**COLORADO RIVER DART ASSOCIATION**

**League Rules**

**MEMBERSHIP**

* Only registered players or approved guests may participate in CRDA activities.
* Membership is open to anyone who evidences interest in Darts as a sport.
* Members must be twenty-one (21) years of age, no exceptions.

**FEES**

* A sponsor fee of forty ($60.00) dollars per team is required. Fees must be paid prior to start of league play, but no later than the second game. Please make all checks or money orders payable to: CRDA and give to the League Treasurer before or on the night of the second week of scheduled league play. (Sponsorship fee is non-refundable)
* Membership and Team fees shall be applicable each season.
* Members and Teams failing to submit their fees shall not be permitted to participate in succeeding seasons until such fees are paid in full.
* Members who are paid in full ($5.00) for membership fees shall receive a membership card
* 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 member’s eligibility is challenged by the opposing team.
* Lost cards may be replaced after payment of $5.00 processing fee.

**DEFINITIONS**

* Marker or Scorer: Scorekeeper or Chalker
* Cork: Bulls-eye
* Board: The governing body of the CRDA
* Neutral: A member not participating in the Division or sponsoring establishment in or for which a protest or policy matter is being discussed prior to a decision.
* Straight Start: Scoring shall commence without necessity of first landing a dart on the outer (double) ring.

**SCHEDULES**

* Schedules shall be arranged so that each team plays at least one home and one away match against every team in its Division, if possible.
* Schedules will be distributed at Captain’s Meeting prior to the start of each season.

**EQUIPMENT - - INSTALLATION**

* An acceptable bristle board must be secured to the wall so that the distance from the center of the board to the floor measures 5’8”.
* Lights must be affixed in such a way as to brightly illuminate the board, reduce to a minimum the shadows cast by the darts, and do not physically impede flight of the dart.
* There shall be a oche (throwing) line marked on the floor surface or covering; the front edge of which line shall be horizontal distance of 7’9 ¼” from the face of the board (scoring surface), center of the bull.
* A scoreboard must be mounted within the dart area so positioned as to be visible from the oche (throwing) line, but not interfering with the thrower.
* Nonconforming or substandard equipment and layout of the playing area can result in a change of venue.

**THE GAME -CHICAGO STYLE**

* Singles League: Teams are of four (4) or more members, both men and women are welcome. All teams must appoint one member Captain. Captain decides any playing order of players from match to match. Each player must complete any game he starts. More than four (4) players may participate for a team in any given match, however, no player may participate more than once in a singles segment, and the Team – League inclusions are subject to approval by the Board.
* Teams with less than two (2) players present at starting time shall forfeit all points for that scheduled match.
* Two (2) to three (3) players shall be considered a legal but incomplete team at starting time.
* A team legally starting with less than four (4) players may play late arriving players
* Each Captain or Acting Captain must make line-up.Home Team Captain first, Visiting Team follows (singles, doubles, and team game).
* Line-up changes and substitutions may be made only with the consent of the opposing Captain and only if he initials such changes on the scorecard as proof of his agreeing to the changes. If the substitution is not initialed on the scorecard, one (1) point will be forfeited.
* No player may participate in more than one (1) Singles Game per match.
* A substitute player is a player not playing on a current team. No more than two (2) substitute players per match will be allowed to make up a complete four (4) man team. Substitute players are only allowed to play for absent team member(s), if the team does not have four (4) members present for that scheduled Match. No substitute will play for any given team more than twice per season. No substitute will participate in the last two (2) scheduled matches of the season.
* A $5.00 fee is to be paid for each substitute per match along with the scorecard for that match. Failure to pay such fees will result in loss of all points played by substitute.
* **TIME FACTORS**
* Matches are scheduled to start at 7:00 P.M. on the date and the place scheduled, unless consented to by the Team Captains of different game time, date or place. First game must start by 7:15 P.M.
* No more than ten (10) minutes may elapse between games.
* **THE MATCH**
* Singles League: A match shall consist of four (4) singles games; two (2) doubles games and one (1) team game, starting with four (4) singles games, then two (2) doubles games and ending with one (1) team game. One (1) point shall be awarded for each singles leg won, 3 legs each. One (1) point awarded for each doubles leg won, 3 legs each. Team Game will be awarded one (1) point. Making a maximum total of nineteen (19) points to be won during the match.
* Each Singles matches shall be “301, 501, and Cricket”. (Cork Calls thegame), no two (2) legs the same.
* “301” - Double On and finishing on a Double Out.
* “501” – Straight Start or Easy On and finishing on a Double Out.
* Cricket - (See Cricket Rules attached)
* Doubles Game is the same as the Singles Game.
* Team Game is “701” Straight start or Easy On and finishing on a double out.
* Each leg won is awarded one (1) point.
* **CORKING:** The dart must remain in the board in order to count. Additional throws may be made (only when, throwing the cork) until such time as the players dart remains in the board. Should the second thrower dislodge the dart of the first thrower, a re-throw will be made with the second thrower throwing first.
* The home team will cork first in the first leg of each match.The loser of the first leg will have the option to throw first cork of the second leg. The visiting team will throw first cork in the third leg.
* Re-throws shall be called if the scorer cannot decide which dart is the closest to the cork or if both darts are anywhere in the inner (double) bull or both darts are anywhere in the outer (single) bull.
* The second thrower, if he wishes, may acknowledge the first dart as a Double or Single Bull and ask for that dart to be removed prior to his throw.
* Darts must not be touched prior to the decision of the Scorer.
* Should the Scorer or the thrower be in doubt, then both Captains shall add their options with the majority ruling.

**TEAM GAME**

* A complete team for the purpose of the Team Game shall consist of four (4) or more players.
* It is not necessary for a player to have played in a Singles Game in order to be eligible for the Team Game.
* No player may throw again until each of his teammates has completed his throw.
* Any complete team playing against an incomplete team will play their men against the total number of opposing players.

**SCORING AND MARKING**

* Straight Start: Scoring shall commence without necessity of first landing a dart in the outer (double) ring.
* To finish a leg (or Team Game) a player’s last dart thrown must be the number equal to one-half the remaining score.

All scoring shall be subtracted from the start of “301

All scoring shall be subtracted from the start of “501”

All scoring shall be subtracted from the start of “701”

All scoring shall commence from the start of the cricket game.

* The Scorer for each game will be a person acceptable to both Captains. Should the choice of Scorer cause distention, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to provide the same. In general, the home team shall be responsible for scoring.
* BUST RULE: A player “busts” when his three darts or less score more points than remain in the leg for his team. A player also “busts” when with the three darts or less he leaves a remaining score of one (1). When this occurs, the score remains as it was prior to his throw. The next opposing player then takes his regular turn.
* Fast finishes such as three in a bed, 222, 111 Shanghai, etc. does not apply.
* For a dart to score, it must remain in the board until the player has shot all darts and steps over the line.
* No dart may be touched by the thrower, another player, Scorer, Captain, or spectator prior to the decision of the Scorer.
* A dart’s score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the point of the dart enters the board. In cases where the Double and Triple rings are bound by bands instead of wires, a dart lodging between the band, where they overlap, shall be scored as the Double or Triple
* It is the responsibility of the player to verify his written score before removing his darts from the board. The score remains as written if one or more darts are removed from the board.
* The Scorer may inform the thrower what he has scored and/or what he has left. HE MAY NOT inform the thrower what he has left in terms of number combinations. It is permissible for the Captain, partner or spectator to advise the thrower during the course of the Game.
* 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.

**The Game - 701**

* Game play is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., but no later than **7:15** p.m. **Games will be forfeited, if not started by 7:15 p.m., with at least five (5) players from the team roster.**  To avoid time controversy, the actual bar time (clock) will determine the start of the games and forfeit time.
* If a complete team of (6) is not in attendance (i.e. minimum of 5 players league rules apply, team forfeits all games.) At the discretion of both Captains, if a team player shows up to complete a team, both Captains must be in agreement to continue game plays. An allowance period of five (5) minutes shall be allowed after 7:15 p.m.
* There will be a two (2) minute time limit on players to shoot, if the player has failed to shoot in the two (2) minutes allowed, that player will lose his/her turn and player from the opposing team will shoot.

**Game Play**

* Game play will consist of five (5) 701 games with a **double in and double out**, each gamed is worth one (1) point.
* A five (5) minute grace period will be allowed between each game. Captains, it is your responsibility to assure your players are prepared to play, once those five (5) minutes is up. **(In other words, players smoke your cigarettes and get ready to play!)**
* The home team will provide the scorekeeper for all games played.
* **The first game shall commence after a flip of a coin, with the winner of the coin toss as being the team shooting first. Thereafter, the loser to each game shall throw first.**
* Any changes in the shooting line-up will be made between games only, or before next game starts. Once the first dart is thrown means the game has started.
* Darts making it on the board score in the following manner:
* In the wedge is the amount posted on the outer ring.
* The double ring (outer narrow ring) accounts for two (2) times the number posted.
* The triple ring (inner narrow ring) accounts for three (3) times the number posted.
* Bull’s eye (out bull) equals twenty-five (25) points.
* Double bull’s eye (inner bull) equals fifty (50) points.
* If a foot/footwear crosses over the line or a person happens to trip over the oche and releases his/her dart, the throw counts for no points and cannot be re-thrown.
* **All** darts thrown by a player must stay on the board for at least five (5) seconds **or** when a player steps over the line to count. It will be the responsibility of the scorekeeper, not the player to confirm where dart landed. Scorekeepers have the final decision on points scored.
* It is the responsibility of the player to verify his/her written score before pulling his/her darts. The score remains as written if one or more darts are removed from the board.
* The Scorekeeper may inform the player what he/she has scored, and/or what he/she has left in terms of remaining number score. The Scorekeeper cannot leave the area of the scoreboard and step behind the throwing line to assist the player. It is permissible for the Captain, partner or spectators to advise the player during the course of the game.
* Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the beginning of the team’s next throw. The aforementioned may be waived in the interest of sportsmanship provided both Captains agree.
* A throw does not score if it sticks into another dart or if it falls off the board. In other words **ROBIN HOODS** ARE not acceptable.

**Team**

* Teams may consist of twelve (12) players, but no less than five (5), one of which must be a female. **(An all female team is acceptable). Six (6) players needed to make a full team.**
* Each game played must have one (1) female listed on their shooting roster for each game. **In other words, a female must play all games.**
* You may shoot with five (5) males, providing you **DO NOT** have a female on your team, however your team will forfeit a turn each rotation. **(Utilizing (5) males to shoot, while a female player sits on the sideline is NOT acceptable).**
* Any team starting with five (5) players must finish game with those five (5) players. A sixth player cannot be added during play of game. The team with five (5) players will skip a turn each rotation.

Drink Rounds- Relating to 701 matches

* Drink rounds are permitted PROVIDED both Captains of the teams playing agree to doing drink rounds. If agreed upon by both Captains these are the rules that apply:
* Drink rounds shall not exceed thirty ($30.00) dollars per round, games (#2) and (#4).
* Drink rounds shall include scorekeepers, whether home or away. Seven (7) drinks per round which include six (6) players and one (1) scorekeeper. **(CAPTAINS, you are responsible for this, only players who play that game get drinks, NOT THE ENTIRE TEAM)**
* Players shooting in the drink rounds will not change what they have been drinking (i.e. someone who is drinking a Pepsi cannot switch to an alcoholic beverage).
* Please inform your sponsors that drink rounds are reimbursable for the visiting team, so please provide that team with a receipt, should they lose both drink rounds.
* If BOTH Captains agree to not have drink rounds, the above does not apply.

Complaints/Decisions/Protests

* Any complaints shall be put in writing and placed in a sealed envelope and dropped off at Sandbar for the League Secretary. A review committee consisting of Captains and the League President will render a decision and the ruling will be final.
* A decision will be rendered and finalized prior to next game play.
* The Team Captains are the only official protesters and decision makers during a game. In the absence of the Captain, the Co-Captain shall assume all responsibilities of the Captain.

Sportsmanship/Misconduct

* Good sportsmanship shall prevail during all games. Failure to do so will result in a one (1) point loss for that team. Attempts to distract any opponent while he/she is throwing will not be tolerated and will be regarded as a violation to the Sportsmanship conduct ruling. **(This rule will be strictly enforced)**
* Vulgar and foul language will not be permitted. Per establishment call, a player can be 86’ed for the night from thatestablishment. One (1) forewarning will be given to the player’s Captain, if that player persists he/she will be 86’ed for the night. It is the responsibility of each Captain to maintain their player’s actions.
* Any team who has had a member 86’d from a participating establishment, must remove player from their roster for completion of the game that is being played. Player is to leave the establishment for the remainder of the evening. That player’s position may be filled by another player on the team roster for continuing games, **NOT** the current game being played. This is the responsibility of the Team Captain. This is not a league issue, **NO ALLOWANCES SHALL BE MADE.**
* Establishment owner and Team Captains will discuss any disharmony that may occur between the teams and non-participating patrons, fraternizing, that establishment and come to a solution, satisfactory to all parties.

**AWARDS**

* Awards will be rendered to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Teams for the Dart League Season.
* One female and male award will be given to the individual that obtains the most high flyer scores.
* One SPORTSMANSHIP award will be given to the team that possesses the best sportsmanship demeanor throughout the Dart League. This award is judged by all participating Captains.

**REPORTING RESULTS**

* The Captain of the Home Team is responsible for the completion and turning in the scorecard.
* Both Captains are responsible for the accuracy of the scorecard with their signatures attesting to the same.
* Scorecards must be turned in no later than 24 hours of the Match, or hand delivered to the Secretary within 48 hours of the Match otherwise a penalty will result for late scorecards.
* PENALTY: Failing to have results turned in within 48 hours of the Match will constitute a late scorecard and will cause the team at fault (home team) to forfeit one (3) point as penalty.

**RESULTS**

All results as posted by the Recording Secretary shall be considered as final unless protested in writing within (10) days of posting.

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**POSTPONEMENTS**

* A match may be postponed by mutual agreement between Captains ONLY prior to the night the Match is scheduled.
* Exceptions of the aforementioned shall be “Acts of God”.
* It will be the responsibility of the Captain requesting the postponement to notify the Recording Secretary and at least one of his Executive Committee.
* All postponed Matches MUST be played within six (6) days of the scheduled date.
* If the Home Team requests the postponement, there will be a change of venue.
* The requested Team shall have the right to set the date and time for the Match, provided such are considered reasonable by the Captains.
* If both Captains so agree and inform the Executive Committee they may play their Match prior to the night it is scheduled.
* No postponements are allowed in the last two (2) Matches of the season without approval of the Executive Committee.
* Should a postponed Match not be played within the allotted six (6) days, the Board will determine a course of action.
* Should one or both Teams continue to procrastinate, the matter will be placed on the agenda of the next board meeting with the maximum penalty of zero (0) points to both teams.

**FORFEITS**

* Should a Team have less than two (2) players present at 7:45 P.M. it has forfeited and shall receive zero (0) points for the Match.
* Point award on behalf of the attending Team will be made as follows: All points to be won in the Match will be awarded to the attending Team.

**TEAMS WITHDRAWING**

* A Team shall be considered to have withdrawn from the League as of the date of receipt of written notice to the Secretary.
* A team shall be automatically withdrawn from the League if it forfeits as described in Rule 6. A. Twice during the season.
* All Matches played against a withdrawing Team 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 its matches played after the first half of the season shall be null and void.

**PROTEST PROCEDURE**

* Only Captains or authorized representatives may file protests by notifying the CRDA President in which the alleged infraction took place.
* Protests may be initiated in writing by stating same on the back of the scorecard.
* Details must be submitted in writing to the CRDA no later than 48 hours after the alleged infraction took place or the protest will be considered null and void.
* Protests shall be adjudicated by the Board, which will notify both Captains in writing of its decision.

**NEW PLAYERS AND ILLEGAL PARTICIPATION**

* New players may be added to, and play for, a Team during the season, except during the last two (2) weeks (Matches) of the season.
* f the new player is not a paid member of the CRDA, it is the Captain’s responsibility to see that the completed application and remittance of dues for that individual be given to the CRDA Secretary 24 hours following the match in which the new player participated.
* Failure to adhere to this rule will result in forfeiture of all points won by offending team in the match, of which those points won by or contributed to by the illegal player (s) shall be awarded to the opposing Team.

**PLAYER – TEAM STATUS**

* A player may register for any Team he wishes each season, however he does not officially become a member of any Team until the first night he plays.
* The first Team he plays for is the Team he shall belong to for the remainder of the season. Once he shoots, he shall be considered “locked in” to that Team.

Once having played for a Team, a player may change Teams during the season ONLY if that Team withdraws from the League and following conditions have been met:

1. The CRDA has received written notice of the Team’s intention to withdraw as of a particular date.

2. The CRDA has notified all other Teams involved.

3. There are more than four (4) Matches left in the season.

**DUTIES OF THE CAPTAIN**

* A Captain is responsible for the conduct of his team, accuracy of the scorecard, attending all Board Meetings, properly registering new members of his Team, and insuring that his home location maintains proper standards of equipment.
* When required to attend Board, he shall provide an acceptable substitute when circumstances prevent his attending.
* If a Captain disregards his duties to the point where he creates disharmony and/or impedes and interferes with the efficiency of established procedures, the Board shall have the authority to require his Team to provide a replacement.
* Captains failing to attend Board Meetings or failing to provide an acceptable Team Representative, will subject their Team to a one (1) point reduction in the standings for each failure.
* **The Captain of the home team** is responsible for the completion and turning in of the scorecard.
* Both Home and Visiting Captain’s are responsible for the accuracy of the scorecard and with the signature attesting the same.
* Scorecards must be delivered to Hogan’s PI no later than 24 hours of the Match or hand delivered to the Secretary within 48 hours of the Match, otherwise a penalty will result for late scorecards.
* **PENALTY:** Failure to have scorecards turned in on time will constitute a late scorecard and will cause the team at fault (home) to forfeit one (1) point penalty.
* It is the Captain of the requesting Team’s responsibility to arrange with the other Team Captain if you need to postpone or makeup a match. (However) it is the responsibility of both Teams to do all they can to make up the match. If the home team requests the postponement, there will be a change of venue.
* You have six (6) days to make up the match.

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

* **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP SHOULD BE PREVAILING ATTITUDE DURING ALL COMPETTION!**
* Should a player(s) not adhere to good sportsmanship, disciplinary actions will be as follows:

1. Verbal Warning

2. Loss of point(s)

3. One (1) week suspension

4. Suspension for the remainder of the season, if only two (2) weeks remain in the season suspension may include the player’s next season.

**5. VERBAL or PHYSICAL VIOLENCE** will result in automatic suspension. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)** The length of time will be determined by a Board vote. Action(s) to be determined by a Board vote.

* **Attempts to distract an opponent while he is throwing will not be tolerated. Complaints may result in the Board taking action.**
* If so requested by the thrower, all spectators must align themselves out of his line of vision and/or behind the position from which he is throwing.
* Bar Owners and Captain’s shall discuss any disharmony that may occur between the Teams and non-participants, fraternizing in that establishment and come to a solution satisfactory to all parties.

**RULE CHANGES**

These rules may be revised under the provisions set forth in Article XIV Section 1., of the By-Laws.

**AMERICAN CRICKET RULES**

The objective shall be to “own/close” certain numbers on the board, and to achieve the highest point score The Team to do so first, shall be the winner.

Cricket shall be played using the numbers 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15 and both the inner & outer bull (cork).

Each Team shall take turns in throwing. Three (3) darts in succession shall constitute a “Turn/inning”. To close an inning, the Team must score three of a number. This can be accomplished with 3 singles, a single and a double, or a triple.

Once a Team scores three (3) of a number, it is “owned” by that Team.

Once both teams have scored (3) of a number, it is ”closed” and no further scoring can be accomplished on that number by either Team.

To close the bulls eye, the outer bull counts as a single, and the inner bull counts as a double.

Once a Team closes an inning, they may score on that number until the opponent also closes that inning. All numerical scores shall be added to the previous balance.

Numbers can be “owned” or “closed” in any order desired by the Team. Calling your shot is not required.

For the purpose of “owning” a number, the double and triple ring shall count as 2 or 3, respectively. Three (3) marks will close an inning.

After a number is “owned” by a Team, the double and triple shall count as 2 or 3 times the numerical values, respectively.

Winning the game:

The Team that closes all innings first and has the most points shall be the declared winner.

If both Teams are tied on points, or have no points, the first Team to close all innings shall be the winner.

If a Team closes all innings first, and is behind in points, they must continue to score on any innings not closed, until either the point deficit is made up, or the opposing Team has closed all innings.

It shall be the responsibility of the player to verify his score before removing his darts from the board. The score remains as written, if one or more darts has been removed from the board. In accordance with the inherent “strategy” involved in the Cricket Game, no alterations in score shall be allowed, after the fact.