

State Team Championships

California.

Rules

PURPOSE: To promote the sport of darts through team competition and interaction between active Associations. The winning team will hold the title of State Team Champions for a period of one year.

- **STATE TEAM DIRECTOR:** The State Team Director will be appointed by a vote at the first event by the captains of each team. For the first event a stand in director or directors will run the event. He or she will have the responsibility of the operation of the event. Approve venues, and will have final say on any question or disputes during the event. The current State Team Director is: Russ Lyzak

I. TEAM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Each association wishing to participate must be in good standings with the governing body of the State Team Championships.

C. Each member association may enter more than one team.

D. A letter of intent to field a team may be either emailed or mailed on the official form provided to the State Team Director by **Jan 30th** of the current championship year.

E. A team roster must be submitted by mail to the State Team Director, postmarked no later than Mar 15th of the current championship year. Late rosters will not be accepted and will be returned to sender unopened.

F. The official team roster entry form must be accompanied by the current entry fee with the following information:

1. Name of the team member as it appears on their driver's license or identification card or active military identification.

2. Street/P.O Box and City as it appears on the above listed identification.

3. Captain, Co-Captain and contact person's names, addresses and phone numbers must be included. An email address for communication must be included.

II. TEAM PROFILE:

A. The team is composed of six men and three women. A minimum of six men and three ladies are necessary to field a full team. You may have 1 alternate man and women.

B. Captain and/or Co-Captain of the team may be a playing or non-playing member. Selection of Captain/Co-Captain is at the discretion of each association.

III. TEAM MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

A. A team member must be an active member of their association and be in good standing.

B. The player should reside in the geographical area of the association (on line associations are limited to a reasonable geographical area. If you have a question about this please contact the tournament director). The player must be a resident of California.

C. A player can reside outside of the geographical area, but must be an active member of the association to which he travels for regular league play. Documentation of league participation must be provided if requested by the State Team Director.

D. A player may represent only one association.

E. An association may require additional restrictions to the above and that player must qualify under those additional restrictions with no recourse to the State Team Director.

F. Disputes and or challenges pertaining to a particular player's eligibility must be addressed to the State Team Director.

G. Any player found by the State Team Director to fall outside the above qualifications can result in disqualification of the entire team and forfeiture of the entry fee.

IV. TEAM SELECTION:

A. The method of selecting a team shall be dependent on each association.

B. Each association's minimal qualifications are such as stated in Section III and IV.

C. the State Team Director is not responsible and has no jurisdiction upon the local requirements as set forth by that association. No disputes can arise to the State Team Director as to the validity of the local qualifications.

D. All team selection must be completed prior to submitting a roster. Rosters are not to be submitted until team selection is completed.

V. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

A. Tournament event shall be a round robin format.

1. Every effort will be made to avoid scheduling conflicts with ADO events.

2. If the number of teams is less than 5 it may be 2 matches against each team or another modification by the State Team Director. This shall be announced before the start of play.

3. Any association's field more than one team shall be played first in the schedule.

VI. HOST ASSOCIATION:

A. The host association will be responsible to host the Championships. Sites will be selected around the state based on the availability of facilities.

B. The venue for this event must conform to the following:

1. A minimum of 3 boards per 2 teams entered.
2. On-site restaurant and or food available.
3. Reasonable drink prices.

C. The venue information will be presented to The State Team Director for consultation. Any venue will be inspected prior to approval.

D. The venue information must include the address, phone number, room rates, map and directions (see VI. F-9). Fliers will be prepared and sent to every participating association by the State Team Director after all team rosters are received.

VII. EVENT RULES:

A. ADO tournament rules will apply to the State Team Championships.

B. CONDUCT: SPORTSMANSHIP SHALL BE THE PREVAILING ATTITUDE AT ALL EVENTS. It is important that every team member and spectator understand that their behavior reflects on the group, and the Sport of Darts. In order to continue to provide competition in first class venues; behavior must be above reproach. It is the responsibility of the Captain to maintain good sportsmanship and acceptable conduct among team members. Concerns about disruptive behavior, un-sportsman-like conduct will be addressed to the Captain of the team. Unacceptable behavior must be corrected promptly by the Captain. Continued unacceptable or disruptive behavior can result in team forfeiture. Over-indulgence of alcoholic beverages and displays of such, is considered unacceptable behavior and will result in immediate withdrawal of that member and can result in team forfeiture.

C. Proper dress is required. All members of a team must be dressed as a team—to include team shirts, pants, shorts or skirts and shoes. A team must look like a team. This uniform will be worn whenever a member is in the hall during the Regional and Final events. Local health ordinances will take precedent. A team member found “out of uniform” while in the hall during the event would be asked to correct their attire before being allowed to continue participation. If this occurs during a game or match that player will lose his turn until his attire is corrected. In a singles game this will result in forfeiture of the game and loss of game point. The Captain will be held responsible to insure that all members are “in uniform”. Team shirts that have been altered in any way such as sleeves cut off or side seams opened will no longer be considered a team shirt and as such that player will be out of uniform.

F. Delay of game and/or match:

1. Any delay in the start of a game or match that is a result of a missing player or team will cost the team the game, match or that individual's contribution to a team game.

2. Any individual or team that is responsible for any delay in game or match will be given one (1) warning, which will constitute a second call to the board. After 5 minutes, a third and final call will result in forfeiture of the game and/or the match.

3. If the team captain is not prepared to start a match as soon as possible, a five (5) minute warning will be given. A third and final call will result in forfeiture of the game and/or match.

4. Warnings may be given at the discretion of the State Team Director. When the Director becomes aware of any delay in match play such as a missing team or inappropriate delay from time of completion of the previous round, a warning may be given. The opposing Captain may give notice to the Director about such infractions.

5. The Director will do all timing.

G. Practice is limited to prior to each round, when everyone may practice and a nine-dart warm-up when called to a board. Team members may not practice on any open boards during a match unless they have been called to that board to play. Boards that have been set aside for use by teams during their BYES are to be used only by those team members.

H. There will be a "Captain's" meeting held before the event starts.

1. The Captain and/or Co-Captain of each team must attend this meeting.

2. The Captains will check team rosters. All players must be listed on the form as players (included in the 7 men and 4 women). There should be very few changes in rosters. Changes in players are only allowed for hardships, such as illness or relocation.

b) Changes are to be made on the provided form. Reasons for changes must be listed. These forms will then be available to all Captains to update their rosters.

3. A short review of rules and format will take place.

4. Questions will be addressed and answered.

5. The State Team Director will provide all necessary paperwork, including team rosters, schedule of rounds and board assignments.

I. Opening ceremonies will be held prior to the start of the event. At this time the State team director will address the teams. This will include an introduction Captains and Co-Captains, announcements and presentations.

VIII. EVENT FORMAT:

A. The format for each year's event will be the responsibility of the State Team Director.

B. The format will include both singles and multiple team games each round.

C. A mixed trio is defined as one woman and two men shooters.

D. The format will either be a round robin or modified round robin. The number of teams entered will determine this.

E. Matches are designed to be played on three boards simultaneously for the purpose of expediency. Singles must be played continuously until completed (i.e. as soon as one game is done then the next game should be called to that empty board).

F. Scorekeepers are required to be used in all games. This is not optional.

G. No team member may play in more than one game in the singles set and only once in any of the multiple sets.

H. Line-ups:

1. The playing line-up of the teams will be decided by the respective Captains and completed prior to the playing of each set.

2. Prior to beginning the first match, the Captains will use a coin toss for the option of matching for the singles.

3. At the completion of the singles in the first round, the team that is behind in points will match their line-up to the leading team's line-up.

4. After the first round, the team that is behind in points (Average per match) will match their line-up to the team that is ahead for the entire round.

5. If there is a tie between two teams at the beginning of a round, then the two Captains will hold a coin toss for the option to match line-ups for the round.

I. Substitutions:

1. No substitutions will be permitted once the line-up has been written and matched by the opposing Captain.

2. For the event, there can be no roster changes after the Captain's meeting. The team fielded at the Captain's meeting is the team that must be played all weekend. No change in a team roster for any reason is permitted once play begins.

3. Exception: the only exception to the above may be approved by the State Team Director, in the event that a team has a member that does not show after that member has been announced at the Captain's meeting. The Captain will be allowed the opportunity to call a legitimate league member to join the team. This could mean that team plays short-handed until that member could arrive to play. This will only be permitted if the team has less than six (6) men and three (3) women (the minimum required to play). No delay in play will be allowed for this problem.

J. Team members may be used at the discretion of the Captain.

K. Game format

1. Nine singles will start the match.

a. First set of games. 6 Men's 501 straight in double out, 1 leg for 1 point and 3 Women's 501 straight in and double out, 1 leg for 1 point.

b. 3 games of mixed trio's cricket. 1 leg for 3 points. No player can play in more than one game.

c. 2 games of Men's trio's 601 double in double out. 1 leg for 3 points. 1 game of Women's trios 501 straight in double out. 1 leg for 3 points.

2. This format will make a total of 27 points per match.

IX. AWARDS:

A. The winning Team will be the team with the most amount of points at the end of the event.

B. The winning team will receive individual Metals and prize money.

C. The winning team will also be presented the perpetual State Team Championship Trophy to display for one year until the next competition. (For the first year we will look to raise money in order to support this trophy)

1. That team's association will be responsible for the trophy while it is in their possession. This association will pay for any damage to this trophy.

2. They will be responsible for transporting the trophy to the next tournament site.

D. Second and third place teams will be awarded team plaques. If the number of associations permits.

E. Total prize money is dependent upon the number of teams entered in the event. Total prize money will be shared by at least one-third of the teams participating. The State Team Director will determine the payout structure.

F. State Team Championship Singles Points:

1. One Point will be awarded to each team member for participating or for making the team.

2. One Point will be awarded for each recorded and verified singles game won during the preliminary and the final rounds.

3. Points earned by games won for the State Team Championship will be totaled and ranked. The top male and female point winners will be recognized.

G. Spirit Award:

1. The participating teams will recognize one team as an example of superior sportsmanship.

2. This team must display 100% positive attitude and excel in the Spirit of Competition during the event.

3. A vote will be taken by ballot from each team.

a) This should be a team vote with the Captain discussing the choice with all members of the team.

b) No team may vote for itself—how can you select yourselves as the best, most positive team that you played against?

c) Any team currently under sanction or disciplinary action is not eligible for this award.

4. That team shall be awarded the “_____”, award. The naming for the first team to be so honored.

X. FEES:

A. the Board of the Directors for the State Team Championships shall determine the entry fee per team.

B. The current fee is \$ 400.00.

E. The entry fee is due _____ (Article I, Section D & E).

F. Entry fees and rosters not post-marked by the prescribed date will be returned UN-opened by the State Team Director and this team will not be able to participate in the current year's event.

G. Entry fees are totally non-refundable.

H. Entry fee checks drawn on accounts with insufficient funds will be deemed as not being post-marked by the prescribed date and shall be returned to the team and such team will not be able to participate in the current year's event. The State Team Director can require such a team in subsequent years to submit their entry fee in the form of a cashier's or bank check.

XI. DEADLINES:

A. _____: Written letter of “intent to field a team” must be postmarked by this date. If an email Letter of Intent is submitted; must be sent by this date.

B. _____: **Team** applications with roster and entry fee must be postmarked by this date.

C. If an association misses any deadline, that association will not be able to compete in the current year’s event. Dispute may be submitted in written form to the Executive Board; but the State Team Director has the final decision.