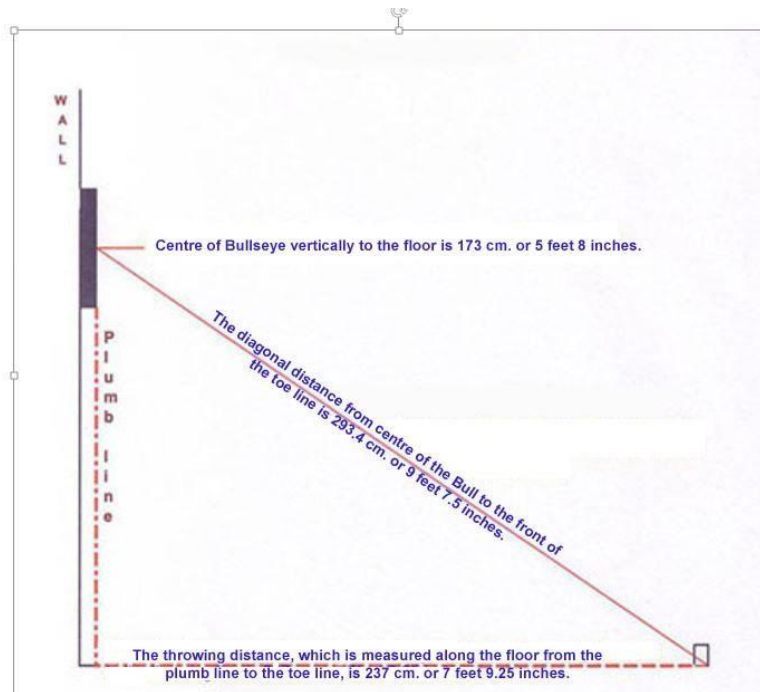


## I. Equipment

1. All venues must be approved by the Executive.
2. The centre of the bullseye will be 5 feet, 8 inches (173 cm) from the floor. The front of the oche (toe) line will be 7 feet, 9 ¼ inches (237 cm) from the face of the board. The diagonal distance from the centre of the Bull to the front of the toe line will be 9 feet, 7 ½ inches (293.4 cm).



3. Dartboards will be in good repair, with suitable lighting, chalkboards/whiteboards, and chalk/markers provided for scoring.
4. Where there is a dispute regarding any of the above, the match will be played using the existing lines and boards and the discrepancies will be reported to the Executive.

## II. Players

### Eligibility

1. Anyone 18 years of age or older may play in the Q.S.D.L. except those who have been specifically excluded by the Q.S.D.L.
2. All players must fill out a current league membership form.
3. Each team will consist of a minimum of 6 players up to a maximum of 10 players.
4. Players may play for only one Q.S.D.L. team each season except by permission of the Executive.

### III. Match Procedures

#### Definitions

- Game** Dart games are: Cricket, 501, 401 and Chicago.
- Match** A competition matching one team against another.
- Set** A competition between two individuals or doubles teams consisting of best of three legs.
- Leg** There are three games in a set, and each game is called a leg.

#### Formats

1. The Game formats are:
  - Cricket
  - 501 Straight-In/Double-Out
  - 401 Straight-In/Double-Out
  - Chicago (Cricket, 501 Straight-In/Double-Out, 301 Double-In/Double-Out)
2. Matches consist of:
  - For A & B divisions, 15 sets consisting of:
    - 3 sets of Doubles Cricket
    - 3 sets of Doubles 501 Straight-In/Double-Out
    - 3 sets of Doubles Chicago (501 Straight In/Double Out, 301 Double In/Out, Cricket)
    - 6 sets of Singles 501 Straight-In/Double-Out
  - For C division, 12 sets consisting of:
    - 3 sets of Doubles Cricket
    - 3 sets of Doubles 501 Straight-In/Double-Out
    - 6 sets of Singles Chicago (501 Straight In/Double Out, 301 Double In/Out, Cricket)

#### Play

1. Darts must be thrown with both feet *behind* the front of the toe line.
2. A set ends when one team wins the best of three legs.
3. In Cricket, the game is won by the first team to close all numbers and bullseyes with a score equal to or greater than the opposing team.
4. A minimum of 6 different players must be used in each Game format unless a team has fewer than 6 players, in which case the rules in section [IV Shorthanded Adjustments](#) apply.

5. Teams may not use a dummy score for an absent player.
6. Doubles teams must consist of two different players.

### **Start Time, Lineups and Saving Time**

1. Matches begin at 7:30 PM. When a team has 1 or no players available at 7:30 PM, a 15 minute grace will be granted. However, the first Doubles set will begin **as soon as any 2 members of both teams** are present after 7:30 PM.
2. Both Captains must complete their lineups for all Doubles sets at the beginning of the evening, with the understanding that the next available game will be played, even if out of sequence.
3. Players who are not present at the venue may be written into the lineup. However, if they are not present at the venue when it is their turn to play, they must:
  - a. Be replaced at that time with a team member who is available;Or
  - b. Another available set must be played.
4. To reduce match time, when players, board, and a chalker are free to play, a set should be started even if it will be played out of sequence.
5. Once all playable sets have finished, all unplayed sets are forfeit.
6. When players' names are written on the board, the time will be noted and both captains made aware. The players then have 7 minutes to begin the game. (This will not apply to a player playing in another set at the time their name is placed on the board.)

If a player does not show within the 7 minutes, the player's team forfeits the leg. If both teams forfeit a leg, the final third leg will be played to decide the set.

### **Scoresheet Recording**

1. On completion of a set, the scoresheets will be updated to show the winner, number of legs won by both teams (0, 1 or 2), and any all-star scores (see section [VI Individual Scoring](#) for details).
2. Players must be present at the match to receive credit for wins, all-stars, and weeks played (other than in a match forfeit - see Forfeits: rules 3 and 4, below).

### **Forfeits**

1. If a team has 1 player or less present at 7:45 PM the match is forfeit.
2. The entire match is forfeit at 8:00 PM if:
  - a. an A or B division team has 3 or less players present,
  - b. a C division team has 2 or less players present

3. In a match forfeit, the result shall be a 15-0 win for A & B division teams or a 12-0 win for C division. The Captain of the winning team may add names of players who were not present to the scoresheet.
4. Players on a forfeiting team who were present for the match will receive credit for attendance toward playoff qualifications.

### **Chalking**

1. Chalking will be shared equally by both teams. Each team will be assigned a board, and will chalk all games on that board throughout the match. Should additional boards be available, sets may be played on those boards at the discretion of the captains.
2. Chalkers situated in view of a player shall restrict their movements and remain silent when players are throwing.
3. Upon request the chalker may tell a player what they have scored, and/or what they have left, but the chalker **cannot provide a finish**.
4. It is the responsibility of the player to confirm the chalker's accuracy.
5. Errors in arithmetic may be corrected prior to the finish of the leg provided the original error remains on the board for review.

### **Coaching**

1. Only one person at a time may coach a leg.
2. The coach may suggest targets for each throw only if the player steps away from the toe line.
3. No other person (including spectators) shall call out targets to players.
4. A chalker cannot act as a coach.

### **Diddling**

1. Each game will begin with one player from each team (who has been assigned to play in that set) going for the bull. The home team will always go for the bull first. Closest to the bull begins play.
  - a. Only the chalker shall render a decision on which dart is closest.
  - b. Until the chalker renders a decision, no dart may be touched or moved by anyone (including the chalker). If a player touches or moves the darts, that team will lose the diddle.
  - c. A dart anywhere in the board will count as a throw for bull.
  - d. A dart which bounces out or misses the board must be thrown again.
  - e. If a decision cannot be rendered by the chalker, both darts will be removed and the players will go for the bull again. The home team will always throw first.

- f. Centre Bulls: If the first player throws a centre bull, the second player may ask the chalker to remove it before going for the bull. If the second player throws a centre bull, both darts are removed, and the players throw again (the home player throws first).
- g. Outer Bulls: Both darts in the outer bull is considered a tie. Unlike centre bulls, the darts are left in the board, and both players throw again (the home player throws first). If another outer bull tie occurs, the darts remain in the board and the players throw *again* (the home player throws first). If a third outer-bull tie occurs, all 6 darts will be removed, and the process begins again (with the home player always throwing first).

### Miscellaneous

1. Players must leave all darts in the board until both **the player *and* chalker agree on the score**. If darts are removed before the player and chalker agree on the score, the score shall be as calculated by the chalker.
2. Any dart thrown after the player has achieved a finish shall not count, as the leg is over at the time the finish is scored.
3. It is considered unsportsmanlike to throw a dart after finishing, busting, or in anger.
4. Only darts with points touching the board will be counted. Darts which bounce from the board may not be retaken (except when diddling). A dart shall count only if the point remains in the board until after the player and chalker agree on the score. The player may secure the dart to prevent it from falling out while the score is being agreed upon.
5. Each captain is expected to bring a scoresheet. The home captain must enter the match results into the statistical database within 48 hours. After 48 hours, if results have not been entered, the opposing captain may enter results. Both captains will retain their copy of the scoresheet in case of a disagreement with the entered results.
6. Each captain is required to keep their own scoresheet during the match. For each set the captains will record the results on their scoresheet. Each captain will sign both scoresheets at the end of the match.
7. If both captains agree that a set is causing excessive delay to the evening, the set may be decided by diddling for the bull. The team that wins the diddle wins the set.
8. Teams with fewer than 6 players at 8:00 PM will follow the re-cycling rules in section IV [Shorthanded Adjustments](#).
9. With the exception of forfeit rules, players must be present and have played the sets to receive credit for wins, losses, all-stars and weeks played.

**IV. Shorthanded Procedures**

1. No player may play more than:
  - a. 5 sets in an A & B division match;
  - b. 4 sets in a C division match.
2. In a match, players may only play once in a game format (Doubles Cricket, Doubles 501, Singles 501/401, Doubles Chicago). However, a recycled player may play twice (but **only** in one game format).
3. If a team has fewer than 6 players available to play at the end of the first Doubles set, the following procedures apply:

a For A & B divisions:

5 Players	4 Players
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 names drawn at random for recycling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No recycling is allowed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> drawn player plays a second Cricket set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Doubles Cricket set will be forfeit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> drawn player plays a second Doubles 501 set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Doubles 501 set will be forfeit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> drawn player plays a second Chicago set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Doubles Chicago set will be forfeit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> drawn player plays a second Singles set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Singles 501 sets will be forfeit.</li> </ul>

b For C division:

5 Players	4 Players	3 Players
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 names drawn at random for recycling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 names drawn at random for recycling. All 4 players will be recycled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No recycling is allowed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> drawn player plays a second Cricket set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Doubles Cricket set is forfeit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Doubles Cricket sets are forfeit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> drawn player plays a second Doubles 501 set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2 players drawn play a second Doubles 501 set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Doubles 501 sets are forfeit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> drawn player plays a second Singles set.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All four players play one Singles set.</li> <li>• The 2 non-drawn players will play second Singles sets for a total of 6 Single sets played.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All three players play one single set.</li> <li>• The remaining 3 Single sets are forfeit.</li> </ul>

4. If additional players from the shorthanded team arrive after play begins, or if players must leave before the end of the match, the shorthanded procedure will be adjusted to reflect the number of players present at that point in the match. Sets that have already been forfeited may not be replayed.
5. If a player leaves the venue after having played all their sets, this will not cause their team to be short-handed.

## **V. General Procedures**

1. The Executive has the right to promote and realign, in the first half of the season, teams between divisions to ensure competitiveness within divisions. To minimize the impact of realignment, the Executive may weigh scores at the divisional level (e.g. wins in C division shall be worth 1 point, 1.5 in B, and 2 in A).
2. The captains are the final arbiters of what constitute legal play. Captains may disregard or adjust any of these rules provided they both agree, with the following exceptions:
  - a. Captains may NOT override the rules pertaining to awarding of individual points and all-stars.
  - b. Captains may NOT make changes to Match Procedures.
  - c. Captains may NOT make changes to Play and Chalking rules.
  - d. Captains may NOT override any rules in the Discipline section.
3. Captains must try to settle disputes during a match.
4. Protests will not be accepted unless:
  - a. they regard a violation of the rules as stated on these pages;
  - b. they are filed by a team captain;
  - c. they must be submitted in writing and within 5 days of the incident to the Executive using either the "Contact: General Inquiries" link on the Q.S.D.L Home Page or must be emailed to the Executive at "info@qsdl.com".
5. Since venues have the right to refuse entry to individual players, the Executive may act to minimize the effect of this on league operations.
6. If during the season the Executive determines that a team is upsetting the competitive balance of their division, the Executive may award the championship to that team, and that team will not participate in the playoffs.
7. To honour the Q.S.D.L. commitment to venues and maintain fairness in scheduling, if a team forfeits more than once against a particular venue, the Executive may adjust future home matches of the forfeiting team back to the original venue.

## VI. Individual Scoring

1. Individual points for set wins and all-stars only count if it is the player's first set of that game format (Doubles 501, Double Cricket, Singles). The points awarded for set wins will be as follows:
  - a. 2 points for Doubles 501 set win.
  - b. 2 points for Doubles Cricket set win.
  - c. 2 points for Double Chicago set win.
  - d. 4 points for Singles set win.
  
2. All-stars consist of:
  - a. In Cricket: A turn consisting of a combination of 3 counting triples and/or 3 double bulls = **3 points**
  - b. In any '01' leg: A score of 170 or more = **3 points**
  - c. In any '01' leg: An out of 101 or more = **3 points**
  - d. In any '01' leg: A score of 130 through 169 = **1 point**

Note: All-stars which count as more than one type should score as both. For example, a 170 double out is worth **6** all-stars, whereas a plus 130 out is worth **4**.

3. Individual points for wins and all-stars do not count for recycled players. However, set wins for recycled players count for the team match result.

## VII. Discipline

1. The names of persons actually playing the games must be listed on the scoresheet.

The penalty for using false names on a scoresheet is:

- a. The team shall forfeit the match;
  - b. No individual game, all-star points, or match attendance will be recorded for any members of the team which made the false entry;
  - c. The captain or acting captain who falsified the scoresheet will be suspended for the next league match (playoffs included);
  - d. The non-offending team will have their individual statistics and match score recorded as played.
2. Fighting during a league event will not be tolerated. The Executive may discipline all persons involved in a fight.
  3. Throwing a dart in anger during a league event will not be tolerated. Upon review, the Executive may act, including but not limited to probation, suspension, and/or expulsion of the player.



4. No player shall use offensive language or gestures towards another player. This includes, but is not limited to, derogatory comments pertaining to gender, race, religion, and sexual orientation. Should such incidents be reported to the league, appropriate disciplinary action may be taken against the player and/or team involved.
5. Where a discipline problem exists with a specific player, the Executive may approach the captain to deal with it. If the captain cannot resolve the problem, the Executive may act, including but not limited to probation, suspension, and/or expulsion of the player.
6. The Executive has the right to suspend or expel any player or team whose behaviour is destructive to the harmony of the league or that brings the Q.S.D.L. into disrepute.

## VIII. Playoffs

### General

1. Playoffs will be held at the end of the regular season. The Executive will determine the playoff format each season.
2. Players must have played a minimum of 9 weeks during the regular season to qualify for the playoffs unless authorized by the Executive.
3. All captains (one per team) are qualified for playoffs regardless of number of weeks played. Any changes in captains after registration must be approved by the Executive.
4. Recycling in the playoffs is allowed only by permission of the opposing captain.
5. Unlike the regular season, playoff sets must be played in sequence as listed on the scoresheets.
6. The first team to win a majority of sets wins the match. The remaining sets may be played at the discretion of the captains, but this will not affect the match outcome.

### Tie Game

1. If a playoff match ends in a tie, each team will field 6 players to play a final deciding game of 1,001 Straight In/Double Out.
2. If either or both teams cannot field 6 players for the 1,001 game, the missing player positions will have their turns skipped. No points will be scored for the missing player position as a result.

Note: This will put a team with fewer than 6 players at a disadvantage as they will have fewer throws than a full-strength team.

3. The team to throw first will be determined by the rules in section III Match Procedures / Diddling.
4. The winner of the 1,001 will be the winner of the playoff match.

### Reporting Playoff Results

1. Within 24 hours all playoff results must be emailed by the winning captain to [info@qsd.com](mailto:info@qsd.com), or texted to the number designated by the league at the beginning of the playoff season.
2. For playoffs, **both** captains **must retain their copy of the scoresheet**.

3. Teams that win their division championship shall begin the subsequent year in the higher division provided they retain 4 out of 6 players (or 6 out of 8 players) from the previous year.