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TCDA RULES AND PROCEDURES

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the TWIN CITY DARTS ASSOCIATION, INC. Incorporation papers for said organization are on file in the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are integral to the terms of these By Laws:

Section 1 - Whenever the initials **TCDA** are used, they shall mean TWIN CITY DARTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 2 - Whenever the word **Board** is used, it shall mean that annually elected body described in Article VI, Section 1

Section 3 - Whenever the term **Senior Board Member** is used, it shall mean the most senior Board Member present in terms of continuous service

Section 4 - Whenever the term **Member** is used, it shall mean an individual whose membership fee for the current season is paid and accepted by the TCDA.

Section 5 - Whenever the term **Associate Member** is used, it shall mean a manufacturer, distributor and/or a friend of Darts.

Section 6 - Whenever the term **Honorary Member** is used, it shall mean an individual who by his actions has attained special achievements, contributed outstanding efforts or made significant contributions to the game of Darts in general or to the TCDA in specific.

Section 7 - Whenever the term **Neutral** is used, it shall mean a Member not involved in the team, location or Division under discussion and to whom the NO VOTE PROVISIO does not apply.

Section 8 - As used in these ByLaws, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include feminine or neuter and the singular or plural number whenever the context so indicates or implies.

Section 9 - The TCDA fiscal year is 1 July through 30 June.

Section 10 - **RULES AND PROCEDURES** refer to a separate TCDA document related to rules of play

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the TCDA are as follows:

- A) Promote the sport of Steel Darts throughout the State of Minnesota.
- B) Organize, manage and develop steel tipped Darts in the Cities area.
- C) Sanction League competition in accordance with TCDA rules of play.
- D) Publish and distribute an Association newsletter (BULL AND TON).
- E) Improve conditions of play in TCDA organized, sponsored or sanctioned competitions, including League play.
- F) Coordinate and assist in the functions and activities of Darts in general in the Twin Cities Area.
- G) Establish and maintain friendly relationships with similar associations and leagues in the State and throughout the U.S.
- H) Represent the Twin Cities on a nation wide Steel Darts basis.

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

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1** - Membership is open to anyone who evidences interest in darts as a sport.
- Section 2** - All membership applications are subject to approval by the Board.
- Section 3** - A membership may be terminated or restricted with cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board or in accordance with Article XIV.
- Section 4** - A non-voting Honorary Membership may be issued at the discretion of and with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board.
- Section 5** - A non-voting Associate Membership may be issued at the discretion of a simple majority of the Board.

ARTICLE V FEES

- Section 1** - Membership dues and Sponsor fees shall be established by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board and are payable as determined by the Board.
- Section 2** - Tournament, social, and other incidental fees and prizes that become necessary from time to time shall be established by the Board.
- Section 3** - Membership dues shall be applicable to the period established by the Board. An applicant shall be considered properly registered when, within current policies, his application card and appropriate fee has been received by the Secretary.
- Section 4** - Sponsor fees shall be applicable to each season. Sponsors failing to submit their fees on or before the announced time could cause their team(s) to be dropped from the League or other penalties as deemed appropriate by the Board and set out in the TCDA Rules and Procedures. (See Sponsors and Change of Venue in TCDA Rules and Procedures).
- Section 5** - Annual membership dues permit the member to participate in TCDA League Play during the period(s) established pursuant to Article 5, Section 3 of these By Laws. The Board may determine a prororation of dues for partial year membership.
- Section 6** - The annual membership fee for an Associate Member shall be determined by the Board in each individual case. This membership entitles the Associate Member to use the TCDA logo with the wording Associate Member on their advertising to promote the visibility of the TCDA. The Board reserves the right to review and, at its discretion, by majority vote, reject any usage of the TCDA logo.
- Section 7** - There is no membership fee associated with an Honorary Member. An Honorary Member will receive a publicly presented lifetime membership card and plaque from the TCDA in recognition.
- Section 8** - Board members serving as of February 1 of each year shall receive free membership for that year.
- Section 9** - Divisional Advisors shall receive free membership so long as they serve as a Divisional Advisor for both Spring and Fall seasons of the membership year. If a Divisional Advisor serves as a Divisional Advisor only for the Spring season or only for the Fall season, they shall be responsible for paying one half of the current annual membership dues. If a Divisional Advisor has already paid membership dues prior to becoming a Divisional Advisor the TCDA shall reimburse that person one half of the membership dues previously paid by that person.

ARTICLE VI: THE BOARD

- Section 1** - Voting Board members shall be comprised of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Members At Large. The total number of Board members shall be governed by Article VI, Section 3.
- Section 1a** - An additional Board position titled Board Member Emeritus is added to the Board as of July 01, 2006 to be filled by Charles F. Stutz, Jr. in recognition of his long service to the TCDA. The Board Member Emeritus position is a lifetime appointment to the Board. This position increases the size of the board during the lifetime of Charles F. Stutz and carries full Board Member rights and responsibilities. The Board Member Emeritus position is a lifetime position to be filled by Charles F. Stutz, Jr. only. The Board Member Emeritus position automatically ceases to exist upon the death, resignation or expulsion of Charles F. Stutz, Jr. All attendance requirements for Board members are waived for the Board Member Emeritus position.
- Section 2** - Divisional Advisors will be appointed as necessary by the President. If multiple candidates notify the President in writing of their interest in the position of Divisional Advisor for a particular Division, then the Board shall select the Divisional Advisor for that Division by majority vote. Multiple Divisional Advisors may be appointed for a division at the discretion of the President or by majority vote of the Board. No division shall be entitled to more than one Divisional Advisor vote at any Board meeting. The President shall determine the voting Divisional Advisor in the case of multiple Divisional Advisors attending a Board meeting from the same division. All Divisional Advisors will be eligible to attend Board Meetings, but shall not be required to do so. A Divisional Advisor shall be entitled to vote in Board decisions. During Board meetings,

Divisional Advisors are subject to the rules, procedures and order applicable to and governing Board Meetings. Board Members may be Divisional Advisors concurrently.

Section 3 - Appointed Positions. The following non-mandatory Appointed Positions are non-voting Board Members (unless a Board Member or a Divisional Advisor is so appointed) who serve at the pleasure of the Board with no fixed tenure of office:

- A) Editor, BULL AND TON
- B) ADO Representative
- C) Membership Chairman
- D) Recording Secretary
- E) Tournament Director

Section 4 - The four elected titled Officers shall be bonded.

Section 5 - When a Board vacancy occurs, sufficient additions shall be made in accordance with Sections 11 and 12 of this Article to bring Board membership to the required total. Such additions should be made no later than the next regular monthly Board Meeting following the creation of the vacancy. No joint offices may be held.

Section 6 - Board members shall be elected for a period of two years and shall take office as specified in these ByLaws. The Board may determine by a majority vote to stagger the terms of office.

Section 7 - No more than two (2) Sponsors shall be permitted to serve concurrently as either a Board Member or Divisional Advisor. EXCEPTION: Those Board Members or Divisional Advisors becoming sponsors after the date of election shall be permitted to complete their term of office.

Section 8 - A Board Member automatically resigns when, without sufficient cause, he fails to appear at three consecutive meetings, provided such meetings are not scheduled within a period of thirty three (33) calendar days of each other. Board Meetings and General Meetings scheduled for the same time shall be considered one (1) meeting.

Section 9 - Sufficient cause is defined as Acts of God, personal hardship, or improper notice per Article VII, Section 1.

Section 10 - Board Members resigning per Section 8, above, shall not be permitted to run for office in the subsequent election.

Section 11 - Should a Board Member resign, die or be removed from office, the President shall be empowered to appoint a replacement, provided first consideration is given to those nominees at the last election. The first person to be considered is the one having the most votes and so on down the list until the vacancy is filled.

Section 12 - When the vacancy is not filled in accordance with Section 11, above, the President will fill the vacancy at his discretion provided the candidate was eligible for office at the preceding election. All such appointments are subject to approval by the Board.

ARTICLE VII BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM

Section 1 - The Board should meet at least once each month. Meeting date and place to be determined by the President. Attendance shall be excused if notice of the meeting is not received at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2 - Five (5) Board Members in attendance shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Senior Board Member present shall assume the Chair.

Section 3 - Should two (2) consecutive Board Meetings, scheduled as per Section 1, fail to produce a quorum, the Board shall be considered dissolved. (See Article X, Section 7).

Section 4 - Should a social event or an Association sponsored tournament be scheduled in the interim between the dissolution of the Board and an Election Meeting, those Members in attendance at the second no quorum Board Meeting must take appropriate action to ensure the success and continuity of such an event or tournament.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF TITLED OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

Section 1 - PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings unless excused by virtue of the NO VOTE PROVISIO. The President shall vote last if a polled vote is called. His signature will be one of the four (4) valid signatures on the Association checking and savings accounts. The President shall decide all questions of order, appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered, and be an ex officio member of all Committees.

Section 2 - VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall assist the President in maintaining the efficiency of the operation and, in either the absence or resignation of the President, he shall assume the duties normally performed by the President. The Vice President is responsible for ensuring that the equipment and the darts playing area provided by each Sponsor meet minimum standards and are acceptable to the TCDA. His signature will be one of the four valid signatures on Association checking and savings accounts.

Section 3 - Should both the President and Vice President take leave of office, the Senior Board Member shall assume the duties of the President with the provision that he call an

ELECTION MEETING within sixty (60) days of their leaving office in accordance with Article X, Sections 7C through 7F.

Section 4 - SECRETARY: The Secretary will record, file and distribute the minutes of all Board meetings; prepare and issue election ballots; receive all Applications for Membership and attendant dues (all dues received will be tendered to the Treasurer at the next scheduled Board meeting); notify parties of their election to the Board; handle correspondence; file a copy of all weekly standing sheets; distribute all meeting notices and announcements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, turn over all pertinent books and papers to his successor. His signature will be one of the four valid signatures on Association checking and savings accounts.

Section 5 - TREASURER: The Treasurer shall directly receive and maintain sole custody of all TCDA funds and shall promptly deposit all monies received. He shall be responsible for all collection of fees and fines. He shall be required to submit a Treasurers Report monthly. The Treasurer, at the discretion of the Board shall submit the books for an annual audit at the end of each Fiscal Year. If the Board so orders, an independent auditing firm will be engaged to conduct the audit review and submit their findings to the Board. The Treasurer should prepare a simplified financial report to be published in the BULL AND TON during the first quarter of each year. He will notify immediately the appropriate Divisional Advisor, Sponsor or individual of all returned checks. He shall turn over all pertinent books, records and papers to his successor.

Section 6 - PAYMENTS: All expenditures or withdrawals from TCDA funds must be approved by a simple majority of the Board or by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote at a General Membership Meeting. Any check issued by the TCDA should be cosigned by two authorized Board Members (President, Vice President, or Secretary). The two signatures required on checking or savings withdrawals cannot be from the same family or household.

NON-VOTING APPOINTED POSITIONS (OPTIONAL)

Section 7 - RECORDING SECRETARY:

The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for receiving, compiling, reporting and filing of weekly results of play. It is not necessary for the Recording Secretary to be a Board member. Upon authority of the President or Vice President, he shall publish in the standing sheets, announcements of special interest or tournaments being held by Sponsoring establishments provided such tournaments do not conflict with TCDA matches or events. He shall turn over all pertinent records and papers to his successor.

Section 8 - EDITOR, BULL AND TON:

The Editor is free to select his own staff of Circulation Manager, Advertising Manager, Production Manager and Contributing Writers. Editorial content is the purview of the Editor, subject to advice and consent of the Board. The Editor will be required to work within an approved budget. He will contribute to the TCDA budget process by providing BULL AND TON cost estimates on a per issue basis to the President at the latter's request. The Editor will file copies of each issue of the BULL AND TON; all paid for art work, photographs, keylining and correspondence. These files will be surrendered to his successor.

Section 9 - ADO REPRESENTATIVE: The ADO Rep is the TCDA's window to the world. As such, he is responsible for maintaining close, friendly ties with the ADO Regional Director by providing the Regional Director with timely, properly executed ADO Sanctioning Requests; scheduling ADO playoff events in the Twin Cities as directed by the Regional Director; distribute in a timely manner the ADO DOUBLE EAGLE and inform the TCDA Board of any correspondence received from the ADO. Additionally, the ADO Rep is required to maintain a current and valid mailing address for the TCDA with the General Secretary of the ADO and to submit results of TCDA tournaments and other pertinent news information to the ADO Office and the Editor of the Double Eagle. He shall turn over all pertinent correspondence and records to his successor.

Section 10 - TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: The Tournament Director is responsible for all TCDA sponsored tournament events. He shall be free to select his own staff(s). He will provide to the Board cost estimates by tournament. He shall maintain detailed records by tournament, write all correspondence required to play, initiate, and conduct each tournament, including thank you letters to tournament sponsors. Additionally, he is required to submit a written tournament report to the Board within four (4) weeks after each tournament.

Section 11 - MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: The Membership Chairman manages the Player Pool and is specifically chartered to expand membership and grow the organization from a promotional standpoint. Each member of the Board is also so chartered; however, the Membership Chairman provides the focal point and coordination for development activity. He is principally a creative idea man: membership surveys; placing articles; special dart clinic tournaments; promotional stunts; locating sponsors; selling Associate Memberships; etc.

ARTICLE IX NO VOTE PROVISIO

Section 1 - No Board Member or Divisional Advisor may vote on disciplinary issues or protests where a conflict of interest exists.

Section 2 - Should this PROVISIO deplete the Board below a quorum level, it is the responsibility of the Senior Neutral Board Member to assemble a quorum from the list of Neutral Divisional Advisors or Captains. The voting restrictions per Article VI, Section 2 will be waived in this instance for the Neutral Advisors or Captains.

ARTICLE X MEETINGS

Section 1 - BOARD MEETINGS: Such meetings shall be comprised of only Board Members and Divisional Advisors in accordance with Article VI, Section 2. TCDA Members who are not Board Members or Divisional Advisors may attend Board Meetings at the invitation of the President or presiding officer, or at the invitation of the Board as approved at a prior meeting. The President or the presiding officer reserves the right to expel any invitee at his sole discretion.

Section 2 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: A minimum of one General Membership Meeting per fiscal year is mandatory. One such meeting may be for the purpose of elections. The General Membership Meeting shall be held upon such notice as the Board deems reasonable. Any proposed ByLaw changes or agenda items must be received by the Secretary, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. All motions considered at a General Membership Meeting require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those Members present for passage.

Section 3 - CAPTAINS MEETING: Such meetings shall be comprised of the Board; Divisional Advisors; and, the Captain or authorized representative from each registered team. It shall be incumbent on the meetings chairman to introduce all Board Members and Divisional Advisors, disperse captain's kits, announce any changes to the Rules and Procedures and declare any equipment deficiencies to be corrected prior to league play commencement. Such meetings should be scheduled no later than seven (7) days prior to the first night of season play.

Section 4 - JOINT MEETINGS: At the discretion of the Board, the General Membership Meeting and a Captains Meeting may be combined.

Section 5 - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS: Such meetings may be called for by any Member and for a specific purpose only. The specific purpose must be in writing and witnessed by the signatures of at least forty (40) members in good standing or ten (10) percent of the current membership, whichever is less. Membership numbers must accompany each signature. No other business will be discussed at such a meeting. The Board must announce the time and place for such a meeting no later than sixty(60) days from date of receipt of petition by the Secretary. The NO VOTE PROVISIO as described in Article IX shall apply to those Members attending a Special General Meeting. Passage of the motion being considered requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by those Members present.

Section 6 - RECALL MEETINGS: Any Board Member or Appointed Position incumbent may be recalled for cause (usually dereliction of duty). Any Association Member in good standing may initiate Recall proceedings in accordance with Section 2 or 5, above. The decision to recall may be appealed in accordance with Article XIV, Section 3. The Board may recall any Appointed Position incumbent without appeal.

Section 7 - ELECTION MEETINGS: An Election meeting is called only to address Article VII, Section 4 or Article VIII, Section 3.

A) Should the dissolution of the Board take place less than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the incumbent Boards expiration of tenure, it shall be the responsibility of those Board Members attending the second no quorum Board Meeting to cause the Board Elect to assume office immediately and, if requested, to assist the new Board in successfully conducting any imminent, planned social event or Association sponsored tournament.

B) Should the dissolution of the Board occur any time prior to sixty (60) days before the end of the incumbent Boards expiration of tenure, those Members present at the second non-quorum Board Meeting shall arrange and call for an Election Meeting within thirty (30) days of the second non-quorum Board Meeting.

C) The Secretary or, in his absence, the Senior Board Member will announce the Election Meeting and call for candidates in the first subsequent Standings Sheet.

D) The Election Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Article XI, as appropriate, exclusive of Sections 1, 5 and 9.

E) Votes will be tallied at the Election Meeting by the Secretary or, in his absence, the Senior Board Member present at the Election Meeting.

F) Officers elected at the Election Meeting will assume office, effective immediately.

Section 8 - Unless otherwise specified, all meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President.

Section 9 - Unless otherwise specified, meeting announcements must be mailed at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 10 - It is the responsibility of each Member to maintain a current and valid address with the Secretary. Persons other than Sponsors and individuals actually

domiciled at a sponsor's place of business, who use a sponsoring establishment as their current and valid address, will not be included in any TCDA mailings issued by the Board. Each team registered for any TCDA League season is required to submit to the Secretary an e-mail address for the team. Notices sent to the submitted e-mail address shall be considered delivered to the entire team. The Team captain is responsible for notifying his or her entire team as to the contents of any such e-mail notice.

ARTICLE XI ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Section 1 - Elections shall be held annually during the period of April 01 through June 30. Newly elected officers and Board Members shall assume their respective offices on July 1.

Section 2 - To be eligible for a Board position, the individual must have been an active Member of the TCDA during the preceding Spring and Fall Seasons.

Section 3 - To be eligible for the position of President, the individual must have been an active member of the TCDA for two calendar years immediately preceding the election for which he is a candidate.

Section 4 - The position of Treasurer is exempt from Section 2, above. Rather, qualification for the office of Treasurer shall be based on prior experience in the field of accounting. The nominees for Treasurer need not be active darts players but they must possess a general knowledge of the Sport of Darts and be nominated by a Member in good standing.

Section 5 - The Secretary shall call for candidates for all TCDA Board positions (titled Officers and Members At Large) no sooner than forty-five (45) days prior to April 1 and no later than April 1 of each year. Publishing the call for candidates two separate times in the weekly standings sheets shall be sufficient notice. The call for candidates shall list the positions that will be on the upcoming ballot. Potential candidates shall have at least 14 days from the initial call for candidates to submit their names in writing to the TCDA Secretary. The call for candidates shall contain a deadline date for submission of candidacy. Those qualified persons wishing to place themselves in contention for TCDA Office or Offices shall notify the Secretary in writing no later than the date specified in the call for candidates. Date of Postmark shall be the determining factor. Oral notice to the Secretary or the President may be accepted, however it is not guaranteed until confirmed back to the prospective candidate by the Secretary.

EXCEPTION: This section is not applicable when conditions are those set forth in Article VI, Sections 11 and 12.

Section 6 - All elections shall be by secret ballot.

Section 7 - One ballot for each individual member shall be prepared including the designated positions up for election. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to construct such a ballot.

Section 8 - No member may vote more than once per candidate per office unless more than one Board Member At Large position is up for election, in which case a member may vote for as many candidates for Member At Large as there are Member At Large positions up for election.

Section 9 - The President shall appoint an election committee to tally the ballots.

Section 10 - Should more than two candidates for a titled office be nominated and run for an aforementioned office, the following shall prevail:

A) Any candidate receiving more than fifty (50)% of the votes cast shall be considered elected.

B) Should A) not prevail; there will be a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot.

C) In the case of Members At Large, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the open positions. In the event of a tie for the last open position, a runoff election will be held between candidates involved in the tie.

Section 11 - Candidates for titled office may also run for a Member At Large position in the same election. However, a member may not hold a titled office and the position of Board Member At Large at the same time. If a member runs for a titled office and Board Member At Large and wins both positions, the member must, within 7 days of notification of the final results of the election, relinquish one position. The member who finished second in the election for the relinquished position shall assume that position. The identity of the second place finishers shall not be made known to the member who must relinquish a position.

Section 12 - This Article may be effected by Mail or any other reasonable means as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE XII EXPENSES

Section 1 - Any Member, at the direction of the Board, is to be reimbursed for all legitimate, actual and reasonable expenses incurred. Mileage allowance will be the amount set by the IRS for tax purposes, with provision that travel to TCDA Board Meetings is not reimbursable.

Section 2 - All expenses are subject to approval of a simple majority of the Board Members in attendance at a Board Meeting.

Section 3 - It is recognized that those persons serving as Board Members or Appointees shall in the normal course of their duties incur miscellaneous minor expenses. They shall be reimbursed at each monthly Board Meeting. Payment shall be contingent upon the successful completion of their assigned duties.

ARTICLE XIII CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Section 1 The Board shall have authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of the TCDA. Such contracts and agreements must bear the signature of the President and the Treasurer in order to make such contracts or agreements binding on the TCDA.

ARTICLE XIV TCDA DISCIPLINE AND PROTESTS

Section 1 - Perspective: Categorically, and without restriction, the TCDA reserves the right to censure, fine, suspend or expel (terminate) any Member who willfully creates disharmony, behaves in a manner prejudicial to order and discipline or tarnishes the image of the sport of Darts.

No player, official, Sponsor or spectator needs to tolerate harassment, belligerency, defamation or poor sportsmanship from any TCDA Member.

However, remedy for such infractions are not the sole purview of the TCDA. Where the incident occurred has significant impact on who provides subsequent disciplinary action. To wit:

A) Non-TCDA sponsored events, tournaments and matches. Problems in public or private establishments are the province of the injured party, the owner(s), or bartender, who may seek redress under local and state law by ejection, police intervention or arrest.

B) Non-affiliated association events or league play. In that the TCDA does not legislate, dictate or control nonaffiliated association play, the TCDA has no right of disciplinary intervention in the conduct of a nonaffiliated association sponsored event.

However, with the exception of expulsion from a given tournament by the Tournament Director to restore order, the TCDA recommends that any disciplinary action be the result of non-affiliated association board consideration. Too, once disciplinary action has been taken by the non-affiliated association board, it may petition the TCDA to support, endorse or extend its action on an area wide level, including TCDA sponsored events and/or league play.

C) TCDA sponsored events, tournaments and league play.

An infraction or altercation at a TCDA sponsored activity would definitely be cause for disciplinary action by the TCDA Board, including but not limited to: censure, probation, fines, suspension or expulsion.

Section 2 - The procedure for processing a complaint or protest is as set out in the TCDA Rules and Procedures.

Section 3 - Fines

A) When a Member, found guilty of conduct unbecoming a group or person, is to be fined for the infraction, the President, following consultation with the Board (who shall assist the President in the determination of the amount) shall levy the fine.

B) If the fine is not paid to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days of notification, the Member will be automatically suspended from all TCDA sponsored events and lose his membership for a period of at least one (1) calendar year effective from the date the Treasurer notifies the Board of default. The Member shall not be reinstated under any circumstances until the fine is paid, unless the Board, by majority vote, rescinds the fine.

ARTICLE XV RECALL OF DIVISIONAL ADVISORS

Section 1 - Any Divisional Advisor may be recalled by a two-thirds majority of the Board or by a simple majority vote of those members playing in that Divisional Advisor's division. The TCDA may effect this Article by mail.

Section 2 - The NO VOTE PROVISIO does not apply to this Article.

Section 3 - Divisional Advisor recall may be initiated by a Division Member or Sponsor or by majority vote of the Board.

Section 4 - Sponsor initiated action shall be governed by Article XIV, Section 2.

Section 5 - Division Member initiated action requires that a list of charges and supporting documentation, if available, in the form of a petition, requesting recall be submitted to the TCDA Secretary.

Section 6 - Procedure:

A) The petition will have a signature page identifying each Division Member by name and Membership number. The petitioner may acquire, upon request to the Secretary, a complete list of Division Members.

B) A copy of this petition will then be sent to each Member of the Division in question by the petitioner.

C) Each division Member must vote either pro or con, sign and return the signature page to the Member initiating the action. Failure to vote will be counted as a con vote.

D) If more than 50% vote pro, a copy of each signature page will then be sent to the Secretary.

E) The Secretary will present the petition to the Board, requesting formal notification.

F) The President will notify the Divisional Advisor in writing of his recall.

G) The Divisional Advisor will have a right of appeal in accordance with Article XIV.

H) If more than 50% pro vote is not obtained, the recall petition is defeated.

Section 7 - Elections. When the recall is successful, the TCDA will commence the process of appointing a new Divisional Advisor. **Section 8** - Board initiated action shall provide the Divisional Advisor with notification as to the reasons for the initiation of a recall vote by the Board and shall give the Divisional Advisor the opportunity to address the Board relative to those reasons.

ARTICLE XVI POLICY

Section 1 - Temporary Policy changes and rulings, as approved by a simple majority vote of the Board may be made to ensure the well being of the Association. General information about these rulings will be made available in the form of announcements issued by the Board. Any temporary policy changes and rulings that effect these ByLaws will be presented at the next General Membership meeting for approval.

Section 2 - It is the responsibility of all Board Members, Divisional Advisors and captains to read any notice or announcement issued by the Board.

Section 3 - It is also the responsibility of the Divisional Advisors and Captains to relay the information contained in the aforementioned notices or announcements to the organizational body they represent.

ARTICLE XVII GENERAL

Section 1 - These ByLaws may be amended by the General Membership provided proper notice is given per Article X, Section 2. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Members in attendance shall be required to alter these By-Laws.

Section 2 - The RULES AND PROCEDURES supplements these ByLaws and are devised for the purpose of clarity, uniformity and play. The matters related in the RULES AND PROCEDURES are solely the purview of the Board.

Section 3 - The order of business and/or procedures of any meeting called or any subject not covered by these ByLaws or noted in Board Minutes, shall be subject to Roberts Rules of Order, Revised. Should there be a conflict with these ByLaws or RULES AND PROCEDURES and Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, the latter shall prevail.

ARTICLE XVIII DISPOSITION OF ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

Section 1 - In the event of the dissolution of the TCDA, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the TCDA, dispose of the assets of the TCDA by distributing said assets at the discretion of the TCDA Board, with the proviso that no member of the Board of Directors, no officer, and no league member may receive a direct financial benefit unless all TCDA members receive a substantially equal benefit.

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**TWIN CITY DARTS ASSOCIATION
RULES AND PROCEDURES**

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of these RULES AND PROCEDURES is:

- A) to give substance to the actual conduct of TCDA events, including League play;
- B) to enhance, extend and implement the ByLaws of the Association; and to provide processes and procedures for the Membership to ensure accountability of the Board, its Appointees and Divisional Advisors.
- C) One copy of the Rules and Procedures and of the TCDA By-laws shall be provided free of charge to new teams and to existing teams when significant changes are made to the Rules and Procedures. Additional copies of these documents are available from the League Secretary for a fee of \$3.00 for each document.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are integral to the terms of these RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- Section 1** - Board: The governing body of the TCDA.
- Section 2** - Chalker: Scorekeeper during a Leg.
- Section 3** - Cork: Bull or Bullseye.

Section 4 - Designated Player: A team member or substitute whose name appears on the declared Format Scoresheet of a given TCDA Match.

Section 5 - Format: Type and number of Games to be played in what order by which designated player in a Match, as specified on the scoresheet.

Section 6 - Neutral: A Member not participating in the Division or sponsoring pub in or for which a protest or policy matter is being discussed prior to a decision being made.

Section 7 - Point: Score. One point is awarded for each Game won. Points won are accumulated weekly for each team and posted in the weekly standing sheet.

Section 8 - Schedule: Order of competition on a weekly basis.

Section 9 - Straight Start: Scoring commences without the necessity of first landing a dart in the outer (doubles) ring.

Section 10 - Structure of Play:

A) Leg: Usually, one third (1/3) of a Game. Winning 2 of 3 Legs shall constitute .a Game won. However, Leg may become a Game when the Format specifies a single Leg Game.

B) Game: Usually, 2 out of 3 Legs. However, a Game may be equivalent to a Leg when the Format specifies a single Leg Game. A Game also denotes a fraction of a Match, which may differ by League or Division depending on the format determined by the TCDA for that League or Division.

C) Match: A night's play is comprised of a set number of Games as determined by the TCDA for that League or Division.

Section 11 - As used in these RULES AND PROCEDURES, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include feminine or neuter and the singular or plural number whenever the context so indicates or implies.

D) Hockey line: The line behind which a shooter must stand to have a legal throw.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Only registered Members, approved guests or authorized substitutes may participate in TCDA activities.

Section 2 - Registered players will receive a Membership card. The Membership number is issued in perpetuity. Members should apply for the same number if they interrupt their Membership and become a Member again at a later date.

Section 3 - Lost Membership cards may be replaced after payment of \$1.00 processing fee is received by the Secretary.

Section 4 - The Membership dues which must be paid by February 1 of each year, unless changed pursuant to Section 5 below, permit the Member to play in for those periods determined by the Board. Dues may be prorated for partial year participation.

Section 5 - Team rosters, Membership applications and Membership dues are to be submitted to the TCDA no later than the date specified for the current season in the Captains Information Sheet.

Section 6 - Members are responsible for maintaining a current address with the League Secretary.

ARTICLE IV SPONSORSHIP

Section 1 - Each team requires a sponsor. The sponsor is usually the pub owner or manager. He is responsible for all dart playing equipment and layout in the pub.

Section 2 - Sponsorship fees per season per team must be paid by the date indicated for the current season in the Captains Information Sheet. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the team(s) being dropped from the League or other penalties as deemed appropriate by the Board and amended into the TCDA Rules and Procedures.

ARTICLE V DIVISIONS

Section 1 -The TCDA divides itself into Leagues, which are subdivided into Divisions. Divisions are made up of Teams.

Section 2 - When Divisions are not divided geographically, the general rule shall be to advance the top two Division winners of the current season to the next higher Division, with the bottom two finishers, starting with AA Division, falling back into the next lower Division.

Section 3 - The Scheduling Committee shall be the final authority in assigning Teams to Divisions.

ARTICLE VI SCHEDULES

Section 1 - Any changes in the schedule for a Division may result in the issuance of a new schedule one week prior to effect.

Section 2 - The Scheduling Committee shall have final authority in all schedules.

ARTICLE VII EQUIPMENT

Section 1 - An acceptable bristle board must be secured to the wall such that the distance from the center of the board to the floor measures five feet eight inches, plus or minus one fourth of an inch.

Section 2 - The scoring wedge indicated by the 20 shall be the darker of the two wedge colors and must be the top center wedge.

Section 3 - Lights must be affixed in such a way to brightly illuminate the board, reduce to a minimum the shadows cast by the darts and not physically impede the flight of the darts.

Section 4 - When more than one Match is being played on boards mounted on the same wall, there shall be a minimum of eight feet between centers of the boards in use.

Section 5 - There shall be a scoring board affixed to the wall to the side of the dartboard.

Section 6 - There shall be one inch wide throwing line (hockey) marked on the mat, carpet or floor for each board. From the front of the board (scoring surface) to the front edge of this stripe, the distance shall be the exact throwing distance of seven feet nine and a quarter inches. A player must be standing behind the hockey for the throw to be a legal throw.

Section 7 - The throwing line (hockey) shall be a minimum of two feet in length, centered on the cork. Further, a lateral distance of two feet on both ends of the hockey shall be clear of encumbrances such as walls, shelves, tables, etc.

Section 8 - Darts shall not exceed an overall maximum length of twelve inches (30.5 centimeters) nor weigh more than fifty (50) grams per dart. Each dart shall consist of a recognizable steel point, barrel and flight.

Section 9 - Actual or stylized nails affixed with a steel dart point are also permitted in League play competition. The nail cannot exceed six (6) inches in length.

Section 10 - It is recommended that each sponsoring establishment provide a bulletin board or wall area for posting of dart news and information.

Section 11 - All comments concerning equipment of a particular establishment shall be sent in writing to the Vice President. The Sponsor will be requested to replace any unacceptable, defective or substandard equipment. Should a sponsor fail to comply with the Association request in a reasonable time, the Vice President will convene an ad hoc committee of three Neutral Captains to resolve the issue. The decision of this committee is final.

Section 12 - Substandard equipment or layout of the playing area which is not corrected in a reasonable time is cause for change of venue.

ARTICLE VIII RULES OF PLAY

Section 1 - THE TEAM

A) CLASSIC LEAGUE:

- 1) 4, 5 or 6 players shall constitute a complete team.
- 2) The team Format of 4, 5 or 6 players is optional per night and at the Captains choice.
- 3) Teams may have any number of Members, but only four, five or six (maximum) can compete per night.
- 4) The Format allows one team to have a different number of players than the opposing team. For example, 4 vs. 5, 5 vs. 6, 4 vs. 6, etc.

B) GOLD LEAGUE:

- 1) 6, 7 or 8 players shall constitute a complete team.
- 2) The team Format of 6, 7 or 8 players is optional per night and at the Captains choice.
- 3) Teams may have any number of Members, but only 6, 7 or 8 (maximum) may compete per night.
- 4) The Format allows one team to have a different number of players than the opposing team. For example, 6 vs. 7, 7 vs. 8, 6 vs. 8, etc.

C) TRIPLES LEAGUE:

- 1) 3 players shall constitute a complete team.
- 2) Teams may have any number of Members, but only three (3) players can compete per night.

D) MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE:

- 1) 3 players shall constitute a complete team.
- 2) The Team must be mixed gender: consisting of 2 men and 1 woman or 2 women and 1 man.
- 3) Teams may have any number of Members, but only a maximum of three mixed gender players can compete per night.

E) **CRICKET LEAGUE:**

- 1) 2 players shall constitute a complete team.
- 2) Teams may have up to 4 members on their roster, but only a maximum of 2 players can compete per night.

Section 2 - INCOMPLETE TEAM

Two or three players at starting time shall be considered a legal but incomplete team. (See Article XII, Sections 10 and 12 for playing late arrivals)

Section 3 - THE MATCH

A Match shall be played consistent with the Format set by the TCDA for that League or Division. The Format for each League or Division shall be determined by the TCDA prior to the beginning of play for a season. The overall format as determined by the TCDA may not be altered by teams during a season, although the order of matches may be altered due to circumstances as agreed by the team captains.

ARTICLE IX TEAM AND PARTNERED GAME FACTORS

Section 1 - If both teams are playing with complete teams, they shall throw on a rotating, alternating basis.

Section 2 - Should a complete pair or team play against an incomplete pair or team, the complete pair or team shall be allowed to throw in normal rotation as if the incomplete team were complete.

Section 3 - No player may throw again until each teammate player has thrown in rotation.

Section 4 - A player must have played or been listed in a doubles Game in order to be eligible for the Team Game.

Section 5 - Team Games (or Legs) cannot end in a tie. Score is not necessary to win. The object of any Cricket Game is to close the numbers and Bulls before your opponent does. Merely closing, however, does not win the Game or Leg if the opposition is ahead in score. The score deficit, if there is any, must be made up by scoring on numbers or Bulls. The player who closes first for his team, even if the Team has zero score, wins as long as the opponent also has zero score.

NOTE: An equal score for each side (e.g. 100 to 100) is considered zero score, allowing the team who has closed all the numbers and the Bulls to be the winner.

ARTICLE X PLAYER-TEAM STATUS

Section 1 - A Non-Member may register for any Team/Division he wishes; however, he does not officially become a member of any team until the first night he plays. (See Article XI, Section 1).

Section 2 - Even though registered for a particular Team/Division, a TCDA Member will be considered a New Member until he actually plays for that Team/Division.

Section 3 - The Membership dues paid may permit the Member to play in more than one League per year as follows:

A) CLASSIC B, Classic C, Classic D and GOLD League Members may play in MIXED and/or TRIPLES and/or CRICKET League. Conversely, MIXED, TRIPLES AND CRICKET League players may play in the CLASSIC or GOLD League; but not both.

B) GOLD League Members may play in the CLASSIC League; likewise, CLASSIC League Members may play in the GOLD League.

C) No Member may play for more than one team in any Division of the same League concurrently.

D) No Member may play in more than one Division in any League concurrently.

E) Special rules for Wednesday Pub Fun Triples League:

(1) No Wednesday night Pub Fun Triples League Team may have more than one A League or AA League active darter or any person who has been active in A League or AA League within the previous two years (from the beginning of the League Season) on their team.

(2) Any team that wins the Pub Fun Triples League in two consecutive seasons with substantially the same players must dissolve. As an exception to this rule, the team may remain intact so long as the team recruits at least two new members and only one member of the previous team plays in any week of League play.

ARTICLE XI ADDITION OF NEW PLAYERS

Section 1 - Team Captains may play a new player (non-Member) provided that the player initiates registration with the TCDA on the first night he plays. The Team Captain is responsible for collecting the applicable dues and Membership application on the night the Non-Member plays and for submitting same to the League Secretary within 10 days.

Section 2 - The penalty for violation of Section 1 will be:

A deduction from the standing sheet of one point per week for each person in violation. Points will continue to be deducted for each week thereafter until the player is properly registered, even if he played only once. Points deducted will be taken from the offending teams win record and added to its loss record.

Section 3 - New players may not be added during the last three weeks of the season or during playoffs.

Section 4 - The penalty for violation of Section 3 will be:

The offending team shall lose all points they may have acquired during the games in which the offending player was a participant and be penalized one additional point. That is, the offending team shall have such points deducted from its win record and added to its loss record, plus a one point penalty.

Section 5 - Only the Win/Loss columns of the offending team shall be affected by the penalties applied in Sections 2 and 4 above.

Section 6 - Substitute Players: This rule allows Teams to add a substitution position to their roster which can be used for non-TCDA members to play on a team in place of absent Team Members. There are two basic criteria for adding the substitute position to your roster:

- A) Each Team must have four fully paid Members before it can add a substitute to its roster.
- B) Each team using the substitute roster position must pay the TCDA a fee of \$10 per season.

Section 7 Substitute Player Guidelines:

A) The \$10 sub fee must be paid on the first night that a substitute plays. If the fee is not paid and submitted to the TCDA within seven days of the first use of the sub position, the team using the substitute shall receive zero points for the night. The opposing team will be awarded points only for points won by the substitute player.

B) Opposing team captains must agree to the use of your substitute. This is to avoid the use of ringers. The opposing team captain must initial the scoresheet next to the substitutes name to indicate their agreement to the use of the player as a substitute.

C) The same individual may not sub on a team more than once in any season. If the same person shoots twice, they must become a TCDA Member that second night of play.

C) Once the substitution fee is paid, it is good for the entire season.

D) Each team must have a full roster of at least 4 fully paid Members, before a substitute position can be added.

E) All other TCDA rules still apply, i.e.

1) no substitute may be added within the last 3 weeks of play.

2) The substitute player must be eligible to play (i.e. a sub cannot be a current member of another dart team within the same Division/League).

F) When filling out the scoresheet, simply write substitute player under one of the player numbers and be sure to include subs actual name. Do not forget to have the opposing captain initial the scoresheet next to the substitutes name to indicate their agreement to the use of the player.

ARTICLE XII CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Section 1 - It shall be the responsibility of each Member to be in possession of his Membership card on Match night. This card shall be produced when and if the Members eligibility is challenged by the opposing Captain.

Section 2 - Matches are scheduled to start at 7:15PM on the date and at the place scheduled. If a conflict arises at the home pub, an alternate place can be selected upon agreement by both Team Captains involved.

Section 3 - The deadline for starting a Match is 7:30PM.

Section 4 - Teams with less than two players present at starting time shall forfeit all Points and the Match.

Section 5 - The visiting Team Captain shall fill in his roster on the scoresheet first. The home Team Captain shall then fill in his roster on the scoresheet. The home Team Captain shall be allowed to freely see the visitor's roster while completing the scoresheet.

Section 6 - By deadline starting time (7:30), each Captain (or acting Captain) must take two of the teams players who are present and schedule them in the first Game. Either or both Captain(s) may schedule their remaining players at this time.

Section 7 - Each Captain is required to assign each player to a position number as indicated on the scoresheet. That player must then play in all Games involving his assigned position number

Section 8 - Players not present may be listed on the scoresheet; but once declared (i.e., listed on the scoresheet), substitution of another player may not be made. (See Section 11, below).

Section 9 - After completion of the first Game, the night's final player Format and lineup must be declared and exchanged by the Captains. The visiting Team Captain completes his roster first.

Section 10 - Any player who is placed on the roster and does not arrive in time to play his scheduled Game will cause his team to play short or forfeit.

Section 11 - DELETING OR SWITCHING OF PLAYERS, NUMBERS OR FORMAT AFTER FORMAT AND LINEUP HAVE BEEN DECLARED IS CATEGORICALLY PROHIBITED.

Section 12 - Late Arrivals. A team legally starting with less than a complete team may play late arriving players as follows:

A) Section 11 cannot be violated.

B) Late arrival for one Game shall not disqualify a player for his next Game. However, a player arriving after the start of the first Leg of his Game will not be allowed to play in that Game.

C) Any late arriving player shall be designated to the next open slot on the declared scoresheet.

Section 13 - No more than five minutes may elapse between Games.

Section 14 - In the interest of fair play and the Sport of Darts, alterations to the above conditions (except Section 11) may be made ONLY with consent of the opposing Captain and ONLY if he initials such alterations on the scoresheet as proof of his agreement to the alteration(s).

ARTICLE XIII BEGINNING A GAME

Section 1 - Throwing for Cork (Diddling):

A) All Games are begun by one Member of each team throwing one dart at the Cork.

B) The order of throw shall be:

1st Leg Home Team has the option of throwing Cork 1st or 2nd. 2nd Leg Loser of 1st Leg has the option of throwing Cork 1st or 2nd. 3rd Leg Visiting team has the option of throwing Cork 1st or 2nd.

C) Only players scheduled to play in the Game may throw for Cork.

D) The Team of the player who throws closest to the Cork, shall throw first in the Leg for score.

Section 2 - The second thrower may acknowledge the first dart as a single (outer) or double (inner) bull and ask that the Chalker remove the dart prior to his throw.

Section 3 - Rethrows shall be called by the Chalker if the Chalker cannot decide which dart is closest to the cork or if both darts are anywhere in the inner bull (double) or anywhere in the outer bull (single). An inner bull (double) beats an outer bull (single).

Section 4 - Should the Chalker call for a rethrow, the team that threw second shall throw first with additional rethrows being made on an alternating basis.

Section 5 - The dart must remain in the scoring surface of the board to count. Bounce outs and darts thrown off the scoring surface do not count. The player will continue to throw one dart at a time until one sticks in the playing surface.

Section 6 - Darts must not be touched prior to the decision of the Chalker. The Chalkers decision is final. The rule of thumb is, if you have to measure, rethrow.

Section 7 - Should the second thrower dislodge the dart of the first thrower, a rethrow will be called by the Chalker, with the second thrower throwing first.

Section 8 - The order in which Team players throw Cork shall be left to the Captain or participating Team players. Examples:

A) It is a common courtesy for Team players to alternate throwing for Cork by Leg; but it is not mandatory.

C) The Cork shooter need not be the one who throws first in the Leg.

D) It is permissible for the player who threw last in the previous Leg to throw for Cork in the next Leg and to take his teams first turn in that Leg.

ARTICLE XIV SCORING AND MARKING

Section 1 - DOUBLE OUT GAMES

A) To commence scoring in 301, a player must land a dart in the outer (double) ring. All subsequent darts in 301 and all darts in 501 that land in the scoring surface of the board shall be counted for score, less the exceptions noted in Section I.D. below. The inner bull is considered a double 25 for both starting and finishing a Game. (See Cricket rules for scoring team Game.)

B) All scoring shall be subtracted from a start of 301 or 501 points.

C) To finish a 301 or 501 Leg, a player's dart must land in a double that is equal to one half of his remaining score. Any and all darts subsequently thrown shall be null and not

count. This rule may be modified by agreement of the Team Captains if the Captains determine, in their sole discretion, that circumstances warrant a modification such as an alternative ending to a leg. Any such modification must be set out in writing on the back of the scoresheet for that match, signed by both Team Captains, and turned in to the League Secretary.

D) BUST Rule:

A player busts whenever his three darts (or less) score more points than remain in the Leg; whenever his three darts (or less) score one less than the points remaining in the Leg; or, whenever his three darts (or less) score the exact number of points remaining in the Leg without benefit of the proper double.

E) The Chalker shall mark the board so that the scores shot are listed in the outer columns of the chalkboard and totals remaining are listed in the two middle columns. Slashing all numbers except current balance is recommended.

F) Fast finishes such as three in a bed (e.g., three triple twenties or three double twenties), 222, 111, etc. do not apply.

Section 2 - ALL GAMES

A) The Home team is responsible for providing an adequate chalker for all odd numbered games. The Visiting Team is responsible for providing an adequate chalker for all even numbered games.

B) For a dart to score, it must remain in the playing surface of the board five seconds after the third or final dart has been thrown by a player. Chalker's judgement is final.

C) In order to score, the point of the dart must be touching the bristle portion of the playing surface of the board.

D) No dart may be touched by the thrower, another player, Chalker, Captain or spectator prior to the decision of the Chalker.

E) A darts score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board.

F) It is the responsibility of the player to verify his score before removing the darts from the board or before throwing his remaining dart(s).

G) At the request of the thrower, the Chalker may inform the thrower what he has left and/or what he has scored. The Chalker may not inform the thrower what he has left in terms of number combinations or the double required. It is permissible for the Captain (as long as he is not the Chalker), or a partner or a spectator to advise a Teams thrower during the course of a Game.

H) Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the beginning of that teams next throw. The aforementioned may be waived in the interest of sportsmanship provided both Captains agree.

I) The following basic rules shall apply to all Chalkers:

- 1) Remain still. Do not talk or move about while keeping score.
- 2) Do not look at the shooter.
- 3) Stand or sit facing the scoreboard.
- 4) Do not lean out to see where a dart is, or follow the darts with body or head movement until after a shooters last dart has been thrown.
- 5) Do not call out the score of thrown darts, or the score remaining - unless asked.
- 6) Do not tell a shooter what to shoot, or what combinations to shoot, for an out.
- 7) Do not show signs of disgust or excitement when chalking.
- 8) Be impartial.
- 9) Do not change the sides of the players on the scoreboard in three-leg matches. If a player or team starts on the left, leave them on the left, regardless of the diddles.
- 10) All chalking shall be done on scoreboard in view of shooters, not behind them at a table.

ARTICLE XV FORFEITS

Section 1 - Should a team have less than two players present at 7:30PM, at the location stated in the latest printed schedule, it has forfeited the Match and will receive zero Points. The opposing legal or complete Team present shall receive all allowable Match Points.

Section 2 - Should a Team have a legal but incomplete Team present, the Captain must play some Games short or forfeit as determined by the scoresheet. (See Article XII).

ARTICLE XVI REPORTING

Section 1 - The Captain of the home Team is responsible for completion of the scoresheet; mailing it to the League secretary within 24 hours after the Match is played;

and, for phoning or e-mailing results to the Divisional Advisor on the day after the Match.

Section 2 - Both Captains are responsible for the accuracy of the scoresheet with their signatures attesting to same.

Section 3 - Either failure to phone in/e-mail results or to mail scoresheet in time to meet publication of next standing sheet will result in loss of one point for the home Team.

Section 4 - Lack of scoresheet will not be considered an excuse for late mailing of results.

Section 5 - The penalty for incomplete scoresheets and/or improper mailing of the scoresheet is placed on the home Team:

A) FIRST INSTANCE: Warning

B) SECOND INSTANCE: Team Points deducted.

C) THIRD INSTANCE: Two Team Points for that Match deducted.

E) FOURTH INSTANCE: Team suspended from League for Season.

The offending team shall have such Points deducted from its Win Record and added to its Loss Record. Only the Win/Loss columns of the offending team are affected by this action.

ARTICLE XVII RESULTS

Section 1 - All results as posted shall be considered final unless protested in writing within 10 days of the posting date. (See Protests, Article XXIII).

ARTICLE XVIII POSTPONEMENTS

Section 1 - The Captain requesting a postponement must inform the opposing Captain AND his Divisional Advisor at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled Match. Failure to do so will constitute a forfeiture of the Match. Acceptance of a postponement shall be at the option of the opposing Captain. The only exception to this is an Act of God. Act of God determinations shall be made by the League President. If an Act of God determination is made, the Match shall be made up in accordance with Section 3.

Section 2 - All postponed Matches must have a scheduled makeup date established with the Divisional Advisor within six (6) days of the originally scheduled Match. Makeup matches must be played within three (3) weeks of the originally scheduled Match (subject to Section 4). If the Captains cannot agree on a makeup date, the Division's Advisor shall set a date for the Match to be played.

Section 3 - If an Act of God determination is made by the League President, the Captains shall confer on a date for a makeup Match. If the Captains are not able to agree on a date for a makeup Match, the home Captain shall, within six (6) days of the originally scheduled Match, submit two (2) reasonable dates for a makeup Match to the Divisional Advisor. These dates must be within three (3) weeks of the originally scheduled Match (subject to Section 4). The Divisional Advisor shall pick one of the two dates as the date for the makeup Match to be played. If the Match is not played, the home Team shall be awarded a one point victory (e.g. Classic B, a 9 point format, home Team wins 5 - 4). The League President may determine a course of action to be taken in that event.

Section 4 - No postponements or makeup matches are allowed in the last two weeks of a season, except for Act of God postponements.

ARTICLE XIX TEAMS CHANGING VENUE

Section 1 - Teams changing home locations without cause or for convenience after Sponsor fees have been paid shall reimburse the Sponsor at a rate of \$5 per remaining home Match. Such reimbursement shall not exceed the total fee paid by the Sponsor. Such teams shall not be permitted to continue to play in a League unless the Board has been advised by the affected Sponsor that such reimbursement has been made. (See Article VII, Sections 10 and 11 for changing venues with cause).

ARTICLE XX TEAM WITHDRAWING

Section 1 - A Team shall be considered to have withdrawn from the League effective on the date the Secretary has received written notice from the Captain or Divisional Advisor.

Section 2 - A Team shall be automatically withdrawn from the League if it forfeits twice during a season.

Section 3 - All Matches previously played against a Team that has withdrawn shall be considered null and void if the team withdraws during the first half of the season. If the team withdraws during the second half of the season, all such Matches played since the first half of the season shall be considered null and void.

Section 4 - Effective on the date the Secretary declares a Team withdrawn, the TCDA will reimburse their Sponsor at the rate of \$5 per remaining home Match up to a maximum of the original sponsorship fee paid.

ARTICLE XXI DIVISION CHAMPIONS AND PLAYOFFS

Section 1 - The Team with the highest number of Points in the Win column of the standing sheet at the end of the season is that Division's champion.

Section 2 - Any tie that involves movement- from one Division to another and all first place ties MUST be played off.

Section 3 - All Teams in contention must be prepared to play off ties on any one of the ten days following the last regularly scheduled Match in their Division.

Section 4 - PROCEDURE:

A) If two teams (as identified in Section 2) tie, they will play off to determine a winner.

B) If three teams tie, one will host two; two will host three; and, three will host on consecutive nights. The team accumulating the most Points will be adjudged the winner. Should ties continue, playoffs will continue until a winner is determined.

C) If four teams tie, one plays two and three plays four, with the first round winners playing on the following night to determine the final winner.

D) The number designations in B) and C), above, shall be drawn by lot.

E) No postponements are allowed during playoffs.

F) All playoffs will be held in a neutral location. Exception: when both teams are from the same sponsoring establishment, that establishment shall host the playoff.

G) The home Team shall be determined by a coin flip.

H) The playoff Format will be the same as that played during the season.

ARTICLE XXII AWARDS

Section 1 - The Board shall appoint an awards committee to recommend award trophies. The expenditures for awards will be determined by the Board.

Section 2 - Awards will be distributed to the Fall, Spring and Summer season winners. The manner of distribution will be determined by the Board.

Section 3 - A maximum of ten (10) trophies will be awarded for a winning team

Section 4 - A player must have played at least three (3) times with the team during its winning season in order to qualify for an award.

ARTICLE XXIII PROTESTS

Section 1 - A protest is defined as a grievance based on the TCDA Rules and Procedures which, if upheld, would affect the score or outcome of the Match played.

Section 2 - Only Captains or Acting Captains may file protests.

Section 3 - The initiator of the protest is required to notify the League Secretary of the protest and of the alleged infraction by submitting a properly completed TCDA Action Form which cites specific rule violations.

Section 4 - The protest will be considered invalid unless the TCDA Action Form is submitted to the Secretary by mail within 5 days after the alleged infraction took place.

Section 5 - All properly filed protests will be referred to a Review Committee.

Section 6 - Appeal of the Review Committees decision may be made in accordance with Article XIV of the TCDA ByLaws.

ARTICLE XXIV REVIEW COMMITTEES

Section 1 - A Review Committee is a panel appointed by the TCDA President, all of whom shall be members of the TCDA and at least one of whom shall be a Board Member or a Divisional Advisor. The President shall not serve on any Review Committee except in the capacity of ex-officio member of all TCDA committees. The President shall appoint one member of the Review Committee to be the presiding member of the Committee and this individual shall determine all procedural issues presented to or faced by a Review Committee.

Section 2 - The presiding member of the Review Committee shall make the final determination as to who are the parties to the matter under review.

Section 3 - A member assigned to a Review Committee shall withdraw from the assignment if they believe that they are disqualified or have a conflict of interest (personal interest, inability to be impartial, lack of neutrality, etc.).

Section 4 - All parties to the matter under review shall have the opportunity to present evidence to the Review Committee. The Review Committee shall decide as a procedural matter how they will conduct their review. The Review Committee may use oral interviews, written submissions, formal or informal hearings, or any other manner of proceeding which they deem appropriate and reasonable to the circumstances. If a party to a matter under

review refuses to accept correspondence from the Review Committee, the Review Committee may draw negative inferences toward all matters in such correspondence to which a response was requested.

Section 5 - The Review Committee shall render a decision setting forth the reasons for the determination reached in the matter under review. The Review Committee need not delineate reasons for their determination if all parties sign a settlement agreement. All determinations of a Review Committee shall be filed with the League Secretary and all parties will be sent a copy of the determination.

Section 6 - The President may attempt conciliation of any matter under review by a Review Committee independent of the assigned Review Committee. If a conciliation agreement is reached, it shall be reduced to writing, signed by all parties, and filed with the League Secretary.

Section 7 - In any matter under review by a Review Committee the evidentiary standard shall be a preponderance of the evidence.

ARTICLE XXV GAMBLING

Section 1 - Gambling is neither sanctioned nor authorized at any TCDA sponsored event.

ARTICLE XXVI SPORTSMANSHIP

Section 1 - Sportsmanship is the hallmark of darts. Every player should expect it and demonstrate it at all TCDA sponsored events.

Section 2 - Attempts to distract an opponent while he is throwing will not be tolerated.

Section 3 - If so requested by the thrower, all spectators and players must align themselves out of his line of vision and at least two feet behind the position from which the player is throwing.

Section 4 - No participant in a Game may engage in practice throws for the duration of that Game. The only exception of this is if there is an interruption in play.

ARTICLE XXVII NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Section 1 - It is the responsibility of Divisional Advisors and Captains to read any notice, announcement (including Standing Sheets) issued by the Secretary or the Board.

Section 2 - It is also the responsibility of the Divisional Advisors and Captains to relay the information contained in the aforementioned notices, announcements and Standing Sheets to the organizational body they represent.

ARTICLE XXVIII DIVISIONAL ADVISORS

Section 1 - Each Division shall have a Divisional Advisor appointed.

Section 2 - The Divisional Advisor does not necessarily have to play in the Division he/she represents.

Section 3 - Board Members may also serve as Divisional Advisors.

Section 4 - Divisional Advisors are charged with supervising and assisting their respective Divisions.

Section 5 - Divisional Advisors are prohibited from adjudicating a protest or issue involving their team. Such issues/protests shall be referred to the Board for resolution.

Section 6 - Divisional advisors shall have qualified Board Member status per Article VI, Section 2 of the ByLaws.

Section 7 - A Divisional Advisor is responsible for reading and being familiar with the TCDA ByLaws and the TCDA Rules and Procedures.

ARTICLE XXIX ELECTION OF DIVISIONAL ADVISORS

Section 1 - Divisional Advisors shall be appointed prior to the beginning of each season.

Section 2 - Newly appointed Divisional Advisors shall assume office at the beginning of each season.

ARTICLE XXX RECALL OF DIVISIONAL ADVISORS

Section 1 - Divisional Advisors may be recalled by the Board, a Division Member or a Sponsor in accordance with Article XV of the ByLaws.

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