

## Standardized Rules for Statewide Challenge Cups

1) All cups must consist of 4-person teams; Mixed Cups - 2 male/2 female; Women's Cup - All female; All others - Any gender combination.

The 3-Game Rule is in effect for ALL Sanctioned Challenge Cups EXCEPT for The Unlimited, Players and Limited Cups.

2) Rosters must be submitted to Cup Coordinator no less than one week (7 days) prior to scheduled match. All Cup Challenges must be scheduled for the weekends only; Saturdays at 2pm and Sundays at 1pm, unless prior arrangements are made through the coordinator.

3) Player's ratings will be established in conjunction with the most recently published Medalist Player Rating Booklet. Matches scheduled prior to publication of rating book will be played using previous book's player ratings. When applicable, Medalist re-rated players will be required to play under new rating.

4) Challenge Cup players must have a permanent rating; minimum number of played rounds is required from the previous Medalist league season; however, by week four, players must have 32 games minimum accrued in the current season, and must have 32 recorded games for that house, by week four of the current dart league season. This rule does not apply to "outside shots" playing on the participating teams; these players are simply required to have 32 games recorded through Medalist, by week four of the current dart season.

Summer league does not affect player eligibility if not played. When played, summer league rating changes apply. NOTE: league season begins after first week of play and ends after state finals.

5) Team members that have represented a location, win or lose, for any Cup Challenge may not represent a different location for that same cup within a 2 month period or 2 matches, whichever is greater.

6) It is each team's responsibility to ensure four LEGAL players are present at the time of the match. A legal player is defined as a permanent and active Medalist-rated player, and must be rostered at the sponsoring location during the current or previous Medalist league season. League season begins after first week of play and ends after State Finals. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture.

If 3/4 of either team is present for a match, the sponsoring location is not liable for forfeiture fees; match will proceed in compliance with Medalist's NRP and Dummy Score rules. It is the responsibility of each team and each team's captain to ensure four legal players are present at the time of the match. There will be a 1/2 hour allowance for a replacement player to be present. If, after 30 minutes, a replacement player is not present, match WILL begin.

7) The frequency of defense for any given cup may vary depending upon the number of future challengers signed up to play; ie: twice per month if 10 or more teams are on the list.

8) Coaching will only be allowed by fellow team members when player is within four feet from the throwline. 1st & 2nd offense = warning, 3rd offense = loss of game, 4th offense = warning, 5th offense = loss of match.

9) Cancellation or postponement requests must be called in to the Cup Coordinator or the opposing team captain a minimum of 72 hours prior to scheduled match. Cancellations or postponements will not be accepted during the 72 hours leading up to the event and will be considered a forfeit; see rule #11.

10) In the event of a protested or a contested match, all monies will be held until a ruling can be made by Challenge Cup Committee, not to exceed eight days. Monies will be awarded at said Committee meeting.

11) In the event of a forfeiture, the sponsoring location will be responsible for the Sponsor Fees and Coordinator Fees. The forfeiting location will be removed from all future challenges and disallowed to place challenges for any cups, until which time these fees are paid in full. Player(s) representing a team that has forfeited a match for any previous Cup Challenge may not participate in cup play for any location until that player's fees are paid in full.

Players reported for unsportsmanlike conduct will receive the following penalties: 1st offense; a written warning from the Cup Committee regarding said behavior. 2nd offense will result in immediate removal of the player from all Challenge Cups for a minimum of one year. Verbal or Physical abuse of coordinators or players will result in immediate removal of the offending player from all Challenge Cups for a minimum of one year.

12) All changes, deviations, questions or concerns regarding above rules must be brought before the Challenge Cup Committee for approval.

All rule modifications and changes are agreed upon through unanimous decision by all board members present.