

Greater Tri-Cities Dart Club

Rules of Play

Membership

- A. Only GTCDC members are eligible to participate in GTCDC match play.
- B. A player's membership is automatic acceptance of the GTCDC Bylaws and these rules and conditions, which are subject to appeal and subsequent vote of all active members in the GTCDC.
- C. The GTCDC will not practice discrimination due to age, sex, race, religion or national origin and all reference to "he" in the RULES OF PLAY and BY-LAWS shall apply and mean "she" as well.

Schedules

- A. All schedules will be completed prior to the start of each season.
- B. Copies of the schedule will be published to each active member prior to the beginning of each season.
- C. A sponsor may have only one match per board. Example: 4 boards = 4 matches; 2 boards = 2 matches.
- D. Scheduling conflicts during a season due to members being "barred" from sponsor locations will be the responsibility of the member with the conflict. The member must find an alternative location that is agreeable to the other member involved in the match.
- E. All matches must be current by the end of each make-up week. Make-up week ends on the Sunday following the Wednesday/Thursday on which the make-up week is scheduled.

Divisions

- A. The GTCDC will consist of divisions: Gold Division, Silver Division, Bronze Division, and Copper Division, Women's Division. Number and format of division depends on participation for that given season.
- B. Each season, all Gold Division money winners and the qualifying Silver Division members from the previous season will be placed in Gold Division. The rest of the Gold Division players will be selected on an overall skill basis.
- C. Each season, the top money winners in Silver, Bronze, and Copper Division will be automatically moved to the next highest division. The number of players automatically moved up is determined by the number of people in the division for the current season. For 1 to 9 players, the top player will be moved to the next division. For 10 or more players, the top two players will be moved to the next division.
- D. If a player is an automatic qualifier for Gold Division, Silver Division, or Bronze Division, and they take the following season(s) off, then the next season the player signs up, they will keep their automatic place in that division.

Time Of Matches

- A. The start time for the first game of the match is to be within 15 minutes of 7:30pm. A player will forfeit a game for every 15 minutes they are late. Example: Player arrives at 8:00 pm. The player may begin their set of 501 but they forfeit the first game of the set and begin the set down 1 game to 0.

- B. Players may agree to delay the start of the match, but both players must agree to the delay.
- C. Boards at each sponsor location are on a first come, first serve basis each week of play. If both players are not present and ready to begin playing at 7:30, a board cannot be reserved if there are two other players present ready to begin their match. You must be present at the bar to reserve a board. Matches scheduled for the current week of play have priority over make-up matches or matches that are being played ahead of schedule.
- D. No breaks are allowed during a set. A 5 minute break will be allowed after the completion of each set. An extended break is allowed if agreed on by both players. A player using the bathroom is not considered a "break". A player loses a game for every 5 minutes they go over they allowed break time. If this rule is enforced, the penalty does not take effect until all active players vote on the validity of the enforcement.

Match Profile

- A. Match play format:
 - Set 1 – 501 (single in, double out); one point for each game won.
 - Set 2 – Cricket; one point for each game won.
 - Set 3 – 301 (double in, double out); one point for each game won.
- B. Matches must be played in the specified order (501, Cricket, 301) unless both players agree to change the order.
- C. Gold Division sets consist of 7 games, for a total of 21 games per match. Silver and Women's Division sets consist of 5 games, for a total of 15 games per match. Bronze Division sets consist of 4 games plus a final leg of cork calls (501, Cricket, 301), for a total of 13 games per match.

Equipment

- A. All league competition shall be conducted on a Standard English Bristle (Red, Black, and Green colors only) 20-point clock faced dartboard of "razor wire" construction.
- B. Dartboards shall be positioned five feet, eight inches (+ or -1/4 inch) from floor to the center of the bulls eye, with the "20" wedge at the top center.
- C. The toe line shall be seven feet, nine and one-quarter inches (measured from the front surface of the board to the front of the toe line), and with a diagonal of nine feet seven 3/8 inches (from center of bull to front of toe line).
- D. A lateral distance of two feet from the bull's eye shall be clear of all obstructions (i.e. walls, shelves, and tables.)
- E. All league boards shall be firmly anchored to the wall and will be well illuminated.
- F. The dart board razor wire must not be broken, and the double and triple rings must be within a tolerance of 1/32 inch of the normal space of 3/8 inch.

Regular Season Match Play

- A. Players will cork to determine which player starts the first game in each set.
- B. Each player alternates going first until the set is completed.
- C. All "in game" rules shall be dictated by the current ADO Tournament Rules. A copy of these rules will be provided to each sponsor location and placed in their 3 ring binder for reference by players at any time.

- D. After the conclusion of a match, each player must verify their points and submit their scores. Scores should be submitted by email with the subject line containing the week of play.

League email for match reporting: gtcddarts@gmail.com.

Postponements

- A. A match may be postponed by mutual agreement between each player involved prior to the night of the scheduled match play.
- B. Players that have to reschedule a match must contact the other player involved in the match no later than 3 P.M. the day of the match.
- C. All postponed matches must be played by the Sunday before the playoffs begin.
- D. Players may be given an average number of points for a match that is not played. The player's average points will be determined as a weighted average between the two players in the match.
- E. Players that take an average are ineligible for the playoffs unless the majority of the active members vote that extenuating circumstances prevented a player from playing a match.

Play-off Procedures

- A. Playoffs will begin the week after the end of the current season.
- B. Playoffs will be a seeded singles tournament, with a player's seed determined by their placing in the current season within their division.
- C. Match location will be determined by the higher seeded player. Playoff finals location will be at a neutral location or a location to which both players agree.
- D. Playoff tournament matches will be a race to 12 games.
- E. The first set will consist of 4 games of 501 (SIDO). The winner of the cork will determine which player goes first in the first game. Players will alternate going first for the remainder of the set.
- F. The second set will consist of 4 games of cricket. The winner of the cork will determine which player goes first in the first game. Players will alternate going first for the remainder of the set.
- G. The third set will consist of 4 games of 301 (DIDO). The winner of the cork will determine which player goes first in the first game. Players will alternate going first for the remainder of the set.
- H. The last sets will alternate between 501, cricket, and 301 until a player achieves the required number of games won. Each game in the final sets will start with a cork. The winner of the cork goes first and calls the game. Each set must contain one game of 501, one game of cricket, and one game of 301.

Tie Breakers

- A. All ties will be decided by head to head season competition.

Pay-out Procedures

- A. Before each season, the GTCDC will publish to each member what the anticipated revenue will be from the upcoming season. Expenses for each season will also be provided.
- B. Each season the GTCDC will use a portion of its revenue for sponsoring Tennessee State Tournament team members, sponsoring ADO qualifier events, and hosting TN/ADO sanctioned tournaments. The amount held for these activities will be determined by the active members.

- C. Payouts will be determined on a season to season basis. The top 50% of each division will be in the guaranteed payout for the regular season.
- D. All payouts will be made the week after the end of the current season.

Conduct

- A. Good sportsmanship and common courtesy are expected at all times. Heckling or other harassment is forbidden. All players and spectators must give each thrower plenty of room to throw and refrain from undue movement or motion in or near the dartboard lane to eliminate distractions. Physical abuse will not be tolerated and can result in suspension or expulsion of both parties relative to the circumstances and vote of the active members in the GTCDC.

Protest Procedures

- A. Only current members of the GTCDC may file protests about irregularities relating to any GTCDC sanctioned event.
- B. A decision on any protest will be made by all active members of the GTCDC.

Duties Of Members

- A. Each active member of the GTCDC will give a phone number, work number, or email to the GTCDC organizer(s) in order to facilitate communication between members about match changes or league information.

Changes In Play Format

- A. The GTCDC active members may approve new format ideas at the end of each fall season. Rules take effect the next season unless specified otherwise.

Conflicts With GTCDA Matches

- A. The GTCDC have priority for boards at sponsor locations on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The GTCDA has priority for boards at sponsor locations on Monday and Tuesday nights. If a match is being played on Monday or Tuesday night, the GTCDA teams have the choice of boards for their match or matches. Likewise, if a match is being played on Wednesday or Thursday night, the GTCDC players have the choice of board for their match or matches.