



**CONSTITUTION,
BYLAWS
and
RULES OF PLAY**

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Societies Act

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society is Victoria Mixed Tactics League.
2. The purposes of the society are:
 - a. To establish, maintain and regulate the game of tactics.
 - b. To do all things to promote sportsmanship, fellowship and interest in the game of tactics.
 - c. To adopt a code of ethics and standards of conduct to which all members shall be required to conform.
 - d. To encourage the enactment of laws that would be beneficial to the society and to protect the interest of the general public.
 - e. To make grants and donations out of income or surplus funds of the society for the establishment or support of a youth, educational, charitable or benevolent institution, whether or not related to or calculated to promote the purposes of the society.

BYLAWS

Here set forth, in numbered clauses, the Bylaws providing for the matters referred to in Section 6 (1) of the Society Act and any other Bylaws.

Bylaws of the Victoria Mixed Tactics League

ARTICLE I – DEFINITION SECTION

PART A – INTERPRETATION

Section 1

Victoria Mixed Tactics League shall hereinafter be referred to as the Society.

Section 2

The word directors shall mean the Board of Directors of the Victoria Mixed Tactics League.

Section 3

The word member shall mean any person or team who is accepted for membership in the Society.

Section 4

A member or team in good standing shall mean any member or team except one who has failed to pay one's current annual membership fee to the Society.

Section 5

The area served by the Society shall mean that portion of the Capital Regional District (CRD). Interpretation – All teams on the VMTL must be hosted by a venue within the CRD. Team members registered on the team can live anywhere and are not limited to the CRD. Travel to and from any league game or tournament will be at the member's own expense.

Section 6

1. Special Resolution means:
 - a. A resolution passed in a general meeting by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes of those members of the Society who, being entitled to do so, vote in person – or where proxies are allowed – by proxy.
 - i. of which the notice that the Bylaws provide and not being less than 14 days notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been given; or

- ii. if every member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting so agrees, at a meeting of which less than 14 days notice has been given.
 - b. A resolution consented to in writing by every member of the Society who would have been entitled to vote on it in person or – where proxies are allowed – by proxy at a general meeting of the Society, and a resolution so passed at a general meeting of the Society.
 - c. Where the Society has adopted a system of indirect or delegate voting or voting by mail, a resolution passed by at least 75% of the votes cast in respect of the resolution.
2. Special resolutions may be presented to the membership at a general meeting or as special meeting as set forth in Article VI, Part A – Section 4 – Special Meetings.

Section 7

The words “he”, “him”, “his”, or any other gender specific expressions shall be read as though they were expressed as “he/she”, “him/her”, “his/hers”, and any clauses herein shall apply equally to all members.

ARTICLE II – GENERAL

Section 1 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of June and end on the last day of May of each year.

Section 2 Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Society shall not be altered save by special resolution.

Section 3 – Borrowing Funds

The Society shall have authority to borrow funds only by special resolution on such terms as may be specified in such a resolution.

Section 4 – Inspection of Books

Any member in good standing shall have the right to inspect the financial records of the Society at the conclusion of any general meeting.

Section 5 – Adoption of Rules

A special resolution shall be required to amend the constitution and the Bylaws.

Section 6 – Robert’s Rules

Where not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, the order of procedure at meetings of the Society shall be in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Parliamentary Procedure – Modern Edition.

Section 7 – Non-Partisanship

The Society shall be non-partisan in all matters involving political, religious, or racial matters; and no discussions or debates on these subjects shall be permitted at any meeting of the Society, unless directly related to the normal functioning of the Society.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

PART A – QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1 – Classes of Membership

There shall be one (1) classification of membership in the Society – namely voting members.

Section 2 – Eligibility

In order to be eligible for membership in the Society, an applicant shall:

1. Be a paid member of a team in good standing with the league.
2. Not have been refused membership in the Society within a period of three months prior to the date of application for membership.
3. Not have previously held membership in the Society or any other dart association with which the Society has an agreement or an association with in which membership was cancelled by expulsion within a period of one year prior to the date of application for membership.
4. Not have been guilty of conduct which would be unbecoming of a member as defined by the code of ethics.
5. Be of a full age of nineteen years.
6. Member can have permanent residence anywhere. Limitation - Travel to and from any league game or tournament will be at the member’s own expense.

Section 3 – Voting

Every individual team member who is in good standing as set out in Article I, Part A, Section 4 shall be considered a voting member. A voting member shall have all the rights, obligations and access to services rendered by the Society.

Section 4 – Responsibilities

1. All members agree to ensure that registration information is current and accurate.
2. All members agree to advise the Society on any changes in registration information during the season.
3. All members agree to settle disputes and disagreements, which cannot be resolved amongst themselves within the Bylaws, by arbitration as set out in Article VII – Special Committees. In extraordinary circumstances the decision of the committee(s) may be appealed to the board of appeal.
4. All members agree that the decision of the board of appeal is final and binding.

PART B – APPLICATIONS

Section 1 – Fees

1. All applications for membership shall be accompanied by registration forms and cash or cheque made payable to the Society covering fees that are set by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership in accordance with these Bylaws.
2. In the event of payment by cheque the application shall be processed upon clearance of the cheque.

PART C – FEES

Section 1 – Amounts

The scale of fees and annual dues for membership shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and submitted to the membership for ratification.

Section 2 – Non-payment

1. If dues or other amounts payable by a team to the Society are not paid by the due dates as set out in the scale of fees, said team is subject to loss of normally accrued points.
2. Any team in arrears for fees or assessments may be subject to the loss of right to:
 - a. attend meetings;
 - b. speak to or vote on issues brought to meetings;
 - c. hold a director, board or committee position;
 - d. participate in member-only competitions.
3. If dues or other amounts payable are not paid by the due date as set out in the scale of fees, a designated member of the Board of Directors shall make all reasonably possible attempts to contact the team captain and as many of the delinquent team's members by phone to apprise them that their dues must be paid within thirty days or the team will be expelled from the league.
4. If dues remain unpaid after thirty days from the due date:
 - a. Written notice of expulsion from the Society shall be sent by registered mail, addressed to the team captain or designated representative; with copies posted by regular mail to each member of the delinquent team.
 - b. Membership shall cease on the seventh (7th) day following mailing of the expulsion notice.
 - c. If the intended recipient does not pick up their registered letter within 7 days, a member of the Board of Directors must telephone the member and inform them of the team's immediate expulsion from the league.

PART D – PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS

Section 1 – Voting

1. Each member of the Society in good standing shall be allowed one vote at each general meeting.
2. If a member is not able to attend personally to vote on a special resolution at a general meeting that member may file with the secretary of the Board of Directors a letter authorizing one other member to attend the meeting as a proxy and grants

authority to such member to vote in their absence. A member may hold only one proxy at a time.

Section 2 – Application of the Bylaws

A member of the Society shall be subject to all the Bylaws of the Society.

Section 3 – Composition of the Bylaws

Bylaws of the Society shall be those articles governing the rights, privileges, obligations, rules and regulations and conduct of the members of the Society, including the code of ethics, scale of fees, and rules and regulations adopted by the membership.

Section 4 – Enforcement of the Bylaws

The members of the Society agree to subscribe to and pledge themselves to aid in the enforcement of the Bylaws, and do all in their power to further the aims and objectives of the Society.

PART E – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Suspension or Expulsion

1. The directors may suspend or expel a team or member who;
 - a. has failed to pay his/her dues or other amounts due to the Society under the terms of these Bylaws;
 - b. has failed to comply with a decision of the Board of Directors, the Rules and Ethics Committee, and the Board of Appeals;
 - c. for such other reasons as set forth in these Bylaws.
2. Any member or team expelled from the Society may not reapply for membership for a period of one calendar year from the date of expulsion.

ARTICLE IV – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

PART A – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Authority

1. The directors shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Society, except in those matters which are covered by the Bylaws or by statute and are required to be acted upon at a general meeting.

2. The directors shall have full authority to decide in which bank or trust company the funds of the Society shall be deposited and execute the necessary banking authorization.
3. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to enforce the provisions of these Bylaws without fear or prejudice.
4. The directors have the authority in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws to expel, suspend, or otherwise discipline any member of the Board of Directors or Committees who contravene any provision of these Bylaws subject to Article VII, Section 3.2 – Grievance Procedure.
5. In accordance with the Society Act every director of the Society shall be deemed to have assumed office on the express understanding and agreement and condition that every director of the Society and their heirs, executor and administrators and estate and effects respectively shall from time to time and at all times be indemnified, and saved harmless of the funds of the Society from and against all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever, which such directors sustain or incur in or about any action, tort or proceedings which are brought, or commenced, or proposed against them for, or in respect of any act, deed or matter or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by them or any other director or directors in or about the execution of their duties, or their office, and also from and against all other costs, charges and expenses which they sustain or incur in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by their own wilful neglect or default.

Section 2 – Vacancy

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors as a result of a board member's inability to complete their term of office on the Board of Directors, the president reserves the right to appoint – upon majority approval of the Board of Directors – any member in good standing to fulfill any and all duties of the vacated position; save Board of Directors voting privileges. Said position shall subsequently be filled in accordance with Article V of these Bylaws.

Section 3 – Meetings

1. The directors shall meet at the call of the President.
 - a. Two clear days notice shall be given of any meetings to all directors, provided that notice shall be dispensed with if all directors attend such meeting or waive such notice.
 - b. All decisions reached by a majority vote of the directors constitute the decision of the board.

Section 4 – Remuneration

No director shall receive remuneration from the Society for his/her duties unless such remuneration is approved by majority vote of the members at a general meeting of the Society.

Section 5 – Term of Office

1. The term of office for the President of the Society shall be two (2) years. Only one (1) consecutive term may be served. The term of office for any other position on the Board of Directors is one (1) year.
2. Only two consecutive terms may be served by any one individual in any one position on the board.

PART B – DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICE

Section 1 – Positions of Office

There shall be the following offices of the Society: those of the president, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2 – Office of the President

1. The duties of the President shall be to:
 - a. preside at all meetings of the Society;
 - b. preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors;
 - c. have general care of the interest of the board;
 - d. ensure that the provisos of the Bylaws are observed at all times by all members;
 - e. if necessary, have the authority to declare and fill vacancies on any committee, with such appointments being at the next meeting of the directors;
 - f. if necessary, have the authority to appoint substitutes to serve for members temporarily unable to act upon any committee for such time as such disability may exist, with such appointments being confirmed at the next meeting of the directors;

- g. not, while presiding at meetings of the Society, exercise his/her vote on motions, except in a case of a tie, in which case his/her vote shall be the tiebreaker;
 - h. perform all duties as required.
2. The President shall be Ex-Officio member of all committees, except for the Nominating Committee.

Section 3 – Office of the Vice President

1. The duties of the Vice President shall be to:
- a. in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President;
 - b. perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the President;
 - c. in the event that the President cannot complete his/her term of office, assume all duties and responsibilities of the president until the end of the term.

Section 4 – Office of the Second Vice President

1. The duties of the Second Vice President shall be to:
- a. in the absence of the President and Vice President, perform the duties of the president;
 - b. perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

In the event that the President or Vice President cannot complete their term of office, the Second Vice President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the vacant position until the end of the term.

Section 5 – Office of the Secretary

1. The duties of the Secretary shall be to:
- a. keep accurate record of the meetings of the Society and of the directors;
 - b. give proper notice of all meetings;
 - c. be responsible for all correspondence;
 - d. have custody of the seal;

- e. keep an accurate record of the names and addresses of all members of the Society;
- f. perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

Section 6 – Office of the Treasurer

1. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:
 - a. collect all fees and other monies owing to the Society;
 - b. keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed;
 - c. pay all bills authorized by the Board of Directors;
 - d. keep all funds of the Society not required for petty cash expenditure in a bank account or insured investment in a chartered bank or insured lending institution chosen by the directors;
 - e. prepare an income statement for all captains' meetings;
 - f. prepare a balance sheet for the general meeting and a full financial statement for the annual general meeting including an income statement and account balances;
 - g. prepare financial statements at any other time when required by the directors;
 - h. prepare an annual financial statement for the fiscal year, the treasurer served and submit it to the duly elected Board of Directors no later than sixty (60) days after the end of that fiscal year. The annual financial statement must be submitted to the Board of Directors;
 - i. perform all other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

Section 7 – Financial Authority

1. The Board of Directors shall have the authority and responsibility to spend those monies that may be required to maintain the Society in good standing with its creditors, to ensure the Society meets all operational costs for administration, banquets, trophies, tournaments and other functions endorsed by the Society.
- 2.

- a. The President in conjunction with two (2) signing authorities of the Board of Directors shall have the authority to spend up to \$100.00 without prior approval of the Board of Directors to a maximum of four (4) times in a fiscal year. If the need exceeds the maximum, then approval is required from the Board of Directors.
- b. The President with the majority approval of the Board of Directors shall have the authority to spend up to \$500.00 per expenditure up to a maximum of three (3) times in a fiscal year. Any expenditures over \$500.00 and less than \$1500.00 must have the approval of the membership at any one of the following meetings:
 - i. Captains' meeting;
 - ii. General meeting;
 - iii. A meeting held in accordance with Article VI, Meetings – Section 4.
- c. Any expenditure over \$1500.00 must have the approval of the membership at one of the following meetings:
 - i. General meeting;
 - ii. A meeting held in accordance with Article VI, Meetings – Section 4.
3. A receipt for all expenditures shall be submitted to the Treasurer for accounting purposes.
4. There shall be no credit card in the name of the Society.

Section 8 – Past President

1. The Past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity. The term of office will be as long as the newly elected President's term. The Past President will not be eligible to accept any elected positions on Board of Directors until the term is ended.
2. The Past President shall not have the right to vote as a Board of Director member.
3. In the event the Past President should resign, he/she will be ineligible to act as Past President.
4. The Past President will also retain his/her right to vote as a member.

PART C – CAPTAINS’ RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Captains shall be responsible for communicating with the venue to:
 - a. arrange and ensure payment of league dues in accordance with the due dates set out in the scale of fees;
 - b. ensure the playing area meets league requirements;
 - c. forward all information from the league to the sponsor/venue;
 - d. ensure sufficient seating has been reserved for both teams with reasonable access and view of the playing area;
 - e. snacks and/or refreshments, when provided, are served at an appropriate time, i.e. near the midpoint of the match.
2. Completing the required team paperwork and forwarding the same promptly to the Society.
3. Promoting good sportsmanship in all league venues and matches.
4. Attempting to settle any disputes regarding Rules of Play, regulations or conduct within the framework of the Bylaws of the Society, and ensure they are settled in an amicable manner.
5. It shall be the team captains’ responsibility to report the scores of all league matches by 3:00 PM of the following day. The Board of Directors, with approval of the captains at a captains’ meeting may impose a penalty for not reporting or bonus for reporting.
6. It is the team captains’ responsibility to attend all monthly captains’ meetings, or ensure that a representative from their team attends the monthly meeting.
7. It shall be the team captains’ responsibility to communicate all information received at monthly captains’ meetings to their team members.

PART D – ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1 – Accounts

1. A financial statement showing the income, expenditures, assets, and liabilities of the Society during the preceding fiscal year shall be presented before the members

of the Society at the annual general meeting. The President, Treasurer and Secretary shall sign these statements.

2. The directors shall present a balance sheet before the members of the Society at the general meeting.

PART E – THE SEAL

Section 1 – Affixing

The seal of the Society shall be affixed to any document or instrument authorized by the directors and only in the presence of such officers as the directors may authorize and such persons as shall be authorized to affix the seal of the Society and shall sign every instrument to which the seal is affixed in their presence.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

PART A – DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Eligibility

All voting members of the Society in good standing shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors subject to Article III, Part E – Section 1 – paragraph 2.

Section 2 – Termination

1. All officers and directors of the Society elected as set forth in Article V shall serve until:
 - a. a successor has been elected or appointed as the case may be;
 - b. they cease to be a member in good standing;
 - c. their resignation has been tendered and accepted at a Board of Directors', captains' or general meeting;
 - d. they are unable to perform their duties due to illness, impairment or death.
2. The Society may, by special resolution, remove any director before the expiration of his/her period of office.
3. Rules:
 - a. Upon the election or appointment of a successor, a director loses his/her seat on the Board of Directors and the associated executive vote.

- b. Upon a majority vote by the duly elected Board of Directors, former directors may remain on the board until the end of the current fiscal year (April 30th) – but they cannot vote.
- c. Upon the election or appointment of a successor, all directors must relinquish their signing authority the next business day after the date of the election or appointment. Upon the election or appointment of a successor, all directors must return all league records and properties to the league within fourteen (14) days of the date of the election or appointment.
- d. Subsequently to Article V – Section 2 – c, the former Treasurer may retain signing authority and necessary records until the end of the current fiscal year with majority approval of the duly elected Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Nominating Committee

No later than the February captains’ meeting of each year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee chairperson upon approval of the directors. The Nominating Committee shall consist of from three to seven volunteer members, preferably comprised of members from each division of the Society, chosen by the chairperson.

Section 4 – Nomination List

1. Any member in good standing may run for any position(s) on the Board of Directors subject to Article III, Part E – Section 1 – paragraph 2.
2. The Nominating Committee, after obtaining the consent of those willing to serve, shall prepare a list of nominees for all the positions to be filled by ballot. This list shall be sent to the President as the report of the Nominating Committee.

Section 5 – Elections

1. The election of all directors shall take place at the annual general meeting.
2. Election shall be by ballot.
3. A separate poll shall be taken for each position on the Board of Directors.
4. Elections will be held in the order of President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
5. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall appoint at least two members in good standing to act as scrutinizers.
6. If there is more than one candidate for a single position the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. In the case of a tie vote, a recount

shall be performed. If the vote is still tied after the recount the issue shall be resolved by a non-ballot vote.

7. Any member duly elected to a position on the Board of Directors must forfeit any other nominations for position(s) on that ballot.
8. After all the ballots have been counted and the positions have been filled, all ballots must be destroyed.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

PART A – MEETINGS

Section 1 – General Meetings

1. There shall be two general meetings of the Society each year – an annual general meeting within one month following the last season regular game, and a general meeting during the month of December.
2. Notification of both general meetings shall be given to members not less than two weeks before the day on which the general meetings shall be held.

Section 2 – Election Meetings

Once each year, during the annual general meeting, elections for the positions of Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with Article V.

Section 3 – Captains’ Meeting

1. There shall be monthly captains’ meeting on such dates that shall be set by the Board of Directors.
2. Each team registered in the league shall have a team representative at each of the captains’ meetings.
3. Each team providing a representative will be awarded a bonus as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 4 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the membership shall be held at such times as the President or Board of Directors may determine. Special meetings may be held upon written request of ten (1) percent of the membership.

Section 5 – Board of Directors’ Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at regularly scheduled times. Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings of either the directors, captains or general meetings, except under

extraordinary circumstances, shall be construed as a resignation from the Board of Directors.

Section 6 – Quorum

1. Ten (10) percent of voting members in good standing of the Society shall be constitute a quorum at a general meeting and shall not be less than twenty five (25) – whichever is the greatest.
2. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors.
3. A simple majority of team captains shall constitute a quorum at a captains' meeting.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

PART A – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

1. As soon as possible after the annual general meeting, the President, with approval of the directors, shall appoint the chairperson of the Standing Committees.
2. The Standing Committees of the Society are:
 - a. Rules and Ethics Committee
 - b. Year End and Special Events
 - c. Board of Appeals Committee
 - d. Financial Committee
 - e. Public Relations Committee
 - f. League Statistics Committee
3. Members may belong to more than one committee.
4. The Standing Committees shall consist of from three to seven volunteer members, preferably comprised of members from each division of the Society – chosen by the chairperson.

5. A chairperson may expel a member from the Committee should that member fail to complete their assigned duties and/or attend regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 2 – Special Committees

The president, upon approval of the directors, shall have the power to appoint such other committees as deemed necessary, and to give such committees such powers as may be deemed advisable. A chairperson may expel a member from a special committee should that member fail to complete their assigned duties and/or regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 3.1 – Rules and Ethics Committee – General

1. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall consist of three to seven volunteer members of the Society, preferably comprised of members from each division of the Society who shall serve without compensation unless approved by a majority vote of the members at a general meeting of the Society. A majority shall be 50% plus one (1) of that committee. The chairperson of the committee shall not vote except to break a tie.
2. No member of the Rules and Ethics Committee shall vote in any hearing in which he/she has a personal or financial interest.
3. It shall be the duty of the committee to consider all reports and complaints relative to infringement of the Bylaws, including all Rules of Play and Code of Ethics, affecting any of its members, and such other matters concerning the welfare of the Society as referred to it by the directors from time to time.
4. The Committee will investigate any written grievance pertaining to the Bylaws submitted by a captain or team representative in good standing within seven (7) days of the incident.
5. The committee may initiate an investigation on its own should the committee become aware of a direct infraction of the Bylaws.
6. After due consideration of the available facts, the Rules and Ethics Committee will render a decision in writing to the grieving member or team captain(s) within seven (7) days of receiving the grievance. A copy of the decision will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. This decision is final and binding subject to Article VII – Section 5 – Board of Appeal.
7. Any team or member who violates the Code of Ethics three (30) times as decided by the committee and /or the Board of Appeal, regardless of the time span, will be subject to expulsion from the Society by the Board of Directors as provided for in Article III – Part E.

8. The Rules and Ethics Committee may on application of a Society member or director, on its own motion, inquire into whether or not any member of the Society has:
 - a. misappropriated or wrongfully converted money or other property entrusted to or received by him/her in his/her capacity as a member of the Society;
 - b. violated any Bylaws, Rules of Play or Code of Ethics of the Society;
 - c. so conducted him/herself as to discredit the Society and its members.
9. Any league member found in violation of Article VII – Part A – Section 3.1 (7) by the Rules and Ethics Committee may be reprimanded or suspended from the league for a duration of time set by the Committee. Any league member found in violation may appeal either the offense or punishment to the Board of Appeals. Based on the severity of the violation the Committee has the right to decide whether a member continues to participate in the league pending appeal.
10. All matters reaching the attention of the Rules and Ethics Committee shall be deemed strictly confidential until such time as determinations have been reached, or until such time thereafter (if ever) as the Board of Directors shall stipulate. All members of the Committee shall be bound by this clause even after their term of office is ended.

Section 3.2 – Rules & Ethics Committee – Grievance Procedure

1. The grieving member or team captain shall immediately lodge their complaint via the league voicemail, stating a written complaint has been made and mailed to the league's post office box.
2. A written grievance must be received within seven (7) days of the incident via the league post office box as set out in Article VII – Section 3.1, (4). If a voice message has not been received, and a written complaint has not been received within seven (7) days of the incident, the Rules and Ethics Committee has the option to consider the complaint, or dismiss the complaint. There is NO option for appeal if the complaint is dismissed because the aforementioned procedures have not been followed.
3. The Rules and Ethics Committee members will investigate the complaint. If a Committee member cannot fulfill their duties, another member from the league may volunteer or be appointed to fill the position.

4. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall meet informally with each of the aggrieved parties individually, or together, and attempt to resolve the situation in an informal and amicable manner.
5. If a resolution has been reached at this stage, an information report shall be written and submitted to the Board of Directors by the Committee as a whole.
6. If a resolution has not been reached, the Rules and Ethics Committee shall convene a formal meeting to be attended by the Committee, all involved parties, and any witnesses as may be necessary.
7. Based on this meeting, the Committee shall make such determinations about fault, unethical behaviour, or violation of rules as the situation and context may warrant.
8. Failure of the alleged violating member(s) to appear at either hearing shall be considered to be a plea of no contest. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall then act on the evidence before it, and a written explanation of the decision and action of the Rules and Ethics Committee shall be sent to the alleged violating member(s) by registered mail, return receipt requested.
9. The Rules and Ethics Committee shall further prescribe such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to public reprimand and permanent or temporary expulsion.
10. All parties, including the Board of Directors shall be informed of the decision as soon as possible.
11. All findings of the rules and Ethics Committee are subject to appeal under Article VII – Section 5 (Board of Appeal).
12. The Rules and Ethics Committee may consult with the Board of Directors before making a decision on the actions to be taken regarding the complaint.
13. The Rules and Ethics Committee Chairperson shall prepare a written confirmation of the final decision and outline all actions to be taken regarding the complaint, as set out in Article VII – Section 3.1, (6).
14. The President and Secretary of the league shall sign the written confirmation of the decision, and a copy shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the complaint.

Section 4 – Year End and Special Events Committee

1. The Year end and Special Events Committee shall consist of three to seven members of the Society who shall serve without compensation. A majority shall be 50% plus one (1) of that Committee. The chairperson of the Committee shall not vote except to break a tie.
2. No member of the Year end and Special Events Committee shall serve in any hearing in which h/she has a personal or financial interest.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all options obtained by them, and others that may be included in the year end function.
4. No member of the Committee shall commit any monies to organizations or businesses without the approval of the Board of Directors.
5. All monies used for the year end function must come within the budgeted amounts determined by the Board of Directors.
6. The Committee will be responsible for securing all components necessary for the year end function, such as facility, food, beverages, and music.
7. The Committee shall ensure that all aspects of the year end function are within legal requirements of the law and any rules attached to the facility.
8. The Committee members will ensure that the facility used will be left in an agreed condition with the owner.
9. The Committee shall collect submissions in writing for special events and consider them on a logistical and financial basis.
10. The Committee shall coordinate with other dart leagues to avoid conflicts in scheduling of tournaments.
11. The Committee will be responsible for appointing members to organize the format and competition aspects of special events.
12. It shall be the duty of the Committee to stage:
 - a. selected events/ tournaments outside of regular play and functions;
 - b. the Annual Christmas Charity and Valentines shoot.

Herein stage shall mean to organize publicity, venues, sponsorship, catering, formats, trophies, insurance, investigate Bylaws, security and all related aspects of said events outside of regular play and functions.

13. All Victoria Mixed Tactics League sanctioned events will be executed within the current set of Bylaws.
14. The Committee shall report the outcome of special events to the Board of Directors and turn over any monies collected for a special event to the Society accompanied by the appropriate paperwork.
15. All monies donated to charity must be in the form of a Victoria Mixed Tactics League cheque.

Section 5 – Board of Appeal

1. The Board of Appeal shall consist of from three to seven members of the Society – preferably comprised of past members of the Board of Directors or past Committee chairpersons of the Society – who shall serve without compensation unless approved by a majority vote of the members at a general meeting of the Society. A simple majority shall constitute a full Committee for any hearing. The chairperson of the Committee may not vote except to break a tie.
2. All parties involved in a grievance decision have the right to appeal within seven (7) days of issue of the written decision of the Rules and Ethics Committee.
3. All requests for appeal must be submitted in writing via the league post office box.
4. It shall be the duty of the Board of Appeal to deal with all issues presented to it by a member team captain or representative, regarding a decision made by the Rules and Ethics Committee, or Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Appeal will examine the official written documentation from the Rules and Ethics Committee and/or Board of Directors and any information submitted in the letter of appeal to the Board of Appeal.
6. After due consideration of the available information the Board of Appeal will render a decision within seven (7) days of receiving the appeal, via telephone to the involved parties and concerned committees, including the Board of Directors. Written confirmation of the decision will follow and the decision will be final and binding for all parties involved in the appeal process.

7. The Board of Appeal shall be bound by the same conditions as given for the Rules and Ethics Committee under Article VII – Part A – Section 3.1 (10).

Section 8 – League Statistics Committee

1. The Head Statistician shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and be the chairperson of the League Statistics Committee.
2. The League Statistics Committee shall consist of a Head Statistician and a minimum of one member per division of the Society who are chosen by the Chairperson.
3. Members of the League Statistics Committee shall not record the individual statistics for the division in which they play.
4. Statistics Committee duties:
 - a. It shall be the duty of the Head Statistician to:
 - i. prepare monthly team statistics by division and present an up-to-date report at the monthly captains' meeting;
 - ii. Ensure all division statisticians are able to obtain the information necessary and maintain up-to-date individual statistics;
 - iii. conduct a full review of the individual and team statistics for the complete season providing an accurate report to be available in time for awards preparation;
 - iv. report individual and divisional statistics upon requests made by the Board of Directors;
 - v. ensure that all division statisticians observe the rules in accordance with Article IX – Rules of Play Part B – League Rules.
 - b. It shall be the duty of the Divisional Statisticians to:
 - i. record and maintain up-to-date individual statistics for all members of the division to which they have been assigned;
 - ii. Report immediately to the Head Statistician any problems or issues that may hinder their ability to perform their duties;

CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES OF PLAY

ARTICLE VIII– CODE OF ETHICS

It is expected that each member shall adhere to the Code of Ethics in order to promote fair and enjoyable play for all concerned.

1. Players shall shake hands with their opponents at the beginning and end of each game and at conclusion of the match
- WIN or LOSE.
2. All members shall remain reasonably quiet (whether playing or not) so as to not interfere with the concentration of throwers.
3. Members shall not make comments, or any sudden movements that may interfere with the concentration of the thrower.
4. Members shall wait for an appropriate moment to voice any concerns pertaining to the game in progress, such as incorrect score, chalker substitution, etc.
5. No negative or intimidating comments or remarks shall be tolerated at any time.
6. No one shall be within three feet of a thrower when he/she is in the process of throwing (play area permitting).
7. The chalker should face the scoreboard, remain as still as possible, and not turn around or make any movements that could distract a player in the process of throwing.
8. All members are expected to show respect and courtesy to their opponents, and to treat them fairly and with common sense.
9. Repeated harassment or physical abuse shall not be tolerated and may lead to immediate suspension or expulsion from the league.
10. Discriminatory behaviour involving age, sex, race, or national origin will not be tolerated.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Any unjust noise, comments, gestures or other violations of the Code of Ethics may constitute a form of cheating, and may be subject to grievance procedures.

ARTICLE IX – RULES OF PLAY

PART A – DEFINITIONS**LEAGUE**

Victoria Mixed Tactics League

MATCH

Total number of sets being competed for between two teams.

GAME

The game of Tactics Darts played according to the Victoria Mixed Tactics League Rules of Play, also, being part of a Set and Match Set.

1. A singles set consists of eight games played between eight different players from each team.
2. A doubles set consists of four games played between eight different players, in pairs from each team.

OCHE

The toe line or the raised toe barrier.

PLAYER

A player is a registered member of a team in good standing of the Society, or an Emergency Spare. The player may also be referred to as the thrower.

RULES OF PLAY

All rules governing tactics matches under the jurisdiction of the Society.

PROGRAM

All published information pertaining to a specific event.

CHALKER

That person appointed to record the game scores on a scoreboard adjacent to the dartboard.

TOURNAMENT

Any dart event organized under the jurisdiction of the Society.

TEAM

The players associated together under a common name, registered with the Society.

TEAM CAPTAIN

The appointed representative of a team registered with the Society. Is responsible for team conduct and is the coach and arbitrator, along with the other team Captain, should there be a discrepancy or altercation between players. The home team Captain will deal with any issues or discrepancies between the teams playing and the host venue.

EMERGENCY SPARE

Any individual recruited to complete the required minimum number of players for a match (which is eight), including two women and two men. Emergency Spares may not be players under suspension or expulsion from the Society or registered with any other team in the Society.

DIDDLE

The method of determining which thrower shall throw first in a game.

PART B – LEAGUE RULES

1. Team Structure

- a. Each team shall consist of a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of fifteen (15) members.
 - b. Each team must field a minimum of two men and two women per set. Failure to comply with this requirement shall constitute a forfeiture of that set.
 - c. Each member must be in good standing of the Society, excepting where the emergency spare rule Article IX – Part B, (8) apply.
 - d. A player, regular or spare may only play once per set (a match has one singles set and four doubles sets).
2. All team registrations must be completed prior to commencement of the season.
 3. Members may only be added to or removed from a team's roster during the regular season up to and including December 31st after which time approval of the Board of Directors is necessary.

- a. In the case of a member being added to or removed from a team's roster at a captains' meeting, the change shall be deemed to have taken place at the time of that captains' meeting.
 - b. In the case of a member being added to or removed from a team's roster during the regular season by Board of Directors approval, the change shall be deemed to have taken place at the time such approval is granted.
 - c. In the case of a member being added or removed from a team's roster after December 31st, by Board of Directors approval, the change shall be deemed to have taken place at the time such approval is granted.
 - d. The appropriate player addition and/or deletion forms must be completed and submitted to the Board of Directors.
4. A member may only be registered on one team at any one time.
5. If a member changes teams during the regular season, either at a captains' meeting or through Board of Directors approval, the member must sit out the next regularly scheduled match following the change, after which time they may resume play for their new team.
6. Any team not able to commence play within 15 minutes (the leeway time) after the scheduled start time shall forfeit the match; unless the opposing team consents to extend the start time. Under such circumstances, the opposing team captain or representative has sole right to determine the new start time.
7. Full names of all members shall be legibly printed on the score sheet, and made available to the opposing team captain or representative prior to the match start time. Once match play has commenced, no change to the line-up shall be allowed – except with mutual consent from both team captains.
 - a. If a spare is not in attendance when he/she is scheduled to play his/her game(s); the games will continue as if the spare had not been registered in the line-up.
 - b. If a member listed on the score sheet must leave due to an emergency or illness, the opposing team captain shall be notified immediately and a legal spare may be used for ensuing games. That spare may then only play the following games originally scheduled for the departing player. If said spare was originally scheduled to substitute for another player on his/her team, those substitutions are no longer in effect.

- c. If a legal spare is not available, all games of the departed player are forfeited as one point losses. If the gender of the departed player reduces the legally dictated number of either gender to below the minimum requirement, then all games within that and following sets where the gender requirement is not met, shall be forfeited as one point losses.
 - d. If a scheduled player is not in attendance for his/her singles game, a previously recorded legal spare may be used, and said spare may only play the games of the absent player. Once the spare has commenced his/her first game, the absent player is deemed to be removed from the game sheet.
8. Prior to the last six matches of the season, if a team fails to field a minimum of eight players or the minimum of two males and two females before the start time:
 - a. The opposing team captain or representative may, at his or her discretion, approve an emergency spare by initialling next to the name of the emergency spare on both score sheets. An emergency spare is subject to all the Bylaws of the Society.
 - b. If no suitable emergency spare is available, or if the team short of members so chooses, the match shall be played out and the games originally scheduled for the absent member's position on the score sheet shall be forfeit as one (1) point loss.
9. Regular season matches may only be rescheduled with the prior consent of both captains or their representatives. Captains must notify the Board of Directors via the Society voicemail by 3:00 pm the following day.
10. If both captains cannot decide on a neutral venue and a date to play within 2 weeks of the original rescheduled game, the Board of Directors will choose the venue and a date. A team that refuses to play at this venue and time shall be considered to have forfeited the match.
11. A member playing a game may only leave the playing area under extraordinary circumstances – otherwise that game shall be forfeit.
12. Upon completion of a match, each team is responsible for ensuring that the match score is relayed to the Society voicemail before 3:00 pm on the day following the match.
13. A visiting team captain or representative shall have the right to request a measurement of any playing area dimension. Verification and any subsequent

- adjustments shall be undertaken, whenever possible, with both team captains or representatives in attendance prior to the start of the match.
14. If any team is expelled from, or voluntarily leaves the league before the completion of all regularly scheduled matches, all previously played and subsequently scheduled games shall not be included in the determination of final standings.
 15. If any team is expelled from, or voluntarily leaves a tournament before the completion of all that team's games, then all previously played and subsequently scheduled games shall not be included in final standings.
 16. If any team or individual voluntarily or involuntarily leaves the league or a Society sanctioned tournament, the Board of Directors reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary with regard to the subsequent re-entry of that team or individual to play within any league function.
 17. A minimum of four registered members from the previous year's team must be registered at the beginning of the new season for that team to be entitled to retain its name and position within the league standings – at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 18. If there is a tie in divisional standings after regular season play is completed, a tiebreaker match shall be played between the tied teams. This competition shall be won by the first team to be victorious in nine of a 'best of seventeen' doubles games. No singles games are to be played.
 19. The two teams from each division (except the top division) with the highest point standings within their division at the end of regular season play, shall be promoted to the next higher division at the start of the following season.
 20. The two teams from each division (except the bottom division) with the lowest point standings within their division at the end of regular season play, shall be relegated to the next lower division at the start of the following season.
 21. If a vacancy exists in any division prior to the start of the regular season, it shall be filled through the promotion of a team from the immediate lower division – based on the previous year's standings, and at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 22. For a member to be eligible for a divisional Individual High Average League Award, that member shall:

- a. be a member in good standing;
 - b. have actually played in the single sets of a minimum of 67% of regular season matches; except when Rule 23 applies.
23. When a match is forfeited, the non-forfeiting team will receive a win and 2 points for the match; the forfeiting team will receive a match loss and no (0) points.
- a. No singles set wins or losses will be recorded for either team.
 - b. With regard to the Individual High Average Awards: for the players of the team that did not forfeit, the total number of singles games in the season will be reduced to reflect the forfeited game.
 - c. The Head Statistician and the Divisional Statisticians must ensure that forfeited games are treated in this manner, and Individual High Averages are recalculated to reflect the forfeit as outlined in Rule 23 (b).
24. Any changes to the league format, including expansion, Master's Challenge Cup, and match scoring must receive the approval at one of the following:
- a. Captains' meeting;
 - b. General meeting;
 - c. The Annual General meeting.

THE THROW

1. Dart Specifications
 - a. Members shall provide their own darts, which shall not exceed an overall length of 30.5 cm., nor weigh more than 50 grams.
 - b. Each dart shall consist of a needle-type point, which shall be affixed to a barrel. At the rear of the barrel shall be an attached flighted stem which may consist of up to four separate pieces including a flight, a flight protector, a flight securing device, and a stem.
2. Throw Definitions
 - a. A throw shall consist of the propelling of three darts towards the board, one dart at a time, (subject to the Throw Rule #5) unless a game is finished in less than three darts (see Scoring 5.d).

- b. Any dart bouncing off or falling from the board before being touched by the thrower shall be a scoring dart, and shall not be re-thrown.
 - c. A dart is considered to have been thrown if the thrower makes a propelling action with the dart, and the dart travels more than one (1) meter towards the board – as measured from the oche.
3. The darts shall be thrown from a standing position, except in those circumstances where a physical disability requires the thrower to adopt a non-standing position (e.g. wheel chair or similar form of support).
 4. All darts must be deliberately thrown, one at a time, by and from a thrower's hand – except in those circumstances where a physical disability requires the dart be propelled by and from some other part of the body, or with an artificial throwing device. Said propulsion method or device shall be subject to previous approval by the Board of Directors.
 5. If a thrower approaches and touches any dart that is in the board before the completion of the throw, then that throw shall be deemed complete, and only the dart or darts in the board at that time shall be scored.
 6. Throwing Out of Order
 - a. During doubles play, if a thrower accidentally shoots out of turn and the next thrower from the opposition has not yet shot, the turn shall not count, and the correct thrower shall throw.
 - b. During doubles play, if a thrower accidentally shoots out of turn and the next opposing thrower has started his or her throw before the error is discovered, the offending throw shall stand as scored. The correct order shall then be re-established by the offending team at the next opportunity.
 7. No part of a thrower's foot or footwear may extend beyond the oche while in the act of throwing. repeated violations are subject to grievance procedures.

SCORING

1. Each team is required to supply a chalker for one board throughout the match. A chalker may be changed at either team's request.
2. The ongoing scores shall be neatly shown on the scoreboard, at eye level, and clearly visible to the thrower (play area permitting).

3. The scoring shall be marked in two clearly divided columns for each team, from left to right and right to left respectively. The two inside columns shall show the scored targets, and the two outside columns shall show the running total of points scored (if any).
4. Scoring targets are the numbers 15 through 20, the entire triple-score area, the entire double-score area, the bull's eye and double bull's eye.
5. Recording the Scores:
 - a. At the end of each thrower's turn an X shall be marked on the scoreboard, by the chalker, for each legally struck scoring target – at the direction of the thrower.
 - b. When three Xs are marked for one scoring target, that target shall be considered closed for that team, and a horizontal line shall be drawn through the Xs to so signify.
 - c. If closed scoring target is legally stuck, and the opposing team's corresponding target is not yet closed, then points shall be awarded to the thrower equalling the value of the scoring target. (See Scoring 4.)
 - d. The first thrower to close all his/her scoring targets and have at least as many points scored as the opponent, shall be the winner of that game.
6. Triples on the target numbers 15 through 20 shall only be scored as either one triple, or three singles.
7. Doubles on the target numbers 15 through 20 and the double bull's eye, shall only be scored as either one double or two singles.
8. Doubles and triples must be scored in the order in which they are shot.
9. The dart is scored with respect to where the point touches the board.
10. A thrower may verbally clarify the position of his/her darts with the chalker at any time during the throw.
11. Darts shall be retrieved by the thrower only after the score has been called to and been recorded by the chalker.
12. Checking the Scores

- a. It is each thrower's responsibility to ensure that their correct score is marked by the chalker.
 - b. A thrower may not change his/her scoring after the darts have been removed from the board.
 - c. The chalker shall resolve any protest about the score attained or called.
 - d. All requests to check scores or additions shall be made before commencement of the next throw of the team for which the potential error has been noted.
 - e. In the event of a protest, a thrower shall not be interrupted. The resolution shall take place after the throw has been completed.
13. No indication of the shot required, or suggestion of scoring shall be given by the chalker to the throwers. The chalker may only restate the call of the thrower; correct an incorrect call; deliver a judgement in a dispute; judge the diddle if required; clarify the positioning of a dart when requested; and indicate when a scoring dart has ended the game.
14. Assistance from team members:
- a. A thrower may request assistance from his/her team members, but only after deliberately stepping back from the oche.
 - b. If a thrower is called, touched or coerced in any way by a member or supporter of his/her team to step back off the oche, that throw shall be deemed completed.
15. For both singles and doubles games, one (1) point shall be awarded for a win.

PRACTICE

1. Practice on unassigned boards shall be allowed only under the following circumstances:
 - a. There is no objection from the opposing team captain or representative.
 - b. The practice board(s) are out of view of the assigned match playing area, and no throwers are disturbed in any way.
2. Prior to the beginning of any game each thrower may throw a maximum of nine darts as warm-up, unless the opponents consent to further throws.

3. Members may practice on the match boards before and during the drafting of the line-ups, but all practicing must cease once the first games of the match are announced (except as warm-up prior to a game).

START OF PLAY

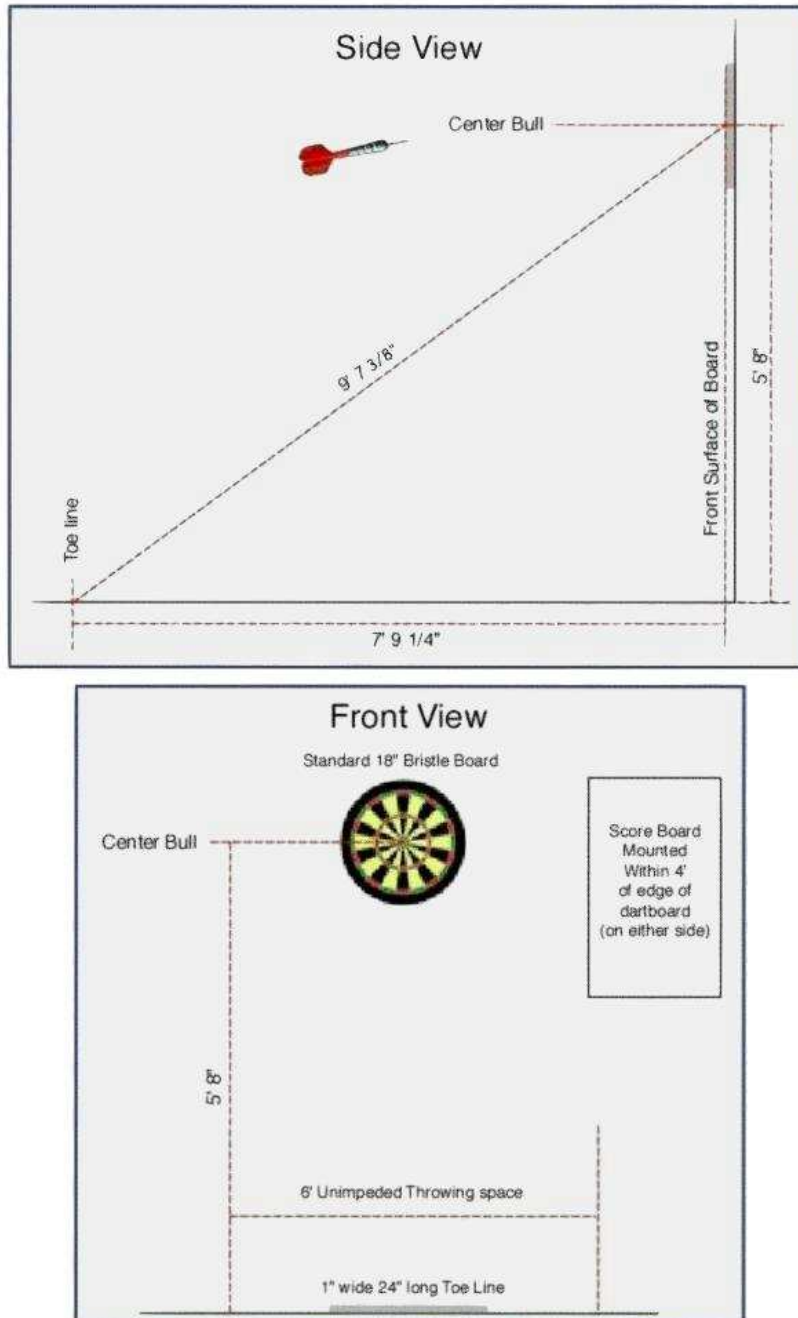
1. The player to throw first in the game shall be determined by the diddle.
 - a. The home team thrower always diddles first.
 - b. Each diddling thrower shall propel one dart into the board, and the thrower whose dart legally scores closest to the centre of the double bull's eye (as judged by the chalker), shall throw first in the game. The darts shall not be re-aligned in any manner when determining the winner. If a thrower's dart fails to stick in the board until the next diddler throws, or until it is removed, that thrower shall re-throw. The diddle shall be repeated if:
 - i. both darts are equidistant from the centre;
 - ii. both darts are single bull's eyes;
 - iii. both darts are double bull's eyes;
 - iv. the first dart falls from the board after the second dart is thrown.
 - c. A single or double bull's eye may be removed from the board at the discretion of either thrower, after confirmation of the dart position by the chalker.
 - d. In doubles play, either thrower from each team may diddle.
 - e. The diddling throwers commence play for their teams.
 - f. Each team must alternate their throwers in a doubles match.
2. A match shall consist of one singles set followed by four doubles sets.

PART C – SPECIFICATIONS

1. Dartboard dimensions
 - a. Double and triple ring inside width measurement = 8,0mm
 - b. Double bull's eye inside diameter = 12.7mm

- c. Single bull's eye inside diameter = 31.8mm
 - d. Outside edge of double wire to double bull's eye = 170.0mm
 - e. Outside edge of triple wire to double bull's eye = 107.0mm
 - f. Outside edge of double wire to outside edge of double wire = 340.0mm
 - g. Overall dartboard diameter = 457.0mm
 - h. Spider dartboard gauge (Standard wire gauge) 16 to 18 SWG
2. All dartboards shall be bristle types.
 3. All dartboards shall be of the 1-20 clock pattern.
 4. The dartboards shall be affixed in such a manner that the 20 segment is coloured black and is at the top of the board.
 5. The inner narrow band shall score triple the segment number and be called the triples ring.
 6. The outer narrow band shall score double the segment number and be called the doubles ring.
 7. The outer centre ring shall score 25 points and be called the single bull's eye.
 8. The inner centre ring shall score 50 points and be called the double bull's eye.
 9. All wires forming the segments of the spider shall be affixed to the face of the dartboard in such a way that they lie flat on the surface of the dartboard.
 10. The board shall be affixed in such a manner that the perpendicular height from the floor to the centre of the double bull's eye – measured from the same level as the oche – shall be 1.73 metres (5' 8").
 11. The distance from a line perpendicular to the oche to the surface of the dartboard shall be 2.37 metres (7' 9 ¼").
 12. The diagonal distance from the oche to the centre of the double bull's eye shall be 2.97 metres (9' 7").

13. VMTL, suggested dart board placement: The boards when fixed to the wall shall have 6' (6 ft) of unimpeded throwing space. A chalk board shall be centred to either side of the dart board and within a minimum of 4' (4ft) from the edge of the dartboard. (See Diagram)



14. The length of the oche shall be a minimum of 0.61 metres (2' 0").
15. The height of a raised oche shall be a maximum of 0.06 metres (0' 1").

PART D – GENERAL

1. If any problem should arise during a match, both captains or team representatives should attempt to resolve the situation within the Bylaws of the Society. If the problem cannot be resolved, the match shall be played out.
2. Any unresolved grievances may be submitted to the appropriate committee by using the established procedures. All rulings by the appropriate committee shall be final and binding, subject to these Bylaws.

SCOREKEEPERS 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not - talk while keeping score.
2. Thou shalt not – move about. **Stand still!**
3. Thou shalt not – look at the shooter. Face the board.
4. Thou shalt not – call out the score of darts, unless asked.
5. Thou shalt not – tell a shooter what to shoot.
6. Thou shalt not – tell a shooter what combination to shoot for.
7. Thou shalt not – change a player’s score if the opponent has begun to throw.
8. Thou shalt not – lean out to see a dart, or follow the darts with either head or body movement.
9. Thou shalt not – show any emotional displays while scoring.
10. Thou shalt not – accept a choice of score from any other player than the thrower.