involved. Only a Team Captain can declare a protest (or their representative if not present) and “played under protest” must be written on both score sheets and initialed by both Captains. The League Scorer will be notified by phone when weekly scores are submitted. The protest will be brought before a Captains Committee prior to any championships being thrown, and a vote will be initiated to resolve the matter (unless the teams can resolve the matter earlier). If the rules are followed, no protest will be allowed. Calling a protest simply because you do not like an outcome is invalid.
- E. In the event that a team has only three members present for play, an unregistered player may be substituted to fill out the team. There will be a five (\$5) dollar fee for the unregistered substitute and a substitute form must be filled out. The opposing team captain must approve the substitution. An unregistered player can only substitute two (2) times in a season. The unregistered substitute may register and officially join a team and any substitution fees previously paid will be deducted from the twenty five (\$25) dollar registration fee. Unregistered substitutions will not be allowed after the ninth week of play or during any play-offs or championships.

### ARTICLE 3: LEAGUE OFFICIALS, SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. The following is a list of the current authorized league officials. For specific job requirements, refer to the By-Laws:
1. Team Captain/Co-Captain (Annex A). Each team will have both, and the position will be voted on by all team members.
  2. Captains Committee (Annex B). One team representative from each team (usually the captain) who votes on league matters.
  3. League President (Annex D). A registered member of the league, elected by the Captains Committee, to oversee all committee meetings and to act as a public relations person for the league (not necessarily a team captain).
  4. League Secretary (Annex F). A registered member of the league, elected by the Captains Committee, to maintain records of all league meetings and business (not necessarily a team captain).
  5. League Scorer (Annex E). A registered member of the league, elected by the Captains Committee, to maintain current and past rosters, All- Stars and scores (not necessarily a team captain).
  6. League Treasurer (Annex G). A registered member of the league, elected by the Captains Committee, to handle all monetary business for the league (not necessarily a team captain).
  7. League Member at Large (Annex M). A registered member of the league, elected by the Captains Committee to act as the collective voice of the league on matters in which the league member wishes to remain anonymous (not necessarily a team captain)
  8. League Sergeant at Arms (Annex H). A registered member of the league, elected by the Captains Committee, to maintain order at all meetings (Not necessarily a team captain)
- B. There are several committees that provide functions throughout the year, and may be made up of registered members (Annex I).
- C. Any establishment is welcome to sponsor an SRDA team, as long as league standards are maintained for match play. Specific standards are covered in Annex J. Any establishment, IAW government laws, may bar any league member from entering their establishment (it is the responsibility of the team to field a team without a barred player, or a joint decision can be made to throw elsewhere). If a sponsoring establishment is found to not meet league standards (by the Standards Committee), it is the teams' responsibility to find a new location until standards are met. League members shall abide by all local laws, as well as all standard requirements of the establishment. If a member feels that standards are not being met, the League Member at Large and League President should be notified to correct any problems, to include league member conduct.
- D. Captains Committee meetings will be held after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) and ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) week of each season, and special meetings may be called by the President with four days notice. Any league member may attend a committee meeting, but only the team representative may discuss business and vote. Any league member can propose new business with three (3) days notice to the League President. A Seeding Committee Meeting (Annex I and O) will be held approximately one week prior to the start of each season (see Article 1 A).
- E. A league championship will be held the week following the end of each season. The format for the championship will be decided upon (depending on the league size) by the Captains Committee at the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) week meeting. The end of season banquet will be held approximately two (2) weeks after the season ends, at which time trophies and awards will be presented (a list of present awards is in Annex K).

### ARTICLE 4: RULE CHANGES, AMENDMENTS, AND MEMBER CONDUCT

- A. Rule changes require three (3) weeks written notification of all proposed changes to be given to each Team Captain. Captains will discuss changes with their team members, and a vote at the next committee meeting will decide to accept or reject changes. A change in the rules requires a 2/3 majority of all captains present at the meeting. Rule changes will become effective only at the beginning of the next season. A set of rules, with all changes, will be provided to all team captains prior to a season starting. Any member of the league may present rule change proposals to the Captains Committee. Any new rule changes will override any existing rules at the beginning of each season.

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- B. It is the responsibility of each member to maintain sociable conduct during league functions. Common courtesy should be used, and a friendly, competitive attitude is expected. Repeated offenses that are brought before the Captains Committee can be grounds for a vote to suspend the offensive member. Any member proven guilty of breaking a local law (i.e., minors drinking, supplying minors with alcohol, etc.) will result in the automatic suspension of the member(s) participating in such activity until the Captains Committee can make a vote. Suspended members are ineligible for league play.

### ANNEXES

#### ANNEX A - TEAM CAPTAINS

The responsibilities of Team Captains are as follows:

- a) Prepare complete team rosters, collect the registration fees from all team members, pick up the Captains Packet for each season, and ensure all team members receive schedules and related information.
- b) Attend at least 2/3 of all Captains Committee Meetings, or their team will forfeit playoff privileges.
- c) Ensure score sheets are filled out properly after each match (first name and initial of each player). If they are the home captain for a match, call in results of the match and mail the score sheet to the league scorer by 10 p.m. of the day following the match. Failure to call score in or to mail in score sheet on time will result in a deduction of 3 points from the score of the offending team. As away captain, make a backup copy of match sheet.
- d) Must have all match sheets turned in for team to be eligible for any awards (High in \ out \180, 9 mark pins, sportsmanship and All-stars) Verify the ranking of all add on members, and send add on/drop sheet along with the registration fee to the scorer with the score sheet and any adds on first match.
- e) Ensure sportsmanlike play, and attempt to settle all disagreements without a protest.

#### ANNEX B - CAPTAINS COMMITTEE

- a) The committee is made up of one representative from each team (usually the Captain). A member may represent more than one team at a meeting but may only represent teams with the same home establishment. The member will have one vote regardless of the number of teams representing.
- b) The committee will hear new business, approve proposals, settle all protests and vote on rule changes, formats, championship formats and banquets.
- c) Each member represents their team, and will inform them of meetings, seek their advice and vote their wishes.

#### ANNEX C - CHAIRPERSON

This position combined with the President.

#### ANNEX D - PRESIDENT

Responsibilities of the President include the following:

- a) The President will provide a written agenda at each meeting, which will include officers' reports, pending old business, and new business to be discussed, including that which may require a vote.
- b) Contact potential new players, new establishments, sponsors, and teams about joining the league.
- c) He/she is responsible for promoting the league and ensuring a smooth entry into the league by new members.
- d) The President is a non-voting member of the committee, unless he/she is a captain (see By-Laws Article IX, sec. 1).

#### ANNEX E - SCORER

Responsibilities of the Scorer include the following:

- a) The Scorer will compile weekly scores, individual rankings, and high marks by league individuals.
- b) He/she will report to the Captains Committee all protests, new members, dropped members, total number of players in the league, and any discrepancies on team rosters.
- c) He/she will maintain score sheets for two seasons, individual and division ranking for three years, and current rosters for each team.
- d) He/she must have a phone, to receive weekly score calls, will compile weekly scores, and make available a weekly score sheet to each team captain in the league.
- e) He/she will compile and report the votes for Sportsmanship Award after the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) week match (see By-Laws Article IX, sec. 5).
- f) The Scorer is a non-voting member of the committee, unless he/she is a captain (see By-Laws Article IX, sec. 4).

#### ANNEX F - SECRETARY

Responsibilities of the Secretary include the following:

- a) The Secretary will maintain current team rosters, a copy of the SRDA Rules and Regulations and By-Laws, copies of committee meeting minutes for the past two (2) years, and a copy of all reports submitted to the committee for which a vote has not been initiated.
- b) The Secretary will keep records of all mailing and printing expenses for reimbursement purposes.
- c) He/she will keep and provide copies to each committee member of the last committee meeting.
- d) He/she will notify committee members of any rule change proposals, captains committee meetings, and special events.
- e) The Secretary is a non-voting member of the committee, unless he/she is a captain (see By-Laws Article IX, sec. 2).

#### ANNEX G - TREASURER

Responsibilities of the Treasurer include the following:

- a) The Treasurer will keep records of all mailing and printing expenses for reimbursement purposes.
- b) The Treasurer will maintain a current roster and a list of all members and membership fees received.



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- c) He/she will maintain financial records for the SRDA, file annual Incorporation reports with the state of South Carolina, and file any applicable local, state, or federal tax reports.
- d) He/she will present a financial report to each committee member at all meetings.
- e) He/she will maintain a standard checkbook and deposit all monies of the league promptly in the bank.
- f) The bank statements must be available at all times for an audit requested by any member.
- g) He/she will maintain records of all league property and will be responsible for rental and usage of all property.
- h) Will develop and present the budget for the current season.
- i) The Treasurer is a non-voting member of the committee, unless he/she is a captain (see By-Laws Article IX, sec. 5).

### ANNEX H - SERGEANT AT ARMS

Responsibilities of the Sergeant At Arms include the following:

- a) Call the meeting to order.
- b) Keep track of who has the floor next.
- c) Maintain order during the meeting.
- d) Ensure standards for suitability of play maintained by sponsoring establishments.
- e) The Sergeant At Arms is a non-voting member of the committee, unless he/she is a captain (See By-Laws Article IX, sec. 6).

### ANNEX I - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following committees may be made up of any league member, and will be formed and voted on by the Captains Committee when necessary:

1. Standards Committee - Up to three (3) members appointed by the President to inspect sponsoring establishments to ensure their suitability for league play. The committee will usually be chaired by the Sergeant at Arms and only be formed when a protest is submitted. The Captains Committee will have final vote.
2. End of Season Party - 2 or more volunteers are preferred to obtain a price for the meal and beverages to be served for the end of season party and will be responsible for monitoring costs to operate within the established event budget. Will also provide a place for the party and Championship Finals at an active establishment. The Captains Committee will have final vote.
3. Awards - 2 or more volunteers are preferred to obtain a price for the awards to be handed out at the end of season party. They will be responsible for keeping the cost within the set budget. The Captains Committee will have final vote.
4. League Championship - 2 or more volunteers are preferred to set up the number of teams to play in the play-offs, the format, seeding of teams and location of the matches. The semi-finals and finals will be played at the location of the end of season party established by the Party Chairman. The Captains Committee will have final vote.

Special circumstance committees are needed from time to time, and will be set up as needed.

### ANNEX J - STANDARDS

Each establishment will have at least two (2) dartboards for each league team throwing in their establishment. The boards will be a Standard English Bristle 20-point clock faced board, and will be kept in good repair. Boards will be placed with the double bull five feet eight inches (5'8") above the floor the player is standing on. The edge of a board will be at least thirty (30) inches from a wall, and the double bulls of each board at least Fifty four (54) inches apart. Boards will be firmly anchored and illuminated to reduce shadows. Lights must be affixed in such a way as to brightly illuminate the board, reduce to a minimum the shadows cast by the darts, and not physically impede the flight of dart. A scoreboard must be mounted within 4' laterally from the dartboard and at not more than a 45-degree angle from the dartboard. The darter must have a reasonable unobstructed view of the scoreboard. The oche (throw line) will be seven feet nine and one quarter (7'9 ¼") inches from the surface of the board. The oche will be marked on the floor and be at least two (2) feet in length (see ADO Rules #42- 46). In the event the oche is a tape or similar 'flush' marking, the minimum throwing distance shall be measured from the edge (front) of the tape closest to the dartboard. Opposing players must stand at least 2 feet behind the player at the Oche. Vents or fans causing a draft in the field of play (oche to board) must not physically impede the flight of dart. (Refer to Annex N for diagram of board standards)

### ANNEX K - AWARDS

The following is a list of awards that will be supplied by the league at the end of the season banquet:

1. First Place Division - Each registered member of the first place team in each division will receive an award as selected by the team as a whole, including but not limited to apparel, beverage ware, etc., which they may keep.
2. Second Place Division - Each registered member of the second place team in each division will receive an individual pin, which they may keep.
3. League Championship Trophy - Each registered member of the team winning the league championship will receive a pin, which they may keep. The team will receive the championship trophy with the names of past winners on it

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- for their sponsor location. This trophy is a traveling award, and must be returned to the Awards Committee prior to the next end of season party. The captain is financially responsible for the trophy.
4. Division All-Star Trophies - Males and females with the best ranking in each division will receive an All-Star Award, which is theirs to keep. To receive this award, members must have thrown a minimum average of 3.2 games per week per season. There must be a minimum of two or more qualifying players for the All-Star to be awarded.
  5. Sportsmanship Awards - Each team will vote for the sportsmanship award on their score sheet for week nine (9). Each team will choose a first and second choice. The team will receive the Sportsmanship plaque with the names of past winners on it for their sponsor location. The captain is financially responsible for the trophy.
  6. Ton 80 pins - Ton 80 pins will be awarded to each individual who throws a Ton 80 during the season or championship. Individuals will receive a pin for every Ton 80 thrown.
  7. 9 Mark pins - 9 Mark pins will be awarded to each individual who throws a 9 Mark during the season or championship. Individuals will receive a pin for every 9 Mark thrown.
  8. CZ pins - CZ pins will be awarded to each individual who throws a CZ during the season or championship. Individuals will receive one pin per season for this achievement.

### ANNEX L - CURRENT FORMAT

The current format is one match per night consisting of six (6) sets, the first five (5) sets consisting of 4 games with each game being worth 1 point. The sixth set is a four-player Team 701 game worth 3 points, for a possible total score of 23 points per match. Order of play is as follows:

- Single 501 (SI/DO)
- Double 501(SI/DO)
- Single Cricket
- Double Cricket
- Single 301(DI/DO)
- 4 person 701(DI/DO)

### ANNEX M - Member at Large

Responsibilities of the Member at Large include the following:

- a) be available to all league members so they may bring forward issues or concerns.
- b) brief issues brought forward from members to the President and prepare briefings for the captains committee if directed by the President.
- c) The Member at Large is a non-voting member of the committee, unless he/she is a captain (See By-Laws Article IX).

### ANNEX O - Seeding Process

Teams shall submit their roster at the Seeding Meeting which is held at league registration each season. Once all rosters are submitted, the Captians Committee shall determine the placement of each team. The following process for Seeding is to be used by the Captians Committee:

1. Teams submitting rosters for participation in the league shall be divided into as many divisions of skill as possible, i.e., A, B, C, D, E. Members of the Captians Committee shall use requests from the teams, league records, rankings and personal knowledge of player skills to determine the division in which the team will participate. All effort must be made to ensure the divisions are equally populated.
2. First place teams from the prior season will be advanced to the division above (see exclusions identified below).
3. Last place teams from each division from the prior season will be relocated to the division below (see exclusions listed below).
4. Consideration will be given to teams requesting divisions other than that in which they participated the prior season (see exclusions listed below).
5. Teams which placed in anything but first or last place will remain in their current division until such time they win the division and advance or are relocated to a division below (see exclusions listed below).

Exclusions:

1. Should the members of a team change significantly, consideration will be given to adequate placement based upon advice from that team captain and general knowledge of the skill level associated with the members of the team. For example, if at least three members of the original team remain in place, the team shall fall within the guidelines above. If less than three original team members remain, the Captians Committee shall evaluate the new members and ascertain if the team should be advanced or relocated to a lower division.



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2. If the advancement or relocation process results in a division being inequitably populated, these rules may be set aside in order to ensure the balance of divisions.

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