



## **DONKY RULES**

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## **GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT**

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## RULE I - BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

### SECTION 1 - THE BOARD

1. THE BOARD WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN (7) VOTING MEMBERS, AS LISTED BELOW, WHICH ARE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. THE LENGTH OF TERM IN OFFICE WILL BE ONE YEAR.

**PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE, BAR REPRESENTATIVE, AND PLAYING CONDITIONS ENGINEER.**

2. THE **PRESIDENT** HAS THE OPTION TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING NON-VOTING MEMBERS;

HISTORIAN, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY SEASONAL LEAGUE/DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES AND A MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE.

3. THE BOARD HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING THE LEAGUE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: RULE INTERPRETATIONS, AWARDS, DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, DIVISIONAL SLOTTING, ETC. THE BOARD IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING HOW **TIE** VOTES IN THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE RESOLVED.

### SECTION 2 - MEMBERSHIP

1. A PERSON MUST BE **21** YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN DONKY SANCTIONED LEAGUE PLAY.

### SECTION 3 - REGISTRATION

1. EACH TEAM AND SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENT MUST BE REGISTERED WITH A FULL, COMPLETED ROSTER OF FOUR (4) TO SIX (6) MEMBERS.

2. THE TEAM ROSTER WILL CONSIST OF, TEAM NAME, SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENT, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND OWNER/MANAGER NAME, AND DIVISIONAL PREFERENCE. IT ALSO MUST INCLUDE THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF EACH TEAM MEMBER. INCOMPLETE ROSTERS MUST BE CORRECTED NO LATER THAN THE FIRST NIGHT OF LEAGUE PLAY.

3. ALL FEES PAID TO THE LEAGUE ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO "SLOTTING" OF TEAMS.**

## RULE II - THE TEAM, PLAYER STATUS AND NEW PLAYERS

### SECTION 1 - THE TEAM

1. A TEAM WILL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX (6) PLAYERS ON EACH ROSTER. ANY CHANGE TO A ROSTER IS SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL.

2. A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) PLAYERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE STARTING TIME OF A MATCH TO BE CONSIDERED A LEGAL, BUT INCOMPLETE TEAM.

3. A TEAM STARTING WITH LESS THAN FOUR (4) PLAYERS MAY INSERT LATE ARRIVING PLAYERS, AT THE **BEGINNING OF THE NEXT LEG** OF THE MATCH BEING PLAYED.

4. A TEAM HAVING LESS THAN 4 PLAYERS PRESENT WILL FORFEIT THE RESPECTIVE NUMBER OF POINTS FOR EACH MATCH NOT PLAYED. FOR TEAM OR DOUBLE GAMES THE IMCOMPLETE TEAM WILL MISS ONE TURN FOR EACH MISSING PLAYER IN EACH ROUND OF PLAY.

### SECTION 2 - PLAYER STATUS

1. A PLAYER MAY REGISTER FOR ANY TEAM HE WISHES, HOWEVER HE DOES NOT BECOME A LEGAL MEMBER OF THAT TEAM UNTIL THE BOARD APPROVES HIM/HER. ONCE A PLAYER IS APPROVED FOR A TEAM, HE/SHE IS LOCKED INTO THAT TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT SEASON.

2. A PLAYER MAY NOT CHANGE TEAMS DURING THE SEASON, WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AND A RELEASE FROM HIS/HER PRIOR TEAM CAPTAIN.

3. A MEMBER OF A TEAMS ROSTER MAY NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, THROW FOR OR SUBSTITUTE FOR ANOTHER TEAM IN THE CURRENT SEASON.

4. A TEAM MAY APPLY TO THE BOARD FOR A WAIVER OF THE 6 PLAYER MAXIMUM RULE IN THE EVENT OF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. IF AN ADDITIONAL PLAYER IS APPROVED, HE WILL BE **REPLACING** A ROSTER PLAYER WHO CAN NO LONGER THROW IN THE CURRENT SEASON. **IN ORDER FOR A PLAYER TO BE REPLACED ON A ROSTER THE BOARD MUST HAVE A SIGNED RESIGNATION FROM THAT PLAYER EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR HIS/HER RESIGNATION.**

### SECTION 3 - NEW/ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

1. A PLAYER NOT ON A TEAMS ORIGINAL ROSTER MAY BE ADDED DURING THE SEASON ONLY WITH THE **PRIOR APPROVAL** OF THE **PRESIDENT** AND SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF THE BOARD. THE NEW PLAYER, IF APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT MAY THROW WITH HIS/HER NEW TEAM PRIOR TO BOARD REVIEW. IF APPROVED BY THE LEAGUES PRESIDENT THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM MUST ANNOTATE THE BACK OF THE SCORESHEET WITH THE PLAYERS NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER AND SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PLAYER FEE. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND RESULTING PLAYER FEE'S WILL RESULT IN A POINT DEDUCTION PENALTY OF ALL POINTS PARTICIPATED IN BY THE NEW PLAYER.. **ALL APPROVALS OF ADDITIONAL PLAYERS ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD REVIEW.**
2. TEAMS REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PLAYERS MUST CONTACT THE BOARD PRESIDENT **NO LATER THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED LEAGUE MATCH (THIS IS DEFINED AS 7:45 PM FRIDAY)**. NO PLAYERS WILL BE APPROVED AFTER THIS TIME. NO NEW PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED AFTER 7:45 PM OF THE **FIFTH (5TH) SCHEDULED LEAGUE NIGHT.**
3. IF A TEAM USES ANY PLAYER UNDER AN ABSENT MEMBERS NAME, OR A PLAYER NOT ON THE ORIGINAL ROSTER AND NOT PRIOR APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT, THE MATCH WILL BE DECLARED A FORFEIT, IN FAVOR OF THE OPPOSING TEAM AND FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION CAN BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD.

### RULE III - DART BOARDS, FLOOR COVERINGS, LIGHTING, TOE LINE, PLAYING CONDITIONS, ETC.

#### SECTION 1 - DART BOARDS

1. ALL LEAGUE COMPETITION SHALL BE PLAYED ON A STANDARD ENGLISH BRISTLE, 20 POINT, CLOCK FACED DARTBOARD.
2. AN ACCEPTABLE BOARD MUST BE SECURED TO THE WALL OR BACK BOARD SO THAT THE DISTANCE FROM THE CENTER OF THE BOARD TO THE FLOOR MEASURES 5 FEET 8 INCHES (5'8") + OR - 1/4".
3. THE SCORING WEDGE INDICATED BY THE "20" MUST BE THE TOP WEDGE.
4. THE DART BOARD WIRE SPIDER MUST NOT BE BROKEN AND THE DOUBLE AND TRIPLE RINGS MUST BE WITHIN A TOLERANCE OF 1/32" OF THE NORMAL SPACE MEASUREMENT OF 3/8",
5. THE DARTBOARD SHOULD BE POSITIONED SO THAT IT IS READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PLAYERS WITHOUT DISTRACTION.
6. THE DARTBOARD SHALL BE SPACED AT A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) FEET FROM THE CENTER OF ONE DART BOARDS BULLSEYE TO THE CENTER OF THE ADJOINING DART BOARDS BULLSEYE.

#### SECTION 2 - FLOOR COVERINGS

1. AN ACCEPTABLE FLOOR COVERING , SUCH AS CARPET, RUBBER MAT, RUG, ETC., MUST BE PROVIDED FOR TILE, WOOD OR CONCRETE FLOORS. THE COVERING SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 30" WIDE AND AT LEAST FOUR (4) FEET LONG. THIS COVERING MUST BE PLACED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF EACH DARTBOARD.

#### SECTION 3 - NUMBER OF DART BOARDS PER MATCH

1. ALL DIVISIONS MUST HAVE TWO (2) BOARDS AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO THROW A MATCH.
2. A SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENT IS LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF TEAMS IT MAY SPONSOR PER SEASON ONLY BY THE NUMBER OF DARTBOARDS AVAILABLE IN THE SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENT. (EXAMPLE: TWO (2) BOARDS AVAILABLE, CAN SPONSOR TWO (2) TEAMS. FOUR (4) BOARDS AVAILABLE, MAY SPONSOR UP TO FOUR (4) TEAMS.)

#### SECTION 4 - LIGHTING

1. LIGHTS MUST BE AFFIXED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATE THE BOARD(S), REDUCING TO A MINIMUM THE SHADOWS CAST BY THE DARTS, AND NOT TO PHYSICALLY IMPEDE OR ALTER THE FLIGHT OF THE DARTS.

#### SECTION 5 - SCORING SURFACE

1. A SCORING SURFACE MUST BE PROVIDED AND LOCATED IN SUCH A POSITION THAT THE SCORE MAY BE EASILY READ AND BE CONVENIENT TO THE PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS.

## SECTION 6 - TOELINE

1. THERE SHALL BE A 1" WIDE STRIP OF LEAST 18" LONG ON THE FLOOR AT THE MINIMUM THROWING DISTANCE. THIS DISTANCE WILL BE MEASURED - FROM THE FRONT OF THE BOARD (SCORING SURFACE) TO THE FRONT EDGE OF THE STRIP- SEVEN FEET NINE AND ONE QUARTER INCHES (7'9 1/4") + OR - 1/4".

## SECTION 7 - PLAYING CONDITIONS COMPLAINTS

1. ANY AND ALL COMPLAINTS RELATIVE TO PLAYING CONDITIONS AT A SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENT MUST BE IN **WRITING** ON THE BACK OF THE SCORESHEET WHEN THE MATCH IS PLAYED AT THAT ESTABLISHMENT. THESE MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF LEAGUE BUSINESS. THE PLAYING CONDITIONS ENGINEER WILL INVESTIGATE ALL COMPLAINTS, SUGGEST CORRECTIONS TO THE SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENT AND REPORT TO THE BOARD THE RESULTS OF THE INQUIRY/INVESTIGATION.

## RULE IV - TIME FACTORS, SCORESHEETS, MATCHES AND SEASONAL AWARDS

### SECTION 1 - TIME FACTORS

1. ALL MATCHES ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 7:15 P.M. ON THE DATE AND PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE SCHEDULE. THERE IS A FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE GRACE PERIOD. THE DEADLINE FOR STARTING A MATCH IS 7:30 P.M.. IN THE EVENT THAT A TEAM IS NOT PRESENT AT THE END OF THE GRACE PERIOD, THE MATCH **CAN** BE DECLARED A FORFEIT AGAINST THE "NO SHOW" TEAM AND POINTS WILL BE AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE VI, SECTION 2 - FORFEITURES.

2. THE DARTBOARDS MUST BE OPEN TO PRACTICE FROM 6:45 PM TO 7:15 P.M. THERE ARE TO BE NO GAMES STARTED (PRACTICE OR OTHERWISE) DURING THIS TIME PERIOD.

3. ONCE THE MATCH HAS BEGUN, NO MORE THAN **FIVE (5)** MINUTES MAY ELAPSE BETWEEN MATCHES. NO MORE THAN 2 MINUTES MAY ELAPSE BETWEEN LEGS OF A MATCH.

4. TIMES MAY BE ALTERED WITH THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH TEAM CAPTAINS.

### SECTION 2 - SCORESHEET

1. TEAM CAPTAINS MUST EXCHANGE "LINEUPS" OF THE UPCOMING MATCH PRIOR TO THE START OF PLAY OF EACH MATCH.

2. THE LINEUPS MUST BE MADE "IN THE BLIND", NO MATCHES MAY BE PRE-ARRANGED.

3. THE FULL NAME (FIRST AND LAST) MUST APPEAR **AT LEAST ONCE** ON EACH SCORESHEET.

4. ALL SCORESHEETS MUST BE COMPLETED , INCLUDING DATE OF MATCH, TEAM NAMES, AND TEAM NUMBERS, PLUS BOTH CAPTAINS MUST SIGN BOTH SCORESHEETS. A ONE (1) POINT DEDUCTION WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ANY INCOMPLETE SCORESHEET SENT TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY.

5. NO PLAYER MAY COMPETE IN MORE THAN ONE MATCH AT A TIME. A PLAYER MAY COMPETE IN ONLY 1 SINGLE 301, 1 SINGLE CRICKET, 1 DOUBLES 401, 1 DOUBLES 501 OR ONE DOUBLES CRICKET MATCH PER NIGHT.

6. ONCE A MATCH BEGINS-NO SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE FOR A PLAYER. IF HOWEVER AN EMERGENCY ARISES PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF A SCHEDULED MATCH, THAT PLAYER MAY BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER LEGAL MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

7. BOTH CAPTAINS MUST CALL IN THEIR SCORE TO THE DONKY SCORELINE PRIOR TO 9:00 AM ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE MATCH.

8. **BOTH** CAPTAINS MUST MAIL THEIR SCORESHEET TO THE DONKY P.O. BOX WITHIN 48 HOURS OF COMPLETION OF THE MATCH.

### SECTION 3 - MATCH

1. A MATCH SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF A SEASON. ALL DIVISIONS MAY OR MAY NOT BE DIFFERENT IN THE FORMAT PLAYED/

#### SECTION 4 - STARTING/FINISHING A MATCH

1. EACH SINGLES 301 AND DOUBLES 401 GAME REQUIRES A DOUBLE TO OPEN AND A DOUBLE TO FINISH.
2. ALL OTHER '01 GAMES SHALL BE A FREE START (NO DOUBLE REQUIRED TO OPEN) BUT WILL REQUIRE A DOUBLE TO FINISH.
3. CRICKET- THE FIRST TEAM TO CLOSE ALL NUMBERS INCLUDING BULLS AND HAVE THE MOST POINTS WINS THE GAME. SHOULD BOTH TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS THE FIRST TEAM TO CLOSE ALL NUMBERS INCLUDING THE BULL IS THE WINNER.
4. TO FINISH ANY 01 GAME- A PLAYER MUST SCORE IN A DOUBLE WHICH IS EQUAL TO 1/2 HIS REMAINING SCORE. FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINISHING A GAME, THE INNER DOUBLE BULLS EYE IS A DOUBLE "25". (50 POINTS)
5. NO FAST FINISHES ARE PERMITTED SUCH AS THREE IN A BED, SHANGHAI, 111, 222, ETC.,
6. A PLAYER BUSTS WHEN HIS/HER DART(S) SCORE MORE POINTS THAN WHAT REMAINS IN THE GAME, OF IF THE SCORE IS REDUCED TO "1". WHEN THIS OCCURS, THE SCORING REVERTS TO WHAT IT WAS PRIOR TO THAT PLAYER THROWING AND THE NEXT SCHEDULED PLAYER THROWS.

#### SECTION 5 - AWARDS

1. THE GUIDELINE FOR AWARDS APPEARS ON THE CURRENT SEASON'S SCORESHEETS DEPENDENT ON A PLAYERS PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY RATING AT THE BEGINNING OF THAT SEASON.
2. ALL AWARDS MUST BE RECORDED ON THE BACK OF THE SCORESHEETS ON THE NIGHT THAT THEY WERE THROWN AND ATTESTED TO BY EACH CAPTAIN. IF THEY ARE NOT LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE SCORESHEET **THEY DID NOT HAPPEN.**

#### RULE V - THROWING THE CORK, BEGINNING THE GAME, MARKING, ETC.,

#### SECTION 1 - THROWING THE CORK

1. ALL GAMES ARE BEGUN BY THROWING CORK (CENTER BULL). WHOEVER THROWS CLOSEST TO THE CORK SHALL SHOOT FIRST WHEN STARTING THE GAME. TO OPEN A MATCH, IT IS THE **VISITING TEAM OPTION** AS TO WHO THROWS FIRST AT THE CORK. IN SUBSEQUENT LEGS OF A MATCH IT IS THE TEAM **THAT LOST THE PREVIOUS LEG.** OPTION AS TO WHO WILL THROW AT THE CORK FIRST. IN POSITION ROUND PLAY THE **BOARD** WILL DESIGNATE THE HOME TEAM.
2. ONLY PLAYERS SCHEDULED TO THROW IN THAT SPECIFIC MATCH CAN THROW CORK FOR THAT MATCH.
3. IN THE EVENT OF A 'TIE' FOR THE CORK, THE RE-THROW ORDER WILL BE REVERSED.
4. FOR A LEGAL CORK, BOTH PLAYERS DARTS MUST REMAIN IN THE BOARD, IN THE EVENT THAT A DART IS DISLODGED BY THE SECOND PLAYERS THROW, A RECORK WILL BE THROWN, WITH THE ORDER OF THROW REVERSED.
5. TWO OUTER BULLS OR TWO INNER BULLS ON THE SAME CORK WILL BE CONSIDERED A TIE AND A RE-THROW WILL BE NECESSARY, AGAIN REVERSING THE ORDER OF THROW.
6. SHOULD THERE BE A DOUBT AS TO THE WINNER OF THE CORK, THE CAPTAINS WILL DECIDE WHICH IS CLOSER. IN THE EVENT THAT DOUBT EXISTS BETWEEN THE CAPTAINS, A RE-THROW WILL BE NECESSARY.
7. THROWING ORDER SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE TEAM CAPTAIN. THE CORKER NEED NOT BE THE FIRST PLAYER TO THROW.
8. WHEN THROWING FOR CORK, IT IS **THE OPTION OF THE SECOND THROWER TO LEAVE OR PULL A CORKED BULL, SINGLE OR DOUBLE.**

#### SECTION 2 - SCORING

1. TO COMMENCE SCORING IN A FREE START EVENT, ALL THREE DARTS COUNT FOR SCORE. IN DOUBLE TO START EVENTS (301-401) A PLAYER MUST LAND A DART IN THE DOUBLE (OUTER) RING TO COMMENCE SCORING AND ALL SUBSEQUENT DARTS WILL COUNT FOR SCORE.
2. IN ALL "01" GAMES- POINTS SHOULD BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE STARTING NUMBER.
3. IN CRICKET ALL POINTS SCORED SHOULD ACCUMULATE (ADD TOGETHER).

4. IN ORDER FOR A DART TO COUNT AS A SCORE, THE POINT OF THE DART MUST BE TOUCHING IN THE BRISTLE PORTION OF THE BOARD.
5. A DARTS SCORE SHALL BE DETERMINED FROM THE SIDE OF THE WIRE AT WHICH THE DART ENTERED THE BOARD.
6. NO DART MAY BE TOUCHED PRIOR TO THE DECISION AND AGREEMENT AND MARKING OF THE SCORE.
7. WHILE THROWING DARTS FOR SCORE BOTH FEET MUST BE BEHIND THE FRONT EDGE OF THE TOELINE. IN THE EVENT OF A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE THE OPPOSING CAPTAIN WILL WARN THE PLAYER AND HIS/HER CAPTAIN. FURTHER VIOLATION OF THIS RULE AFTER WARNING WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF THE SCORE OBTAINED FROM THE DARTS THROWN WHILE IN VIOLATION OF THIS RULE.

### SECTION 3 - MARKING

1. A PLAYER MUST VERIFY HIS SCORE AND SEEK APPROVAL OF AN OPPONENT THROWER BEFORE REMOVING THE DARTS FOR THE DARTBOARD.
2. IT IS PERMISSIBLE FOR A TEAM MEMBER TO ADVISE THE THROWER DURING THE COURSE OF THE GAME, BUT ONLY WHEN THE THROWER IS AWAY FROM THE TOE LINE.
3. ERRORS IN ARITHMETIC, WILL BE CHANGED WHEN DISCOVERED/ IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, BOTH PARTICIPANTS SHOULD STRIVE TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE MATHEMATICS/
4. IF A PLAYER THROWS OUT OF TURN, HIS /HER SCORE IS REMOVED AND THE CORRECT SCHEDULED PLAYER FOR THAT TEAM IS TO THROW. THE PLAYER WHO THREW OUT OF TURNS FORFEITS HIS/HER NEXT SCHEDULED TURN IN THE GAME. THE OPPOSING TEAM MUST CHALLENGE THE OUT OF TURN PLAYER BEFORE THEIR NEXT SCHEDULED PLAYER THROWS HIS/HER ROUND. IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, THIS RULE MAY BE WAIVED BY THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH CAPTAINS.

### RULE VI - POSTPONEMENT, FORFEITURES, POINT DEDUCTIONS AND PROTESTS

#### SECTION 1 - POSTPONEMENT

1. NO POSTPONEMENT DUE TO THE INABILITY TO FIELD A FULL TEAM, WILL BE RECOGNIZED. (EXCEPTION: IN THE EVENT THAT BOTH TEAM CAPTAINS, NOTIFY THE LEAGUE OFFICE WITHIN 72 HOURS OF A SCHEDULED MATCH THAT A POSTPONEMENT IS DESIRED, IT **MAY** BE GRANTED.)
2. IF ONLY ONE PLAYER FROM A TEAM APPEARS FOR A MATCH, THAT TEAM SHALL FORFEIT THE MATCH. A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) PLAYERS MUST BE PRESENT TO FIELD A LEGAL BUT INCOMPLETE TEAM.

#### SECTION 2 - FORFEITURES

1. IN THE EVENT OF A FORFEIT, THE FORFEITING TEAM WILL RECEIVE A ZERO, THE OPPOSING TEAM WILL RECEIVE THE **GREATER** OF THEIR CUMULATIVE WINNING AVERAGE OR THE CUMULATIVE LOSING AVERAGE OF THE FORFEITING TEAM.
2. IF A FORFEIT TAKES PLACE PRIOR TO A TEAM HAVING PLAYED EACH TEAM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISION AT LEAST ONE TIME, THEN A TEMPORARY SCORE OF 15 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FORFEITED TEAM HAS PLAYED ALL TEAMS IN THEIR DIVISION (NOT INCLUDING THE FORFEITING TEAM) AT LEAST ONE TIME. AT THAT TIME THE CUMULATIVE AVERAGE WILL REPLACE THE 15 POINT TEMPORARY SCORE.
3. IN THE EVENT OF A FORFEIT, THE FORFEITED TEAM MUST COMPLETE A SCORESHEET WITH THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS PRESENT AND FORWARD IT TO THE DONKY BOARD AS IN A NORMAL MATCH.
4. ANY TEAM THAT **FORFEITS TWO MATCHES IN A SEASON** WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE LEAGUE.
5. **ANY FORFEITURE IN THE LAST TWO (2) WEEKS OF THE SEASON WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF BANQUET AND AWARD RIGHTS FOR THE FORFEITING TEAM.**

#### SECTION 3 - POINT DEDUCTIONS

POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM A TEAMS WEEKLY SCORE FOR:

FAILURE TO CALL IN SCORE TO DONKY SCORELINE PRIOR TO **9:00A.M.** THE MORNING FOLLOWING A MATCH. (5 POINTS)

INCOMPLETE SCORESHEETS (MISSING DATE, TEAM #, TEAM NAMES, SIGNATURES) (1 POINT)

FAILURE TO SEND IN AN APPROVED PLAYERS INFORMATION AND PLAYER FEE ON THE NEXT MATCH FOLLOWING HIS/HER APPROVAL. (1 TO 16 POINTS)

FAILURE OF TEAM TO SEND IN SCORESHEET WITHIN **48 HOURS** OF COMPLETION OF THE MATCH (10 POINTS)

FAILURE TO HAVE A **MINIMUM OF TWO** REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT FOR MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP MEETING(S). (5 POINTS)

### SECTION 3 - PROTEST(S)

1. PROTESTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND RECEIVED BY THE LEAGUE OFFICE WITHIN **2 DAYS** OF THE MATCH/INFRACTION BEING PROTESTED. **NO VERBAL PROTESTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED OR ADDRESSED BY THE BOARD.**

### RULE VII - TOURNAMENTS, PLAYOFFS, POSITION ROUNDS, MVP, ETC.

#### SECTION 1 - TOURNAMENTS

1. THE BOARD WILL DECIDE THE FEES, PROCEDURES, RULES , ETC. FOR ALL DONKY SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS.

#### SECTION 2 - POSITION ROUNDS

1. POSITION ROUNDS ARE CONSIDERED A NIGHT OF REGULAR LEAGUE PLAY.

2. THE HIGHER RANKED TEAM WILL BE CONSIDERED THE HOME TEAM IN ALL POSITION ROUND PLAY.

3. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE GOING INTO A POSITION ROUND THE BOARD WILL DESIGNATE THE HOME TEAM.

4. **WHENEVER POSSIBLE**, POSITION ROUNDS WILL BE PLAYED AT A **NEUTRAL** SITE. IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PLAY AT A NEUTRAL SITE, BOTH TEAM CAPTAINS, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LEAGUE SECRETARY WILL SELECT THE SITE FOR THE POSITION ROUND.

#### SECTION 3 - PLAYOFFS

1. IF TWO OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED FOR 1ST, 2ND OR 3RD PLACE AT THE END OF A REGULAR SEASON, THE BOARD MAY:

A.) HAVE THE TEAMS PLAYOFF THE TIE UNDER AUSPICES OF A BOARD MEMBER, OR

B.) DETERMINE THE ORDER OF FINISH BY USING A FORMULA OF ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) POINTS LOST DURING THE REGULAR SEASON
- (2) MATCH RECORD
- (3) RESULTS OF HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITION

#### SECTION 4 - AWARDS/MVP

1. ALL AWARDS GIVEN DURING THE SEASON WILL BE DECIDED BY THE BOARD.

2. A M.V.P. IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE DETERMINED EACH SEASON, BY PERCENTAGE OF NUMBER OF SINGLE GAMES WON VS. NUMBER OF SINGLE GAMES PLAYED. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MVP STATUS A **PLAYER MUST THROW IN 80% OF HIS TEAMS SCHEDULED SINGLES MATCHES. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR MVP IN A DIVISION AN INDIVIDUAL MUST NOT POSSESS AN AVERAGE OF OVER 65% IN THE PARTICULAR DIVISION HE/SHE IS PARTICIPATING IN.**

3. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD A PLAYER MUST HAVE THROWN IN THE CURRENT SEASON A MINIMUM OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE SCHEDULED WEEKLY MATCHES.

### RULE VIII - SLOTTING OF TEAMS

#### SECTION 1 - GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. ALL TEAMS WILL BE SLOTTED BY THE DONKY BOARD AFTER THE SEASONAL SIGNUPS ARE CLOSED/

A) SLOTTING WILL BE BASED UPON A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF ESTABLISHED DONKY RATINGS OF THE TOP 4 RATED PLAYERS ON A TEAMS ROSTER.

B) INDIVIDUALS WITH NO ESTABLISHED DONKY RATING WILL BE GIVEN A RATING BASED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OTHER DART ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SODA, STICK, DOC, MEDALIST, PIONEER AND ANY OTHER DART ORGINAZATION IT CAN LOCATE. THESE RATINGS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD/

C.) INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION OBTAINABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES WILL BE GIVEN A TEMPORARY RATING BASED UPON THE AVERAGE OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THE TEAM ROSTER WITH ESTABLISHED RATINGS.

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT OF THE DONKY BOARD

DONKY IS ACTIVE TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF STEEL TIP DARTS, AND AS AN OUTLET FOR SOCIAL, FRIENDSHIP AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP SHOULD BE THE PREVAILING ATTITUDE DURING ALL LEAGUE SPONSORED EVENTS. DARTS IS A SPIRITED GAME WHERE COMMON COURTESY IS A MUST AND A HANDSHAKE BETWEEN PLAYERS AFTER A GAME AND MATCH IS AN OUTWARD GESTURE OF THAT SPORTSMANSHIP.

NO LOUD PROFANITY, VULGAR OR OBSCENE GESTURES TOWARDS ANY OTHER PLAYER WILL BE TOLERATED. PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ALSO WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. PLAYERS/TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SUCH ACTIVITY WILL BE SUSPENDED AND/OR EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE.

IN THE EVENT THAT A CAPTAIN FEELS THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR PHYSICAL VIOLENCE OR THREATS ARE MADE AGAINST HIS/HER TEAM, IT IS ADVISABLE TO LEAVE THE PREMISES, **CONTACT THE LEAGUE OFFICE BY PHONE AND IN WRITING** AS TO WHAT HAS OCCURRED AT THE MATCH AND THE BOARD WILL DETERMINE OF A FORFEIT IS IN ORDER.

LET'S HAVE FUN, GET BETTER AT THE SPORT, AND STRIVE TO MAKE DONKY A VIABLE, STRONG, FUN LEAGUE.

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**DARTERS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY  
LEAGUE BY-LAWS**

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**ARTICLE 1:**            **DEFINITIONS**

**SECT. 1:**            Whenever the initials D.O.N.KY are used in these By-laws, they shall mean the Darters of Northern Kentucky.

**SECT. 2:**            Whenever the word Board is used in these By-laws, it shall mean the elected Officers as described in Article 6, Section 1.

**SECT. 3:**            Whenever the term Member is used in these By-laws, it shall mean a person or group which has obtained membership in DONKY.

**ARTICLE II:**        **NAME, LOGO STRUCTURE, SPONSORSHIP AND BOUNDARY**

**SECT. 1:**            The name of this organization shall be the Darters of Northern Kentucky, (herein referred to as D.O.N.KY). The name and logo of D.O.N.KY cannot be altered or changed without the consent of a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE** during a full general membership meeting.

**SECT. 2:**            The structure of the organization shall not be altered or changed without the consent of a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE** during a general membership meeting.

**SECT. 3:**            Sponsorship in D.O.N.KY can be obtained by any establishment that has an Occupational license **AND** a Retail Beer License and/or a Liquor By The Drink License.

**SECT. 4:**            The sponsorship boundary for D.O.N.KY is any establishment that meets the specifications in section 3 above, that is located within a 30 mile distance from Downtown Covington, Kentucky, and located in **THE STATE OF KENTUCKY**. This boundary cannot be altered without the consent of a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULLMEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE** during a general membership meeting.

**ARTICLE III:**       **OBJECTIVES**

**SECT. 1:**            The objectives of D.O.N.KY are as follows:

- a) To promote competitive darts and good sportsmanship for social and recreational purposes.
- b) To help coordinate and support the activities, tournaments and functions of affiliated Associations, Leagues, Dart Clubs, and other similar groups.
- c) To sanction league play according to the rules in effect.
- d) To improve and establish conditions of play in local establishments throughout the Northern Kentucky area.

**SECT. 2:**            D.O.N.KY shall be a non-profit, non-political and non-Sectarian organization.

**ARTICLE IV: SPONSOR AND MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**SECT. 1:** Establishment fees and team fees shall be established and may be revised by a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD**.

**SECT. 2:** Individual membership fees shall be established and may be revised by a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD**.

**ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP AGE, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.**

**SECT. 1:** No one under the age of twenty-one (21) is permitted to participate in the league.

**SECT. 2:** A non-voting Honorary Membership may be issued at the discretion of a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD**.

**SECT. 3:** A membership may be terminated or restricted by a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULL BOARD** if such a member creates disharmony or behaves in a manner prejudicial to order and discipline. The person and/or team captain will be notified in writing of any **BOARD** action taken. When such action is taken, the member in question has two (2) weeks to petition the **BOARD** in writing for a **FULL BOARD** hearing to review the matter. If no petition is made within a two (2) week period, the **BOARD** decision will stand.

**ARTICLE VI: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECT. 1:** The D.O.N.KY Board of Directors shall be comprised of seven (7) elected officers: the **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE, PLAYING CONDITIONS ENGINEER AND OWNER (BAR) REPRESENTATIVE**, and two Board-appointed officials, ADO REPRESENTATIVE AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR, if needed.

**SECT. 2:** Any member of D.O.N.KY who wishes to run for the Office of President or Vice President must have served on a Board (either D.O.N.KY or other dart organization) for a minimum period of **twelve months**. The burden of proof of experience on another dart organization will lie with the nominated candidate. (Exception: If no member with prior board experience wishes to run for these offices, then any member of D.O.N.KY, who wishes to run, may do so).

**SECT. 3:** Any member of D.O.N.KY who wishes to run for the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Player Rep, Playing Conditions Engineer or Bar Owner Rep. may do so without any prior Board experience.

**SECT. 4:** The Board shall be elected for a period of one (1) year and shall take office no later than two (2) weeks after the election of Officers at the **Winter Season** banquet.

**SECT. 5:** Board vacancies **must** be filled by the President, provided a 2/3 majority of the Board approves the appointment, within 30 days of the creation of the board vacancy.

**SECT. 6:** A **BOARD MEMBER** automatically resigns when, **without cause** he/she fails to appear at two (2) Board meetings within his/her term of office and he/she is not eligible to run for office in the next general election. Attendance at any board meeting can be excused by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board **if** notice is given to the President or Secretary of the members inability to attend a scheduled meeting.

**SECT. 7:** **NO** joint offices may be held.

**ARTICLE VII:**           **BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM**

**SECT. 1:**           The **BOARD** must meet at least once each month. The meeting date, time and location will be determined by the **PRESIDENT**. Attendance shall be excused if notice of the meeting is not given to and received by **BOARD MEMBERS** at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting

**SECT. 2:**           A **simple majority** of Board Members present will constitute a quorum, **provided** every board member was notified of the scheduled meeting. The meeting may be called to order if a quorum is present.

**SECT. 3:**           Each **BOARD MEMBER** is required to maintain complete and accurate records pertaining to his/her position. These records should be kept for the past four (4) seasons.

**ARTICLE VIII:**       **DUTIES OF BOARD OFFICERS**

**SECT. 1:**           The **PRESIDENT** shall be the Chief Executive of the organization and as such will preside over all meetings of the **BOARD** and over all **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**, unless excused by virtue of the **"NO VOTE PROVISIO"**. He/she may vote **ONLY** to make or break a tie. The **PRESIDENT** shall decide all questions on order, appoint all committees (unless otherwise specified), and He/she shall be an **EX-OFFICO** member of all committees. The **PRESIDENTS** signature is one of two valid signatures necessary for the negotiation of checks drawn on the **D.O.N.KY** checking account.

**SECT. 2:**           The **VICE PRESIDENT** working with the **PRESIDENT**, shall perform, direct or coordinate all general public relations for **D.O.N.KY**. The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall assume all of the duties of the **PRESIDENT** in the event of the **PRESIDENTS** resignation or unavailability. The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall assist other officers as needed. The **VICE PRESIDENT** in conjunction with the **ADO REPRESENTATIVE**, is responsible for **D.O.N.KY'S** inter-relations, contact and correspondence with all other similar Leagues and Associations.

**SECT. 3:**           The **SECRETARY** shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the **BOARD or GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** of the league and shall distribute all meeting notices to the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**. In addition the **SECRETARY** shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping a current list of members of **D.O.N.KY**. The **SECRETARY** shall also have charge of such books, papers and documents as the **BOARD** may direct and after terminating said office, shall turn over said materials to his/her successor. In general the **SECRETARY** shall perform all duties incident the the office, subject at all times to the direction and control of the **BOARD**. The **SECRETARY** shall be responsible for reporting and compiling weekly results. Upon the authority of the **PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT** the **SECRETARY** shall publish announcements of special interest or tournaments being held by **SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENTS**, provided such tournaments do not conflict with **D.O.N.KY** matches or events.

**SECT. 4:**           The **TREASURER** shall receive all money paid to the league and shall have sole custody and control over the accounts and books of the league, subject to the **BOARDS** direction. All money received by the **TREASURER** shall be promptly deposited in the league's account. The **TREASURER** shall keep complete and accurate records of the moneys received and of all expenditures made by the league and shall be prepared to make a current report on the league's bank account(s) at each **BOARD MEETING**. The **TREASURER** shall be responsible for the development and coordination of a budget for the league and its projected functions. The budget shall be subject to the approval of the **BOARD**. The **TREASURER** shall perform all other duties incident to the office, subject at all times to the approval and direction of the **BOARD**. The **TREASURERS** signature is one of two valid signatures which are necessary

for the negotiation of checks drawn on the leagues bank account. At the expiration of his/her

**ARTICLE VIII**

**SECT. 4:** (CONT)

term, the **TREASURER** shall turn over all pertinent books and records to his/her successor. At the option of the **BOARD**, the **TREASURERS** position may be bonded at **D.O.N.KY** expense.

**SECT. 5:**

The **PLAYER REP** shall have and exercise general supervision of the affairs of the league and shall manage and control properties and effects. He/she shall assist in the administration of **D.O.N.KY** policy and enforce penalties for infractions committed by members.

**SECT. 6:**

The **PLAYING CONDITIONS ENGINEER** shall evaluate the playing conditions, lighting, etc. of sponsoring establishments and report back to the **BOARD**. He/she is responsible for investigating all complaints/protests relative to playing conditions.

**SECT. 7:**

The **BAR OWNER REPRESENTATIVE** shall have and exercise general supervision of the affairs of the league and shall manage and control properties and effects. He/she shall assist in the administration of **D.O.N.KY** policy and enforce penalties for infractions committed by sponsoring establishments.

**SECT. 8:**

The **HISTORIAN/NEWSLETTER EDITOR** is responsible for combining all pertinent facts that occur during any given season and to compile and report them in a newsletter distributed at the seasonal banquet.

**SECT. 9:**

The **ADO REPRESENTATIVE** in conjunction with the **VICE PRESIDENT** is responsible for the leagues inter-relation, contact and correspondence with all other similar leagues. The **ADO REPRESENTATIVE** is responsible for sending certificate information to the **ADO GENERAL SECRETARY** at the end of each season.

**SECT. 10:**

The **'NO-VOTE PROVISIO'** is defined as : **NO BOARD MEMBER** may vote on protests taking place in which he/she is a team member of the offending or protesting team.

**SECT. 11:**

All checks issued by **D.O.N.KY** must be signed by the **PRESIDENT and the TREASURER**. Checks used by **D.O.N.KY** shall have **"TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED"** pre-printed on them.

**ARTICLE IX:**

**MEETINGS**

**SECT. 1:**

**BOARD MEETINGS** shall be comprised of all **BOARD** members and shall be subject to **ARTICLE VII**.

**SECT. 2:**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** will be open to **ALL** members of **D.O.N.KY**. A **MINIMUM** of one (1) general membership meeting per **SEASON** will be held. One meeting will be for the purpose of general elections. All members present will have one (1) vote.

**SECT. 3:**

**CAPTAINS MEETINGS** will be open to all team captains or their designate. Captains meetings attendance is mandatory, provided all captains have been notified one (1) week prior to the meeting. Each team will have one (1) vote.

**SECT. 4:**

Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will be called at the discretion of the **BOARD**.

**SECT. 5:**

**BY LAW MEETINGS, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND CAPTAINS MEETINGS** must be announced a minimum of one (1) week prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE X:**            **RECALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**SECT. 1:**            **ANY BOARD MEMBER** may re recalled(removed) from office by a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD** at any **BOARD MEETING**.

**SECT. 2:**            A petition or recall a **BOARD MEMBER**, by any member of **D.O.N.KY**, must be sent by registered mail to the **BOARD**. **AND**

- a) A twenty five dollar (\$25.00) deposit must accompany the petition.
- b) A **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be called on to vote on the petition for recall, if the **BOARD**, by a 2/3 majority, decides that the petition to recall is well founded.
- c) The petition for recall must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the general membership present at said meeting.
- d) The vote shall be conducted by **SECRET BALLOT**.
- e) If the recall is approved by the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**, the \$25.00 deposit will be refunded: If denied the deposit will revert to the general **D.O.N.KY** account.

**SECT. 3:**            Any **BOARD MEMBER** who is recalled will not be eligible to run for any **BOARD** office for a period of one (1) year from the date of recall.

**ARTICLE XI:**        **ELECTIONS**

**SECT. 1:**            A **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held between weeks 7 and 8 of the Winter Season for the purpose of nominating candidates for Board Positions. Elections will be held at the Winter Season Awards Banquet.

**SECT. 2:**            A non partisan committee will be appointed to tabulate election results, which will be announced at the **WINTER SEASON BANQUET**.

**ARTICLE XII:**      **GENERAL**

**SECT. 1:**            These by-laws may be amended by the **BOARD** at a meeting called especially for this purpose. As for all legislation proposed by the **BOARD**, 2/3 vote of all **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** is required.

**SECT. 2:**            Rules and Regulations to supplement these by-laws shall be devised for the purpose of clarity and uniformity. Any additions, deletions or changes may be made according to the provisions set forth in Section 1 of this article.

**SECT. 3:**            The order of business and/or procedures of any **BOARD MEETING** called, or any subject **NOT** covered by these by-laws or noted in **BOARD** minutes shall be subject to the ruling of the **PRESIDENT** of the **BOARD**.

**ARTICLE XIII:**

**POLICY/RULES**

**SECT. 1:**

Policy/rule changes and temporary rulings, as approved by the **BOARD** and general information will be in the form of announcements issued by **D.O.N.KY**. These policy/rule changes and temporary rulings will be considered to be in force immediately.

**SECT. 2:**

It is the responsibility of the **BOARD** and **THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** to read all announcements issued by **D.O.N.KY**.

**SECT. 3:**

It is the responsibility of **ALL TEAM CAPTAINS** to relay the information contained in the aforementioned announcements to the members of his/her team.

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