



Greater New Orleans Dart Association

By-Laws

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The GNODA does not discriminate against race, sex, or religion. The use of the masculine gender in these By-Laws is not intended to be restrictive, but is inclusive of the female gender.

Article 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be Greater New Orleans Dart Association

Article 2 – Definitions

- GNODA – Greater New Orleans Dart Association
- Board – officers described in Article 8
- Senior Board Member – the most senior board members present in terms of longest continuous service.
- Member – A person who has all membership dues paid according to the current by-laws, is in good standing and on an active roster.
- Membership Number – the permanent number assigned to a member upon joining the association.
- Team Captain - A team captain shall be a member of the team and is responsible for the smooth conduct of all team competition in accordance with the GNODA By-Laws and Rules / Format of Play.
- Neutral – an individual not personally involved with the team, location, or matter under discussion.

Article 3 – Objectives

1. The objective of the GNODA shall be to promote competitive darts, coordinate the functions and activities connected with the sport of darts, establish rules of play and standards of personal conduct for the sport of darts, sanction and conduct association and tournament play according to the rules in effect, and to establish and maintain friendly relationships with similar organizations.
2. The GNODA shall be organized as a not-for-profit corporation as described by the revised statutes of Louisiana.
3. The order of business and procedures of any meeting called or any subject not covered by these By-Laws, refer to the By-Laws established by the (ADO) American Dart Organization. Should there be a conflict between the GNODA By-Laws, GNODA Rules and Format of Play or the ADO By-Laws, these By-Laws shall prevail.

Article 4 – Fees

1. The Board as required shall establish social fees, tournament fees, raffle fees and prizes in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.
2. The individual membership fee for a member joining one league will be \$15.00 per league night for the Spring and Fall season and \$10.00 for the Summer season. If a member wishes to play on more than one league, he / she shall pay the respective membership dues for each roster signed or added to. *Note: all fees must be paid at the time the player is added to the roster. Changes in the schedule of fees shall be submitted by the Board and ratified by the Membership.
3. Membership fees are non-refundable.
4. Membership fees for all players must be submitted with the roster or the first scorecard the member is added to even if they have not physically played to prevent forfeiture of match points.
5. Sponsorship fees shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) per team for the Spring and Fall Seasons and twenty dollars (\$20) for the Summer season per league night. All sponsor fees are due and payable with each roster submitted. Changes in the schedule of fees shall be submitted by the Board and ratified by the Membership.
6. Membership fees and sponsor fees must be paid by check or money order, no cash will be accepted. Returned checks are subject to NSF fees. Any player with all fees not paid in full before a match is subject to forfeiture of all points that player (and his partner in a doubles or triples match) earn. Any returned checks or NSF fees not paid within 30 days notice will be turned over to the District Attorney's Office and the player will be will be suspended until all monies are paid. The player will also be responsible for any court costs.

Article 5 – Membership

1. Membership in this organization is open to anyone who has an interest in darts as a sport and who agrees to abide by the rules and By-Laws of the organization unless previous membership had been denied due to conflict.
2. A member of the GNODA must be at least 21 years of age.
3. All members must have their GNODA membership card along with other picture ID on them while participating in GNODA activities. If you were not issued or have misplaced your card, contact the Treasurer to issue one.
4. It is the responsibility of each member to maintain a current mailing address, email address (if applicable) and phone number with the GNODA.
5. All prospective members are subject to approval by the Board.

6. No monetary fees shall ever be levied against members or sponsors of the GNODA. Nothing in these By-Laws, however, shall preclude or prejudice the right of the GNODA or the Board from collecting monies rightfully owed the association.
7. All memberships are applicable for (1) season to the beginning of the next season.
8. A membership may be restricted or terminated with cause. The Board may use its discretion to deny membership to any team or sponsor.
9. Categorically, and without restriction, the GNODA reserves the right to censure, 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. No player, official, sponsor nor spectator needs to tolerate harassment, belligerency, defamation, embarrassment or poor sportsmanship from any GNODA Member. (See article 20)
10. A membership may be terminated by a simple majority vote of the Board if such member creates or behaves in a manner which is prejudicial to good order and discipline. At such meeting in which the termination is voted upon, the member in question shall have the opportunity to meet with the Board and discuss the problem. After such discussion, the member shall be dismissed from the meeting for the decision of the Board. The member shall be notified of the Board's decision in writing. Any suspensions by the Board shall be for the remainder of the season unless otherwise stated. The member's dues shall be forfeited if suspended for the season.

Article 6 – Team Captain Duties

1. The team captain is required to attend **ALL** mandatory Captain Meetings. If he is unable to attend, then he shall designate a teammate to serve in his place. If there is no representation from a team, there will be a three-point deduction from the team score.
2. The team captain or a team representative is required to serve on appeal committees for the division their team belongs to.
3. The team captain or a team representative may be called upon to sit on special or impartial committees.
4. In addition to those duties above, the team captain is responsible for:
 - The general conduct and demeanor of his team.
 - Insuring the accuracy of the scorecard and reporting the results in accordance with association policy.
 - Delivery of the scorecard to a drop box for all matches or emailing an image of the completed scorecard to the respective secretary
 - Insuring the team including all members has a current membership status.
 - Insuring the playing area in the home establishment is in adequate condition.

- Educate team members on the GNODA rules and regulations.
 - Verifying the accuracy of the weekly newsletter scores and player stats distributed throughout the season and notifying their respective secretary of any discrepancies.
 - Communicating with their team members of any updates and events of the GNODA.
5. If a team captain is absent from a match or other official function, it is the responsibility of the remaining members to appoint a representative to fulfill the duties of the captain.
 6. Scorecards:
 - The captains of both the home and visiting team, or a representative of the captain, must sign both scorecards indicating verification of total match points, all-stars and any remarks. Once both captains have verified by signing and initialing the scorecards in the designated areas, no changes can be made to either scorecard. By not adhering to this rule, the team could lose hard earned points and forfeiture of the match. If such an offense is determined by the Board to be blatant, the penalty shall be a deduction of 19 points from their current standing total match points. The person responsible for the falsified score card will be put on probation for cheating.
 - Both captains must call in the match score by 4pm the following day to the GNODA office. There will be a two-point penalty for not calling in the team's score. (This is required and used for newsletter scores spreadsheet to be distributed weekly.)
 - Both captains must either email an image of the completed scorecard to their respective secretary or deposit the scorecard into a GNODA drop box by Friday before 7pm for that week of match play. There will be a three-point penalty for non-compliance.
 - There will be a one-point penalty for an incomplete score card. All portions of the scorecard must be complete and legible (block print); this includes first and last names and card numbers of players in EACH leg of the match.
 7. If a team captain resigns or is in any other way removed from the team, he shall turn over all official team records to the new team captain.
 8. Team Captains are encouraged to be active members of the Board of Governors. (Ref: Article 12 item 1)
 9. Team Captains shall be responsible for posting relevant correspondence from the GNODA in the sponsor bar/lounge.
 10. The Team Captain shall have a current revised copy of the GNODA By-Laws and Rules & Format of Play in their possession and will familiarize themselves with them both.

Article 7 – Teams / Rosters

1. A team must consist of at least four and no more than ten active members as defined in Article 1. Each member must personally complete and sign each roster for the team they

will belong to. A member may only join one team per league night. Unsigned rosters will be refused.

2. Team rosters must be submitted on the form specific to the GNODA prior to the published deadline. Late rosters will be put on a waiting list to fill vacancies where there are insufficient teams to fill out the schedule. Late submission may result in the team not playing that season.
3. The individual member must personally sign the roster of the team he wishes to play upon. Signing more than one roster may result in suspension from League play unless a written release is obtained from one of the Team Captains. Any player signing another team roster without being released from a prior commitment will be suspended for an indefinite period of time and all points scored by said player/partner will be subject to forfeiture. Any player refused a release by a Team Captain may ask the board to intervene on their behalf. Any person forging a signature on a roster or any person submitting a roster with a bogus signature will be subject to disciplinary measures determined by the Executive Committee on a case-by-case basis.
4. Members may change teams after rosters are submitted if done so before Week 1 of play. Players who wish to change teams must first notify the team captains of each team. The captains must notify the Board of the change before it can be final. Fees are transferable under the following circumstances: If the establishment pays the fee, and no darts have been thrown, the fee can transfer to another team or player for that establishment; or if the member pays the fee, the member may transfer to another team at a different establishment.
5. Players may be added to a roster once the season has begun. Changes must be done before week 7 of the Spring and Fall seasons and before week 3 of the Summer season. After the approval of 1 board member for new players, and 2 board members for a previous member, ALL changes MUST be written on the scorecard in the team changes section with any dues attached. New members are subject to review and may have limitations on which division they will be allowed to compete in. Board approval of members being added to any team must be obtained 24 hours prior to the start of the scheduled match for Silver and Bronze divisions only. At no time can a roster contain more than ten team members.
6. To drop a member from a roster once the season has begun, the team captain must indicate the person's name and card number in the team changes section of the scorecard. Once a member has played a match for the team he is dropped from, they cannot participate in any matches for that team or any other team in that division for the duration of the season. Exceptions to this may be granted by a majority vote of board members and team captains for that division.
7. Only registered players and approved guests may participate in GNODA activities. Some GNODA sponsored events may, at the discretion of the Board, be limited to registered

players who are active roster members of a team during the season in which they qualify for said event.

Article 8 – The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of 6 members, the President, Vice-President, Tuesday Open Secretary, Wednesday Cricket Secretary, Thursday Ladies Secretary, and Treasurer. The positions of ADO Representative, Area Representative and Sergeant at Arms are not board members. They are volunteers who are approved by the current elected board members.
2. The Executive Committee members must be members of the association in good standing, on an active roster and shall be elected for a period of one year under the provisions of Article 15. Both the old and new Executive Committee will work together during the Fall and Spring City Cup. The new Executive Committee members will be installed into office immediately following City Cup.
3. A Board member is considered to have resigned when, without sufficient cause, he is absent from two consecutive board meetings, provided such meeting receive at least seven days prior notice in the GNODA Newsletter. Multiple meetings scheduled for the same day will be considered one meeting for the purpose of this section. A Board member so resigning shall not be eligible to run for office in the subsequent regular or special election. Such Board member may appeal for reinstatement through the provisions of Article 21.
4. A special election as set forth in Article 15, Section 2, will be held to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee.
5. At no time can a bar owner, or person that has financial interest in one of the sponsoring bars run for a position on the Executive Committee. (Conflict of Interest)
6. At no time can two people serve as members on the Executive Committee if related by blood, by marriage or who are romantically involved whether or not they live in the same household.

Article 9 – Board Duties / Quorum

1. The Board must meet to conduct GNODA business at least once per calendar month. The meeting will be an open meeting and they may hold a closed meeting during the month. Notice of the meetings, if at all possible, should be published at least seven days prior to the meeting. Minutes of meetings should be summarized and printed in the newsletter once a month by the appointed secretary.
2. A majority of the officers must be present to constitute a quorum. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the Senior Board member shall assume the chair.

3. Should two consecutive Board Meetings fail to produce a quorum or both the President and Vice-President resigns or in any way vacates their offices, the Board is dissolved after the second of such meetings. The Board Members attending the second of such meetings shall arrange and call an election within thirty days. The only exceptions will be if the absence is due to an Act of God or a family emergency.

Article 10 – Recall of Board Members

1. Any Board member may be recalled from office by a 2/3 majority vote of the current active membership. Recall voting shall be done by secret ballot. Board members may be recalled for dereliction of duty and /or misappropriation of funds.
2. Any Board Member may be suspended from office by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board. Once suspended, the action must be published to the membership in detail for review. A vote should then be taken by the membership to validate the suspension. Any Board Member so suspended shall be relieved of all duties and obligations. All association funds and property shall be returned to the Board within 24 hours of such suspension. At the request of the suspended board member, a recall meeting can be called within 30 days to determine if the member shall be reinstated or recalled. If the suspended board member does not request a recall meeting, the position will be considered vacant and an emergency election will take place to fill the vacancy.
3. Any Board Member who is recalled will never be eligible to run for office.

Article 11 – Duties of the Officers on the Executive Committee

1. President:
 - Be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the GNODA in accordance with the policies established by the Board.
 - During Executive Committee proceedings, he may vote only to break a tie.
 - Should a board position become vacant outside of scheduled elections, the President is responsible for that position's duties until an emergency election is held.
 - Be bondable for the full amount of the checking account.
 - Authority to be one of two signatures required on all money spent by the GNODA.
2. Vice-President:
 - A voting member of the board.
 - Shall assist the President as directed by the President.
 - Shall assume the duties of the President, in the absence of the President.
 - Will maintain the "Official Calendar" of the GNODA.
 - Responsible for assuring all dart boards are certified at establishments who have a current team participating for that season. Dart boards should be certified prior to the start of a new season, before week 1 of playoffs and before City Cup at the specified location.
 - Be bondable for the full amount of the checking account. *(if a signer on the account)*

- Authority to be one of two signatures required on all money spent by the GNODA.
3. Open, Cricket and Ladies Secretary(ies):
- A voting member of the board.
 - Senior Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and ensure they are posted in the GNODA Newsletter.
 - Be responsible for the compilation, filing, and distribution of the association statistics on both the team and membership levels.
 - See that all correspondence, other than that of ADO matters, is answered.
 - Prepare and publish the ballots and other election materials for board position elections.
 - Distribution of the GNODA Newsletter, including meeting and election notices.
 - Notification to team captains of members whose dues are delinquent.
 - Seasonal distribution of individual statistics after reviewed by the Board of Governors.
4. Treasurer:
- Will manage all financial records and transactions in a timely manner.
 - Collection of all dues/fees and see that all monies received are promptly deposited.
 - Will maintain the GNODA checking account.
 - Required to be one of the two signatures required on all money spent by the GNODA unless otherwise notified.
 - Responsible for maintaining membership data files including issuance of membership card numbers and a spreadsheet including team roster information regarding dues to be distributed to the respective secretary and team captain for each season .
 - Be bondable for the full amount of the checking account.
 - Submit itemized cash statement to the Executive Committee for membership distribution.
 - Issue membership cards once fees / dues are received.
 - Renewal of the non-profit organization certification annually.
 - Assisting the ADO Representative in maintaining a current active list of membership.
5. Bar / Sponsor Representative: A plurality of the team sponsors may elect a representative to serve on the Board. If no duly elected representative presents himself to the Board, the position shall remain vacant. This representative shall enjoy all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a Board member and shall be the primary spokesman for the team sponsors. The term of office shall coincide with the other Board positions elected by the membership.
6. Area Representatives: The Area Representative will be the primary liaison between the membership, the sponsors, and the Board, for the geographic area of responsibility they represent. They will primarily assist the other directors as required in the task of; protest mediation, communication with members, shooting area standards, and general local location administration of GNODA policies. Also is responsible for pickup of scorecards

and any other correspondence for the GNODA from the drop boxes and deliver to the dart office.

7. Sergeant at Arms: This member will be to keep order at any of the meetings. This member will not be a voting member, but will have the authority to ask anyone out of control to leave the meeting.
8. ADO Representative: An appointed active member who will be responsible to meet the guidelines set forth by the American Dart Organization to maintain the active membership of the GNODA. Responsible for all questions from the membership in regards to ADO communication.

Article 12 – Board of Governors

1. Board of Governors includes the Executive Committee and one person from each team, and/or bar that sponsors a team. The Board of Governors must meet at least once per season.
2. The Board of Governors shall be involving in making collective decisions concerning issues that have to do with the GNODA. If, for an example, there is an issue concerning a certain “division”, say Cricket Silver, then the members of the Board of Governors for “that” division shall be involved in the decision making process.

Article 13 – No Vote Proviso

1. In the interest of fair play, a board member, team captain, or his representative may not vote on a protest or other dispute, or in any manner render a decision on a matter that directly affects his team, or in any way has an impact on his team’s sponsoring establishment. If this proviso depletes the Board below quorum level, a quorum shall be assembled from the list of neutral team captains.

Article 14 – Meetings

1. Special meetings: Any member may call such meetings for a specific purpose only. The purpose must be in writing and witnessed by the signatures and member numbers of 1/4th of the current membership. The meeting will be limited to only that specific purpose for which it was called.
2. Board Meetings are open to all current membership and must be in accordance with Article 9.
3. Recall meetings: Such meetings will be held in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, and those covering special meetings in these By-Laws.
4. Meeting notices will be made either by direct mail, email to a board member or published in the GNODA Newsletter at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Article 15 – Elections

1. General Elections:
 - a. During the Fall Season each year, elections will be held for the President, Treasurer and Wednesday Cricket Secretary.
 - b. During the Spring Season each year, elections will be held for the Vice-President, Tuesday Open & Thursday Ladies Secretary.
 - c. Bar / Sponsor Representative is elected by the team sponsors to a term of one season unless unopposed. Appointment will occur if this position becomes vacant by majority vote of the establishment owners and team sponsors.
 - Week 7 & 8:
 - Advertisement of the Executive Board positions available in the GNODA Newsletter.
 - Advertise the need for members in good standing to volunteer for counting ballots on the impartial voting committee (names will be kept confidential). Any member of the impartial voting committee who deliberately reveals the contents of the individual ballots will have his membership irrevocably terminated.
 - Week 9:
 - Any person interested in running for office must turn their letter of intent to a GNODA officer.
 - Week 10 & 11: The letter of intent of all interested parties running for office will be distributed with the Newsletter.
 - Week 12:
 - Voting ballots will be distributed to each team captain. This will be done by holding a mandatory Captains Meeting, emailing the ballots to each team captain, posting on the GNODA website, or enclosed in the GNODA Newsletter.
 - If not enough volunteers were received to compile an impartial voting committee, then team captains will be randomly picked to fill these positions. Under no circumstance should a member of the executive committee be allowed to participate in the tallying of the ballots.
 - Week 12 & 13: Member's will be given this time to decide and complete the voting ballots. All members in good standing are eligible to vote. If a member belongs to more than one team, they are only allowed to vote once per election NOT per team. To prevent fraud, ballots must be signed and the membership number provided in order to be counted. Unsigned ballots will not be counted.

- Week 14:
 - a. The impartial voting committee will be responsible for counting the ballots and tallying the votes.
 - b. The impartial voting committee, after verification, will report back to the board the election results. Total votes will not be shared with the executive committee. After verification, ballots will be destroyed.
 - c. A 51% vote in favor of the candidate for the position they wish to fill is required in order to be granted the position. In the case of less than 51%, the position will remain vacant until the vote can be satisfied.
 - d. No write in candidates will be accepted.
 - Week 15: Results of the vote will be published in the GNODA Newsletter.
2. Special Elections:
- A call for members in good standing who are interested in filling the vacant position will be advertised in no less than two GNODA Newsletters.
 - All interested candidates must notify the current board by submitting a letter of intent to run for the position they seek.
 - Ballots will be distributed to the team captains and a membership vote will be held.
 - Ballots will be distributed even if there is only one volunteer for the position.

Article 16 – Contracts and Agreements

1. This Association may not enter into a binding contract unless the contents of the contract are first approved by a majority of the Executive Board.

Article 17 – Funds Management

1. Any checking, savings, or other similar type accounts that the GNODA may establish, shall require the signatures of at least two Board members, in order to authorize the withdrawal of funds. Signatures required shall be the Treasurer and either the President or the Vice-President.

Article 18 – Area Committees

1. The Board may give the general membership of an area or group, by petition of that area or group, the authority to elect or appoint a committee to administer day-to-day operations, hold area or group meetings, and adjust the operating rules, subject to prior approval by the Board. Budgetary matters and matters of fundamental nature will not be delegated to this committee.

Article 19 –Postponements, Forfeits, and Protests

1. Team captains are responsible for the smooth conduct of any match. The two team captains should, if possible, mediate any disputes that may arise. If an Executive

Committee member is present he may, if asked by the captains, arbitrate the matter at hand. If a dispute cannot be settled on the spot, the match may be played to the conclusion and each team captain will submit a written description of the matter under dispute with his scorecard. (See Article 20)

2. A team captain may protest any irregularity of a match at any time, providing the opposing team captain is notified that the match is being played under protest from that point on. The protest must be submitted in writing to the GNODA Executive Committee within 24 hours of the match in question. All protest will be adjudicated by the Executive Committee, which will notify each team captain, in writing, of their decision.
3. Use of an ineligible player in the lineup of any match will result in a loss of all points associated with that match. Dues delinquency, non-membership in the GNODA, or playing without proper approval is just a few examples of ineligibility.
4. An event may begin without all listed players in attendance. When a leg is called and there is no player to play, the leg shall be bypassed until all other legs in that particular event are completed. If the player is still absent at that point, the leg shall be considered forfeited to the opposition, providing no substitution is made in accordance with Article 5 Section 6. A player who arrives late may play in subsequent events of the match. Players absent from both teams will result in a double forfeiture; no points go to either team for that leg.
5. A team having at least two players present and less than four players will forfeit the respective number of match points for each leg not played. Because their leg is not actually played, points won due to a leg being forfeited by an absent player do not count toward the winning player's average, but should be counted as won by a Bye in the statistics section of the scorecard.
6. A forfeit shall be declared for the failure of a team to attend a scheduled match. The opposing team who is present should have all present members from their team sign the current night scorecard including their membership number. The team claiming the forfeit must report the claim to a member of the board within 24 hours. If a player of the forfeiting team is present they must sign the opponent's scorecard to verify their presence.
7. Should a team forfeit twice during a season, or should a team forfeit during the last two scheduled weeks of a season, or drops from the league during the season, they will not be allowed to return with a team consisting of more than two original team mates on any league night for the following season.
8. Any team that drops out of the league during the season, forfeits all team members' rights to any team or individual awards except ton 80, round of 9's and 6 bulls individual award.

9. A team winning by forfeit will immediately receive a minimum of ten match points for that match. The points awarded are subject to alteration in two cases;
 - a. The forfeiting team forfeits only one match during the season. At season's end a team that has averaged an excess of ten points per match will receive additional points for the forfeit to reflect the teams' season average. (For example: A team averaging 11.6 points per match, excluding the forfeit match, will receive any additional points at season's end. A team averaging 11.4 points per match will only receive an additional 1-point due to mathematical rounding. A team with less than 10 points per match will still receive 10 points for the forfeit.)
 - b. The Fall and Spring seasons consist of 15 weeks of play. During these seasons, the schedule for a division consisting of four teams repeats itself 5 times (weeks 1–3, weeks 4–6, weeks 7–9, weeks 10-12, and weeks 13-15). For a 4 team division, any one team cannot forfeit more than once against the same opponent or more than two times per season. The schedule for a division consisting of 6 teams repeats 3 times (weeks 1-5, weeks 6-10, and weeks 11-15). For a 6 team division, any one team cannot forfeit more than one against the same opponent or more than two times per season. For an 8 team division, the schedule repeats itself twice (weeks 1-7, weeks 8-14, with week 15 as a position round). No one team can forfeit more than once against the same opponent, or more than twice for the season.
 - b1. A team dropped from their division of the league in the first round of matches for any number of teams within a bracket, all matches shall be treated as if playing a "Bye". All power ratings and team standings will be adjusted and all match points earned by opponents of the forfeiting team will be subtracted. The rule of averaging the team points for all teams affected by a dropped team due to forfeits shall apply. (Article 10, Section a)
 - b2. If a team is dropped from their division of the league after the first round of matches, the first round stands as is and the remainder of the season for that division shall be treated as if playing a "Bye". If a team is dropped from their division of the league after the second round of matches, the scores stand from rounds 1 and 2, and the remainder of the season shall be treated as if playing a "Bye". The same applies respective for rounds, 3 and 4. If a team is dropped from their division in the 5th round, the rule of averaging the team points for the entire season per Article 10, section a, will apply.
10. A postponement of regular season matches can be granted if a team is unable to supply a legal lineup of at least two active members in good standing. The captain of the team who is requesting the postponement must contact the opposing team captain at least 24 hours in advance to give notice of this request. Once the team captains are in agreement to grant the postponement, the secretary for that league must be notified within 48 hours or a message is to be left on the GNODA voicemail from both team captains. The postponed match must be played within two weeks of the original date of the match. If a postponement is being requested within 24 hours of the scheduled match, you must get

an approval from the secretary for that league. All other instances will be considered a forfeit from the absent team and points will be issued accordingly. Protests of forfeited matches will result in a meeting to be held by team captains of that division and executive members and be decided by majority vote.

Article 20 – Unsportsmanlike Behavior

1. For all protests, a form must be filled out completely and turned in with the team scorecard for that match. This form can be found in the captain's packet as well as on the GNODA website. A GNODA officer is to be notified by phone by the protesting team captain no more than **24** hours after the said incident occurred. **Physically appearing at the officer's night of play is strictly prohibited.** DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE OFFICE ANSWERING MACHINE (that machine does not get checked every day). An officer must be spoken with, preferably the President or Vice-President. Should an officer be in league play at the time, or it is too late to call, you may contact any of the other board members.

NOTE: Persons belonging to more than one team that have been temporarily suspended due to a major infraction, may not play on any of the other rosters they are on with GNODA until proper determination has been made. A minor infraction does not suspend a player from other nights of play but must still be reviewed by the executive committee.

2. Any member who tarnishes the image of the sport of darts will be expelled, suspended or censored.
3. A member may be put on probation, terminated or disciplined by a majority opinion of the executive committee if such member creates disharmony, exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct, or behaves in such a manner that is prejudicial to good order and discipline. No member may be disciplined or have their membership terminated without having the right to be present at the meeting determining that member's status, EXCEPT for fighting or the willful destruction of property. Any member involved in a fight or the willful destruction of property during any GNODA event shall be automatically suspended until that matter comes before the Board to determine what action will be taken. Any member so sanctioned will be notified in writing, within seven days, of the action taken by the Board. In the event that disciplinary action is taken, the team whose player is disciplined as well as the owner of the establishment where the infraction occurred will be notified, in writing, as to the resulting action taken by the Board.
 - a. The first minor write up, will result in probation if the write up is legitimate. If that member is written up for the same infraction twice within a season, and both are a legitimate write ups, the player responsible will be suspended for the duration of the season including not being able to participate in playoffs. If a member is written up for the same minor infraction twice within a year, he will have to go in front of the board of governors and the executive committee for disciplinary action to be decided

upon. Disciplinary action can be decided any where from temporary suspension of membership up to and including permanent suspension of membership.

- b. **ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT** between two opposing players during any match will result in an **automatic protest of the night's match** and will end the night's play as it stands. Players involved will be under suspension from playing in the league pending review of the protest. No rescheduling will be done until all players involved have appeared before the Board and a determination is made as to the consequences. Both team captains must fill out a protest report giving their side of the story, drop it with their scorecard and contact a Board member within 24 hours of the incident.
5. If a member is suspended, he will not be allowed to participate in any GNODA event whatsoever. Failure to respect the by-laws of the GNODA could result in permanent membership suspension.

Article 21 – Appeals

1. A member may appeal any decision of the Board concerning these By-Laws, by submitting an appeal, in writing, to the GNODA Board no later than seven days after notification of the ruling. In the case of fighting or willful destruction of property, an appeal will not be granted. Once an appeal is granted, the Board of Governors will call an emergency session. When a decision by the Board of Governors is reached in regards to the appeal, no further appeal is possible.

Article 22 – Sponsor Changes

1. If a team wishes to change its sponsor after the season has started, the change must be submitted in writing to the Board for approval. The Board will communicate with the original sponsor and the new establishment of which the team is requesting to transfer to. Before the Board grants approval, it must be assured that all expenses (such as sponsor fees, shirt expenses, etc.) incurred by the original sponsor have been recompensed or suitable arrangements made.

Article 23 – Newsletters / Advertisements

1. The GNODA reserves the right to refuse to publish any advertisements containing tournaments that conflict with GNODA functions.
2. Any active GNODA member running a charity event where more than 50% of the monies go to a specific charity or a benefit where 100% of the money raised will be given to a specific person will receive a free advertisement of attaching the detailed benefit flyer to the newsletter.
3. Advertisements in the weekly GNODA newsletter and GNODA website are accepted for your bar or for a tournament. A full-page attachment ad is \$25.00 for 4 weeks, ½ page ad

is \$15.00 for 4 weeks, and a business card is \$7.50 for 4 weeks. All inquiries should be directed to the current Executive Board.

Article 24 – Amendment Procedures

1. The By-Laws and the Rules & Format of Play may be amended by 2/3 majority of the voting membership. Before a suggested amendment can be added to the by-laws or the rules & format of play, it must be submitted to the by-law committee for approval then distributed to the membership in the form of a ballot. Ballots will be distributed with the newsletters to all membership. It is understood that at least one member of each team has access to the GNODA newsletter or to the GNODA website. Team captains are responsible for communication between the Executive Committee and their team.
 - a. The ballots will be published with the proposed changes in the Newsletter and on the website for two weeks.
 - b. Team captains are to turn in the ballots, voting individually, with the scorecard.
 - c. Changes to the GNODA By-Laws may be done at anytime throughout any season by following Article 24 Section 1. Once the change is made to law, it will be distributed in the Newsletter until the start of a new season. In the captain's packets distributed to each captain at the start of a new season, a copy of the current by-laws will be distributed if there were any changes made during the previous season. It will be the team captain's responsibilities to assure the current set of by-laws are present at each GNODA function their team attends.
2. Regulations to supplement these By-Laws may be devised for the purpose of clarity, uniformity, and standardization.