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**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Youngstown Dart Association, Inc. (herein referred to as YDA, Inc.) and shall be headquartered at P.O. Box 6758, Youngstown, Ohio, 44501-6758. The office telephone numbers are (330) 783-DART – (330) 783-3278.

**ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS**

Section 1 - Whenever the word “Board” is used in this bylaw, it shall mean the governing body described in Article IX. The officers of YDA, Inc. shall be known as the Executive Board.

Section 2 - Wherever the word “Member” is used in this bylaw, it shall mean a person who has obtained memberships in the YDA, Inc.

Section 3 - As used in this bylaw, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include feminine or neuter, and singular or plural number, whenever the context so indicates or implies.

**ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES**

Section 1 - The objectives of YDA, Inc. are as follows:

- a) Promote the sport of darts throughout the Youngstown and Mahoning Valley areas.
- b) Coordinate the activities, tournaments and functions of the league, and positively represent the YDA Inc. on a local, statewide and national basis.
- c) Provide advice and counseling to sponsoring firms in establishing local darting tournament competitions.
- d) Establish YDA, Inc. rules of play and regulations utilized during YDA, Inc. sponsored competitions and YDA, Inc. sanctioned competitions.
- e) Improve the conditions of play in YDA, Inc. sponsored competitions and YDA, Inc. sanctioned competitions.
- f) Develop and distribute a newsletter.
- g) Development of tournaments for non-profit organizations.

Section 2 – The YDA Inc. shall be a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-sexist, non-racial organization. The objectives of the YDA, Inc. shall be in accordance with and not contrary to the laws of the State of Ohio or of the United States.

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**ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 – Individual membership is open to any person (who) displays an interest in darts as a sport. Membership can be attained in one of the following ways:

- a) Registration by a team captain at the beginning of any scheduled season.
- b) Added to any current roster vacancy with less than six (6) players. **NOTE:** additions must be approved by the executive board no less than 4 days prior (Monday) to a scheduled match to be eligible for the next scheduled match.

Section 2 - Membership sponsor’s place of business **MUST** be within an 8-mile radius of the Mahoning County Court House. The County Court House shall be considered the center of operations for the YDA.

Section 3 - All memberships are subject to approval by the Executive Board.

Section 4 - A membership may be terminated or restricted, with cause, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board.

**ARTICLE V-MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Section 1 - Membership fees shall be established, and may be revised, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board, and shall be payable annually.

Section 2 - Membership fees shall be applicable for a period from August 1st to July 31<sup>st</sup>

Section 3 - The annual membership fee for a “member” is \$25.00. **MEMBERSHIP IS NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Section 4- Sponsorship fee is \$85.00 for the first team and \$65.00 for each additional team. All sponsorship fees are due July 1st. Membership fees due by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. \$15.00 fine 15days after due date. \$30.00 after 30 days.

**ARTICLE VI - YDA, INC CENSURE, PROBATION  
FINES, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSION**

Section 1 - Perspective

a) Categorically, and without restriction, the YDA, Inc. reserves the right to censure, fine, suspend or expel (terminate) any Member (regardless of category) or Officer who willfully creates disharmony, behaves in a manner prejudicial to order and discipline or tarnishes the image of the sport of darts.

b) No Player, Official, Sponsor or Spectator needs to tolerate harassment, belligerency, defamation or poor sportsmanship for or from any YDA, Inc. member.

c) However, remedy for such infractions are not the sole purview of the YDA, Inc. Where the incident occurred has significant impact on who provides subsequent disciplinary action. To wit:

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1) Non-YDA, Inc. and non-association sponsored tournaments and matches: Problems in public or private bars, lounges or taverns are the province of the injured party, the owner(s), or bartender who may seek redress under local and state law by ejection, police intervention or arrest.

2) YDA, Inc. Sponsored Events: Any infraction or altercation at YDA, Inc. sponsored events (e.g. league play or tournaments) would definitely be cause for disciplinary action - censure, probation, fines suspension or expulsion - by the YDA, Inc.

**Section 2 - Procedure**

a) The President will prepare a list of charges based on written documentation or observation.

b) The President will prepare, within 10 days of receipt of an accusation, a letter to the accused, informing him of the YDA, Inc.'s intent to take disciplinary action and request rebuttal information to be used in their defense of the accusation.

c) Upon receipt of the accuser's rebuttal, or 10 days, whichever occurs first, the President will call an immediate Executive Board meeting to recommend a course of action. Disciplinary action requires two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board. The Executive Board's decision in such cases shall be final.

d) The President will formally notify the accused of the decision.

e) Fines - When member, found guilty of conduct unbecoming a group or person, as the case may be, is to be fined for said offense, the President, following a consultation with the other members of the Executive Board, shall levy the law.

f) If the fine is not paid to the treasurer within thirty (30) days of notification, the member will automatically be suspended from all YDA, Inc. sponsored events for a period of one (1) calendar year effective the date the treasurer notifies the president of payment default.

**Section 3 - In the event a "home team" has not sent in monies due to the YDA, Inc. for matches with visiting teams for two consecutive and/or any three "home" matches anytime throughout a season; the Executive Board may, at their sole discretion, proceed with any or all of the following courses of action.**

a) Expel the Captain of the said "home team" from the YDA, Inc. and appoint a new Captain from with the membership of the said "home team".

b) Expel said "home team" including all team members, from the YDA, Inc. In the event the entire "home team" is expelled, the Executive Board has the right to fill this vacancy with another team. This new team will assume the playing record of the expelled team but will not assume any of the team's financial liability to the YDA, Inc. nor any of the fines imposed against the expelled team. If a new team cannot be found, all matches played to date and future matches will be declared byes.

c) Pursue any all legal remedies available to YDA, Inc. against the said "home team" captain and/or said "home team" members that will recover the monies due to the YDA Inc.

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Section 4 - In the event a Team Captain and/or any team members are expelled from the YDA, Inc. these individuals will not be permitted to form another team, nor join another team for one complete season without appearing before the Board and receiving re-entry approval from the majority of the captains and officers present at said meeting.

**ARTICLE VII – THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1 – The Executive Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Trustee.

Section 2 – The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Board are outlined throughout this publication, however, specific duties are explained in Article VIII.

**ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS**

Section 1 - **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all Board Meetings. He/she may only vote to break a tie. The President shall decide all questions of order, appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President is responsible for submission of annual budget based on Executive Committee inputs and subject to Board approval. His/her legitimate organization expenses, as simple majority of the board may approve; shall be paid for by the YDA, Inc. At the expiration of his term of office, he/she shall turn over all the pertinent books and papers to his successor.

Section 2 - **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall assist the President in maintaining the efficiency of YDA, Inc. operations, and in the absence of the President, shall assume the duties performed by the President. His/her legitimate organization expenses as a simple majority of the Board may approve; shall be paid for by the YDA, Inc. The Vice-President shall also be responsible for banquet arrangements. At the expiration of his term of office, he/she shall turn over all the pertinent books and papers to his successor.

Section 3 - **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall setup the regular season schedule and playoff schedule. Notify all members of their acceptance in the YDA Inc. Prior to a new season the Secretary shall collect sponsor/membership fees and membership rosters. He/she shall arrange and schedule sponsor inspections. Perform any duties as may from time to time be imposed on him/her. The Secretary shall be paid an annual sum of \$500 at the completion of the season. At the expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall turn over all pertinent books and papers to his/her successor.

Section 4 - **TREASURER:** The treasurer shall receive and maintain sole custody of all YDA Inc. funds and shall deposit all monies received. He /she shall be responsible for all collection of fees and fines. He/she shall be required to submit a financial report at least semi-annually and will send this report to all board members by correspondence. Organization expenses, as a simple majority of the board may approve; shall be paid for by the YDA, Inc. He /she shall be paid an annual sum of \$500 at the completion of the season. At the expiration of his/her term of office, he / she shall turn over all the pertinent books and papers to his successor.

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Section 5 - **CO-TREASURER:** Shall assist the treasurer in maintaining the efficiency of YDA, Inc. operations, and in the absence of the Treasurer, he/she shall assume the duties normally performed by the Treasurer.

**NOTE:** All checks issued by the YDA, Inc. must be signed by (2) treasurers.

Section 6 - **RECORDING SECRETARY:** Shall record all Executive Board and Board meetings and issue notices and results of all meetings and elections to the Board in a timely manner. The Recording Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the organization. The Recording Secretary shall maintain a current list of all voting members of the Board to be used at all meeting for attendance and roll call votes.

Section 7 - **TRUSTEE:** The Trustee shall attend all Executive Board and Board meetings. He /she shall assume the responsibility to assist the Board in any aspect as needed.

Section 8 - Effective this date, it becomes the obligation of all the Officers of the YDA, Inc. to accumulate proposed rules and/or bylaw changes from team captains, members and/or sponsors of the YDA, Inc. and consolidate these proposals into dialogue suitable for voting at subsequent Board meetings. The Office Secretary will be obligated to print these proposals in the weekly newsletter at least twice before said proposals appear on the agenda of subsequent captains meeting. This bylaw change eliminates the “rules committee.”

**ARTICLE IX- THE BOARD**

Section 1 - The Board shall be comprised of the Executive Board and all Team Captains.

Section 2 - Any board member automatically resigns their position, whether elected or appointed, when, without sufficient cause, fails to appear at two (2) consecutive board meetings.  
You can send a representative.

Section 3 - Any team whose captain has been notified of his resignation from the board, must choose a new Team Captain and notify the League Secretary of the new Team Captain before the next scheduled Board Meeting or they forfeit their right to have a vote on the Board for the remainder of the current year.

**ARTICLE X - BOARD DUTIES/RESTRICTIONS**

Section 1 - The Board must meet at least two times each year. The meeting dates, times and locations will be determined by the President. Attendance shall be excused if notice of the meeting is not received at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2 - A Board Member cannot be a sponsor in the YDA Inc. A sponsor cannot be an Officer or a Team Captain in the YDA, Inc. An Officer can not be a Team Captain.

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**ARTICLE XI – SPECIAL POSITIONS**

Section 1 – In order for the YDA to operate as smoothly as possible the following positions have been created to alleviate any additional duties that may be incurred by YDA, Inc. Officers and/or Board members.

Section 2 – **OFFICE MANAGER:** The Executive Board will hire a part-time Office Manager. This Office Manager will have no present affiliation with the YDA, Inc. The Office Manager will be responsible of the day-to-day operations of the YDA, Inc. office during the regular season and play-offs. He will notify any Board Members of their failure to attend two (2) consecutive Board Meetings and request their resignation as a voting member of the Board.

Section 3 – **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** A Tournament Director shall be appointed by the Executive Board to run the annual YDA, Inc. sponsored tournament. At the completion of the tournament a sum of \$500 will be paid.

Section 4 – **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT:** A CPA shall be hired to prepare IRS forms and other accounting statements needed for the YDA, Inc. The YDA, Inc shall incur all costs necessary to hire said CPA.

Section 5 – **ALL-STAR CHAIRMAN/COMMITTEE:** The chairman is elected by the current members of the all-star team – term is 2 years. The Committee is voted on and comprised by the current all-star members each year.

**ARTICLE XII - MEETINGS**

Section 1 – **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:** Participation in such meetings shall be limited to Executive Board Officers and special invited guests only. This type of meeting may be called at any time by any member of the Executive Board. No time requirements are necessary to call such a meeting. Normally, this meeting will be called by the Executive Board to pass on and share information among the officers to ensure the smooth running of the YDA, Inc.

Section 2 - **BOARD MEETINGS:** Participation in such meetings shall be limited to Board Members and special invited guests only, and subject to the provisions set forth in Article VIII. The President (or presiding officer) reserves the right to expel any observer at his sole discretion. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President; however any YDA, Inc. member in good standing may request a Board meeting with just cause. The purpose of this meeting is to offer the members a voice in the way YDA, Inc. is operated. The President is required to solicit Board Member inputs. Board meetings shall have no time limit. A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will be allotted for the purpose of completing a point under discussion. This may be waived by the unanimous vote of the board members in attendance.

a) Unless otherwise specified, meeting announcements must be announced at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting date.

b) It is the responsibility of all Board Members, and members to maintain a current and valid email (or physical) address & phone number with the secretary.

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c) Whenever required, by the other provisions of these bylaws, notice (s) shall be sent to such addresses.

d) A simple majority of Board Members in attendance shall constitute a quorum. When a board member with sufficient cause cannot attend a scheduled meeting, that individual may, at his/her own choosing, assign their voting rights by proxy to another team member.

Section 3 - **ELECTION MEETINGS:** All elections shall take place at the yearly Awards Banquet during Happy Hour before dinner. The YDA, Inc. election committee shall count the votes and announce the winners after the Awards presentation.

**ARTICLE XIII - ELECTIONS**

Section 1 – Candidates for YDA, Inc. officer positions shall be limited to current members of the YDA, Inc. Vacancies resulting from resignations shall be filled by the president to completion of term. A candidate for any office of the YDA, Inc. must have served as a Team Captain within the YDA, Inc. Each elected officer shall hold their office for 2 years. Elections of YDA, Inc. officer positions shall take place in the following manner:

President	even numbered years	Co-Treasurer	even numbered years
Vice – President	odd numbered years	Recording Secretary	odd numbered years
Secretary	even numbered years	Trustee	odd numbered years
Treasurer	odd numbered years		

Section 2 - The President, with the approval of the members of the board, shall appoint a 4 member election committee whose members shall not be candidates for any office involved in the election. The committee should be comprised of 1 member from each division.

Section 3- All elections for the YDA, Inc. executive officer positions shall be effected by a secret ballot. It shall be the responsibility of the YDA, Inc. Executive Board to call for candidates and construct such a ballot. All ballots will be counted by the election committee at a time when all committee members are present.

Section 4- No person, authorized to vote in an election, may vote more than once per candidate for executive officer.

Section 5- The YDA, Inc. Executive Board shall call for candidates for all appropriate existing YDA, Inc. executive board positions no sooner than ninety (90) days and no later than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date for the election of such positions. Those qualified persons wishing to place themselves in contention for office shall notify the YDA, Inc. in writing. A candidate can only run for one office.

**ARTICLE XIV - CONTRACT AND AGREEMENTS**

Section 1 - The Executive Board shall have the sole authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of the YDA, Inc. Such contracts and agreements must bear the signature of the President in order to make such contracts or agreements binding upon the YDA, Inc. (Exceptions only Banquet and Tournaments.)



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**ARTICLE XV - EXPENSES**

Section 1 - Any member, under the direction of the Executive board, is to be reimbursed for all legitimate expenses incurred in the name of the YDA, Inc.

Section 2 - All expenses are subject to the approval of a simple majority vote of the board Executive members in attendances at any board meeting. The board may also effect this section by email, if circumstances so warrant.

**ARTICLE XVI - POLICY**

Section 1 - Policy changes and temporary rulings, as approved by a simple majority vote of the board members, and general information will be in the form of announcements issued by the YDA, Inc. secretary. These policy changes and temporary rulings will be considered to be in force immediately upon receipt by all board members.

Section 2 - It is the responsibility of all board members and members to read any announcement issued by the YDA, Inc. Secretary.

Section 3 - All league officers will be bonded. Executive Board Officers, All-Star Chairperson.

**ARTICLE XVII - GENERAL**

Section 1 - The Board is given power to make, alter, amend or repeal any/all bylaws of the YDA, Inc. at any board meeting without notice of their intention to so act. The board may also effect this section by email if circumstances so warrant. A two-thirds (2/3/) majority vote of the board attending a meeting is required to make, alter, amend or repeal any bylaws of the YDA, Inc.

Section 2 - Rules and regulations to supplement these bylaws shall be devised for the purpose of clarity and uniformity. Any additions, deletions or changes may be made to these bylaws according to the provisions set forth in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3 – Any YDA, Inc. member in good standing may submit proposals to change and/or amend these bylaws. All proposals shall be in writing and **must** be received in the dart office no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year in order to be voted on for the following season. NOTE: Proposals may be submitted at any time throughout the season, however, any proposal not requiring immediate change will be voted on at the initial Board meeting prior to an upcoming season.

Section 4 - These bylaws shall be reviewed/updated by the President (subject to two-thirds (2/3) majority board approval) on an annual basis.

**ARTICLE XVIII - EQUIPMENT**

Section 1 - All league competition, including tournaments and play-offs, shall be conducted on a standard English, 20 point clock-faced bristle dart board.

Section 2 - Dart boards shall be placed 5 feet 8 inches from the floor to the center of the bull's eye, allowance for 1/4 inch tolerance with the 20 bed at the top center. This wedge shall be dark colored. The minimum ceiling height in the playing area shall be 8 feet.

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Section 3 - The foul line will be 7 feet 9 1/4 inches from the surface of the board measured along the floor, or 9 feet 7 3/8 inches measured diagonally from the center of the bull's eye to the closest edge of the foul line. The foul line will be 2" wide 36" long with 18" of the line on each side of the bullseye.

Section 4 - The management at the location of the match or tournament will be responsible for supplying and maintaining the league play dart board which must be deemed acceptable to both home and visiting teams. The management will be responsible for having a proportional amount of boards for the number of teams sponsored.

Section 5 - All league play dart boards shall be firmly anchored to a wall and will be illuminated. The minimum board lighting will be 20 watts cool fluorescent with a reflector and 40 watts fluorescent without a reflector. Each board will register 40 lumens on an accurate light meter.

Section 6 - The dart board should be positioned so that it is readily available to the players without distraction to the thrower.

Section 7 - A scoring surface must be provided and located in such a position that the score may easily be read by players and spectators. Electronic scoring devices shall be utilized and have a minimum viewing area of 10" without objection. The visiting team must be granted priority seating with a view of the scoring device. Displaying DartConnect on a larger screen like a nearby television is encouraged.

Section 8 - The minimum temperature in the playing area will be 60F.

Section 9 - The sponsor will be responsible for providing marking equipment to keep score. Examples: chalk, dry erase/wipe markers or grease pencils.

Section 10 – Any new sponsors entering the league shall provide a standard unit. Including light, score board, backboard and dart board assembly (ex; Anglo-American) that meets A.D.O. specifications. Any sponsors adding new units to existing bars must use this unit.

Section 11 - The Dart Board shall be located in an area that provides minimum seating for 12 players. This area must be easily visible and accessible to the throwing area. Per match.

Section 12 - Sponsor's establishment must be located in an area that ensures the safety of YDA, Inc. members and companions. The parking area must be adequately lighted for safety.

Section 13 – All sponsor establishments, dart boards, scoreboards, throwing areas, etc. must be inspected and approved by the YDA, Inc. Executive Board. The Executive Board will conduct annual inspections prior to every new season and/or when complaints (in writing) are received. All inspections will be recorded and kept on file for future reference. All establishments must display a current YDA, Inc. approval document (in plain view) prior to any league match can be played in their establishment.

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**ARTICLE XIX - TEAM PROFILE**

Section 1 - A team shall consist of 6 to 10 players who will be registered with the league. All players can, if so desired, compete in each match. However, each member can only compete in one 501, one doubles cricket, one 601. Each member can only compete in one of the Doubles Choice CR/501 (A&B Division) FIDO 501 (C&D Division) matches OR the team 801 – not both.

Section 2 - Team rosters are to be filled out completely and submitted to YDA, Inc. by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. No changes or additions to team rosters may be made except for circumstances presented to the Executive Board. Any roster changes must be submitted for approval 4 days prior to league play (Monday). If rosters are not in on time fines will apply.

Section 3 - Any player who is dropped from a team's roster, for any reason, who has played in at least one game of the teams matches, will be eligible to reregister with another team upon the approval of the YDA, Inc. Executive Board. The player must stay in that division or move up. This can only happen one time. The deadline to make roster changes is Christmas break.

Section 4 - If a team loses players during the season (providing said player or players have not been suspended or expelled from the YDA, Inc.) and has less than 6 players remaining on their roster, they may add players. This must be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 5 - A team having 3 or more members that have played in the YDA, Inc. for 2 or more years may move to any sponsor of their choice with a 30 days notice in writing to sponsor they are leaving and the board. The sponsor need not be a sponsor prior to the move. The sponsor must meet YDA, Inc. qualifications. Said sponsor will be on probation for the first year.

Section 6 - The Executive Board, during the first two weeks of play, has the right and obligation to the league to replace any teams that do not attend either the first or second scheduled match with a "reserve" team. The reserve teams will be selected on a "first come first serve" basis. Should a team drop out and be replaced with a "reserve" team, the first and/or second matches with other teams will be rescheduled.

Section 7 - After the first two weeks of play, if a team drops from the league, all additional matches with other teams shall be declared byes. The first one and/or second matches played by this team will also be declared a bye.

Section 8 - For any Team Captain or Representative missing two consecutive Board Meetings, 10 game points and 1 match point will be deducted from their overall score.

Section 9 – In order for a member to be eligible to participate on the playoff roster the player must have played in 1/3 of the team's regular season matches.

**ARTICLE XX - MATCH SCHEDULE**

Section 1 - All regular season league competitions will be scheduled on Thursday evenings.

Section 2 - Starting time for a match is 7:30PM sharp. A match not underway within 15 minutes (7:45PM) is subject to forfeit. NOTE: As it is the objective of the YDA, Inc. to promote the sport of darts, it will be the team Captains responsibility to request a forfeit, only, as a last resort.

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Section 3 - The Executive Board reserves the right to reschedule any matches or matches to maintain an equitable and efficient competition schedule.

**ARTICLE XXI - WEEKLY MATCH FEES**

Section 1 - It is each Captain's responsibility to collect the required \$30.00 from his/her team members. It is the home team Captain's responsibility to see to it that \$60.00 from the match reaches the treasurer no later than the Monday immediately after the match. Late monies received will bring notification from the treasurer that a \$10.00 fine and 2 game points will be taken off the home team's overall score. All fines are due immediately.

Section 2 - A \$20.00 fine to cover any NSF fee and 2 game points will be taken off for returned checks.

Section 3 - Any team captain will be removed as captain after 1 warning and 1 fine for not sending in match money on time-pending a review by the officers.

Section 4 - A team captain receiving two fines will be expelled from the league for a minimum period of one year.

Section 5 - Any team using an Illegal Player will receive a \$100.00 fine.

**ARTICLE XXII - MATCH FORMAT**

Section 1 - Division Format: Each match consists of 6 individual games of 501 free-in/double-out and each game won will gain 1 game point; 3 games of doubles no call cricket; which each will gain 1 point: 2 games of 601, three-man team, where each will gain 1 point. For A and B Division you will have a choice of doubles cricket or DIDO 501 that will be worth 1 pt – then Team 801 which will be worth 1 point. For C and D you will play 501 FIDO worth 1pt - then Team 801 worth 1pt. A maximum total of 13 points can be achieved during any one match.

Section 2 - The playing line up must be completed by both team captains before each match set of games starts. The lineup is to be made blind and the first match set is to be posted by 7:30 PM. All playing spots must be filled with a player's name. If a scheduled player is not present when their match occurs, their position will be played open. If this is a 501 game, it would be forfeited. In other games, the game would be played one player short. This rule cannot be altered by team captains. In A & B division – Before the Choice match of 501/CR one person on the team will throw bull to choose the game – This person does not have to have played all night – and does not have to play in the choice match – they just must be an eligible player on the roster of that team. Then the lineup for the Choice Match & 801 will be made. A player cannot play in both the Choice Match and team 801 – and for C&D they cannot play in the doubles 501 & team 801 – these lineups will be made before the Choice game for A & B Division and before the 501 match for the C & D Division.

Section 3 - All registered members of a team can be used in any order in any spot on their teams playing line up.

Section 4 - The submitted line up will be the playing order for the match. The match will start with first game of 501 being played. The second event will be the cricket games, starting with the 1-2-3 playing

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order. The third event will be the 601 games, played in the 1-2 order. The 4<sup>th</sup> event being played will be choice 501/CR (for A&B) or 501 FIDO (for C&D). The final event of the evening will be the team 801. Each of the games in each event will be played by the players in the order that their names were submitted on the line up. The playing order for all matches will follow the correct numerical sequence, e.g. player one plays opposing player one for the first match and so on down the line.

Section 5 - The home team has the prerogative of choosing the approved board on which the match is to be played if there is more than one board in the establishment.

Section 6 - **NO LATER** than 30 minutes prior to the time which competition is scheduled, the nights playing board shall be cleared of play by the management of the establishment. The board will then be declared open and will be available player warm-up. All warm-up activities must be complete by the match starting time. **IMPORTANT!!** After the practice session each player is allowed only two rounds (6 darts) for practice before each game. All players not currently in the game can practice on any nonmatch board once the match has started. A practice board is required at each sponsor for the playoffs.

Section 7 - The captains are responsible for the smooth running of each match. A match must be underway no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, and it is the captain's prerogative to declare a forfeit at that time, if the opposing team is not ready to play.

Section 8 - Any disputes that arise during the course of play must be settled in private conference of the captains only.

Section 9 - Visiting team player will be given the option to throw cork first or second.

**ARTICLE XXIII - GAME RULES**

**Section 1 – 01 Games:**

a) **501** - This is the classic English game. The object of the game is to score 501 points exactly. Each player starts with 501 and aims to reduce it to zero. To decide who throws first, the players throw one dart each at the bull, the nearest to the bull throwing first. The scorekeeper shall not touch either dart thrown for bull prior to determining the winner of the bull. The only exception to this is if the first dart is a bull's eye the opposing player may request it be pulled. A throw, as in all dart games, consists of three darts, players throwing alternately. A player's first dart starts the scoring, thus, if he throws a 20, followed by a double 10 and then a triple 5, he would deduct 55 points from 501. Each player must score exactly 501 but the final dart to achieve this must, be doubled. Thus, if a player is left with 40, he can win by throwing a double 20. This means that a player in the course of a game must aim to get an even number. For example: left with 51 could throw a single 11 leaving a double 20 or a single 19 leaving a double 16. He could also, although it is an unlikely strategy, throw 1; double bull, as the double bull represents 50.

b) **Busting Back** - If, in the course of a throw, a player goes over the required number, it is said to be a "bust" and his score reverts to what it was at the end of the previous throw. For example, a player left with a total of 8 is on double 4. In his first throw, he gets a single 4 leaving a double 2. In his second throw he gets a single 17. His throw is then over and his score reverts to double 4.

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c) **601 and 801** - are played in the same fashion expect with a higher starting score and more players. You must double-in and double-out in 601 in ALL divisions. 801 is double in and out for A & B Division – and free in double out for C & D.

Section 2 –**NO Call, Cricket:** Next to “501;” Cricket is perhaps the most widely played game. Only the numbers 15 through 20 and bull are used. The object of the game is for each player on a team to score three of every number including three bulls, the center bull counting for two. When one side has three of a number it can then score on that number until the opposing team get three darts in the same number. Once both sides have three of a number it is closed to further scoring by either side. Doubles and trebles count, so that a treble 20 counts for three 20’s and at once commands that number. It will be seen, therefore, that is essentially a game for accurate throwing at trebles. As an example of scoring, let us assume that the first player for Team A throws a treble 20, a single 20 and a 5. That side will then command 20’s and will have scored 20. Team B throws and scores a single 20 a double 20 (closing the 20’s) and than a treble 19. Team A follows, throwing a single 19, a treble 19 (closing 19’s but not scoring) and single 18.

**ARTICLE XXIV - SCORING**

Section 1 - The **HOME** team is responsible for providing a scorekeeper.

Section 2 - The captains or co-captains are responsible for the completing and signing of the score sheets. This includes the backside showing high scores, low dart 501 games and comments to the secretary. It is the home team captain’s responsibility to submit scores to the YDA, Inc. via DartConnect and send monies to the dart office no later than Sunday at 12:00 following the match. Dues made be paid electronically via PayPal or Venmo or dropped off at the dart office. The telephone number is 330-783-DART.

Section 3 - In the event a score sheet is falsified, after it has been signed, (i.e. adding high scores, 180 scores, or shots of note) the home team will be fined \$100.00.

Section 4 - A player shall not remove his darts from the board until both he and the scorekeeper agree on the score thrown and it is appropriately recorded.

Section 5 - A player must have both feet behind the foul line for each dart thrown. If he has one or both feet over the line, the score for that turn will be invalid. A violating player should be warned immediately about his line foul by the opposing team captain.

Section 6 - It is 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. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written, unless corrected prior to the beginning of that player’s next throw. In case of Doubles/Team matches, such errors must be rectified prior to the next turn of any player on that team.

Section 7 - In Doubles/Team events, no player may throw (during a Leg) until each of his teammates has completed his throw. The **FIRST** player throwing out of turn shall receive a score of **ZERO** points for

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that round and his team shall FORFEIT such turn.

Section 8 - The scorekeeper can only tell a player what amount is left for him to attain or what has been scored with the darts he has thrown. If requested the scorekeeper cannot tell the throwing player what, specifically, to throw at. If the scorekeeper tells the player by mistake to throw at a certain number for a finish and it proves to be a wrong number, the throw stands as thrown. DartConnect cannot tell the player what to throw at. The differential should be turned off for cricket.

**ARTICLE XXV - PERSONAL CONDUCT**

Section 1 - Heckling or other harassment is strictly forbidden. It is each Team Captain's responsibility to maintain the best of order on his/her team during league play.

Section 2 - Gambling is neither sanctioned nor authorized at YDA, Inc. sponsored events.

**ARTICLE XXVI - PROTEST**

Section 1 - The captain of any team may file a protest for any irregularity of a match. The opposing team must be notified at the time of the protest that the game/match from that point is being played under protest. The match shall then be played to conclusion. The protest must be filed with the league office in writing within 24 hours of the match in question. The protest must also be indicated on the **SCORESHEET**. The score sheet must be handled the same as a score sheet that is not under protest. It is submitted to the league office on schedule.

Section 2 - The Executive Board is to select 2 Team Captains per division to serve as a Grievance Committee. This committee is to have full responsibility to resolve both protests and grievances.

- a) Quorum Vote = 5 Votes President break tie.
- b) Committee can not change by-laws.
- c) Every case on individual basis, not to set precedent.
- d) All protest & grievances will be in writing.
- e) All members involved must appear at the meeting with the grievance committee.

**ARTICLE XXVII - FORFEITS**

Section 1 - A forfeit will be declared for the failure of a team to attend a scheduled match. The entire 13 points will be awarded to the team present. However, at least six players of that team must be present and sign the MATCH REPORT SHEET. Points will only be awarded for events where players are in attendance.

Section 2 - A forfeit will be declared for use of an unregistered player. The use of one unauthorized team member will result in the entire match being forfeited. It is a team's responsibility to accept the penalty of playing short-handed if they cannot field a team with only their registered players.

Section 3 - A forfeit can be declared for a team having less than two players in attendance. A match can be played with 2 or more players, but not with less. A match can start without a full team in attendance. When a game comes up and there is no player to play the game, that particular game will be forfeited to

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the opposition in attendance. Players absent from both teams double forfeit. No points for the game to go to either team.

Section 4 - A team that forfeits is still responsible for paying their \$30.00 match fee. The other team is also responsible for paying their \$30.00 match fee.

Section 5 - Any team that forfeits two or more matches during the season will be expelled from the league for a period of one year and forfeit it's point money. (All forfeit matches will be reviewed by the Executive Board to determine just cause for the forfeit.)

**ARTICLE XXVIII - SPONSORS RESPONSIBILITY**

Section 1 - Should a sponsor field more than 4 times, that sponsor is financially responsible, should any team over his base 4 drop out of the league.

Section 2 - All boards and playing space must comply with the ADO, YDA , Inc and WDDA rules and board standards.

Section 3 - The financial responsibility of the sponsors with more than 4 teams, making those liable for the folding teams:

- a) Sponsor Dues
- b) Membership Dues
- c) Weekly Fees - for 1/2 of the Dart Season.

Section 4 – A sponsor in default of money for their financial responsibility will not be authorized to field a team(s) for any new season unless all monies in arrears are paid with late fees as determined by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE XXIX - LEAGUE PRIZES**

Section 1 - In order to qualify for weekly prizes, the individual's name and score must be recorded on the back of the weekly score sheet. All prizes will be awarded at the banquet.

- a) High Darts/High Score: T20 minimum = \$20 per week, per division.
- b) T80 Score, 9 Marks, Dead Eyes: Total Prize Money of \$4000 will be split for all T80's

1) When T80 is thrown it must be listed on the reverse side of the match sheet where high scores are listed. Both team captains must verify and sign score sheet. If a team captain throws T80 a co-captain must verify.

Section 2 – Prize money will depend on numbers of teams, members, weeks and expenses.

Section 3 – Sponsor Trophies. Trophies will be awarded of an appropriate size with player's name for 1st place overall and 2nd place overall. Trophies will be awarded for 1st place of each division.



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**Summary of Changes  
To  
YDA, Inc.  
Rules and Regulations  
2021 – 2024**

This list is provided by the YDA, Inc. Executive Board for your convenience to easily locate any and all changes to previous editions of YDA, Inc. Rules and Regulations. The following information does not constitute actual rules and regulations; merely a list of what has been revised in the actual, and binding, document.

- ▶ Article III, Section 1 a): **Revised** words “Mahoning Valley” added.
- ▶ Article IX, Section 2: **Deleted**
- ▶ Article XVII, Section 3: **Added** per Board vote

Section 3 – Any YDA, Inc. member in good standing may submit proposals to change and/or amend these bylaws. All proposals shall be in writing and **must** be received in the dart office no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year to be voted on for the following season. NOTE: Proposals may be submitted at any time throughout the season, however, any proposal not requiring immediate change will be voted on at the initial Board meeting prior to an upcoming season.

- ▶ Article XVIII, Section 13: **Added** per Executive Board for clarity.

Section 13 – All sponsor establishments, dart boards, scoreboards, throwing areas, etc. must be inspected and approved by the YDA, Inc. Executive Board. The Executive Board will conduct annual inspections prior to every new season and/or when complaints (in writing) are received. All inspections will be recorded and kept on file for future reference. All establishments must display a current YDA, Inc. approval document (in plain view) prior to any league match can be played in their establishment.

- ▶ ARTICLE XI – SPECIAL POSITIONS **Revised** per Executive Board for clarity.
- ▶ ARTICLE XIX - TEAM PROFILE **Revised** per Board Vote involving Game play
- ▶ ARTICLE XXII - MATCH FORMAT **Revised** per Board Vote involving Game play

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