

Akron Canton Dart Club Inc. / Rule Book

As Amended, December 31, 2017

1. MEMBERSHIP:

- A. Only registered players may participate in the Akron Canton Dart Club (ACDC) sponsored activities, except as in 1 (C).
- B. Any person whose age is (21) or over is eligible for league play in the ACDC.
- C. Substitute players must pay yearly dues the first time they sub during a season, unless previously paid in that calendar year. Substitute players must pay seasonal fees the third time the sub. Fees need to be paid by 5pm the following Tuesday at the ACDC Office or via the club's website.

2. REGISTRATION:

- A. Each team and team captain must be registered with the ACDC prior to the start of the season.
- B. Team registration must include full names, addresses, phone number and email address of all players. All players must play under their legal name and DOB. Captains will be responsible to verify that the information on the sheet is correct. Penalty will be a three season suspension for the captain and the player, not counting the current season.
- C. All player and sponsor fees must be paid the day of registration. If fees are paid with a NSF check, the team will be notified and given (1) week to make the check good. After (1) week the team will be penalized (2) points per week up to (4) weeks (ref. 14B & 14C) with suspension pending board discretion after the 4 weeks. A fee of \$35 will be assessed for each NSF occurrence.

3. FEES, DUES:

- A. To be a member in good standing for all league play, yearly dues of \$15.00 is payable the first time you register or substitute in a calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- B. To be a member in good standing for regular league play in the ACDC, an \$20.00 fee per person per season is required with registration in all leagues.
- C. An entry fee shall be paid by the team sponsor with registration. This current fee is \$35.00 per team per season in all leagues.

#### 4. EQUIPMENT:

- A. All league competition, including tournaments and playoffs, shall be conducted on a standard English bristle twenty-point clock faced dartboard.
  - 1.) No logo boards such as Harley, Bud Light, or such will be accepted for league play.
- B. An acceptable dartboard must be secured to the wall so that the distance from the center of the bulls-eye is 5' feet 8" inches, plus or minus a ¼ inch.
- C. The scoring wedge indicated by the twenty shall be the darker of the two colors, and must be the top center wedge.
- D. Lights must be affixed in such a manner as to brightly illuminate the dartboard, reduce to a minimum the shadows, and not physically impede the flight of the dart.
- E. The dartboard should be positioned so that it is readily available to the players, without distraction to the thrower, and is relatively free of traffic flow of pub patrons.
- F. There shall be one wide strip approximately (3) feet wide on the floor. From the front, or plane of the dartboard's scoring surface to the front of the strip, or oche line, the distance shall be 7 feet, 9 and ¼ inches, plus or minus a ¼ inch.
- G. The distance from the center of the bulls-eye to the front of the oche line, on the diagonal, shall be 115 and 3/8 inches, plus or minus a ¼ inch. If there is more than one dartboard, each dartboard must be at least (6) feet between bulls-eyes).
- H. A scoring surface must be provided and located in such a position that the score may be easily read by the players.
- I. The dartboard wire spiders must not be broken, and the double and triple rings must be within a tolerance of 1/32 inch of the normal space measurement of 3/8 inches.
- J. All comments concerning the equipment of an establishment must be made in writing or via email ([club@akroncantondartclubinc.com](mailto:club@akroncantondartclubinc.com)).
- K. All sponsors will have their dart equipment sanctioned, once this has been done it must be re-sanctioned if any changes have been made. Sponsors are responsible for: Dartboards, lighting, scoreboards (dry-erase or chalk) and toe line. Equipment must be in usable/playable condition.
- L. DartConnect scoring is approved. Both teams must agree to using DartConnect as part of league play.

5. THE TEAM:

- A. A tungsten team will consist of a minimum of (4) players, and a maximum of (8) players, including subs.
- B. A nickel team will consist of a minimum of (4) players, and a maximum of (8) players, including subs.
- C. A brass team will consist of a minimum of (4) players, and a maximum of (8) players, including subs.
- D. A minimum of (2) players must be present to play a match in any division. When two or more players are present, the match shall be played. If not played, a forfeit will be called on the team not playing.
- E. (a.) No brass player may compete in more than (2) 501, (2) 301, or (2) cricket games in a match.  
(b.) No nickel player may compete in more than (2) 501, (1) 301, or (2) cricket games in a match.  
(c.) No tungsten player may compete in more than (2) 501, (1) 301-best of three for one point, or (2) cricket games in a match.
- F. Lineups must be exchanged for each series of games before play of those games.
- G. The night's lineup is to be filled out blind by each captain. Captains are not allowed to pre-arrange opponents.
- H. If a team is playing short (one or more players missing), that team may choose to play (1) player against (2) from the opposing team, or two or three against four, forfeiting missing player's turns.
  - I. If both teams have 2 or more missing players, non-played games will not count.

6. TIME FACTOR:

- A. All matches are scheduled to start at 7:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the date and location scheduled.
- B. The deadline for starting a match is 7:50 P.M., EST. At this time the late team forfeits first game point. At 8:10 P.M., EST, the late team forfeits second game point.
- C. If a team fails to show for the scheduled match by 8:30 P.M., EST, and no notification is made of the possibility of being late, the match will be considered a forfeit by the absent team. The team that shows will receive all points possible in their division.

7. THE MATCH:

- A. A match for tungsten consists of the following games:
  - (1) Four person 1001, free in, double out
  - (4) Doubles 501, free in, double out.
  - (4) Singles 301, double in, double out, best two of three for (1) point.
  - (4) Doubles cricket.
  
- B. A match for nickel consists of the following games:
  - (1) Four person 801, free in, double out.
  - (4) Doubles 501, free in, double out.
  - (4) Singles 301, double in, double out
  - (4) Doubles cricket.
  
- C. A match for brass consists of the following games:
  - (1) Four person 801, free in, double out.
  - (3) Doubles 501, free in, double out.
  - (3) Doubles 301, double in, double out.
  - (4) Doubles cricket.

8. BEGINNING A GAME:

- A. All games begin by throwing for cork (or diddling). The player throwing closest to cork starts the game. Double bull beats single bull.
- B. Home teams have choice of corking first or second, the first match game. The teams alternate choice the remaining match games.
- C. Home team will be listed on the left side of the chalkboard, and visiting team on the right for all match games.
- D. Only players scheduled in a particular game may throw for cork.
- E. Should the scorekeeper call for a re-throw, darts will be removed, and second thrower will now throw first. Scorekeepers do not measure, if it is too close to call, ask for a re-throw.

- F. The dart must stick in the board to count. Additional throws may be made (only when corking), until such time as a dart sticks in the board. Should the second corker dislodge, the dart of the first of the first thrower, both throwers will re-cork.
- G. The second cork may acknowledge the first dart as a single or double bull, and ask that the first dart be removed before corking.
- H. Darts must not be touched by scorekeeper or others prior to the scorekeepers decision.
- I. The thrower for cork need not be the one throwing first in the game.

9. SCORING AND MARKING:

- A. There are no ties in cricket. If there is no score, or the score is tied, the first team to close all numbers wins.
- B. In order to score, the point of the dart must be touching, or in the bristle portion of the dartboard.
- C. No dart may be touched by anyone other than the thrower, prior to the scorekeeper's decision.
- D. A dart's score will be determined by the side of the wire at which it enters the board.
- E. It is the responsibility of the thrower to verify his score before he/she removes the darts from the dartboard. The score remains as written if one or more darts have been removed from the board.
- F. The scorekeeper may inform the thrower what he/she has left, and/or what has been shot, if asked, however the verification of each is ultimately the responsibility of the thrower. The scorekeeper may not inform the thrower what needs to be hit to win the game.
- G. Any member of a team, except Chalker, may advise the thrower during the game. If the captain is chalking, he/she may not advise the throwers.
- H. Errors in math must stand as written, unless corrected prior to the start of that team's next throw. This may be waived in the interest of sportsmanship, if both captains agree.
- I. If a spectator intervenes in the game (calling scores, harassment, etc.), it is the responsibility of the home captain to request the spectator to stop. If the spectator does not stop, request the pub owner/manager to assist.
- J. If quality point(s) are marked and no sheet shot(s) are recorded, point(s) are not counted.

- K. Only after the above is tried and there is no solution, the match will be stopped until the spectator leaves. If this does not happen, the match will be re-scheduled, with no penalty to either team. The match will continue with only the un-played games continued.  
**IMPORTANT:** the ACDC must be contacted the next day. Give **full** names and details, and the Pub where the incident occurred.

10. REPORTING SCORES: Tungsten, Nickel, and Brass

- A. Captain of the home team is responsible for emailing the score sheets.
- B. **All team members full names must be felled out the first time they appear in the lineup, including subs. The word sub must be listed next to all substitutes names.**
- C. Score sheets must be emailed or dropped off at the ACDC Office by Friday at 5pm.
- D. High scores must be listed on the score sheet to receive credit.
- E. The last night of seasonal play, captains of the team must call in or email scores by 5 P.M. the following day.
- F. If captain is unable to email scoresheets, scores must be called in by 5pm on Friday. Sheets then must be turned in to ACDC office by the following Tuesday.

11. UNREPORTED SCORES:

- A. If your scores are marked by an (\*) asterisk in the standing sheet, **both captains are responsible for calling in scores** before the next standing sheet is published. Failure to do so, **will result in a (1) point penalty** against the team(s) not calling in the score. The penalty point will be subtracted from the wins and then added to the losses. If neither captain calls in there score then both teams will have a loss of one point.
- B. Last night of seasonal play, captains of teams must call in or email scores by 5 P.M. Failure to do so will result in a (3) point penalty.

12. PLAYOFFS: ALL ACDC RULES APPLY

- A. The team with the highest winning percentage at the end of a season is that division's winner. Playoffs for league championship, (when needed), the total number of wins, divided by the total number of scheduled games played in each respective division, will determine the wild card spot per highest average.

- B. First place division ties will be played off. Wild card ties will only be played off if they are the last wildcard spot needed. If there is a three way tie the board will contact the teams that will playoff for the last wildcard spot. To decide which 2 teams will get to playoff, their scores will be compared to the first place team in their division. The 2 teams with the highest wins will be the teams to play for the last wildcard spot.
- C. If there is a tie for the seed, then the seed (e.g.: Tungsten A) will be given to the highest ranked team.
- D. The ACDC board will be in touch with tying teams to arrange playoff date.
- E. If a postponement is necessary, the ACDC Board of Directors is to be contacted within 24 hours of the scheduled match.
- F. The first round of playoffs, all division winners will be seeded by winning percentage before the wildcards. After the division winners are seeded, the wildcards will be placed in order of winning percentage. The division winners and if needed, the highest percentage wildcard will host the playoff. The maximum number of teams in a playoff will be eight, except in a single division then there will only be four teams in the playoffs. In the second round of playoffs, division winners will host the playoff. If no division winners remain in a bracket, then the highest percentage team will host their playoff. The finals will be held at a neutral location.
- G. League playoffs will be played on a predetermined date arranged by the board to the first meeting after schedule is published.
- H. Only teams involved in the playoffs will be contacted by the ACDC board as to where they will be playing.
- I. The official of a playoff match must call in, email or text scores by 5 P.M. the following day.
- J. A board member must officiate all playoff matches. If no board member is available to officiate, a Trustee or previous board member may officiate. If none are available, a team captain may officiate. Team captain cannot be from either teams division.
- K. Only team members are eligible to play in play off matches.

### 13. FORFEITING AND QUITTING:

- A. Definition of match forfeiture: A team that does not follow the postponement rules, resulting in a match not being played constitutes forfeiture.

- B. If a team quits or is suspended, all teams in their division will be given the maximum points that can be earned in their division.
- C. If a team quits or is suspended during the second half of the season, the first half scores will remain the same, only the second half corrected. In a 15 week season, the season is divided into thirds. Scores will remain the same for the thirds played; only the remaining thirds will be corrected.
- D. A suspended team's members will be suspended for the remainder of that season, and the next two seasons, from any ACDC play. Individual members of a suspended team may apply for re-instatement due to extenuating circumstances, in written form to the ACDC Board. A 2/3 majority vote of board members present is required for re-instatement.
- E. Any letters of suspension must be sent via registered mail.

14. ILLEGAL PLAYER STATUS AND PENALTIES: ILLEGAL PLAYERS ARE;

- A. Any player who has not paid seasonal or yearly dues.
- B. Any player not in good standing with the ACDC.
- C. Any player subbing in a classification lower than his/her rating.
- D. Any team using an illegal player forfeits all points won by or with illegal player.
- E. Any team using an illegal sub will be penalized an additional (2) points that will be taken from the wins and added to the loses. No unearned points are awarded to the opposing team. The team captain is also put on probation for the remainder of the season. After the third offense, the team is suspended for the remainder of the season.
- F. **If an illegal sub is used in a play-off match the team is disqualified.**

14-A. SUBS:

- A. Substitutes must pay yearly dues the first time they sub in a calendar year to be a legal sub, and pay seasonal fees the third time they sub during a season. Cash, Check, Money Order or online payment can be done at ACDC office. Sub form must be included with scoresheet, or received at the Secretary Treasurer's office by 5 P.M. on Thursday that week. Any game won by or with the sub will be forfeited if not paid.
- B. The team cannot just send in a sub form to add a sub to the team. The sub must play in at least one match to be considered a sub.

- C. A sub must play in at least two matches in a season and become a team member by the last week of a season to be eligible to play in a play-off for that team. By week 12, subs who have played on multiple teams; and have all dues paid, must declare what team they will represent if one of the teams make the playoffs.
- D. Substitutes must pay yearly dues the first time they sub in a calendar year to be a legal sub, and pay seasonal fees the third time they sub during a season. Check, Money Order a sub form should be included with the score sheet, or received at the Secretary Treasurer's office by 5 P.M. on Thursday that week. Any game won by or with the sub will be forfeited if not paid.
- E. The team cannot just send in a sub form to add a sub to the team. The sub must play in at least one match to be considered a sub.
- F. A sub must play in at least two matches in a season and become a team member by the last week of a season to be eligible to play in a play-offs for that team.
- G. A sub can only float in the division he/she is ranked.
- H. If a sub plays for the same team 3 times the floating sub is then removed from the sub list and added to that team's roster.
- I. A team in any division isn't allowed to add a new sub the last 3 weeks of a season. If a sub is used them during the 3 weeks of play the sub must have played for that team once during the season.

15. PLAYER, TEAM STATUS:

- A. A player may register for the team he/she chooses. He/she is then committed to that team for the remainder of that season.
- B. Players may change teams between seasons.
- C. No new players may be added to a team during the last (3) weeks of play in that division.

16. GRIEVANCES:

- A. Only team captains or board members may file grievances. If the grievance is against a team captain then a team member may file the grievance.
- B. All grievances must be mailed to or received by the Secretary Treasurer within (5) days of occurrence: Mail to or dropped off at: 3032 Martindale RD NE Canton Oh 44714.
- C. Each team captain has the proper forms to fill out in their captain's package.
- D. Both captains will be contacted as to what action is being taken.
- E. Failure to comply with any of these procedures will invalidate grievance.
- F. Most grievances can be settled the night of play, if both captains sit down and talk rationally.

- G. Grievance procedure is delineated in the ACDC By-Laws.
- H. All information on grievance hearings must be sent via registered mail to the member.

17. WEATHER CONDITIONS:

- A. No penalty will be enforced for postponements due to weather conditions, providing that the postponing team calls the opposing team captain and the Pub in which the match is scheduled.

18. SPORTSMANSHIP:

- A. Good sportsmanship should be the prevailing attitude during all ACDC sponsored events.
- B. Attempts to distract an opponent while they are throwing will not be tolerated. Complaints may result in disciplinary action.
- C. All complaints are to be forwarded to the Secretary on proper grievance forms.
- D. The common courtesy of a handshake after a game is encouraged.
- E. Wild darts and darts thrown in anger will not be tolerated. If a team member is found to have thrown their darts that team member will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- F. No loud arguments, profanity, or fistfights will be tolerated.
- G. Chalker's must face the dartboard, not drink, stand still, respond when asked a score, and not distract the thrower in any way.

19. GENERAL RULES:

- A. A dart must remain in the board (5) seconds after the last dart is thrown, or is physically removed by the thrower, to count.
- B. If a player steps over the oche line, a warning must be given. Any further infraction will result in the throw not counting.
- C. The time limit between darts is to follow "ADO Rule #20" as follows: All darts must be thrown by, and from, the hand. The player is allowed a total of 3 minutes to complete their turn as timed by a tournament official. No darts will be allowed to be thrown after 3 minutes.
- D. If the player throws out of turn, his/her points are removed, and the correct player throws. The out of turn player then forfeits his next turn. This must be caught before the next player throws.

- E. If one dart sticks in the back of another (robin hooding), only the dart stuck in the board counts.
- F. A player may step over the oche line to verify what he/she has thrown, after each dart. Darts must be stuck in the board before stepping over the line, and player may not touch the darts.
- G. A time limit of (3) minutes is permissible between matches.
- H. No participant in a game may practice on another board while match is in progress.
- I. If there is a tie for first place in a division the winner will be decided by head to head matches during regular season play.

20. POLICY:

- A. The president has the right to set policies.
- B. Temporary rules or rule changes will be printed in the weekly newsletter (If the change is during a season). It will be the responsibility of the team captain to inform his/her players of these announcements. And the responsibility of each player to read them.
- C. These league rules may be revised or amended for clarity and uniformity at any ACDC board meeting. A majority of board members present is needed for revisions or amendments and are in effect when printed in the newsletter.

21. QUALITY POINTS/HIGH SCORES:

- A. It is the responsibility of the captain of the ACDC member who scores high darts, to record it on the score sheet and email sheet, in order to be valid. If it is not printed on the score sheet that is submitted it will not be counted.
- B. Captains must be responsible to validate the score sheet turned in.
- C. High In's are valid in 301 games only. High Outs are valid in any 01 game.
- D. Falsification of high darts may result in disciplinary action.
- E. A member playing in a division lower than his/her classified division, will have their scores recorded in their rated division.
- F. High scores are as follows:

	BRASS	NICKEL	TUNGSTEN
HIGH DARTS	115	121	125
HIGH INS	100	105	110
HIGH OUTS	100	105	110

- G. Quality Points/ High Darts: If you do not want to participate in the quality points, that is your option, but the home captain is responsible for keeping the score sheet for the visiting team. It is the responsibility of the captain of a player scoring high darts to see that they are recorded on the score sheet. No high darts or quality points will be awarded unless original or backup score sheet is received. No credit will be given unless the In or Out is identified. Ins and Outs are only to be recorded for 01 games. If you are playing in a league lower than your personal classification, you are ineligible for awards, but your QP will count for possible inclusion on ACDC All Star Teams. The top two quality pointers in each division will be given an award. There are no QP awards for leagues, only divisions. Guidelines for QP are: as a player hits throws that qualify, list their number and name, then place a mark in the proper column. When a player takes a 01 game out, place a mark in the out column. Place a mark in the 01 games column for all high scores, Ins and Outs, 95 and over. All 5 to 9 counts in cricket are only too marked for darts scored. If the 5 to 9 count includes bulls, take the extra mark in the proper bull column. If the count is bulls only mark only in the proper bull column.
- H. TONS CLUB: Mark ton's in the column on score sheet for each exact 100 points scored, (high dart, in or out)... Prize award will be determined by club policy, whether seasonal, yearly or both, pending funds available.

## 22. TEAM CAPTAINS:

- A. The team captain is responsible for the conduct of his /her team, the accuracy of the score sheet, and reporting of weekly team results. The captain is responsible to verify that all players on his team use their legal name and DOB. There is a 3 season suspension for the captain and the player. Does not include the current season.
- B. Attendance at ACDC membership meetings is mandatory. If a captain cannot attend a representative should be sent.
- C. Captain is responsible for his team and sponsor fees.
- D. Captain is responsible for knowing and providing his team with rules, rule changes, and announcements in the weekly newsletter.
- E. ACDC policy requires home captain to keep original score sheet, and fill out duplicate score sheet, email the original score sheet, give the duplicate copy to the visiting captain. Visiting captain will keep copy of score sheet in case original is lost or not emailed. Failure to do so may result in discipline under Rules 22 (A)(F).
- F. Failure of the captain, or acting captain, to comply with above stated responsibilities, may result in disciplinary action, including suspension of the captain, by the ACDC board.
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- H. All team captains must have a valid email address.

### 23. POSTPONEMENTS: SEASONAL AND PLAYOFFS

- A. No more than (2) postponements are allowed per team per season, excluding weather conditions, or death in the immediate family involving at least (2) team members (subs not included), two-point penalty will not apply.
- B. Make up matches must be played within a (2) week period of the original scheduled date in the pub scheduled. If this cannot be done, the ACDC board must be contacted at 234-650-8212. Make up matches in the last two weeks of a season must be made up the same week as the postponed match.
- C. Team postponing a match loses (2) points on the night of makeup. There will be no unearned points awarded, the penalty points will be subtracted from the wins and added to the losses of the postponing team.
- D. Postponement means not playing a match on the scheduled night, the exception being weather conditions.

### 24. SANCTIONED ACDC TOURNAMENT:

- A. No tournament will be sanctioned by the ACDC, if not run to ACDC standards.

### 25. CLASSIFICATIONS:

- A. Types of classifications:
  - (a) Individual players will be classified in the league in which they are a regular player
  - (b) At the present time there are (3) levels of classification, and go highest to lowest, Tungsten, Nickel, Brass
- B. Classifying a Player:
  - (a) An unclassified player shooting as a regular player will be automatically classified in the league in which he/she is playing, and will remain at that level unless changed by Rule 25 d.

C. Leagues a classified player may play in:

- (a) A classified player may register and play in the league in which he/she is classified, or any league higher without restrictions.
- (b) A classified player may register and play in a league one step lower (except as in 25 c).
- (c) Providing there are no more than one (1) player from the higher league on the team. The player's rating does not change except as in rule 25 d. A reclassified Tungsten player may not play in the Brass Divisions.
- (d) All team rosters must be turned in prior to the start of that season. If a roster change is needed, no player may be added at any time to a team classified lower than that player's personal classification. Any player added to a team roster after scheduling is completed, and is classified higher than the league team he/she is playing in, team will forfeit any and all games that are won with the higher classified player.

D. Change in a player's classification:

- (a) A player's classification will change by registering and playing in a league higher than the one he/she is classified in.
- (b) Any player may be reclassified by a majority vote of the board before the start of a season.
- (c) A past ACDC rated player that has not played darts in the ACDC for the previous (3) years can have their classification changed to the next lower classification. (EX. Tungsten to nickel, nickel to brass).
- (d) A tungsten player that has been re-rated to nickel cannot play on a brass team.

E. Multiple Division:

- (1) If a team is playing in one of the lower 50% divisions in their league, containing two or more divisions, and finishes in last place, then the entire team will be reclassified to the league one step lower. In the event of a two-way tie, then no teams will be reclassified to the lower league.
- (2) If a team is playing in the upper 50% divisions I their league, containing two or more divisions, and finishes in first place, then the entire team is reclassified to the league one step higher.
- (3) During Summer season, rules 1 and 2 will be based on participation.
- (4) Northern Division is considered and open division, based on participation.

F. Single Division:

- (1) If a team is playing in their league, containing one division, the entire team will be reclassified to the league one step lower if either (A) or (B) apply.
  - (A.) A team finishes in last place in two consecutive seasons, or two out of three consecutive seasons.
  - (B.) A team finishes in last place with a 30% win percentage or lower.
- (2) If a team is playing in their league, containing one division, the entire team will be reclassified to the league one-step higher if either (A) or (B) apply.
  - (A.) A team finishes in first place in two consecutive seasons, or two out of three consecutive seasons.
  - (B.) A team finishes in first place with a 70% win percentage or higher.

G. Classification of subs:

- (A.) If a sub has been previously classified, then he may only sub in his/her classified league or one higher.
- (B.) If a sub is unclassified, then he may sub for any team in any league, and remain unclassified as long as he is not a regular.
- (C.) A sub's classification cannot change as long as he is not a regular.
- (D.) All other sub rules apply.
- (E.) A classified player playing outside the range of these rules will be considered illegal.