

Northwalk British Dart League



Rules & Regulations

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NBDL History

This booklet has been prepared to help establish The Norwalk British Dart League (NBDL) as an active, viable league, operating in conformity and under the guidelines of The American Darts Organization (ADO).

Founded in August of 1990, The NBDL applied for sanctioned league membership in the ADO, and was accepted. At that time the league was without any funds for working capital until the Polish American Club of Norwalk, CT, offered to help sponsor our league and paid our ADO dues for the first two seasons.

The writer was appointed ADO regional representative by regional director, Ms. Angela Bossick, area V5.

The original league consisted of the following four sponsors, hosting a total of six teams:

The Polish American Club (2)
Main Entrance Cafe (2)
The Lighthouse Restaurant (1)
Nugget Cafe (1)

These same sponsors created “Dart walk-in Tournaments” on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The NBDL appreciates the original support given to us by these sponsors and supports these events.

The Board of Directors (BOD) was selected from candidates representing the original sponsors, and serves the league gratuitously.

The Original BOD Was:

President - Frederick Santopietro
Vice President - Joseph Ulman
Vice President - Gus Tsilfides
Vice President - Meredith Johnson
Vice President - Ted Persons
Statistician - Pete Crispi

The Current BOD Is:

President – Mike Nyberg
Vice President– Mike VanDeusen
Treasurer – John Malagisi
Tom Rizzetta - Secretary
Bob Metrey
Rachel Marquis

Definitions

A. Match

For the NBDL a Match consists of Sections. Each Section contains one Event and a specified number of Games in that Event. A match is considered complete when each Section has been played out

B. Event

An Event is any game that can be played with Darts that has been accepted by the NBDL Board of Directors to be included in Match play.

C. Game

A Game is an instance of an Event and is played out according to the rules adopted by the NBDL Board of Directors for that Event.

D. Leg

A Leg refers to a single Game in a Set.

E. Section

A Section is a portion of a Match that contains one Event and one or more Games in that Event. The number of Games in the Event is determined by the NBDL Board of Directors based on roster limits.

F. Set

A Set is a group of Games, generally played by the same individuals or team. If you play a "Best of 3" or a "Race to 5", you are playing a Set of Games. And each Game in the Set is called a Leg.

G. All-Star Notation

The league recognizes the following All Star scores per turn

- T80 -Three triple 20's
- R9 - Round of 9
- C6 - Three double bullseyes

The player with the highest out score in 501 for each division is awarded a High Out award. The score is achieved by consecutive darts in the same turn.

Equipment

- A. All league competition shall be conducted on standard bristle; 20-point, clock faced dart boards, and 2 boards are required for league play.
- B. Dart boards shall be placed 5 ft. 8 in. from the floor to the center of the bulls-eye with the "20" bed at top center; this wedge shall be dark colored.
- C. The distance from the dart board to the foul line shall be 7 ft. 9 1/4 in. (9 ft. 7 3/8 in diagonal measurement from the center of the bull's-eye to the toe/foul line). This distance shall be measured from the dart board face along the floor and will include the width of the foul line. There must be a minimum of 42" from bulls-eye to bulls-eye between multiple boards.
- D. The management of the darting establishment will be responsible for adherence to the measurements provided for above (see item C).
- E. All dart boards shall be firmly anchored and well illuminated.
- F. The dart board shall be positioned so there is no distraction to the thrower from surrounding activities.
- G. A scoring surface must be provided and located where the score may be easily read by players.
- H. Weight and size of the darts used shall be in accordance with ADO rules; no more than 12 in. (30.5 cm.) in length and 50 grams in weight. Each dart shall consist of a recognizable point, barrel and flight.

NBDL Sponsor and Membership Information

- A. Establishments sponsoring NBDL teams are essential to our association; players will respect the rules and guidelines established by the sponsors. Amenities, such as team drinks or discounts on food and/or beverages, are at the discretion of the sponsor.
- B. **Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Connecticut** is the charity of the NBDL and the league has granted the wish of many terminally ill children.
- C. Each NBDL member is responsible for knowing the rules of play.
- D. Any member of the Board of Directors has the authority to suspend any NBDL member for due cause. Such suspension may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
- E. By submitting a roster and/or paying league dues, teams and their sponsoring establishments agree to the decisions the BOD makes regarding divisions of play, scheduling, and roster changes. Any team that withdraws from the league after the scheduling process has started, forfeits the right to any money refunded and is subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the NBDL.
- F. The NBDL limits the number of teams to 4 teams per sponsoring establishment

Team fees:

Item	Monday	Wednesday
Team Fee - per team charge for each season is levied by the NBDL for play in the league. This fee is based on a roster maximum of nine players, regardless of the actual number of playing members on a team. Includes cost for 10 raffle tickets per player (\$10.00), awards (trophies, plaques, etc) and cash payout*	\$315.00	\$210.00
Establishment Fee – covers cost of dart board (1 per team (Monday teams only) and the league expenses.	85.00	65.00
TOTALS	\$400.00	\$275.00

* The remaining money is returned to the Teams at the end of the regular season. It is possible for teams to get back more or less than they paid, as the disbursement is based on your teams' position in the final official standings at the end of any given season. The captains have one month from the time of distribution to claim their checks after which they will be forfeited and returned to the league treasury.

Captains Meetings:

Captains meetings will be held prior to the beginning of each season for distribution of team packets, and if necessary during the season for discussion, and at the end of each season for awards and the returning of captains books. **These meetings are mandatory.** The captain or any shooting member may represent their team at a designated captains meeting. Teams that are not represented by their Captains or a representatives at the meeting are penalized **14 points (Monday League)/12 points (Wednesday League)** and are responsible for obtaining and understanding all information discussed.

Team Profile

- A. All Players wishing to play darts in the Norwalk British Dart League **MUST be 21 years of age or older.**
- B. A team shall consist of a minimum of
 - Monday League - six (6) and a maximum of nine (9) players recorded on a roster as members of the team. Any six (6) may play in any selection of games but may not play more than once in an event.
 - Wednesday League - four (4) and a maximum of six (6) players recorded on a roster as members of the team. Any four (4) may play in any selection of games but may not play more than once in an event.
- C. Team rosters may not be adjusted to, nor added to, after the rosters are locked - Monday League – Saturday before the 4th week of play and Wednesday League – Monday before the 4th week of play). No additions or adjustments are allowed without prior consent of the Board of Directors (BOD), and the appropriate fee paid.
- D. If a team captain knowingly uses an illegal player or a person under an absent player's name, the match will be considered a forfeit and forfeiture rules will apply. In addition, the responsible team captain and the offending player(s) will receive a suspension to be determined by the BOD
- E. Any player who leaves a roster, for any reason, and has played in any matches of the current season will be ineligible for registration with another team during that season.
- F. Any player is ineligible from playing in the league playoffs if they have not participated in at least 50% of the regular season matches.
- G. All hardship requests must be submitted in writing to the BOD President and will be evaluated by the BOD in a timely fashion on a case by case basis. Requests must include the reason for the hardship, the players to be dropped/added and any other pertinent information relating to the hardship case.

Times of Matches

- A. All league play is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. on the evening of play
- B. Any match re-scheduled through the mutual consent of captains must be played no later than two weeks from the regularly scheduled league play date. A BOD member must be notified of this change by 6:00 p.m. of the scheduled day of the match as well as the arrangements made to avoid penalty points. In the event the match cannot be made up in the two week period, BOD approval is required and a formal request must be submitted.
- C. No team is allowed to reschedule more than 2 matches during any season.
- D. Each match will start promptly at the designated time.
- E. All playoff matches start at 7:30 p.m.

Match format

All sets are worth 3 points for singles and 6 points per event regardless of the number of games in the event. Points are awarded as follows:

- Winning two games in a row will result in the awarding of all points to the winning opponent without the need for the third game.
- If the first two games are each won by separate opponents, then the third game is played. The winner is award 2/3 of the points and the loser(s) is awarded 1/3 of the points for that event.
- For events that only contain one game the winner of the game is awarded all of the points

Monday League (number of games to be determined by Division)

Games played shall consist of:

- Six (6) Singles – one person – 3 points for event
- Three (3) Doubles – two person cricket – 6 points for event
- Three (3) Doubles – two person 501 – 6 points for event

Total point value for match: 54 points

Wednesday League (all games consist of the best two out of three)

Games played shall consist of:

- Four (4) Singles – one person 501 straight-in, double-out – 3 points for event
- Four (4) Singles – one person cricket – 3 points for event
- Two (2) Doubles – two person cricket – 6 points for event
- Two (2) Doubles – two person 501 games – 6 points for event

Total point value for match: 48 points

- A. No later than thirty minutes prior to match time the dartboards shall be cleared of play by the management of the darting establishment. The boards will be “open” and will be available for practice.

- B. Prior to each event (section of the match) the playing line-up must be completed by both team captains. The line-up is to be made blind and is to be posted by match time. Captains have no more than **5 minutes** to complete their portion of the score sheet. Exceeding this limit is punishable by a **3 point penalty (Monday League)/3 point penalty (Wednesday League)** for each infraction. All playing spots must be filled-in with a player's name. Once the Score Sheet is completed, there will be no changes or substitutions.
- C. All players registered on a team can be used in any order and in any spot on their teams playing line-up providing that no one player is used more than once in each event. A minimum of 3 roster players must be present in order to play, or a forfeit will be granted. Any team who has 3 or fewer players twice in one season will be removed from that seasons play, and placed on the suspended player list pending BOD reinstatement.
- D. Each player will be allowed nine practice darts prior to any game for which he/she is scheduled to play.
- E. The "home" and the "away" teams shall be determined by the schedule.
- F. Team captains are responsible for the smooth running of each match as well as the actions of the members of their team.
- G. Any disputes that may arise during the course of play must be settled in private conference between the team captains only. If the dispute cannot be settled between these parties, then a written report from both captains must be filed with the board.
- H. No dart player shall practice on any adjacent board(s) while the match is in progress without consent of both captains. Other boards may be used for warm-up during the match as long as the player is NOT currently playing in a match.
- I. The start of all games shall be determined by standard ADO corking rules. (Please see sections 21 and 22 in the ADO Tournament Rules) A double bull always beats a single bull.
- J. Any rules not specifically addressed by these rules and regulations shall be addressed by ADO Tournament Rules.

Playoff Format

- A. All playoff and Championship matches begin at 7:30 PM.
- B. All playoff matches will be a match to; Monday League 42 points/Wednesday League 42 points. Scores to be calculated based on complete sets and in the order the matches are listed on the score sheets. Additional matches should be played concurrently if time is running short.
- C. If you reach the end of the score sheet, start a second sheet beginning with singles and continue until one team reaches the required points.
- D. The winning team is responsible for submitting the score sheet. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture rules.

Forfeiture

- A. Any forfeiture which may occur is not subject to negotiations with the governing BOD.
- B. Regular season league matches will commence at 8:00 P.M., should a team not have at least three players present at that time, a 15 minute grace period is allowed for the remaining players to arrive. Play should start at 8:00 PM with the players present. After the elapsed grace period, a forfeiture of one point for each player, less than the number required for the night of play, will apply through the Singles match period.
- C. If a team with less than required number of players has forfeited a game, the remaining people continue to play. Should the remaining player(s) arrive prior to the completion of all games in the set, the forfeiture stands but the player is eligible to complete the remaining series of games.
- D. It is permissible for a Doubles Team to participate with fewer than the required number of players, provided that team forfeits a turn(s) in each rotation, equal to the number of missing players. The missing player(s) may NOT join a leg in progress, but is allowed to participate in a subsequent Leg(s) of that match.
- E. If any team fails to show up for a match and play, they are subject to a \$50 penalty, which will be subtracted from the end-of-season pay out. Points will be awarded with the team forfeited to receiving win and loss points equal to the highest point differential in their division up to that point in the season. The forfeiting team will be receive 0 win points and the maximum loss points for the night of play (Monday – 54 points/Wednesday – 48 Points).
- F. If both teams fail to play or schedule a make-up game with a current board member they are both subject to a maximum loss points for the night of play (Monday – 54 points/Wednesday – 48 Points). Both teams will have 2 weeks to play an approved make-up match before penalties will be enforced unless alternate arrangements have been approved by the BOD
- G. Captains should on all occasions attempt to reschedule a game rather than submit a forfeit to the league.
- H. If any team has two forfeits in the course of one season they will be released from their obligation to play in the Norwalk British Dart League and forfeit their rights to all monies paid. If a player from the forfeiting team wishes to play in the future he/she must petition the BOD for reinstatement in the league.
- I. Any team forfeiting a match during the last 3 weeks of play will not be eligible to play in any post season matches and will forfeit ALL season winnings. In addition, all players will be suspended from the NBDL pending BOD reinstatement.

Scoring

Scorers/Chalkers

- A. Both captains are required to supply scorekeepers for equal games throughout the match. i.e. each team scores a board throughout the night.
- B. Captains are responsible for recording all scores on the score sheet. Entries must be made as the points are scored.

- C. While throwing a dart, a player's foot/feet must not be on or across the foul line. If a player violates the foul line, he/she must be notified immediately by the opposing team captain.
- D. Any changes made to correct mistakes in scoring or calling must be made before the next turn of the player of the team against whom the mistake was made, either in his favor, or against. Obvious mistakes in subtraction or addition (like going from 301 to 101) may be corrected at any time during the match, provided the correction does not occur while a player is throwing.
- E. If a player throws out of turn, he/she shall receive a score of zero for that turn, and the team will forfeit such turn.
- F. Any player may seek advice from any or all teammates on what number to shoot. However, players should be encouraged to do the mathematics for themselves. The player is responsible for shooting at the right number. If the player shoots the wrong number after any person has told them to shoot that number, the turn will stand as thrown.
- G. Three (3) darts thrown by hand shall constitute a turn. A "thrown" dart is any dart which has been released in the direction of the board by the player with the intention of scoring with that dart. Once the dart has been thrown it may not be thrown again during that turn regardless of where that dart may land. Catching bounced darts is prohibited (and extremely foolish). A dropped dart is not a thrown dart; even though it may cross the foul line.
- H. Should a home team chalker give out the double-out number to one of his/her own players, all dart(s) thrown in that round and the score will be discarded and the players turn ends for that round. The player is still eligible to continue in the next round.
- I. Should a home team chalker give the double out-number to the away (opposing) team all darts count. No penalty and game continues.
- J. The scorer/chalker must confirm the player's score for a turn before the player takes the darts from the board. For a dart to score, it must remain in the board until the score has been called, posted, and verified by the player. A dart is "in" the board if the point is touching the bristle face of the dart board. A player's turn is over when he/she touches any dart on the board.

The NBDL recognizes and will award the following high scores (All triples and/or bulls-eyes must be usable in that turn):

- 170 point finish in '01
- 180 points in any turn in '01
- three (3) scoreable triples in any turn in cricket
- six (6) scoreable bulls in any turn in cricket

10 Commandments of Scoring

1. Scorekeepers Shall Not change the side of the score sheet of the player in three leg matches. If you start a player on the left side of the score sheet, continue to keep their score on the left- regardless of what the bull shots are. A check mark should be placed above the name to signify who has won the first leg.
2. Scorekeepers Shall Not talk while keeping score!
3. Scorekeepers Shall Not move about while keeping score, **STAND STILL!**
4. Scorekeepers Shall Not lean out to see where a dart is or is going, nor shall he follow the darts with body or head movement, **STAND STILL!**
5. Scorekeepers Shall Not show any sign of disgust or excitement while at the scoreboard, **STAND STILL!**
6. Scorekeepers Shall Not look at the shooter, stand facing the board, **STAND STILL!**
7. Scorekeepers Shall Not call out a score, of one dart or all three, unless asked by the shooter!
8. Scorekeepers Shall Not tell a shooter what to shoot or what combination to shoot for an out!
9. Scorekeepers Shall Not change a score unless it is brought to the attention of both shooters (teams).
10. Scorekeepers Shall Not change a score – regardless – if that player (team) has shot again and a second score written down. An error in a shooter's score **MUST** be corrected before he (team) shoots again or it stands.

Score Sheet

The Norwalk British Dart League											
Board of Directors Number 1			DATE		Board of Directors Number 2						
HOME TEAM NAME & NO.			301		VISITOR'S TEAM NAME & NO.						
Tom Sampson			0	3	Rey Delgado						
Mike Nyberg			3	0	Pete Crispi						
Mike VanDuesen			2	1	Ted Persons						
Jeannette Mayor			1	2	Meredith Johnson						
Frederick Santopietro			0	3	Joseph Ulman						
Gus Tsilfides			2	1	Angela Bossick						
Cricket											
Mike Nyberg			4	2	Ted Persons						
Frederick Santopietro			4	2	Rey Delgado						
Jeannette Mayor			4	2	Meredith Johnson						
Mike VanDuesen			4	2	Angela Bossick						
Tom Sampson			2	4	Joseph Ulman						
Gus Tsilfides			2	4	Pete Crispi						
SCORES											
501			SCORES								
60	60	100	Fred Santopietro	4	2	Joseph Ulman	60	80	41		
45	85	81	Gus Tsilfides	2	4	Pete Crispi	36	41	85		
95	171	114	Tom Sampson	2	4	Meredith Johnson	180	40	60		
45	100	26	Mike VanDuesen	4	2	Rey Delgado	100	100	60		
100	100	85	Mike Nyberg	4	2	Ted Persons	60	60	45		
43	55	38	Jeannette Mayor	13	11	Angela Bossick	7				
TOTAL											
			28			26					
COMMENTS											
Tom Sampson - R9						Meredith Johnson - T80					
Fred Santopietro - C6						Pete Crispi - 142 Out					
<i>Tom Sampson</i> HOME CAPT.						<i>Rey Delgado</i> VISITOR CAPT.					

FIGURE 1 – NBDL SCORE SHEET

Wednesday scoresheets filled out in the same format using the Wednesday scoring sheets.

- A. All NBDL Score sheets (shown above in figure 1) must have **team name**, **team number** and scheduled **date of play**.
- B. All players **first and last name** must appear on score sheet.
- C. Home team must fill out the score sheet first and is responsible for tracking the 501 scores thrown. **Visiting Captain** should verify the scores before he/she signs the score sheet.

- D. **Both Captains** must sign the score sheet.
- E. If any of the above criteria are not met penalty points will be assessed to both teams playing in the match (Monday League – 3 point/Wednesday League - 3 points). It is the responsibility of both captains to make sure that the score sheet is right before it is signed.
- F. **Home team** is responsible for sending in the score sheet.
- G. Score sheets must be turned in prior to the deadline in order to avoid penalty points. Deadline is 6:00 PM two days after the night of play **Monday League due on Wednesday (9 points/Wednesday League due on Friday (8 points)** will be assessed to the home team.
- H. **Only the white copy of the score sheet will be accepted.**
- I. If there is a protest the night of play, an NBDL Complaint Form, see Figure 2 on Page 16, located in the book before the ADO rules section, must be attached to the score sheets and signed by **both Captains** in order to be reviewed.
- J. If the score sheet is not turned in to the statistician by Saturday of the current week the penalty incurred on Wednesday will still apply. It will then be considered as a forfeit by the visiting team, and forfeiture rules will then apply.
- K. An NBDL BOD member must be notified of all make-up games by **6:00 p.m. on the the scheduled day of the match** and arrangements made to avoid penalty points.
- L. Please **fax** the score sheets to (866) **618-7944**.

Personal Conduct

A. SPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT SHALL PREVAIL DURING ALL MATCHES

- B. No player shall throw darts or any other object in such a manner as to possibly inflict damage to persons or property.
- C. Foul language, fighting, or unsportsmanlike conduct could lead to forfeits, probation, or even suspension. If a problem cannot be resolved, either captain may stop the game in progress, leave the establishment, notify the Executive Director of the situation, and file a protest.
- D. In the event of verbal abuse or intentional distraction directed at the shooter by an opponent while the shooter is at the shooting line, a warning will be issued immediately, followed by a 3 week suspension for every following infraction up to three times, with an indefinite suspension to follow.

E. SPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT SHALL PREVAIL DURING ALL MATCHES

- F. Gambling / wagering is prohibited.
- G. It is the Captains responsibility to report all infractions on the weekly score sheet for board action. Failure to report an infraction is the same as informing the board that no such infraction occurred.
- H. The drinking of alcoholic beverages by any minor is strictly prohibited.
- I. The use of tobacco products during league play shall be left to the discretion of local organizers.
- J. The repeated abuse of these items shall be just cause for deducting penalty points from the offending team's match points for the season (Monday League 29 points/Wednesday league 26 points) and/or the expulsion of the offending player(s) from the league. The actual penalty shall be determined by the BOD's committee decision.

K. SPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT SHALL PREVAIL DURING ALL MATCHES

Moving Up / Down A Division

- A. At the end of each season, Division Champions will be forced to move up to the next level of play if one of the following conditions exist:
 - 1. They win by ten (10) or more percentage points over the second place team
 - 2. They have a winning percentage of 70% or more for the season.
- B. An alternative to moving up a level is to split the team, as long as there are no more than three (3) original team members on each new team and the point per dart average is lower than the original team.
- C. Teams that win their respective League Championships will also be forced to move up to the next level of play. Splitting the team (see Rule B above) is an acceptable alternative.
- D. At the end of each season, teams that finish in last place within their division and have a winning percentage of less than 35%, have the option of moving down to the next lower level of play.
- E. All other teams will be expected to play at the same level as the previous season. Teams that elect to split the team (see Rule B above) and add new players to each team may move down one level as long as the team per dart average is not above the average for the original team. Teams may voluntarily move up a level at the beginning of any season.
- F. Any player(s) added to a team that has no NBDL ranking, may find their team moved up to the next higher division unless the BOD can obtain a reasonable, unbiased opinion of the new player(s) abilities.

Protest(s)

- A. A Captain may file a protest by filling out a NBDL Complaint Form (Shown below in figure 2) for any irregularity during a match. The opposing Captain must be notified at the time of the protested irregularity, and that the remainder of the match is being played under protest. Match play shall continue as normal from that point on.

The Norwalk British Dart League	
Complaint Form (Turn this form in with score sheets)	
Concerning:	<input type="checkbox"/> Protest on Match Play <input type="checkbox"/> Player Behavior <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Statistics <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Description of Grievance:	
Date: _____	
Captain's Signature: _____	
League Action Taken:	

FIGURE 2 – NBDL COMPLAINT FORM

- B. The protest will be resolved by a committee decision of the BOD in a timely fashion. The protest must be recorded on the NBDL Score Sheet. All scoring on that sheet shall be conducted as if there were no protest.