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The **Saint Charles Dart League** (SCDL) is steel-tip only, began in 1981 and is restricted by its [By-Laws](#) to the County of Saint Charles, Missouri.

The league was originally formed as an alternative to the [Mississippi Valley Darting Organization \(MVDO\)](#) which encompasses a wide geographic area including Saint Louis City & County and Southern Illinois. The SCDL currently averages 300 players per year sponsored by some 12 or so different [bars](#) in Saint Charles County. (These counts vary by season - see the [current statistics](#) for this season.)

The league was incorporated on November 1, 1999 as a Missouri Nonprofit Corporation as **St. Charles Dart League, Inc.** and the league joined the American Darts Organization (ADO) in January, 2001. The League was re-incorporated as **SCDL, Inc.** in April of 2002 when the original incorporation was inadvertently allowed to lapse. The League is in the process of re-establishing this latter incorporation after its lapse circa 2012.

The league's **mailing address** is:

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**Seasons:** the league year is divided into 3 sessions. Fall and Winter are 15 weeks long, plus playoffs; Summer is 10 - 12 weeks long, plus playoffs. Generally, Fall begins in **August**, Winter in **January**, and Summer in **May**. See the [calendar](#) for actual dates.

**Divisions:** the league is divided in to 6 classes: C (lowest), B3, B2, B1, A2 and A1 (highest). The SCDL uses no handicap system; players are [rated](#) based on past performance and teams are assigned to Divisions based on ability level. Beginner teams should sign up for **C or B3 Division**. Every effort is made to place a team in their preferred division, however this cannot be guaranteed as scheduling conflicts may require some shifts. A minimum of four teams are required to make up division. If more than eight teams (6 in Summer) sign up for a particular division, the teams are split by blind draw and/or geographically.

**Teams:** are 4 – 8 players and play on Tuesday and Thursday. **Doubles** are 2 – 4 players and play on Monday (**Open**) and Wednesday (**Mixed**). **Teams** player complement is “restricted” in that limitations are set based on division and player ratings. **Mixed** is "unrestricted" in that there are no ratings limits on who may play on a team. **Open** may be either “restricted” or “unrestricted”. **Mixed** may have up to four players, but the genders must always be mixed (1M/1F – 2M/2F) on the roster.

**Sponsors:** are limited to the confines of St. Charles County and may sign up as many teams on each league night as they have [sanctioned dartboards](#). Sponsors pay \$5.00/team/week for **Teams** and \$2.50/team/week for **Doubles**. This fee is due & payable prior to the start of the season.

**Membership Dues:** by joining a team a player becomes a member of SCDL. There are no ‘membership dues’ per se, rather, the league collects team fees each season. These are \$8.00/team/week for **Teams** and \$4.00/team/week for **Doubles**.

**Trophies and Awards:** all divisions receive trophies for each member of the first place team. Playoff winners, MVP's in each division (male and female in **Mixed**) and the winners of the Traveling Trophy Championship also receive individual trophies. Any player receives an award ([pin](#)) who scores:

- 180 points (3 triple 20's) or 171 points (3 triple 19's only) in one turn in any '01 game during the regular season or during playoffs

- Round of 9 (3 triples) in one turn in any cricket or Minnesota game during the regular season or during playoffs
- Deadeye (3 double bulls) in one turn in any game during the regular season or during playoffs

Sponsors receive a plaque for any team which wins their playoff. The Traveling Trophy is retained by the winning Sponsor for one season and the Sponsor then hosts the Traveling Trophy Championship tournament for that division the following season. Any Sponsor whose team wins the same Traveling Trophy three consecutive times is then awarded that trophy permanently and the league begins a new Traveling Trophy for that division.

**Players May be Added** to teams during the season at least 24 hours in advance of a match with the permission of a [Board of Directors](#) member. No players may be added in the **last three weeks** of the season (see [calendar](#) for exact dates).

**League Match Play** consists of five different games in "C" and "B" Team Leagues & Open Doubles, six in "A" Team Leagues, and four in Mixed Doubles. Four players play in each Team event, 2 in each Doubles event. These players are selected by the Team Captain from the team roster; other players on the roster are "on the bench" and may play in other games during the match (See [Rules Section 4](#) for exact description of each game). Formats are subject to change at the start of each season; current formats are:

**"A" Teams Divisions** 12 games worth 13 points:

Two sets of 3 different doubles games (6 points), a team game (1 point), four singles games (4 points), a team game (2 points).

**"B" and "C" Teams Divisions** 10 games worth 11 points:

Two sets of 2 different doubles games (4 points), a team game (1 point), four singles games (4 points), a team game (2 points).

**Open Doubles** 8 games worth 9 points:

Two singles games (2 points), three doubles games (3 points), two singles games (2 points), a doubles game (2 points).

**Mixed Doubles** 7 games worth 7 points:

Two singles games (2 points), three doubles games (3 points), two singles games (2 points).

**Playoffs** consist of the top 4 teams in each division. A minimum of 4 boards is required to host a playoff ([Rule 8\(c\)](#)) - portable boards are available if necessary - advance notice is required. Playoffs are conducted over two weeks. The first week is hosted by the first place team at their home bar; the second week is hosted by the higher seeded team. Playoff winners advance to the Traveling Trophy Championships. The **Traveling Trophy Championships** will be held on the Saturday following Playoffs at the bar that won the Trophy at the end of the previous season.

**Captain's Meetings** are **mandatory**. If the team captain cannot attend, another team member may attend in their place. A **2-point penalty** will be assessed to any team that is not represented. A **Preseason Captain's Meeting** and a **Midseason Captain's Meeting** will be held (see [calendar](#) for dates).