

## 1. Why Keep Your Shooters Happy?

All of us wish to achieve the same goal: Happy interested Dart Shooters. The happier your shooters are, the less likely they will be to considering moving their team to another venue.

The WDL has collected Feedback from our membership regarding certain environmental considerations every Sponsor deserves to know! Your Teams may actually be assessed penalties for direct violations of these basic minimal standards. The obvious bottom line here will be that teams with enough points and wins taken away from them will move on and find a better venue. As always the WDL has a surplus of Sponsors, not shooters. If the WDL receives too many complaints we will be forced to recommend that team moves its location to a new Venue if the situation does not improve.

All of us at the WDL feel that by taking these basic recommendations into consideration all our Sponsors can significantly mitigate the risk associated with losing a team to another venue. Beginning this season the WDL Board Certification Team will begin visiting each Sponsor and will certify your boards for league play. They will also make recommendations for any faults they find with the area.

## 2. Board & Shooting Area Minimal Acceptable Standards:

### THE DARTBOARD

The WDL requires a **standard bristle board** with twenty (20)-point clock face and dividing wires for all league matches, playoffs, and tournaments. The dartboard will be firmly anchored and *well lighted*. It will be positioned so that it is readily available to the players and without distractions to the thrower.

A **scoreboard** must be provided and located so that the players can read it. A **practice board** is not required.

The **measurements** for the board are as follows:

*Height* - 5'8" center of bull to the floor,

*Distance* - 7'9  $\frac{1}{4}$  " face of the board to throw line

*Diagonal* - 115  $\frac{3}{8}$ " center of bull to throw line

**Throw line** must be visibly marked.



## **Board Certification Basic Minimum Standards**

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### **3. Worn Unserviceable Boards:**

Over time even a well made board will wear out, here are signs of a worn out board.

- 1 Bulges on the common target areas.
- 2 Noticeable warping of the board.
- 3 Board is permanently mounted i.e. drywall screws through the board.
- 3 Wire frame is not anchored to the entire board properly.

Triples, Doubles and Bulls areas must not be overthrown to the point that a dart cannot hold its mark when thrown. Any one area of the board exhibiting this wear will cause it to be considered substandard for league play.

### **4. Lighting:**

Proper lighting on a dart board is a crucial but often overlooked need. If inadequate lighting is present this will cause a shadow effect when the first dart is thrown into the board. This shadow will cause the player to be distracted and often not hit their future targets properly.

1. Overhead track lighting with 3 bulbs work best
2. LED lighting is less expensive in the long haul and quite bright!
3. Wiring should not be exposed

Some of these solutions can be readily had at any home improvement stores electrical section.

### **5. Throw Lines:**

The throw line is another crucial element to league play. This must be an official marker, with the correct distance and placement. Official throw lines have reticle markers running along the width of the line. The WDL will supply you with one throw line for each board our team certifies. If your location cannot accommodate a standard adhesive based throw line we will recommend a rug based alternative to you.

### **6. Excessive Distractions and Safety:**

The WDL uses **Steel Tipped Darts** for all our matches. As such all certified play areas should be clear of any seating, tables or areas where a patron could possibly come into contact with a wild or in flight dart. Also all areas in use for league sanctioned play, matches or tournaments should be free of pool tables, video games, and doorways.

### **7. Basic Supplies:**

WDL Sponsors are responsible for supplying all forms of scorekeeping materials, this includes, Dry Erase Markers, Erasers, or Chalk if you use Chalk Boards to keep score. We recommend you purchase and hang a Dart Out Chart nearby the dart board, this can be helpful for shooters looking for an Out during 601, and Singles play.

If a match does not start on time due to missing Scorekeeping supplies your team may lose points due to penalty.

### **8. Once Certified:**

Our Certification team will Measure your boards, place your Throw Lines, and make suggestions on basic fixes to improve your areas for play. After your board is certified any changes to the area will require a re-certification. Contact the WDL should you require this service. Thank you for your continued Sponsorship and we hope your Seasons go smoothly!

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