



Introduction to the SCCDA

All you need to know to start playing



Why Play League Darts?

Same motivation to play any sport.

Competitive play, skill development,
comradery and fun.

Unique to darts :

- Inexpensive relative to other sporting activities
- Strength and speed not an advantage
- Age, gender not a factor
- Practice anywhere there is a dart board: home, work or pub
- Play when traveling as means to meet locals
- Enjoy a drink (or two) while playing



History & Organization

- 501C organization with well established Bylaws
- The premier steel tip dart league in Santa Cruz County
 - More than 30+ years of consistent, organized darts play
- SCCDA attracts the best, most committed players
 - Many have played for decades
 - Play is taken seriously
 - Comradery, fun and good sportsmanship
 - Players interested in improving skills
- Eclectic player demographic
 - Players of all ages, genders, backgrounds and walks of life
- New Teams welcome



Organization

Board of Directors

Commissioner, Statistician, Secretary / Treasurer
League Reps, Pub Rep, Player Development & PR
All unpaid, elected volunteers and active players in league

A League

- Experienced players who practice and play more
- Play Wednesday evenings, 11 game matches
- Routinely finish 501 in less than 30 darts

B League

- Somewhat less experienced or less skilled players
- Top B League players roughly equivalent to mid range A League players. No huge difference between leagues.
- Play Tuesdays, 9 game matches
- New teams should start in B League
- Top B League teams often move up to A League



Team Captains : Heart of the SCCDA

- Familiar with League Bylaws
- Interface between BOD and Players
- Relays league communication to team members
- Considers / ratifies BOD recommendations
- Selects appropriate venue and confirms sponsorship with venue owner
- Communicates with other Captains about rescheduled matches and substitute players
- Designates a Co-Captain as a backup

By Deadline before Start of Season:

- Submits Team Signup Form
 - Home Venue
 - Player names & contact info
 - Team name
 - Selection of A or B League
- Collects all Player Fees

During Matches:

- Picks players for games during matches
- If winning team, enters match results within 24 hours on SCCDA website
- If Visiting Team, picks which team scores first
- If Home Team, takes Halftime drink orders



Teams & Players

- 4 to 6 players per team
 - 4 players is a lean team
 - Risk of forfeit if all players cannot attend a match
 - 6 players is a rich team
 - Players will play less games
 - Qualifying all for tournaments and awards will be more difficult
- \$35 per player fee per season
 - Submitted to Team Captain prior to deadline



League Operation : Seasons

- Two Seasons per Year
 - Spring Season : Starts 3rd week in February
 - Fall Season : Starts 1st week in September
- No league matches scheduled on major holiday weeks
 - Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years weeks
- No league play in July and August
- Strict Deadline : Team Signup Form and Player Fees
 - Typically 2-3 weeks prior to start of new season.



League Operation : Venues

- Non-smoking, except outdoors
- Current Venues
 - Poet & Patriot
 - Bocci's Cellar
 - Callahan's
 - Fast Eddies
 - Oak & Ale
- Additional Venues welcome
- \$75 Venue Sponsorship Fee per team
- Some Venues support Double Headers
 - 2 simultaneous matches



League Operation : Matches

- All matches start promptly at 7PM. Penalties for delayed starts.
- B League plays Tuesdays
- A League plays Wednesdays
- Optional 20 minute halftime
- Venues offer free halftime beverage
 - Similar beverage to what was already purchased
 - Gratuity strongly suggested
- Visiting Team selects :
 - Board to use
 - Which half to score
 - What player diddles first in all games



League Operation : Tournaments

AllStars Tournaments

- 2 Tournaments : A League & B League
- Mid-season, 16 player singles tournament
- 2 top singles players on each team invited
- Substitutes / Walk-ins permitted

End of Season Tournaments

- Presidents Cup : B League
- Commissioners Cup : A League
- Top 16, qualified singles players invited
- No substitutions

Banquet Tournament

- Informal (no trophy) tournament
- Mixed A & B League doubles teams



End of Season Banquet

- Typically 3-4 weeks after end of season
- Trophies, Plaques, Awards announced and distributed
- League Announcements
- Election of Board Members
- Banquet Tournament



Match Formats

B League

- 9 games / match
- Team 801, all play
- Two 501 Doubles
- Two 5-Out Crickets Doubles
- Four, best of 3 Singles matches
 - 301, Cricket, then 301/Cricket/501 or 7 Bull English Cricket for third game, if needed.

A League

- 11 games / match
- Team 1001, all play
- Two 501 Doubles
- Two 5-out Cricket Doubles
- 9 Bull English Cricket Doubles
- Team 5-out Cricket, all play
- Four, best of 3 Singles matches
 - 501, Cricket, then 301/Cricket/501 or 7 Bull English Cricket for third game, if needed.



Etiquette & Sportsmanship

- Spectators
 - Avoid conversations audible to shooter
 - Cheer only after 3rd dart
- Score Keeper
 - Minimize all movement
 - Keep eyes on board, not shooter
 - No phone use, discussions with others, etc.
- Sportsmanship
 - Wish opponent a “Shoot Well” at start of match
 - Congratulate opponent for great shot
 - It’s a game, not life and death
 - Win or lose: treat opponent with respect



Statistics, Highlights and Awards

- Statistics
 - Game results, Highlights and participating players recorded
 - Individual throws not recorded
 - Team and Players Singles records maintained
 - Previous seasons historical results maintained
- Cricket Highlights
 - Rounds of 7, 8 and 9. (RO7, RO8, RO9)
 - 4, 5, 6 Bulls (4Bull, 5Bull, 6Bull)
- '01 Highlights
 - Any score of 100 or more
 - High-On or High-Off of 100 or more
- Award Winning Highlights
 - 6Bull, RO9, '01 round > 170
- End of Season Awards
 - Season High score of High-On and High-Off
 - Sportsmanship
 - Rookie of the Season



Communications with SCCDA

Web site <http://yourleaguestats.com/darts/sccda/>

FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/SCCDA>

Email sccdartsassociation@gmail.com

SCCDA Captains most often communicate via txts



Advice, Technique & Tips

Look forward to a series of SCCDA sponsored seminars in July and August at the Poet & Patriot covering the following topics

- Throwing technique & critique
 - Get rid of bad habits, enhance your good ones. Advice from veteran players.
 - Game strategy
 - Get an edge with the right strategy
 - Scoring etiquette
 - Do it right
 - Practice games
 - What you do when no one is watching
 - Equipment selection
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- Watch for announcements of these seminars on the league website



Interested? What's Next?

- Form a team
 - Identify at least 3 other players
 - Pick a Captain
 - Find a sponsoring Venue (we can help)
 - Go to the SCCDA summer seminars
 - Practice!
- See you at the Oche!