

Blue Grass Darting Association



Personal Conduct Policy/Guidelines

Personal and Team Conduct policy Good sportsmanship shall be the prevailing attitude during all league events.

BGDA Probation, Suspension and Expulsion

Perspective—Categorically, and without restriction, the BGDA reserves the right to suspend or expel any member or officer who willfully creates disharmony, behaves in a manner prejudicial to good order and discipline or who, by their actions, tarnish the image of the sport of darts. These type of infractions may be done in person or via text, phone call, social media, etc.... In short, no person, player, official, sponsor or spectator needs to tolerate harassment,

belligerency, defamation or poor sportsmanship from any BGDA member.

Procedure on Sportsmanship and Conduct Issues

A. All complaints will be sent to a BGDA official (Board Member, Officer, League Rep) via text, email, written letter, or phone call. (If done by phone call/then a detailed email will be required as soon as possible promptly describing the incident for all board members).

B. Depending on the severity of the issue, the President will call an emergency meeting to discuss the matter. Information will be gathered from all involved parties/witnesses prior to the meeting and will be available at the meeting. All votes require a majority vote by the board to pass.

C. A decision and vote will be made to determine what punishment, if any, is warranted. A certified letter will be sent to the individual or team captain (if an entire team has been punished, or there is no address for the offending player). In addition, the President or Vice President will call the punished to inform them of the board decision.

D. The Board's decision in such a matter may be appealed by the member concerned to the Board. Such appeals must be in writing and received by the President, via certified mail or hand delivered to the President, no later than 14 days after the Board's ruling. When delivering the appeal in person, the appeal shall have a space provided for the signatures of the President and the accused. The Secretary shall notify the Board members within 10 days of receipt of the appeal (via whatever means possible) and forward copies of the complete correspondence to each Board member for their consideration prior to meeting on the final action.

E. The Board will be instructed to vote pro or con after consideration within 10 days of receipt of the appeal. Their decision is final and binding on the BGDA.

F. The President will formally notify the accused of the decision reached by the Board.

G. Points—If the accused receives disciplinary intervention as a result of an infraction which occurred during play, the Board may opt to negate those points earned for those games in which the accused participated.

Penalties

Section 1: Playing on more than one (1) team during a season may carry an automatic suspension from all league play for the remainder of the season, or if detected during the last half of the season, for the following season. Second and subsequent violations of this rule will carry automatic suspension from all league sponsored activities for a period of 12 months for each violation. (Exceptions to this rule can be found in Article III, Section 2 of the Rules of Play.)

Section 2: Teams forfeiting because of an infraction lose all points for that night to the opposing team.

Section 3: Members of a team forfeiting a match during the final two (2) weeks of a season are suspended from play for the following season. However, any members of forfeiting team that are present at the official forfeit time of the match may have the opposing captain sign a scoresheet bearing their names to prove their presence and possibly avoid suspension.

Section 4: Physical violence is subject to immediate suspension from all league sponsored activities for a period of one year, whether provoked or not, except in the case of self-defense. Repeat offenses will result in permanent suspension from all league activities.

Section 5: Provocation, if proved to the satisfaction of the Board, will be subject to suspension from league play for at least one (1) season whether or not violence ensues. Maximum suspension is 12 months per occurrence.

Section 6: If a team knowingly plays an illegal player (someone impersonating a legal player, someone not officially/legally on their roster, or a player who is not a member in good standing of the BGDA) then all players of that team who are present shall be subject to automatic suspension from the time of infraction for a period of 12 months and they shall forfeit that match's points to the opposing team.

Section 7: A team found with underage members (20 years or younger) will be suspended from all League play and League functions for the remainder of the current season and for the following season.

Section 8: If a Member on a Team is currently banned/barred from a BGDA League Venue for any reason, then that person may NOT play in BGDA League Matches at the venue they are banned/barred from. It is the responsibility of Captains, Co-Captains and team members to know this information and prepare for their League Seasons accordingly. BGDA supports our League Venues in this capacity and will honor the Venues' policies.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to levy penalties against any member or team found to be in violation of any of the rules to protect the BGDA and the image of the sport of darts. BGDA Board is comprised of volunteers who are acting in good faith when decisions are made concerning penalties against its members. As a volunteer, Non-profit Organization, the BGDA hereby states that no BGDA Board Member or current Divisional Player Representative may be sued or held liable by any other BGDA member due to decisions/suspensions that are made by the BGDA Board as it relates to BGDA's rules and regulations. If you do not agree with this policy, you should NOT be a member of this Association.

Gambling is neither sanctioned nor authorized at league sponsored events.