



Automatic Vendors League Rules and By-Laws 2025-26

**CAPTAINS SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THESE RULES AT ALL LEAGUE MATCHES**

1. All matches will be played according to NDA rules.
2. **A \$10.00 NDA sanction fee is required.** The NDA membership is for one year, from September 1 to August 31 annually. This is required to play in the State and National Tournaments. This sanction fee is due only once a year. In addition, a weekly fee of \$5.00 is also required. **The sanction fee will be deducted from league dues at the end of the season.**
3. All players must provide the following information to be sanctioned: Full Names (nicknames are not acceptable), a complete mailing address with zip code, phone number, email address, and birth date for each player. Please e-mail all new information to [jondart@mgoil.com](mailto:jondart@mgoil.com)
4. A player, who has not paid/played on a previous night or in another league system, Captain's must include the player's full name, complete address, birth date, phone number and the \$10.00 sanction fee will be deducted at the end of the season. Information not received on the first night of league play will result in a forfeit of ½ of the team wins for that evening. Please e-mail all new info to [jondart@mgoil.com](mailto:jondart@mgoil.com)
5. The league limit will be 20 grams per dart. Please note: play in the State and National Tournaments will require players to abide by the NDA limit of 20 grams. This is a change from the previous weight limit of 18 grams.
6. All league matches must be shot on a dartboard owned and operated by an NDA Chartered Operator.
7. Any league player or patron of any league location may shoot on an unused dartboard in that location during the shooting of any scheduled league match, as long as the dartboard is coined and a game is selected.
8. **Each team must designate a "RELIABLE" Team Captain.** The Team Captain must have a valid home or cell phone number. If the phone number changes throughout the course of the year it is the captain's responsibility to notify Automatic Vendors of the change, if no notification is given one of the other team members will be asked to take over! Only Team Captains will be allowed to collect team monies and must have a picture ID to receive them. Captains please select reliable players to be members of your team. There is no reason why a team of 8 players can't bring 4 players to a regularly scheduled match.
9. **Team fees will be collected by the dart boards before play can start, 80 credits = \$20.00**
10. The below calculations are figured per team!
  - A) Tuesday AA and A are \$20.00 dues plus \$30.00 for games = \$50.00 / 4 = \$12.50 per person.
  - B) Tuesday B is \$20 dues plus \$19.00 for games = \$39.00 / 4 = \$9.75 per person.
  - C) Wednesday Doubles or Team –TBD based on if a league forms and formatting.
  - D) Thursday C1, C2 AND C3 \$20.00 dues plus \$20.00 for games = \$40.00 / 4 = \$10.00 per person.

11. **All matches start at 7:00 PM** with a 15-minute grace period.
12. Time limit is 30 seconds per dart once the players name appears on the board. Players must be present to shoot when it is their turn, therefore teammates may not pause the game if the player is out smoking or not present. We have player rotation sheets available so teams/players know what order they shoot in and when they sit a game or 2 out, which is the perfect time for a break.
13. League play will be handicapped. Handicap is based upon Points Per Dart (PPD) for 01 games and Marks Per Round (MPR) for Cricket.
14. Each player will need to establish a new PPD/MPR average for each night of league play for each division.
15. All 01 teams may be any combination of women and/or men, four person teams.
16. Monday Open Combo League will be a 4-person team, may be any combination of women and/or men, 6 games of 501 and 6 games of Cricket.
17. **Roster Limits: Open Team, Open Combo is max of 8 members. Doubles is a max of 4 members.**
18. Teams that lose a player due to unusual circumstances must get Board Approval prior to match date and/or night of play. A board of director's approval is required if going over the roster limit. Phone numbers are included in all Team Captain's packets. **A No Tolerance Policy is in effect for this rule; if you play a player over the 8 roster limit without Board Member Approval, all games for that player will be lost.**
19. Opening night matches will be shot according to a past history file with all subsequent matches being shot with handicap. There is an exception to the rule if the first week of the season has a BYE then handicap will be based on history for the first 2 weeks
20. Any player shooting in their first match after opening night will be able to manually input their PPD as long as everyone follows the rule of subs being equal to or less than the person they are replacing. To manually input a PPD, you highlight the player in question under the team set up and tap the bullseye to update their PPD and MPR, you must do this for both types of games. Cricket must be done at the start of cricket games, so please don't forget or they will be shooting scratch.
21. No player may shoot under another player's name or all team games won will be forfeited to the opposing team.
22. All dart players are eligible to play in any one of the divisions on any given league night. Said players/team should have a skill level equal to the division in which they play, i.e. a point per dart or mark per round average within the division split.
23. **\*Any player can sub in a lower division as long as the sub's PPD/MPR is equal to or lower than the person they are playing for. An exception to this rule is for Open or AA League, anyone can play for anyone.**
24. Original rostered members of a team, once you play for that team at least 3 times, you are married to that team until season end. All Divisions! No exceptions!
25. Unrostered players may sub for a team as often as they like as long as the PPD range is equivalent or less than the person they are replacing and are welcome to play as often as needed but cannot play for another team in the same league in which they have already subbed. They also cannot join forces with the team if the 4 averages combined push them over the set limits of the league in which they are playing in or all games will be forfeit. We highly recommend you roster a full team from the beginning of the year if possible so that all averages are factored in from the beginning of the season and it never becomes an issue.

26. In the event a player reaches zero and his/her partners score is too high to go out, (hence being blocked) then individual player on the opposing team with the lowest score will be credited with the win.
27. Team Captains are responsible for taking care of all issues regarding their team.
28. No more dummy score rule. Teams are allowed 8 members per roster, so they should always have the ability to at least have 4 members present if they are signing up reliable teammates. In the event you absolutely must use a dummy score it would just be a pass everytime the member who isn't present is up to play.
29. The board of director's will rule upon any disputes that cannot be settled by the Team Captains.
30. A phone call must be made to the opposing team captain at least one hour prior to a scheduled match if rescheduling is an emergency; if not an emergency captains need to contact the opposing team captain by 12 noon the day of scheduled match to reschedule a match... Otherwise all matches must be shot. If a team refuses to show up or reschedule, that team will pay dues for both teams for \$40.00 total or whatever league dues would have been for their particular league. This will be deducted at the end of season unless there is a family emergency or severe weather. This rule will be strictly enforced. For West River Pink Ladies the dues will need to be paid in full or the players will be banned from all activities until paid in full.
31. \* Forfeits will be based on a 4 weeks win/loss avg. Forfeiting teams get 0 wins, Non forfeiting or winning teams get their win% for wins.
32. \*Any rescheduled matches must be played within two weeks of the scheduled match or it will be considered a forfeit.
33. When "No Travel Advised" occurs in the Rapid City or surrounding areas, the dart league for that evening is postponed. It will be at both Team Captains' discretion if they still want to play that evening. Contact must be made with the opposing team captain at least an hour prior if the match is to be postponed due to weather. **If one team can't make it, the match is postponed.**
34. If a protest is necessary for any actions that take place, even if it may or may not affect the outcome of the match, it must be submitted to the League Director (209-0504) or Division Representative within 24 hours. Any protest that isn't in writing or past the 24 hour deadline will not be accepted. E-mails are accepted, nightly representatives phone numbers and e-mails will be provided in your packet.
35. Un-sportsman like conduct/language: Any action that is loud, abusive, mean-spirited, delaying, rude, injurious, or just plain obnoxious will be investigated and penalized. Abusive language received in written form will not be tolerated and will be subject to penalties. This includes Written information contained on weekly fee envelopes, surveys, and protest forms, etc. **A No Tolerance Policy will also be in effect for this rule, if anyone is found to be unsportsmanlike, all games for that player for that night will be lost, if the whole team is unsportsmanlike like the whole match will be lost. PLUS a 2 week suspension from league activities for the 1st offense, 1 month 2nd offense, banned for remainder of the season 3rd offense and banned for good on the 4th offense.**
36. The board of director's reserves the right to make changes to the rules and bylaws as needed for the good of the league. These rules and bylaws will be reviewed prior to the start of the fall Season at the Team Captains meeting. All proposed changes should be submitted in writing to the League Director prior to the Team Captains meeting to be placed on the agenda for that evening. Any changes must be voted on and passed by a 2/3 majority of Team Captains at this meeting.
37. Members must play a minimum of 75% of their league games to qualify for all of the Automatic Vendors member benefits.

38. Any player who is kicked out of a venue must deal with that venue. Automatic Vendors will not intervene. It is up to the team to cover that player's position on nights when they play in such a venue.
39. \*Any team or player who quits at anytime, beginning, middle or end of a season or that has proven to be unreliable will be required to pay a \$100.00 bond at the beginning of the next season which will be refunded if they complete the season. In the event this team does not complete the season this bond will be forfeited to the league fund. If this team or player applies to play again the bond will be \$200. In the event they do not once again finish the season the bond is once again forfeited to the league fund and the team or player will receive a lifetime ban.
40. \*All players are invited to attend Board Meetings which are TBA (date, time, location's) and only when necessary. Most issues are handled via board member chat, so if a meeting is necessary, it will be announced on West River Dart League Facebook.
41. Team and player standings will be available on the Arachnid dart boards as well as our website at [www.automaticvendors.net](http://www.automaticvendors.net)

