

# The South Area, Hybrid, and Remote Dart League Rules

COVERING LEAGUES IN THE FOND DU LAC, SHEBOYGAN, EDEN, FOX LAKE, CAMPBELLSPORT, HOWARDS GROVE, JACKSON, KEWASKUM, KIEL, MAYVILLE, OAKFIELD, PLYMOUTH, RANDOM LAKE, RIPON, WAUBEKA, WAUPUN, AND WEST BEND AREAS AS WELL AS OUR HYBRID AND REMOTE LEAGUES.

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## Midstate Amusements Dart League Rules - South Area & Remote

### I. Team Basics and Sportsmanship

#### A. Enjoying League

1. It is important that everyone who plays in a dart league enjoys his or her experience. We need your cooperation to make sure that league is fun for everyone. You can do this by:
  - a) Introducing yourself to the other teams. You will see them several times over the season, so you might as well get to know them! Offering assistance to players who are new to league would be very helpful. There are always new players and having our more experienced players show them the ropes is greatly appreciated.
  - b) Being on time for league. There is a 15-minute grace period for the start of league. However, this grace period is a courtesy and should be used very rarely or in special circumstances - NOT every week. If a team or player causes league to start 15 minutes or more past the scheduled start time more than 3 times during the league season, without an exceptional reason or pre-arranging it with the opposing team, that player and/or team may be subject to fines or a suspension from league.
2. League start time varies depending on the league. Please attend your league meeting at the beginning of the season for those details. The information about leagues starting and meeting dates comes out in August or early September, depending on your league location. Other organizations we are affiliated with have remote leagues with many other start date and time options. Please see their websites for details.
3. While playing, both teams and all players must adhere to all Midstate and WAMO and any league-specific rules and regulations.
4. Matches must be played at the scheduled location, even for a reschedule. See Section IV for more information on scheduling and rescheduling.
5. Shaking hands after the match is good sportsmanship.

#### B. Player and Team Guidelines

1. All players on a team MUST be of legal drinking age. It is the captain's and the bar's responsibility to be sure all players are at least 21 years old. Any children and/or spouses who are under 21 are not permitted to shoot regardless of whether their parent or spouse is present. Adults 18 and over can play in a PPD Remote league with permission from the bar and when accompanied by a parent. Please see their rules at <http://www.dartstoc.com> for details. All our leagues, including the remote leagues we run, are 21 and over unless they are a designated Youth league.
2. A team consists of 4 to 8 players. Doubles teams consist of 2 to 8 players. If your roster has the full 8 players, you need to contact Midstate Amusements' office to inform us which player(s) to remove before adding any more. If you do not advise us, we automatically remove the player(s) with the least amount of games played. A removed player is only removed from the computer and dartboard but will still show up on the stats pages. You will still be charged any player fees for them if they shot three weeks or more and are not sanctioned in another league.
3. If you agree to allow a member of your team or the opposing team to bypass a rule, you may be penalized at the discretion of Midstate Amusements.
4. Players must play under their own name. If someone accidentally sets up the board with the wrong name, notify your opponent immediately, and contact our office by the next business day to change the names and avoid penalty. See Section V. Dart Rules and Etiquette for more clarification.
5. Players that start the match shooting must play the entire match. If one or more players leave before all the games have been shot, no one else may replace them. The team either plays the remaining matches by hitting the pass button when the player's turn is up or all the games for the night are forfeited. You must notify Emily if the matches were not finished so we can process it properly.
6. When it is time for league to start, a team may shoot even if they are short 1 or 2 players. The team would still have to pay for the missing player's game cost and share of prize fund.
  - a) You need to enter the player(s) name in the board just like normal. The missing player(s) name(s) that was (were) entered into the board at the beginning may still shoot any remaining matches if they show up late

(anytime during the match).

- b) Shooting while short players: When it is the missing player's turn, you hit the pass button unless the Missing player is player #1 and has to start the game. In that case you must register 1 dart with just 1 point in a 01 game and register 1 dart in a Cricket game under a number that does not give marks. The partner in that match shoots like normal. In effect, it will be one shooter on a team against two shooters for the opposing team.

## II. Sponsor Locations

### A. Eligible Midstate Amusements Locations

1. The location must have a dartboard or have the ability for us to put in a dartboard. For a Remote or Hybrid league, the location must have an existing G3 Bullshooter board already installed and online before the team signs up. If you sign up for Hybrid/Remote at a location without a G3 board, you will need to choose a different sponsor location.
2. The dartboard must be hooked up to the internet that the bar must provide. If it is a Remote or Hybrid league, the sponsor location must have reliable high-speed internet to their existing G3 dartboard.
3. The sponsor location will be open during the day and time of league
4. They agree to pay the sponsor fee and adhere to all league requirements.
5. They do not have any equipment in the building that either league sanctioning body deems to be illegal that prohibits us from having league there.

### B. Non-Midstate Amusements Locations

1. If a non-Midstate Amusements location wishes to be a part of our dart league, your team needs to contact Emily with as much information about that location as possible. There are many operators from around the state with whom we have a good working relationship, so we need to know who owns the equipment in the bar before making any decisions. It will take more time to set up the location and dartboard in the system and make sure we are connected, so please get this information to us as quickly as possible. The decision whether or not that location can be in league will be made on a case-by-case basis.
2. The bars will be charged the bar sponsor fee and their operator will be charged an

operator fee.

C. Sponsor Responsibilities

1. Sponsors agree to pay a sponsor fee per team. We will collect this money from the location directly; players do not need to collect this amount.
2. Sponsors agree to either having us collect the prize money from the boards or that their operator will pay us the prize fund money in a timely fashion.
3. Sponsors agree that bartenders are not to be working while playing league.
4. Sponsors agree to leave dartboards turned on overnight so they communicate regularly with the Arachnid server to retrieve matches and receive updates.
5. Sponsors must contact us as soon as possible if their internet password or service provider changes as this will cause league malfunctions.
6. Sponsors are not required to pay for beverages, shirts, player fees, or city/state tournament fees. Those are things a sponsor may choose to do, but none of those things are a requirement for league. We strongly recommended that players try to spend time at their sponsor bar and attend any tournaments they may hold in appreciation for the things their sponsor does for them during the season.

D. Changing Sponsors

1. In these circumstances, a team may change their Sponsor during league season: if the bar closes, if the bar is sold, or if the lease on the bar ends and the bar is under new ownership, contact us for instructions on moving your team. In other rare circumstances, your team may also be moved; your team needs permission from the team captain, sponsor location, and potential new sponsor to move.
2. If the issue is between the captain and/or team and the sponsor, in extreme circumstances only, the team may still be moved. Contact us for options.
3. The new sponsor will not need to pay the sponsor fee if it was already paid by the first sponsor before it closed.
4. In all those cases above, the new sponsor must be a Midstate location if the switch takes place a couple weeks or more after league has started. WAMO paperwork will have been done, paperwork and billing will have been arranged with the other operators, and everything will have been already submitted to WAMO for league approval. There may also be restrictions on what locations to which the team may

move based other league schedules to avoid overbooking.

5. Midstate Amusements must approve the new location and must approve of all sponsor location switches before they occur. Until then, matches must be played as scheduled.

### III. Divisions and Handicaps

#### A. Determining Divisions

1. We determine how many divisions a night of league will have based on the amount of teams who sign up. We do not know ahead of time how many divisions there will be or in what division you will be placed since we do not know who will be playing on that night until your rosters are in.
2. WAMO sanctioned leagues must have at least six (6) teams with at least three (3) different sponsor locations.
3. Once all the rosters are in, we set up division. This is done by the following procedure:
  - a) We use the end of the previous year's records to assign every player on every roster a PPD rating.
  - b) The four players on each team's roster will be added up to form a team PPD.
  - c) Any player who does not have a PPD rating from a previous year that we can find from our stats, PPD TOC, or other operators, will be given a new player average PPD rating.
    - (1) Men – 19.00 PPD; 2.0 MPR
    - (2) Women – 15.00 PPD; 1.5 MPR
  - d) The teams and their team PPDs are entered into a spreadsheet. They are then sorted from highest to lowest.
  - e) Then we figure out how best to break up the divisions. It is preferable to have 7-10 team divisions and try to get them as close as the numbers allow. Sometimes divisions of 6, 11, or more can happen. This is at the discretion of Midstate Amusements and the league president or coordinator if it has elected one.
  - f) Once we know about how big the divisions will be, we look at the sorted list of teams and chop them up fairly using the numbers at hand to place them

in divisions.

- g) Sometimes this means a division will be close, and sometimes it means a variety of skill level players will be in the same division. It all depends on the rosters coming in. If we have 40 team rosters come in, it is likely that most divisions will be very competitive and with similarly matched teams. If it is a slow night with only 8 teams signing up, it is entirely likely that we will have very high skill players playing with lower skilled players. In the case of a large skill level spread, the league will likely be handicapped
4. When there are divisions, each may have a team skill level cap. Each league's cap is based on the four highest rated players from the original roster for each team. The PPD team cap will be printed on your stats page if your league has one.
- a) Caps are based off stats from the end of last season or the last season in which you played. This includes any substitute players.
  - b) You can find last year's stats on our website, [www.midstateamusements.com](http://www.midstateamusements.com), under Darts, Schedules & Statistics. Click on the Midstate Amusements tab instead of your normal city tab to see a PDF with all of last year's player stats in alphabetical order. For previous years, contact us.
  - c) If a team goes over the cap by adding substitutes of a higher skill level, wins will be taken from the offending team. This can include the wins of a particular player or substitute as well as assists. For egregious offenses, the entire match may be forfeited.

#### B. Handicapping

1. We are more than willing to discuss different handicap options for a league. We want as many players to be happy as possible.
2. Handicapping is possible for all '01 games as well as for cricket. We can handicap all games, just the '01 games, or just the cricket games. This can be discussed at the league meeting at the beginning of the season before league play starts.
3. If a division is close, meaning the team PPDs for all teams are within a close range, the division does not need to be handicapped and will not be handicapped. The only exception to this would be if the division captains decide they wish it, then we



could handicap it. Again, we want whichever option will make the players happiest over the course of the season.

4. If a division has what we determine to be too large of a range of skill levels, the league will be handicapped. Again, if the captains decide they do not wish it to be handicapped, regardless of the skill level differences, which can be discussed prior to the start of league. If everyone agrees, we want whichever option will make the players happiest over the course of the season.
5. A handicapped league may still be capped for fairness.
6. Gentleman's handicap can be an option in some situations. This must be decided before league begins. A Gentleman's handicap involves players above a predetermined skill level threshold having to double or master out.

#### IV. Scheduling, Rescheduling, Forfeits, and Dropping Out

##### A. Scheduling

1. All matches are to be shot at the home bar as according to the schedule. This includes re-schedules.
2. If you play a home match away instead, the next match with that team must also be swapped so each bar still has the scheduled number of home matches.
3. If a team is in dispute with their sponsor location, they must not shoot matches elsewhere unless it will be swapped for an away match as listed above.
4. Schedules are subject to change, especially in the days before a league begins. Please check your schedule on the first day of league to make sure you have not missed a change. Follow us on Facebook and check your email for changes. Schedules are available on the dartboards and posted online at <http://www.midstateamusements.com>.

##### B. Rescheduling

1. If your team is unable to play when scheduled, call the opposing team and attempt to reschedule as soon as you know you cannot shoot that date. This should be no later than 2 hours before the scheduled match but try to contact them as early as possible as a courtesy to your opponent.
2. Teams are not required to agree to a reschedule, but we encourage you to do so to avoid a forfeit and in the name of good sportsmanship.

3. Matches should be rescheduled as soon as possible from the original match. They must be rescheduled and played within six weeks of the original match date, or it must be declared as a split or a forfeit.
4. Rescheduled matches should be played at the location originally scheduled unless there is a conflict at that location.
5. Rescheduling the match, and finding a date that works for both teams, is the responsibility of the team asking for the postponement. The team who requested the reschedule must work around the other team's schedule to make it work.
6. Please contact us to let us know that the match has been rescheduled.
7. Double-headers for traditional league are to be a last resort, and we ask that you move locations between the matches so that the bar has their correct number of home matches. This is for the benefit of your sponsor location. For Remote leagues, double headers are acceptable since you are always at home.
8. If you need to reschedule near the end of league season, remember that your games must be completed by the last night of league unless otherwise approved. Contact us to discuss options if this cannot be done (forfeits, win-splitting, etc.).
9. You may reshoot your match on any day and at any time the bar is open and has an available board. It does not need to be on your league night of the week, but it must be shot at the scheduled home bar.
10. You may shoot matches in advance. In fact, this is preferable! If there is a date on the schedule you know will be a conflict for you, you may shoot this match at any time before the scheduled date as long as your opponent agrees.
11. If a team asks for a reschedule, the opposing team agrees, and then the first team says they no longer need to reschedule, it is at the discretion of the opposing team if they shoot or continue with the reschedule. The first team has already asked for a reschedule, the second team agreed, and then the first team is requesting to reschedule the match back on the original date. If that original date no longer works for the second team, the first team must find a different date.
12. If a match is rescheduled (agreed to by both captains), and the team who had originally requested the reschedule does not show on the designated date and time of the reschedule, it is now a forfeit. If the team who had not requested the

reschedule does not show, we can split the wins equally between the two teams or you may choose to reschedule again. If they do not show the second time, the team who did not show would forfeit.

13. If the two teams cannot agree on a date, the team who requested the reschedule would receive a forfeit. To avoid this, both teams may choose to split the wins evenly to avoid the penalties of a forfeit. This must be agreed upon by both captains and must inform Emily as soon as you can.

C. Weather-Related Schedule Issues

1. It is our policy to never cancel league. We instead leave it to your good judgment to decide if the weather warrants a reschedule. Since our office is in Fond du Lac, it is possible that the road conditions where we are could be vastly different from those in your area. You are the ones driving, so it is your call and using your judgment as to whether or not conditions are safe or you should reschedule.
2. If a team asks for a reschedule due to weather conditions, in the name of good sportsmanship we ask you to accommodate them with a reschedule.
3. During some weather events declared by the National Weather Service, there are no forfeits if a team requests a reschedule. If one team wants a reschedule due to anticipated weather conditions and the other refused, we would split the wins equally between the two teams. These weather conditions include the following:
  - a) Blizzard Warning – Snow resulting in reduced visibility for 3 hours or longer and sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 mph or greater.
  - b) Winter Storm Warning – Significant and hazardous winter weather conditions that pose a threat to life and/or property with two or more of the following conditions: heavy snow, freezing rain, sleet, and/or strong winds.
  - c) Freezing Rain or Ice Storm Warning – Ice accumulations of ¼ inch or more are imminent or occurring.
  - d) Wind Chill Warning – Extreme wind chills that are life-threatening are imminent or occurring.
  - e) Flash Flood Warning – Flash flooding is occurring or imminent and poses a threat to life and/or property.

- f) Tornado Warning – Strong rotation in a thunderstorm is indicated by Doppler weather radar or a tornado is sighted.
- 4. Weather-related reschedules ideally should be rescheduled within **six weeks** of the scheduled date. However, seeing as this reschedule was necessary due to weather conditions outside of the teams' control, more time will be allowed for the teams to find a date to reschedule the match. Please make all attempts to make up the match as soon as it is convenient, and the match still must be shot before the last scheduled league match. If a reschedule date cannot be agreed upon, the teams may split the wins equally between them.

D. Forfeits

- 1. If a match cannot be rescheduled, it will be a forfeit. If you are short a player, it is to your advantage to shoot the match to avoid a forfeit fine.
- 2. The forfeiting team is penalized the amount of prize money that would have been paid for that match for both teams. This is so that the opposing team is not shorted any prize money; the forfeiting team covers their share. This money is taken out of the end of season prize money.
- 3. It is always better to notify us and the opposing team as early as possible.
- 4. A team who has been forfeited on receives all of the wins. For a forfeit during the last 3 weeks of league, the wins are awarded based on the average wins between those teams in prior matches or 75% of the wins, whichever is greater for the non-forfeiting team. This is to help prevent teams from forfeiting in order to affect the end of season results.
- 5. If the forfeiting team notifies their opponent, forfeiting fines work as follows during the regular season:
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> offense and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: fines are equal to the prize money (not game quarters) that would've been entered by your team and the opposing team during league that night had your team played.
  - b) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: your team will be dropped from the league and forfeit all remaining prize money if any remains after your player/sanction fees are paid. If you would like to continue in league because extenuating circumstances caused the forfeits (major health issues, etc), contact Emily

- before the team is dropped to discuss options for staying in league and the forfeit fine would remain the same as the first and second offense.
- c) 4<sup>th</sup> offense, no exceptions, all prize money is forfeited and team is dropped from league.
6. If the forfeiting team fails to notify their opponent prior to their match (a no-show), forfeiting fines work as follows during the regular season:
    - a) 1<sup>st</sup> offense: fines are equal to the prize money (not game quarters) that would've been entered by your team and the opposing team during league that night had your team played.
    - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: fines are double the previous amount, and you should discuss with us if your team would like to continue. Whether the team is dropped or not will be decided on a case-by-case.
    - c) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: with no exceptions, all prize money is forfeited, and the team is dropped from league.
  7. In summer league, due to the shortened season, 1<sup>st</sup> offenses are as listed in 5a and 6a. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense loses all prize money and the team is dropped from league.
  8. If a team forfeits during the last 3 weeks of regular league, they forfeit 50% of their total prize money unless there are extenuating circumstances that caused the forfeit. This is to prevent teams forfeiting to affect the end of season results.
  9. No money is put into the dartboard in case of a forfeit. On the end of the year paperwork, you will see the amounts deducted from your prize money because no money was actually put into the dartboard on that night.
- E. If A Team Drops Out of League:
1. If a team drops out or is removed from league before the end of the first round, all matches and games involving that team will be deleted.
  2. If a team drops out or is removed from league after the first round, all efforts will be made to keep the wins fair to the remaining teams and to keep the games played by the remaining teams/players so they do not lose any games needed to qualify for the Fond du Lac area, WAMO state, or NDA tournaments. The team who dropped may not keep their games for state or any other sanctioning body.
  3. If a team drops out of league without a legitimate reason, Midstate Amusements

may not allow their team to return the following year.

4. If a team was signed up fraudulently, Midstate Amusements may restrict sign ups from whoever submitted the fake roster.

## V. Dart Rules and Etiquette

### A. The Dart Machine Is ALMOST Always Right

1. If a dart bounces off the board, it is considered thrown even if it did not score. It cannot be thrown again.
2. If a dart registers the wrong number more than once, please call or have the bar schedule a service call to repair the board before the next league night
3. On the winning dart, if the dart sticks in the board and does not register, talk to the opposing captain. If both teams confirm that the dart is indeed sitting and not scored, you may tap in the winning dart.

### B. Shooters Advantage

1. A dart that sticks in a mark but does not register or registers incorrectly will be manually scored once the incorrect scoring is acknowledged by both team captains. If darts are removed prior to agreement from both captains, the original score the dart board registered will be used.
2. If the player who shot the mis-scored dart would prefer to leave the dart and play as the “board is never wrong” old rule is able to do so. It is up to the player who shot if they wish to invoke the new Shooters Advantage rule.
3. Communication and cooperation with the opposing team is mandatory before any changes. Leave the darts in the board and call the opposing team captain to the board. You are allowed to cross the shooting line to approach the board. Stop the match by pressing the back-up button and continue to press the back-up to stop the shot clock if necessary. Explain that the dart needs to be scored or re-scored. Send a photo to show the beneficial dart that is needed to be manually scored or re-scored if you are playing remote league. Communicate with the other team until the back-up and/or scoring issue is approved and resolved to complete the turn. Then, complete the turn and continue to the next team’s turn.
4. Opposing teams are not to withhold agreement to allow manual re-scoring of a beneficial dart as described in this Shooters Advantage rule, and this can be cause

for penalty when reported and verified by administrative review of match video. Basically, if the dart is obviously mis-scored, please as always use good sportsmanship and use the Shooters Advantage rule if requested.

5. When a mis-scored dart is the third dart, stop the match by pressing the back-up button when the machine comes back to your team's next turn. Arachnid G3's allows for multiple rounds of backing up darts when needed.
  - a) If playing remote, send a photo to show the beneficial dart that is needed to be manually scored or re-scored. Explain to the opponent that they need to approve the back-up to allow re-scoring of the third dart of your team's previous turn. Your opponent must decide if they would rather re-throw their darts or have them simply re-scored as thrown. Either is fine depending upon what the opponent wants to do. If the opponent decides to re-score the darts as thrown, simply continue to work with the other team to approve each dart to be re-scored as thrown.
  - b) For remote league play, the other team may have noticed the mis-scored third dart and they may hold their darts as communication is being established. If so, they may still have all their darts to throw to complete that turn. Do whatever is best to be fair and keep in mind the opponent is doing the same by working with you to resolve your mis-scored third dart. Always work with your opponent to back-up and re-score all thrown darts until the game is brought back to where it belongs for the next player's proper turn.
  - c) When a mis-scored dart is the third dart of a remote match, and the opposing team wins the game before communication can be established, unless the miss-scored dart would have won the game for your team, the game is over. This mis-scored dart is moot.
  - d) There is no need to contact the other team in this instance. Continue to the next game in the match.
6. When the mis-scored dart is the third dart in non-remote play and a winning dart for your team. Again, you must talk to the opposing captain and both verify that the dart was scored incorrectly. Opposing teams are not to withhold agreement to

allow of a beneficial dart as described in this Shooters Advantage rule. Send an email or contact us with a photo, if necessary, to alter the match results to reflect the mis-scored dart by the next business day. Then continue the match as normal.

C. What To Throw and When To Throw It

1. Push the player change button before removing your darts.
2. If a dart is thrown before the “throw dart” message, the dart is considered thrown and may not be thrown again.
3. It is each player’s responsibility to see that the machine is displaying the appropriate player’s name prior to throwing any darts. It is the shooting player’s responsibility to be sure that the dart machine is in the DO NOT SHOOT/ PLAYER CHANGE state before removing his darts. If it is not, the shooting player must press the player change button before removing his/her darts.
4. If a player throws out of turn wins, that opposing team is credited with the win.
5. If a player throws out of turn under their opponent’s name and has thrown less than 3 darts, press the up arrow to back up and reverse those thrown darts.
6. If a player has thrown 3 darts on the opponent’s number before the infraction is noticed, he/she has completed their turn. The machine is advanced to the proper opponent’s position. The game proceeds, and the opponent keeps any points or marks gained by those 3 thrown darts.
7. If you shoot one or more darts when it was your partner’s turn, not yours, your partner may shoot the remainder of the darts that were not shot for that turn. If the wrong person threw all 3 darts, his/her turn is complete. The machine is advanced to the next player position and play resumes. The player who committed the infraction loses their next turn.
8. You may pass on any or all of your darts for your turn.
9. Personal or bar darts may be used. No broken or cut off tips allowed. Maximum weight of a dart is 20 grams.
10. When throwing from the line, a player’s feet must be on or behind the front edge of the shooting line during your entire turn. You cannot cross the line until your last dart has hit the board, except as noted during a disputed dart. Crossing the line before the dart has hit the board could be a foot foul. Players will first receive a



warning to watch their form and follow through. Wins may be forfeited at our discretion if the foot foul continues after warning. Make sure you stay planted through your follow through after your third dart to avoid a foot foul.

- a) Players may stand off to the side from the line to throw at an angle, provided that they are still behind the actual line for the duration of their entire turn and not interfering with another match nearby.
  - b) Players who require the use of a wheelchair must keep the trunk of their body behind the throw line when they throw from their seated position during their entire turn.
11. You may go out on a tie in '01. If a player ends a '01 game when they are frozen, the board automatically gives the win to the other team.
  12. You cannot practice on another board during a league match. Once the match has begun, no player may practice on any other board until league is over.
  13. You may not shoot in a PPD DRT tournament or other similar events at the same time as your league match.

#### D. Eligible Players and Substitutes

1. First and last names must be entered into the dartboard. If names are missing, the office must be notified as soon as possible.
2. Players must play under their own first and last name. If you have questions regarding a shooter's name, captains may ask for proof of ID. Any team using incorrect names on their line-up for a match may be suspended from league and other Midstate Amusements functions, State, and National Dart tournaments depending on the circumstances.
3. Players shooting under another person's name to get games in for WAMO/NDA/NADO/PPD TOC points or to gain an advantage against their opponent:
  - a) All wins for the night will be forfeited.
  - b) If egregious, the team could face the forfeiture of their entire prize money and be removed from league, depending on the circumstances and at the discretion of Midstate Amusements.
  - c) If you have any questions regarding a shooter's name, captains may ask for proof of ID. If playing remotely, send a picture of the player holding the ID.

- d) Any person found using incorrect names on their line-up for a match may be suspended from league, and WAMO, NDA, NADO or PPD may be notified. It will be at the discretion of Midstate Amusements if any players from that team will be allowed to participate in any Midstate Amusements functions. WAMO, NDA, PPD, or NADO may also penalize the player or not allow them to participate in their leagues or tournaments at their discretion.
4. If a player plays under someone else's name whether accidentally due to a miscommunication or due to a dartboard error, they must notify the other team as soon as they notice and the office within 2 business days.
- a) If shooting has not yet started, cancel out of league. The credits will stay on the machine. Then set up the board with the correct names and use those existing credits.
  - b) If shooting has already begun, the captains need to discuss the situation.
    - (1) If this is a handicapped league, then it is up to the captains whether the teams wish to proceed with the incorrect name and handicap. If they are able to back up the process and change the name, that would be best. Otherwise, you can shut off and unplug the board to reset it or call our technicians to unplug and reset it. If the board asks you if you would like to continue the match, choose no. If the name/handicap entered is vastly different from the player whose name/handicap is actually shooting, it is in your best interest to either back up or reset the board to get the correct player information.
    - (2) If this is a non-handicapped league, play may continue and one of the captains needs to call Emily within 2 business days to change the names.
  - c) If both teams continue to let someone shoot under another player's name, then both teams agree that this is acceptable and that the match is valid. This is only a last resort and should not be done unless there is something wrong with the dartboard. Emily must be notified within 2 business days to make the switch back to the correct player.

- d) If the name is a nickname or incorrectly spelled or without a last name, please notify us to correct that name.
5. For sanctioning purposes, a substitute is considered a player that has shot no more than 2 times for your team during the season. Anyone shooting 3 or more times is considered a regular sanctioned player and will be sanctioned accordingly.
  6. A player who has shot 3 or more times with one team cannot switch teams within that particular division. If they have shot once or twice, they may move.
  7. A player may not shoot on more than one team on the same night unless they are a substitute, shooting less than half the weeks. They still must be under the cap.
  8. A team can add a substitute player at the board and manually edit their handicap instead of accepting the Arachnid generated new substitute handicap. If a team wants to do that, they must use the ppd and mpr of the substitute player from the previous year. There is a report available on our website stats page (click on the Midstate Amusements tab instead of your city tab then click on All Leagues). Pull up those stats from last year to show your opposing captain so both teams can verify that it is the correct handicap. Do not use the current stats for the new sub; use their previous year's stats. Otherwise, new subs go in as a 19.0 and 2.0 for men and 15.0 and 1.5 for women; unless you know that the new sub is higher, then please enter their higher stats. You do not have to manually adjust the handicap; you can still let the dartboard give a new sub a handicap. The Arachnid board gives a new sub entered at the board the handicap of the highest person shooting.
  9. No team is allowed to add a substitute who has an established points per dart rating from previous years which puts them over their cap. If a player does not have a ppd rating, he or she will be given a new player ppd rating as described above in Section III. Divisions and Handicaps, A. Determining Divisions, 3c.
  10. A player cannot substitute for a division when they are scheduled for his/her own league at the same date and time. A player is not allowed to get a substitute for their normal division nor reschedule the match for the purpose of subbing in a different division on that same league night. A player is permitted to substitute in a different division on the same night if they have a bye scheduled or if their league is already over for the season.

11. Players should not shoot league while bartending. We strongly discourage players from bartending while playing league due to the delay it causes. This is not to be done on a regular basis as it interrupts league play. If you are scheduled to work at the bar during league, please find a substitute to play for you.
12. If a player on your team is not allowed in the bar in which you are scheduled to play, your team must find an appropriate substitute for that player on that scheduled league night. We abide by the bar's judgment in allowing players in their establishment, and it is the responsibility of the banned player and his/her team to either find a substitute or play short one player. It is NOT allowed to play the scheduled match at a different location than the location at which it was scheduled to circumvent this problem.

E. Remote and Hybrid League Special Issues

1. The camera cannot and must not be covered up or tampered with. Doing so will cause you to forfeit games or be subject to fines at the discretion of Midstate Amusements. If the camera is malfunctioning, you should reschedule the match or wait for service. If the internet is so slow as the camera is not accurate to use, you should reschedule the match. Usually, these are bar internet issues, either with low speeds or during high usage periods. Please keep this in mind when signing up for remote leagues; bars with too many remote teams playing at the same time may end up with internet issues that are out of our control.
2. If there are questions regarding player identities, your captain may ask the other team to show their photo IDs to the camera. If not satisfactory, player should take a picture of themselves with their ID to text to the other team. This should be questioned BEFORE or DURING the match, not afterwards.
3. Players should never leave the board unattended take a break while playing remotely. Leaving the board unattended causes your opponent to wait unnecessarily or to assume you have left. This may cause the board to time out and lose your progress or your opponent may leave assuming you have forfeited. If you must step away for a few moments to use the bathroom, contact the opposing team to make sure they are aware. If both teams agree to take a small smoking break, that is fine as long as both teams are in agreement. Teams must work together and

stay in contact with their opponent during remote play. Teams could end up forfeiting the remainder of their match or be removed from league entirely if they leave the board unattended for more than the allotted shot clock time during league without communicating with their opponent.

4. For mis-scored darts, you must communicate with the other team immediately and send pictures of a mis-scored dart as needed. Please see the section on Shooters Advantage for more details.
5. All Remote teams MUST have a valid cell phone number for the captain. Communicating with the opposing team via cell phone is the best way to make the league run smoothly and is a requirement for remote and hybrid leagues
6. If there are problems during league, you are to call your bar's operator service number for technical support and inform your opposing team of any issues causing league to be delayed. Most issues with remote and hybrid are internet issues at one of the locations, and the match may need to be rescheduled.
7. All other rules regarding league are to be followed. Since remote and hybrid leagues are new, there may be more rules that need to be added as time goes on. These will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the teams and other operators until a more uniform set of rules and regulations can be established.

#### F. COVID-19

1. If a bar is shut down temporarily for coronavirus, shoot at the away location and then shoot at the other location for the next round. If there is not a board available at the away location, reschedule the match or contact us for options.
2. If you or someone on your team may have been exposed to the virus, please get subs or reschedule your match. Do not attend league if you are sick!
3. Please be understanding about reschedules related to COVID. We don't want to force forfeits because someone was honest about their potential contagiousness.
4. It wouldn't hurt to have someone on your team bring hand sanitizer to league.
5. Rules regarding substitute players or reschedules and forfeits may be relaxed during this time. Please contact us if you have issues.
6. Please allow extra space for your opponents. Stand/sit further from the boards to social distance a little so that your opponent can feel comfortable.

7. Follow any and all bar rules or regulations regarding the coronavirus.
8. If all area bars are completely shut down, we will remove those weeks and/or full round from the schedule so each team is affected as equally as possible. If it's not a full round, wins will be determined by percentage of wins. If league is unable to finish, we will end like last year by percentage wins and issuing checks to teams for their winnings. Hopefully that won't happen ever again; please follow the health guidelines and stay safe!

G. Miscellaneous League Issues

1. A player that deliberately hits, slams, punches, kicks or otherwise damages the machine and affects the scoring automatically loses the game for his team. If the machine malfunctions and shuts down due to those actions, the other team has the option of claiming any remaining games as a forfeit OR can call and wait for a service technician to repair the board. Players may be financially responsible for damages to equipment and either suspended or banned from league if necessary.
2. Players who damage the sponsor location's property may be suspended or banned from league and face additional penalties or legal action from the sponsor location.
3. If a line is missing, the board registers darts incorrectly or not at all, or other dartboard issues, please contact us for service either that night or the next day.
4. Players must not attempt to throw off, or "sandbag," for the purposes of lowering their ppd or mpr. Sanctioning bodies like WAMO, NDA, etc. may be notified to manually adjust your statistics for their tournaments. We may take measures to counteract their sandbagging during league. Players can be kicked out of league for sandbagging at the discretion of Midstate Amusements.
5. Team Names and Player Nicknames are allowed, but they must be non-offensive and relatively PG-13. All team names and player nicknames must be approved by Midstate Amusements and are approved on a case-by-case basis.
  - a) Team names cannot be changed without cause after the first 3 weeks of league.
  - b) Nicknames for players must be 7 alpha-numeric characters or less.
  - c) Player nicknames are not league specific. Nicknames added for a player will show up for all leagues in which that player shoots.

## H. After the Match

1. If Midstate Amusements does not receive any phone call(s) the next business day following your match, you are agreeing that:
  - a) The scores for both teams and that the player's names put in the board were the correct names of the shooters
  - b) There were no rules broken during the matches for that night.
2. PROTEST: If you feel that anything during the evening was not proper, contact the office the following business day. If there are changes or penalties involved, we will discuss the matter and give a verdict within 3 business days.

## VI. Costs and Fees

### A. Sponsor Fees

1. Midstate Amusements will collect the Sponsor Fee from any Midstate Amusements location after league has begun. We will collect this money from the location directly; players do not need to collect this amount. For a non-Midstate Amusement accounts, we will bill sponsor fees to their operator/vendor.
2. If a sponsor location wishes to pay for their sponsor fees directly instead of taking it out of their collection, they may send a check to Midstate Amusements after leagues have all begun so we would be able to give them a total for their teams.
3. Sponsors are charged per team or doubles pair.
4. If a team drops out any time after league has begun, the sponsor is still charged for the team or doubles pair.

### B. Player Fees

1. Player fees are deducted from the prize money at the end of the league.
2. Anyone who plays 3 weeks or more is sanctioned and charged a player fee.
3. If your sponsor wishes to pay for your players fees:
  - a) Sponsor bars are under no obligation to pay for any player fees. Bars already pay a sponsor fee for each team. It is not required nor recommended that a sponsor pay any part of a player's fee.
  - b) They need to contact Emily for a bill near the end of the league season but before the last week of league. Since at the start of league, your team will be unaware if you will need to sanction any subs above your core four players.

Therefore, it is best to pay the sanction money closer to the end of the season. The bar needs to contact Emily to arrange this. The bar may instead choose to reimburse their team for player fees paid after the end of league. This is more accurate than paying in advance since you may have to use subs unexpectedly in the last few weeks of league.

- c) A player cannot speak for the bar and say that the bar wishes to pay for them. We need to speak to the bar owner or manager.
  - d) If the bar does not contact Emily directly about paying the player fees, those fees will be deducted from the prize money as normal.
4. Player fees are \$6 for WAMO sanctioned leagues, \$8 for NDA national sanctioned leagues, or \$14 if the league is both WAMO and NDA sanctioned. A league may be sanctioned for one or both as determined at your meeting before leagues begin. Players will be charged if they play 3 or more weeks in a league. If a player plays in multiple leagues, they will only be charged once for their player fees.
  5. The groups or organizations for which your league will be sanctioned will be determined and announced at league sign up and before league starts.
  6. Midstate Amusements takes no additional money from our players outside that player fee. If anyone wishes to see the player sanctioning lists, forfeit breakdowns, or end of the season prize money figures, please contact our office. We will be more than willing to share all those figures with you. We want to be transparent and fair, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding player costs, forfeit fees, and prize money.

## VII. Contact Information

### A. Board Issues During League

1. 920-921-5000 from 5pm to midnight and follow the prompts. A technician will call you back promptly to troubleshoot or tell you how long before they will arrive.
2. You can force your boards to communicate/update, and this may help with some issues with the "Triple 20 trick." On your board, hit the triple 20 button with your finger, firmly tapping about 8 or 9 times. A box will pop up on the screen to show the communication link is starting. If not, try again or try this same thing on the other board(s) in the location. After the box disappears, the board will reset. It will



hopefully have contacted our server and updated its information if the internet is functioning in the location.

3. If the board freezes, unplugging the board, waiting a moment, and plugging it back in will resolve the issue. When the dartboard boots back up, it will ask you if you want to continue your match
4. If it is not an urgent service issue disrupting league, we ask that you still please contact us either that night or the following day so that we can schedule service.

#### B. Contact Us

1. EMAIL: [epickart@midstateamusements.com](mailto:epickart@midstateamusements.com) for Emily. If Emily is unavailable for a length of time, you may contact Alicia at [aliciak@midstateamusements.com](mailto:aliciak@midstateamusements.com).
2. PHONE: 920-921-5000 or 1-800-317-6436 to talk to Emily, Alicia in the office. Either is able to add subs and answer league questions. After 5pm, call and leave a message, and the on-call service technician will call you back. They will contact us if needed. Our direct numbers at the office are 920-322-8284 for Emily and 920-322-8291 for Alicia. Those numbers go to our voicemails after 5pm, and we will return the call when we are back in the office.
3. FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/MidstateAmusements> - messages sent after 5pm will usually be answered that evening if Emily or Alicia are available to respond instead of waiting until the next business day. Like and Follow us on social media for current league information, too, especially during league start up during all those schedule postings and changes.
4. For assistance during league, you can send us a Facebook message either on our Midstate Amusements account or our personal ones. We are each often available via Facebook after our normal hours. Please understand that it may take a few minutes to respond or we may be unavailable that evening, but we try to answer whenever possible. For immediate assistance, call the service line for the on-call help. If this is a general question or issue, feel free to email us so we can respond during normal business hours if it isn't an immediate concern.
5. Please only contact Emily and Alicia via phone or social media for league issues, not service or equipment problems. To reach a service technician, call the service line 920-921-5000, leave a voicemail for the on-call tech, and they will get back to

you quickly.

6. WEBSITE: <http://www.midstateamusements.com> – Go to our website for all statistics, schedules, rules, and general information. The rules are posted under the information section.

## VIII. References

*Midstate Amusement Games:* <http://www.midstateamusements.com>

*Wisconsin Amusement and Music Operators (WAMO):* <http://www.wamo.net>

*National Dart Association (NDA):* <http://www.ndadarts.org>

*Partners Promoting Darts (PPD Darts):* <http://www.dartstoc.com>

*North American Dart Organization (NADO):* <http://www.nado.net>

*Midstate Amusements Facebook:* <http://www.facebook.com/MidstateAmusements>

*Midstate Amusements Twitter:* <http://www.twitter.com/MdstateAmusemnt>

*Midstate Amusements Flickr:* <http://www.flickr.com/photos/MidstateAmusements>

*Midstate Amusements Pinterest:* <http://www.pinterest.com/MdstateAmusemnt>

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