

# **STEEL TIP IN CINCINNATI & KENTUCKY BYLAWS**

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## ARTICLE I: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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## ARTICLE II: DEFINITION

1. Whenever the initials STICK are used in these bylaws, they shall mean Steel Tip In Cincinnati & Kentucky, Inc.
2. Whenever the word BOARD is used, it shall mean the elected officials described in Article 6, Section 1.
3. Whenever the word MEMBER is used in these bylaws, it shall mean a person who has paid the membership fee set by the Board.
4. Whenever the term APPOINTED POSITION is used in these bylaws, it will refer to an appointed board member appointed by the Board to represent STICK.

## ARTICLE III: OBJECTIVES

1. To promote competitive darts and good sportsmanship for social and recreational purposes.
2. To help coordinate and support activities, tournaments and functions of affiliated organizations, leagues, dart clubs, and other similar groups.
3. To sanction league play according to the rules in effect.
4. To improve and establish conditions of play in local establishments and throughout the Greater Cincinnati area.

## ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS

1. Membership – Membership to STICK is open to any person who meets the criteria for membership regardless of their ethnicity, religion, sexual preference or physical limitation(s). There are two criteria for membership – a) the person must be at least 21 years of age and b) the person must not be prohibited from participation due to action by the Board for violations of League policy as defined in Rule I Section 3. In order to maintain their membership a person must pay or have paid on their behalf the Board-established membership fee.
2. Membership Fee – The Board of Directors shall set the per-session membership fee. STICK provides two sessions of League play for every calendar year, a Spring Session and a Fall Session. The membership fee for the current session is due prior to the member participating in any League events for the current session.
3. Team Fee – The Board of Directors shall set the per-session team fee. STICK provides two sessions of League play for every calendar year, a Spring Session and a Fall Session. The team fee for the current session is due prior to the team participating in any League events for the current session.
4. Bar Fee – The Board of Directors shall set the per-session bar fee. STICK provides two sessions of League play for every calendar year, a Spring Session and a Fall Session. The bar fee for the current session is due prior to the bar participating in any League events for the current session.
5. Refunds and Membership Assignment – Membership in STICK is not refundable. A member may request that their membership be assigned to a non-league person for the purpose of terminating their membership without requiring an additional membership fee. Such requests must have Board approval and meet the membership criteria outlined in Article IV Section 1.
6. Membership Revocation – Membership can be revoked for any of the following reasons: violation of the membership criteria outlined in Article IV Section 1; violation of the rules of Sportsmanship outlined in Rule I Section 3; instances of fraud resulting in damage to the League, its Board and/or members of the League.

## ARTICLE V: THE BOARD

1. The STICK Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Playing Conditions Supervisor, four (4) Members at Large and a Sergeant at Arms.
2. The Board shall be elected for a period of two years. The President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Playing Conditions Supervisor and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Member at Large will be elected in even numbered years. The Vice President, Treasurer, First and Third Member at Large and Sergeant at Arms will be elected in odd numbered years. They will take office no later than two weeks after the Spring Banquet.
3. The President, provided two-thirds (2/3) -majority vote of the Board approves the appointment, may fill board vacancies. Such additions should be made no later than thirty (30) days following the creation of the vacancy.
4. In the event that a Board member is absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings without "good reason" accepted by the majority of the Board, he/she shall be disqualified as a Board member and shall be immediately replaced per these articles, and shall not be eligible to run for office at the subsequent election.
5. No joint offices may be held.
6. Eligibility: A candidate for a position on the STICK Board must be, at the time of nominations, in good standing with the league. If between nominations and voting, the Board should discipline a person, his/her name will be taken off the ballot. No person who is on probation or suspended from the league shall be permitted to run for or hold an office. Should a current Board member be put on probation or suspended, he/she will be disqualified as a Board member and immediately replaced per these articles and shall not be eligible to run again until in good standing with the league. In order to hold the President Position, two years Board experience will be required. In order to hold the Treasurer Position, an accounting background and/or two years Board experience will be required.

## ARTICLE VI: BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM

1. The Board must meet at least once a month. The President will determine the meeting date, time and location. Attendants shall be excused if notice of the meeting is not given to and received by Board members at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.
2. Board meetings shall have a time limit of 2 1/2 hours with a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes allowed for the purpose of completing a point under discussion. This section may be waived by the two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members in attendance.
3. Two-thirds (2/3) Board members in attendance shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall assume the chair.
4. If, at any meeting of the Board, there is less than quorum present, the majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting. Any business that must have transacted at the meeting will be taken up at the next scheduled meeting or can be rescheduled.

## ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. President -- The President shall be chief executive of the organization and, as such, shall preside over all meetings of the General membership of the organization. As stated in the "no vote proviso", he/she may vote only to break a tie. The President shall decide all questions on order, appoint all committees, and he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, unless excused by virtue of the "no vote proviso". The President's signature is one of the three valid signatures (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) on the Organization's checking account. The President shall also be responsible for updating the checking account's signatures when new officers are elected to these positions. The President will serve as the statutory agent for the league. The corporation paperwork must be updated no later than 30 days after a new President takes office. Due to the nature of this position, any person running for this position must have a minimum of 2 years previous Board experience.

2. Vice President – The Vice President, working with the President, shall perform, direct or coordinate all general public relations for the Organization and its functions. The Vice President shall assume all of the duties of the President in the event of the President's resignation or unavailability: as well as assist other officers as needed. The Vice President's signature is one of three valid signatures (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) on the Organization's checking account. The Vice President shall keep (or direct someone to keep) the minutes of all the meetings of the Board and/or the general membership of the Organization, and shall distribute all meeting notices to the general membership. In addition, he/she shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping a current list of all members of the Organization. The Vice President shall also have charge of such books, papers and documents as the Board may direct, and after terminating his/her office, he/she shall turn over said materials to his/her successor immediately . He/she shall also be responsible for scheduling all STICK matches and shall assist the Treasurer in the collection of all overdue moneys due the Organization. He/she is subject at all times to the direction and control of the Board and/or the President.

3. Corresponding Secretary – The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for the reporting and compilation of weekly results. He/she shall also be responsible for compiling and reporting all awards, both individual and team. Upon the approval by the President or the Vice President, he/she shall publish announcements of special tournaments being held by sponsoring establishments, provided such tournaments do not conflict with STICK matches or events following matches.

4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid the Organization, and shall have sole custody and control over the accounts and books of the Organization, subject to the Board's direction. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be promptly deposited in the Organization's accounts. The Treasurer shall keep complete and accurate records of the moneys received and expenditures made by the Organization, and shall be prepared to make a current report on the Organization's accounts at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the development and coordination of a budget for the Organization and its projected functions. The budget shall be subject to approval of the Board. The Treasurer shall generally perform all other duties, which are incident to the office of Treasurer subject at all times to the direction and control of the Board and/or President. At the expiration of his or her term of office, the Treasurer shall turn over all pertinent books and papers to his or her successor. To be eligible for this position you must have accounting background or two years board experience.

5. Playing Conditions Supervisor – The Playing Conditions Supervisor is to evaluate the playing conditions & lighting of all member bars. He/she will report back to the Board to insure immediate compliance with STICK standards. He/she is responsible for checking out all complaints about playing conditions.

6. Five Members at Large – Together with the Board of Directors, the four Members at Large shall have and exercise a general supervision of the affairs of the Organization and shall manage and control its properties and effect. They shall also perform any other duties the board may assign, pertinent to the operations of the Organization.

7. Sergeant at Arms – He/she shall assist in the administration policy and provide and enforce all penalties for infractions committed by members. He/she shall be responsible for order at all times.

No Vote Proviso – The President may vote only to break a tie vote. No Board member may serve on a committee nor vote on a protest that involves the team for which he/she plays.

In the event that the President and Vice-President leave office at the same time, the remaining board will hold a special election within 30 days to re-elect those positions.

Checking Accounts – All checks issued by STICK must be signed by two of three designated persons. (President, Vice President, or Treasurer)

#### ARTICLE VIII: APPOINTED POSITIONS

1. Appointed Positions – Shall be appointed by the majority of the Board and shall be appointed for special occurrences and shall vote only on that topic for which they are appointed. The majority of the Board shall determine the duration of the appointment.

#### ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

1. Board Meetings – Board Meetings shall be comprised of Board members and appointed positions and shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Article VI. Attendance is open to all members.

2. General Membership Meetings – General Membership Meetings will be open to all Members of STICK. At least one member from each team must be present at the meeting. In the event a team is not represented at the meeting by a current team member, the Board will penalize the team.

3. Captain's Meetings – Captain's Meetings will be open to all team captains or acting team captains. Attendance is expected provided all captains have been notified one (1) week prior to the meetings. Each team will have one (1) vote.

4. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Board.

5. Unless otherwise specified, meeting announcements must be published at least one (1) week in advance of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE X: RECALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. Any Board Member may be recalled from office by a three-fourths (3/4)-majority vote of the entire Board at any Board meeting or general membership meeting.

2. A petition to recall a Board member must be sent via registered mail to the Board with two-thirds (2/3) of the members signatures attached.

a. A \$25.00 fee must accompany the petition.

b. A general membership meeting will be called no later than two (2) weeks after receipt of the petition to recall for the purpose of airing both sides' view.

c. Secret ballots will be handed out at the end of this meeting to all Members.

d. The petition to recall must be ratified by at least 51% of Members.

e. The officer that is recalled will be relieved of office and election held for that position.

f. If a recall is approved, the \$25.00 fee will be refunded. If not approved, the fee will be deposited in the STICK account.

3. Should the President be recalled and appeal his/her case, his/her duties shall be assumed by the Vice President from the date the petition is received until final determination is made by the Board. In the absence of the Vice President, the Second Vice President will assume his/her duties.

4. Any Board member who is recalled will not be eligible for office for a period of one (1) year from the date of recall.

#### ARTICLE XI: ELECTIONS

1. A general membership meeting shall be held no later than two (2) weeks before the end of the Spring session for the purpose of nominating Board members.

2. Ballots will be distributed to all members at the annual Spring Banquet.

3. Ballots will be collected and a non-partisan committee will tabulate results, which will be announced at the Spring Banquet.

ARTICLE XII : GENERAL

1. These bylaws may be amended by the majority of the Board at a meeting called especially for this purpose. As for all legislation proposed by the Board, a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of all members in attendance is required.
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 according to the provisions set forth in Section 1 of this article.
3. The order of business and/or procedures of any Board meeting or election meeting called, or any subject not covered by these bylaws or noted Board minutes shall be subject to "Roberts Rules of Order Revised." However, should there be a conflict with the bylaws and/or "Roberts Rules of Order Revised," the bylaws shall prevail.

ARTICLE XIII : CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

The Board shall have sole authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name STICK. Such contracts and agreements must bear the signature of the President in order to make them binding upon the Organization.

ARTICLE XIV: POLICY

1. Policy changes, temporary rulings, and general information as approved by a single majority vote of the Board members, will be in the form of announcements issued by the Board of STICK. These policy changes and temporary rulings will be considered to be in force immediately upon their receipt by team captains. Notices sent via regular mail will be considered received when mailed and then posted on website.
2. It is the responsibility of the Board members and League members to read any announcements issued by STICK.
3. It is the responsibility of each team captain to relay the information contained in the aforementioned announcements to the team members whom he represents.

ARTICLE XV: INDEMNIFICATION

In the event that any claim or suit is brought against a Board member for any action taken as a Board member, the Corporation will indemnify the Board member and pay for all damages including his/her attorney fees.

# **STEEL TIP IN CINCINNATI & KENTUCKY RULES**

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## **RULE I: MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION, AND SPORTSMANSHIP**

### **Section 1. Membership Responsibility**

1. It is the member's responsibility to prove they are eligible for League play according to the membership criteria outlined in Article IV Section 1.
2. It is the member's responsibility to provide all of the fees necessary to participate in League events. These fees are outlined in Article IV Sections 2-4.
3. It shall be the responsibility of each member to have his/her membership card at each match. This card should be shown if and when an opposing captain challenges a player's eligibility. If not available, the match will be played under protest with the Board determining eligibility.

### **Section 2. Registration**

1. Each team, team captain and sponsoring establishments must be registered and all dues paid by a date to be specified by STICK League Officers. This date shall be announced at least one month prior to registration deadline.
2. Team rosters (team name, member names, addresses and phone numbers of ALL team members) must be turned in and STICK membership fees paid by the registration deadline.
3. A team's competitive level (A – D) must be requested at registration. Every effort will be made to accommodate a team's competitive level request; however, a team's competitive level request may be changed according to the proven ability of team members or the scheduling requirements of the League. In the event that changes to a team's competitive level request are necessary, the affected team's captain(s) will be notified and the team(s) will be given the opportunity to withdraw from the League prior to the commencement of match play.

### **Section 3. Sportsmanship**

1. Good sportsmanship should be the prevailing attitude during all STICK sponsored events.
2. Attempts to distract an opponent while he/she is throwing will not be tolerated.
3. No form of intimidation will be allowed before, during or after match play. Specific forms of intimidation prohibited include, but are not limited to: threats of physical violence, sexual harassment, verbal abuse, implied violence, and taunting.
4. Physical violence between League members will result in disciplinary action by the Board whether it occurs between members of different teams or between members of the same team.
5. Darts is a spirited game where common courtesy is a must and a handshake between players after a game is an outward gesture of good sportsmanship.
6. It is not considered unsportsman-like conduct for a captain to protest a direct violation of any rules herein.
7. Complaints may result in the Board of Directors taking disciplinary action.

## RULE II: EQUIPMENT & BAR CONDITIONS

### Section 1. The Dart Board

1. All league competition shall be conducted on a Standard English Bristle, 20 point, clock faced board.
2. An acceptable board must be secured to the wall so that the distance from the center of the board to the floor measures 5' 8" plus or minus 1/4".
3. The scoring wedge indicated by 20 shall be the darker of two wedge colors and must be the top center wedge.
4. The dartboard wire spider must not be broken. Double and triple rings must be within a tolerance of 1/32" of the normal space measurement of 3/8".
5. The dartboard should be positioned so that it is readily available to the players without distraction to the thrower. The ceiling (or other obstructions such as pipes or beams) must be approximately 9" or more above the top of the dartboard so as not to interfere with the flight of the dart.
6. Any bar entering STICK must have a minimum of two dartboards available for league play.

### Section 2. The Lighting

1. Lights must be affixed in such a way as to brightly illuminate the board, reduce to minimum the shadows cast by the darts and not physically impede the flight of the darts.

### Section 3. The Scoreboard

1. A scoreboard must be provided and located in such a position that players may easily read the score.

### Section 4. The Toe Line

1. There shall be a 1" wide stripe at least 36" long on the floor. From the front of the board (scoring surface) to the front edge of the stripe, the distance shall be the minimum throwing distance of 7' 9-1/4", plus or minus 1/4".
2. The distance from the center of the bull, diagonally to the toe line shall be 9' 7-3/8".

### Section 5. The Conditions

1. All comments concerning the equipment of a particular establishment shall be sent in writing to the STICK Board who, with sufficient cause, will request replacement or repair of such equipment. All decisions as to the acceptability of an establishment's dart playing areas are to be made by quorum of STICK League Officers.

## RULE III: THE TEAM, PLAYER STATUS, AND NEW PLAYERS

### Section 1. The Team

1. A team will consist of a minimum of four (4) players. A maximum of eight (8) players may be on a team roster.
2. Two or three players shall be considered to be a legal, but incomplete team at starting time.
3. A team having the minimum number of players, but unable to field a full team will forfeit the respective number of points for each game not played. In team events you will miss one turn for each missing player in each round of play. For example, a two-person team playing against a four-person team would have only two turns for every four turns the opponents have. A team having two members present may only shoot one doubles game of each double event. A team having three members present may shoot the second doubles game of each event but will miss one turn for each missing player in each round of play.
4. A team starting with less than four (4) players may play late-arriving players provided they do not enter a game already in progress.

5. No player may compete in more than one of each event; one singles 301, one singles cricket, one doubles 501, one doubles cricket, or one doubles 401 game. In divisions A and B a player cannot play in both singles 501 and singles cricket. However, a player can play in either singles 501 or singles cricket and singles 301.
6. An illegal team (less than 2 players) shall forfeit and receive no points for that week. The opposing team shall receive their weekly average. See Rule VIII, Sec. 3, No. 4.
7. A member on a team's roster may not substitute for any other team.
8. One upper division darter will be permitted per team. The Board of Directors will review appeals.

#### Section 2. Player Status

1. A per-session membership fee is required to be paid prior to the member participating in League events for an individual to be a member in good standing of STICK.
2. A player may register for any team he/she wishes; however, he/she does not officially become a member of any team until the first night he/she shoots for a particular team. He/she shall then be considered "locked in".
3. Once being "locked in" to a team, a player may change teams during the season if the team withdraws from the league, or if given permission from his/her previous team's captain as well as written permission from STICK League officers.
4. Prior to playing, any player added to a roster after the start of the season, must be approved by a member of the STICK Board. See Rule VIII, Sec. 4, No. 3.
5. In order to be eligible to attend the STICK banquet, a player must have participated in at least two matches during the course of the season.

#### Section 3. New Players

1. New players may be added until the third to last week of the season.
2. If a team or a team captain plays a non-member under an absent team member's name, all match points, won on the night of the infraction, can be forfeited.

### RULE IV: THE SCHEDULE, MATCH, SUBSTITUTION, TIME FACTOR

#### Section 1. Schedule

1. Team captains (or acting team captains) must meet prior to the start of the match to schedule players for events. All events may, but do not have to be, scheduled at one time. The captains prior to the start of the match should decide this. If no agreement can be reached, the schedule will be filled out one event at a time.
2. Line-ups must be made BLIND by each captain and they are not to prearrange players against certain opponents.
3. Each player's full name must appear at least once on the score sheet used for that particular night. See Rule VIII, Sec. 4, No. 1.

#### Section 2. The Match

1. Each "301" game shall start and end on a double.
2. Each "401" game shall start and end on a double.
3. Each "501", "601" and "801" game shall consist of a free start (no double required to start) and a double to finish.
4. Cricket – The first person (or team) to "close" all numbers (20 through 15 and bulls) and have the most points, wins the game. Should both persons (or teams) have the same number of points, the first person (or team) to "close" all numbers wins. In the case of a game played in which neither person (or team) has accumulated points the first person (or team) to "close" all numbers (20 through 15 and bulls) wins the game.

#### Section 3. Substitutions

1. No substitutions can be made after the start of a game without the approval of the opposing captain.

#### Section 4. Time Factors

1. All matches are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. on the date and place scheduled.
2. A 15-minute grace period of the scheduled nights play will be given after which Rule VIII, Sec. 3, No. 1 applies.
3. No more than 5 minutes may elapse between events, games, round of play, or turn in a game. If a member feels their opponent is in violation of the five-minute rule, either the player making the complaint or their captain must notify the offending team member's captain or acting captain. Once the opposing captain has been notified of the violation any future delays may result in a complaint. – NOTE: The 5 minute delay allowed between a turn in a game, is ONLY for unforeseen events i.e. bathroom visit, emergency phone call, etc. NOT TO BE UTILIZED EACH TURN. Excessive delay between shots could be considered unsportsmanlike.
4. Times may be altered with the approval of both team captains.

#### Section 5. Number of Dart Boards

1. A minimum of two dartboards must be available for each division A and B match.
2. One dartboard must be available for each division C and D match. If more than one board is available, they can be used only if both team captains agree.

### RULE V: THROWING THE CORK, BEGINNING THE GAME

#### Section 1. Throwing The Cork

1. All games begin by throwing a cork (center bull). A coin toss determines who throws first at the bull. The team who throws closest to the cork shall shoot first when starting the game. For divisions A, A-, and B, the loser of the first game has the option of corking first in the second game. If the match goes to a third game, then the loser of the original coin toss has the option of corking first.
2. Only players scheduled in that individual game may throw for the cork.
3. Should the scorer call for a re-throw at the cork, the order of shooting shall reverse from the previous throw.
4. The dart must remain in the scoring surface of the board in order to count. Additional throws may be made (only when throwing the cork), until such a time as the player's dart remains in the board. Should the second thrower dislodge the dart of the first thrower, a re-throw will be made with the second thrower now throwing first.
5. Two outer bulls or two inner bulls shot at cork shall be considered a tie and be re-thrown.
6. Darts must not be touched prior to the decision of the scorer. Should the scorer or thrower be in doubt, both team captains shall add their opinions with the majority ruling.
7. The order in which players shoot, shall be left to their captain or participating partner. Cork shooters need not be the one who throws first to start the game.
8. A single or double bull must be acknowledged and removed at the request of the second thrower.

#### Section 2. Beginning A Game

1. To commence scoring in double-start-double-finish events, a player must land a dart in the outer (double) ring or the double bull. All subsequent darts shall be counted for score; inner bull (50) is considered a double 25 for starting, scoring and finishing a game.

### RULE VI: SCORING, MARKING, FINISHING AND BUSTING

#### Section 1. Scoring

1. All "O1" games are scored by subtracting the score shot from the starting number.
  2. If so requested by the shooter, the scorekeeper shall refrain from smoking or drinking while in the performance of his/her duties.
  3. For the dart to score, it must remain (independent of human assistance) in the dartboard until the darter retrieves the dart after that player has thrown his/her final dart.
  4. Propelling a dart by mechanical or other such means is not allowed.
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5. In order to score, the point of the dart must be touching in the bristle portion of the dartboard.
6. A dart's score shall be determined from the side of the wire at which the dart enters the board. In the case where bands, instead of wires, bind the double and triple rings, a dart lodging between the bands where they overlap, shall be scored as the double or triple.
7. Prior to the decision of the scorer the thrower, another player, scorer, captain or spectator may touch no dart.
8. Both feet must be behind the toe line. This line must not be stepped over before the dart contacts the dartboard. If a player violates this rule, advancing him or her within the minimum distance, the opposing captain will warn the player and his/her captain. Further violations will result in the forfeiture of the score obtained from the dart(s) thrown.

### Section 2. Marking

1. It is the responsibility of the player to mark and verify his score before removing his darts from the board; the score remains as written if one or more darts have been removed from the board.
2. The scorer may inform the thrower what he/she has scored. The scorer may not inform the thrower what he/she has left in terms of number combinations (out shots). It is permissible, from behind the toe line, for any team member, unless that member is scoring, to advise the thrower during the course of the game.
3. Errors in arithmetic must stand as written unless corrected prior to the start of the team's next throw. The aforementioned may be waived in the interest of sportsmanship provided both captains agree.
4. If a player throws out of turn, his score is removed and the correct scheduled player for that team is to throw. The out-of-turn player forfeits his scheduled turn (his next scheduled turn) in the game. The opposing player shoots his round. This rule may also be waived if agreed to by both captains.

### Section 3. Finishing

1. To finish all "01" games, a player's dart must land in a double which is equal to half of his remaining score. A leg/match is concluded at such time as a player/team hits the 'double' required to reduce their score to zero. All darts thrown subsequently shall not count for score.
2. For the purpose of starting or finishing a game, the inner bull (50) is considered a double 25.
3. Cricket - The first person (or team) to "close" all numbers (20 through 15 and bulls) and have the most points, wins the game. Should both persons (or teams) have the same number of points, the first person (or team) to "close" all numbers wins. In the case of a game played in which neither person (or team) has accumulated points the first person (or team) to "close" all numbers (20 through 15 and bulls) wins the game.
4. No fast finishes such as "Three in a Bed," "222," "111" and "shanghai," etc. are permitted.

### Section 4. Busting

1. A player busts when his three (or less) darts score more points than remain in the game, or, if the three darts score one less point than remains in the game. When this occurs the score remains as it was prior to that throw. The next scheduled player then takes his regular turn to throw. This rule pertains to "01" games only. It is not possible to BUST a Cricket game.

## RULE VII: CAPTAIN'S DUTIES, REPORTING RESULTS, PROTEST PROCEDURES

### Section 1. Captain's Duties

1. Each captain is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and the accuracy of the score sheet and the signing of the same. See Rule VIII, Sec. 4, No. 1.
2. The captain is responsible for his/her team's league fees.
3. Captains shall be responsible for his/her team knowing any rule changes made during the season or any other information given out during STICK meetings.
4. Attendance at the STICK general membership meeting is required (a representative or substitute team captain is acceptable).
5. Team captains will file any protests on behalf of his/her team and its members.
6. Captains must immediately inform League Directors of any change in their team roster. See Rule III, Sec. 2, No. 4 and Rule VIII, Sec. 4, No. 3.
7. On the spot decisions concerning substitutions within the team (Rule IV, Sec. 3), scoring errors, rule clarifications, etc., can be resolved by the team captains.

### Section 2. Reporting Results

1. Both captains shall verify the accuracy of the score sheet, including completeness for team name, division, date, players full name, etc., by signing it prior to submitting it to the STICK office. It is the responsibility of each team captain (or acting team captain) to put his/her team name on the score sheet.
2. The official score sheet (the home team's score sheet) shall be completed and mailed to the STICK office by the winning captain. It must be USPS postmarked (not simply put in a mailbox) no later than two (2) days following the date of the scheduled match. See Rule VIII, Sec. 4, No.3.
3. The official score sheet shall be used to calculate weekly results for teams and divisional standings.
4. All results as posted by the Board shall be considered final unless protested in writing within 10 days of posting.
5. Where position rounds exist in the schedule and a team's score sheet is missing, the Board will use that team's average to calculate their position. When the missing sheet is received the correct score, less any penalty points, will be posted.

### Section 3. Protest Procedures

1. Only team captains may file a protest.
2. Protests may be initiated by stating it on the back of the score sheet or on a separate piece of paper.
3. Details must be submitted in writing to the STICK Board no later than five (5) days after the alleged infraction took place, or the protest will be considered invalid. Upon receipt of the written protest, the Board will contact both team captains and request their attendance at the next Board meeting. (A representative or substitute team captain is acceptable.) At that time both captains will be able to give their account of the situation. If either team captain does not attend, the Board will make a decision based on the information they have. The Board will then appoint three (3) available members, not directly involved in the protest, to a committee that will meet promptly and rule on the matter. No Board member may vote on protests for which the team he/she is playing is involved.
4. Any team captain may file a protest whether it involves his team or another team.

RULE VIII: GAMBLING, POSTPONEMENTS, FORFEITURES/WITHDRAWN TEAMS (VOLUNTARY/INVOLUNTARY), POINT DEDUCTIONS

Section 1. Gambling

1. Gambling is neither sanctioned nor authorized at STICK sponsored events.

Section 2. Postponements

1. The Board will reserve the right to review any postponements caused by the inability to field a full team on the date of the scheduled match.
2. In the case of snow or other bad weather, call the STICK office number to find out if matches have been cancelled.
3. Any postponements must be reported to the STICK Board no later than the scheduled night of play.
4. All matches must be played at the time and place indicated on the schedule unless previous permission has been obtained from the STICK Board. The STICK Board MUST approve all rescheduled matches.

Section 3. Forfeitures/Withdrawn Teams (Voluntary/Involuntary)

1. In the event that a team is not present at the end of a 15-minute grace period of the scheduled match, the opposing team will receive their average winning points.
2. A minimum of two players must be present from one team to be awarded the points forfeited by the team not present.
3. A score sheet must be mailed to the STICK office and must be signed by the captain or acting captain of the present team at a forfeiting match. See Rule VIII, Sec.4, No.'s 2 and 3.
4. After 6 weeks of play a team has established an average. A running average will be compiled weekly after that time to determine the winning average. A bye week will not be considered when calculating the average.
5. The STICK officers reserve the right to replace a team, withdrawn from the League, with a new team. The team replacing the withdrawn team will receive all the points that the withdrawn team had previously acquired.
6. If a team is withdrawn within the first 6 weeks of the season and not replaced by the STICK Board, all teams in the division will receive ZERO points.
7. A team that forfeits a match must notify the Board within 48 hours of the scheduled match. If a second forfeiture occurs, the team may be suspended for the remainder of the season plus the following season. Their suspension will include ALL STICK functions. Appeals will be considered by the Board on a "per case" basis, with the Board decision being final.

Section 4. Match Point Deductions

1. Three (3) match points will be forfeited for not completely filling out the score sheet. Team captains are responsible for completing their team name and each player's full name (at least once) on the score sheet. The winning team captain is responsible for completing the date and division.
2. A team not following Rule III, Sec. 2, No. 4, regarding new players will lose all points won on the night of the infraction. The ineligible player's points will be awarded to the opposing team.
3. Three (3) points will be deducted from the winning team's score if the score sheet is not postmarked by a U.S Post Office stamp, by the Saturday following a regularly scheduled match, or within at least two (2) days following the date of a rescheduled match or is not in the STICK office mail box no later than 5:00pm the Monday following league play.
4. Failure to have appropriate representation at the General Membership Meeting will result in a three (3) point deduction.

## RULE IX: PLAYOFFS, TOURNAMENTS, AND AWARDS

### Section 1. Playoffs

1. The team with the highest number of points at the end of the season is the Division's winner. Each member of this team will then be considered an upper division player for that Division. (See Rule I, Sec. 2, No. 3. and Rule III, Sec. 1, No. 8.)
2. All teams in contention of the League championship must be prepared to playoff ties within ten (10) days following the last regularly scheduled match in the Division.
3. The STICK Board will determine the number of teams involved in the playoffs. The STICK officers will decide the format.
4. No new players may participate on a team involved in the playoffs. Only registered STICK members already on the official team roster are eligible.
5. If three (3) teams tie, #1 will host #2, #2 will host #3 and #3 will host #1. The team accumulating the most points will be judged the Division champion.
6. If four teams tie, #1 plays #2 and #3 plays #4. Following the completion of the first two (2) matches, the winners of those matches will play to determine the Champion. Number designations shall be drawn by lot.

### Section 2. Tournaments

1. The STICK League Directors, or a committee appointed by them, shall decide fees, rules and procedures for all tournaments.

### Section 3. Awards

1. All special awards will be decided by The STICK Board. In order to receive a special award, the back of the score sheet must be filled out with all the appropriate information pertaining to the award and the opposing captain must sign it. If the opposing captain does not sign by the award then it is considered null and void.

## RULE X: POLICY, RULE CHANGES

### Section 1. Policy Changes

1. Policy changes, temporary rulings, and general information may be announced on the weekly standings sheet or a supplementary sheet. These policies will be considered to be in effect immediately. It is the responsibility of each League member to read these announcements.
2. Any situations not covered by STICK's Rules and Bylaws will be governed by ADO standards.

### Section 2. Rule Changes

1. These rules may be amended or revised for the purpose of clarity and uniformity at any STICK [Board](#) meeting by majority vote.