

STRIKE FORCE DARTS VEGAS CHALLENGE

Official League Rules & Governance Season 2026-2027

**18 regular-season weeks | \$25 per player per week
\$1,500 Singles Championship | \$3,000 Doubles Championship**

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PLAYER-FRIENDLY: WHAT YOUR \$25 BUYS

The Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge is an 18-week, skill-flighted darts league designed to give players at multiple ability levels a realistic opportunity to compete for meaningful cash prizes.

League dues are not simply a contribution to a prize pot. They support the complete Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge program, including league administration, standings, scheduling, postseason competition, prize obligations, payment-processing expenses, and related league operations.

Regular-season dues are \$25 per player per week.

- An 18-week organized regular season.
- Skill-based flights intended to create reasonably competitive matchups.
- Official scheduling, standings, league administration, and score tracking.
- An opportunity to qualify for the postseason Championship Playoffs.
- FREE Championship Playoffs with no additional weekly dues.
- Singles Championship prizes of \$1,500 cash.
- Doubles Championship prizes of \$3,000 per winning team - \$1,500 per player.
- Eligible full-season participants may enter the 1-Day Second Chance Tournament with no additional entry fee, subject to minimum participation requirements.
- Singles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament prize: \$750 cash.
- Doubles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament prize: \$1,500 per winning team - \$750 per player.
- Championship and Second Chance prizes are cash awards and are not conditioned upon traveling to Las Vegas.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

League dues are not a prize pool and are not held in escrow. League dues support prizes, administration, technology, payment processing, postseason competition, communications, record keeping, and other related program expenses. After payment of stated prizes and program expenses, remaining funds are retained by Strike Force Darts as business revenue.

1. PURPOSE & ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

These Official Rules establish the eligibility requirements, league structure, competition rules, financial obligations, prize structure, integrity standards, postseason procedures, refund rules, protest procedures, and administrative policies governing the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge.

Registration for, payment toward, or participation in the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge constitutes acceptance of these Official Rules.

Participants agree to comply with the rules, deadlines, scheduling procedures, payment requirements, integrity standards, and official decisions established under these Rules.

The Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge is independently administered by Strike Force Darts.

References to the American Darters Association ("ADA"), ADA ratings, ADA membership, ADA events, or ADA Nationals are used for eligibility, classification, competition, or identification purposes.

Such references do not state or imply that the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge is sponsored, guaranteed, operated, or administered by the ADA unless expressly stated otherwise.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To participate, a player must:

- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age at registration;
- Be a resident of the United States;
- Maintain a current ADA membership;
- Complete registration through an approved Strike Force Darts method;
- Pay required league dues;
- Meet applicable equipment, platform, camera, internet, and technology requirements;
- Provide accurate registration and rating information; and
- Remain in good standing.

Strike Force Darts owners, representatives, administrators, Division Representatives, and family members may participate provided they otherwise satisfy these Official Rules.

A player may win no more than one Singles Championship and one Doubles Championship during the same Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge season.

3. LEAGUE STRUCTURE, QUALIFYING FLIGHTS & TIMELINE

Each Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge league consists of:

- Weeks 1-18: Regular Season
- Weeks 19-20: Championship Playoffs
- Week 21: 1-Day Second Chance Tournament

Required Starting Size

Each flight must officially begin with exactly ten (10) Singles players or ten (10) Doubles teams. Ten is both the minimum and maximum starting size.

Registration is accepted without payment. Once enough approved, eligible players or complete teams are available within the correct division, platform, and flight, SFD reserves the group and sends payment invitations. Each player has 48 hours from the sent invitation to pay the opening dues covering Weeks 1 and 2; an unpaid active reservation receives one reminder after 24 hours. The league starts only when the full required roster is paid. Both Doubles partners must qualify. If one partner pays and the other misses the deadline, the team is held for administrator review by Hope. SFD reconciles pending payments before releasing unpaid places to eligible waitlisted replacements. Hope enters the prepared league and player information into ADA RepSignin.

Each Doubles partner must provide a separate personal email address so each player has an individual registration and payment record. A checkout started before the payment deadline may receive up to thirty minutes to finish; no new checkout may start after that deadline. SFD verifies the payment outcome before releasing a place.

Compatible, approved players or complete teams already signed up receive first consideration for unfilled places. If the group remains incomplete fourteen days after its first confirmed payment invitation, Hope reviews the available options, including waiting or an approved transfer. Replacement invitations do not restart this fourteen-day period, but each replacement keeps the full forty-eight-hour payment window. No incomplete roster starts. A formation review does not create a refund entitlement; Section 16 governs management-approved exceptions.

Definition of a Qualifying Flight

For purposes of these Official Rules, a Qualifying Flight is a flight that:

- 1 Officially begins with exactly ten (10) registered Singles players or ten (10) registered Doubles teams; and
- 2 Completes the full eighteen (18) week regular season with no fewer than eight (8) Singles players or Doubles teams successfully completing the season.

Championship prize guarantees apply only to a Qualifying Flight unless expressly stated otherwise.

Minimum Active Participation

A flight must finish the 18-week regular season with at least eight (8) Singles players or eight (8) Doubles teams to retain Qualifying Flight status.

If participation falls below eight, SFD may attempt to restore, reorganize, combine, or otherwise reasonably resolve the flight. If the flight cannot continue as a Qualifying Flight, SFD may cancel the remaining competition. Any refund exception is governed by Section 16.

Registration Deadline and Season Completion

Registration closes April 11, 2027, exactly eighteen (18) weeks before August 15, 2027. All eighteen regular-season weeks must be completed by August 15, 2027 at noon Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Central. Semifinals and finals may take place afterward. SFD establishes each flight's schedule so its full regular season meets that deadline, subject to circumstances beyond SFD's reasonable control.

Flights

- Gold Flight: 4.0 MPR and above
- Silver Flight: 3.25-3.99 MPR
- Bronze Flight: 2.50-3.24 MPR
- Tungsten Flight: 1.75-2.49 MPR
- Brass Flight: Under 1.75 MPR

Separate Singles and Doubles competition may be offered.

Flight That Does Not Form

If a flight does not obtain ten participants or teams, an affected participant may elect to move up one flight if space is available and SFD approves the placement. Moving up is optional. If no suitable position is available or the participant declines, management reviews the available options. There is no automatic refund; Section 16 governs any exception.

4. PLAYER RATINGS & CLASSIFICATION

Initial player classification will be determined using the following order:

- 1 Official ADA MPR rating;
- 2 Most recent certified league average; or
- 3 Most recent thirty (30) recorded GranBoard games.

SFD may review and verify rating information.

Reclassification Window

A good-faith performance-based reclassification should ordinarily occur no later than the completion of Week 5.

After Week 5, a player who was properly classified at the start of the season will ordinarily remain in the same flight even if the player legitimately improves.

After Week 5, SFD may still reclassify, suspend, remove, or discipline a player when credible evidence exists of:

- Intentional sandbagging;
- Rating manipulation;
- False rating information;
- Cheating;
- Fraud;
- Material misrepresentation;
- Concealment of relevant competitive history; or
- A materially incorrect initial classification caused by information unavailable to SFD at registration.

A player shall not be penalized simply for legitimate improvement.

Sustained Performance Standard

One exceptional match, one unusually strong performance, or a short hot streak is not sufficient by itself to require reclassification.

A classification review should normally consider at least the player's five (5) most recently completed Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge matches, together with available ADA rating information, certified league averages, GranBoard statistics, historical performance, recent tournament or league results, and other verified competitive information reasonably available to SFD.

SFD will consider the totality of the available evidence.

Reclassification Procedure

Before a non-emergency reclassification, SFD will notify the player and provide the basis for the review. The player will have a reasonable opportunity to provide relevant information.

If a player is reclassified during Weeks 1-5, SFD will provide written notice explaining:

- The reason for the decision;
- The supporting rating or performance information;
- The player's new flight;
- Treatment of completed matches;
- Treatment of standings;
- Treatment of the remaining schedule;
- Postseason eligibility; and
- Prize eligibility.

SFD will not arbitrarily transfer wins or losses between flights where doing so would create an unfair advantage. If no competitively fair placement can reasonably be made, SFD will determine an appropriate remedy consistent with competitive fairness and these Official Rules.

Previously completed results remain official unless SFD determines that cheating, sandbagging, manipulation, fraud, falsification, or material misrepresentation occurred.

5. ANTI-CHEATING, SANDBAGGING & FAIR PLAY

Strike Force Darts maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward intentional cheating and manipulation.

Prohibited conduct includes:

- Intentional sandbagging;
- Score manipulation;
- Match fixing;
- Hardware manipulation;
- Rating manipulation;
- Falsification of competitive history;
- False reporting;
- Fraud;
- Harassment intended to interfere with competition; and
- Any other conduct designed to obtain an unfair competitive advantage.

Match Recording and Cheating Complaints

Players are encouraged to screen-record their matches or save downloadable match video when their equipment or platform supports it. Let the other participants know before recording. Keep the original, unedited recording, with enough match context to show the players, board and disputed action clearly. Do not assume the scoring app automatically records or stores match video.

A player submitting a cheating allegation must provide supporting video evidence for management review. Send the original video or a private viewing link to strikeforcedarts@gmail.com, identifying the league, players, match date and relevant timestamps. A score sheet, screenshot, unusual statistic or suspicion alone does not establish cheating. Report concerns privately; do not publicly accuse another player. Management reviews the evidence before determining whether cheating occurred. This video requirement applies to cheating allegations, not ordinary score-correction or technical-support requests.

SFD may review match footage, platform data, scoring records, historical performance, ratings, screenshots, video, communications, and other relevant evidence.

Possible penalties include:

- Warning;
- Point deduction;
- Match forfeiture;
- Standings correction;
- Reclassification;
- Suspension;
- Removal;
- Loss of postseason eligibility;
- Loss of 1-Day Second Chance Tournament eligibility;
- Prize disqualification or forfeiture; and
- Suspension from future Strike Force Darts events.

Penalties will be based upon the seriousness of the violation and available evidence.

6. EQUIPMENT, PLATFORM & CAMERA REQUIREMENTS

Soft-Tip

Soft-tip divisions are played on the GranBoard platform using the standardized 15-inch target configuration. Matches will use the GranPlayer application and scores must be captured using 100% stats.

Steel-Tip

Steel-tip competition uses traditional bristle dartboards and DartConnect as designated by SFD. Every steel-tip player must maintain their own active paid DartConnect Premium membership, including each Doubles partner. Players pay their memberships separately; membership is not included in SFD league dues.

Camera & Visibility

Adequate lighting is required. During remote competition, the dartboard must be visible and the throwing player must remain sufficiently visible while throwing.

Participants are responsible for equipment, internet connection, camera capability, required software, hardware compatibility, and maintaining reliable technology.

7. MATCH PLAY & SCORING

Players shall cork or diddle to determine who begins each game.

Darts may not be manually pushed into a scoring segment.

For soft-tip play, a dart electronically registered by the board counts according to the applicable board and platform rules.

For steel-tip play, the dart must remain in the dartboard to score.

Participants must follow the applicable approved SFD score sheet and match format.

8. TECHNICAL FAILURES & DISCONNECTIONS

Games completed before a technical interruption remain official.

The game in progress at the time of the interruption will normally be restarted from the beginning of that game. The match then resumes from that point.

Persistent technical problems must be reported to an SFD Division Representative or SFD Administration.

SFD may review platform records, video, screenshots, scores, communications, and other relevant evidence. SFD may order a different remedy if completed results cannot be reliably verified or if manipulation is suspected.

9. WEEKLY MATCH WINDOW & SCHEDULING

The weekly match period runs from Sunday at noon Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Central through the following Sunday at noon Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Central.

Players are responsible for communicating with opponents and arranging their matches.

Matches may be played up to two weeks in advance.

If a match remains incomplete, players must contact their assigned Division Representative no later than Saturday at 12:00 PM noon.

If the match remains incomplete by Sunday at noon Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Central, SFD may award a forfeiture after reviewing documented communications and surrounding circumstances.

10. SCORE REPORTING

The designated home player or team is responsible for entering the official score into the ADA Darter system.

Before submission, the home player or team must take a screenshot or photograph of the entered score and provide it to the visiting player or team for verification.

Scores must be entered within twelve (12) hours after match completion.

Failure to report within twelve hours may result in a one-point deduction. Failure to report within twenty-four hours may result in a five-point deduction.

SFD may consider documented exceptional circumstances before imposing a penalty.

11. MATCH FORMATS

Singles

Regular-season Singles matches consist of exactly eleven (11) games. Each game won equals one standings win. Championship playoff matches use Section 22.

Upper Flights

The Upper Flights are Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Upper Flights use 501 Open In / Double Out / Split Bull and Cricket.

Lower Flights

The Lower Flights are Tungsten and Brass. Lower Flights use 501 Open In / Open Out / Full Bull and Cricket.

Doubles

Regular-season Doubles matches consist of eleven (11) games. Both partners play every game. Players remain in their assigned positions unless an approved permanent replacement is authorized. Championship playoff matches use Section 22.

12. DOUBLES PLAYER REPLACEMENTS

A Doubles replacement is not automatic.

If a player withdraws, becomes ineligible, is suspended, or otherwise becomes unable to continue, Hope Masterson may determine whether a replacement is appropriate, except where a conflict of interest exists.

Any approved replacement must be rated equal to or lower than the player being replaced.

Replacement eligibility will use the same rating hierarchy used for initial classification. The decision will be based upon documented rating information, competitive fairness, flight integrity, and available evidence.

SFD may reject a proposed replacement that would create an unfair competitive advantage.

Affected participants may request information concerning the rating basis used for the decision, subject to reasonable privacy protections.

Week 9 Second Chance Deadline

An approved Doubles replacement must enter the team no later than the end of Week 9 to remain eligible for the Doubles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament.

The replacement must then complete all remaining required regular-season matches and remain in good standing. A replacement entering after Week 9 may complete the regular season if approved but will not be

eligible for the Doubles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST & INDEPENDENT DECISION-MAKING

No Strike Force Darts owner, administrator, Division Representative, or other decision-maker may make the final determination of a protest, disciplinary matter, classification dispute, replacement request, eligibility dispute, prize dispute, or other material competitive ruling when that person or an immediate family member has a direct competitive interest in the outcome.

When a conflict exists, the matter shall be referred to a neutral alternate decision-maker.

When Hope Masterson or another SFD administrator has such a conflict, the matter shall be referred to Karl Remick or another qualified and reasonably neutral ADA official who is willing and authorized to review the matter.

If Karl Remick is unavailable and no appropriate ADA official is reasonably available, SFD may appoint another neutral person with sufficient darts-league knowledge and no direct competitive interest in the matter.

The identity of the alternate decision-maker will be communicated to affected participants.

14. LEAGUE DUES & PAYMENT

League dues are \$25 per player per regular-season week.

Dues are \$25 per player per week. The first payment covers Weeks 1 and 2 for each player. An optional 15% full-season savings offer appears at the first checkout, with the complete payment amount shown before the player chooses. The offer is available only before paying Weeks 1 and 2. Once that opening payment is made, the discount ends; all remaining weeks cost \$25 per player, even when paid together.

- Singles: \$25 per player per week
- Doubles: \$25 per player per week

No weekly dues are owed for official bye weeks or official Championship Playoff weeks.

PLAYOFFS ARE FREE

Players and teams qualifying for Weeks 19 and 20 do not pay additional weekly league dues for those playoff weeks.

League dues support Championship prizes, Second Chance prizes, administration, scheduling, standings, technology, payment processing, postseason operations, communications, record keeping, and other related program costs.

League dues are not represented as escrowed funds. League dues are not a prize pool. After payment of stated prizes and program expenses, remaining funds are retained by Strike Force Darts as business revenue.

Delinquent Payments

A participant may not become more than one week delinquent. A player exceeding the permitted delinquency may be suspended from match play until the account is brought current unless an authorized SFD representative approves an alternative arrangement.

15. BYES, DROPOUTS & WITHDRAWALS

When a participant or team leaves the league, that schedule position becomes a bye unless an approved Doubles replacement is authorized.

Completed results remain official unless altered because of cheating, score error, fraud, material misrepresentation, or another authorized ruling.

No dues are owed for a bye week.

Prepaid amounts for a future bye or unplayed week do not automatically become refundable. Any exception requires management review under Section 16.

16. NO REFUNDS; MANAGEMENT EXCEPTIONS

All league payments are non-refundable. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances require agreement from both Hope Masterson and Jerry Joseph after reviewing the individual case. Only Hope Masterson or Jerry Joseph may issue an approved refund. Management has final say on these exception requests. No refund is automatic.

This policy applies to all Strike Force Darts leagues, including prepaid or discounted season payments. Requests should be sent to strikeforcedarts@gmail.com. Record management's decision and any approved adjustment alongside the original payment record; do not erase payment history.

17. UNAUTHORIZED WITHDRAWAL

A participant who voluntarily abandons or withdraws without prior written approval or an approved hardship:

- Forfeits dues attributable to weeks already played or properly due;
- Loses eligibility for the 1-Day Second Chance Tournament; and
- Is suspended from Strike Force Darts leagues, tournaments, contests, and related competitive events for six (6) months.

Prepaid dues for future unplayed weeks remain subject to the no-refund policy and management exception process in Section 16.

The six-month suspension begins on the date SFD determines and communicates that the withdrawal was unauthorized.

18. PRIOR APPROVAL & APPROVED HARDSHIP

For purposes of these Rules, prior approval means written approval from SFD Administration or the participant's authorized Division Representative before the participant abandons competition.

Written approval may include official email, documented electronic message, or another written communication that can reasonably be preserved and verified.

Verbal permission alone should not be relied upon as proof of authorization.

Approved Hardship

SFD may approve a withdrawal because of serious illness, significant injury, significant family emergency, military obligation, death in the immediate family, or another substantial hardship.

An approved hardship withdrawal does not result in the six-month suspension. The participant remains ineligible for the 1-Day Second Chance Tournament because the full season was not completed.

Dues attributable to completed or properly due weeks remain payable. Advance payments for future unplayed weeks are subject to Section 16; no automatic refund is promised.

19. REGISTRATION CANCELLATION

Cancellation before a league starts does not create an automatic refund entitlement. A participant may submit an extenuating-circumstances request to management under Section 16. The former seven-day cancellation refund provision no longer applies.

20. TRANSFERS PROHIBITED

A Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge registration or participation position may not be sold, assigned, gifted, traded, or transferred to another person.

This includes Singles positions, Doubles team positions, playoff positions, Second Chance positions, and other league participation rights.

An approved Doubles replacement under Section 12 is not considered a transfer.

21. ACCURACY OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participants are responsible for providing complete and accurate information, including where applicable legal name, age, mailing address, contact information, ADA membership information, ADA rating, certified league averages, GranBoard performance data, competitive history, and other information reasonably necessary for eligibility, classification, or payment.

Participants may not intentionally conceal, omit, alter, or falsify material information.

A material false statement, fraudulent rating submission, intentional omission, or deliberate concealment may result in reclassification, forfeiture, suspension, removal, loss of postseason eligibility, prize disqualification, or other appropriate discipline.

22. PLAYOFFS & TIEBREAKERS

The top four players or teams in each Qualifying Flight advance to the Championship Playoffs.

- Seed 1 vs. Seed 4
- Seed 2 vs. Seed 3

Each semifinal is one match, best of 21 games (race to 11 wins). Winners advance to one Championship Final, also best of 21 (race to 11); the final winner is league champion. Main playoffs are single elimination, one round per week. Use the approved playoff score sheet and stop at 11 wins.

PLAYOFFS ARE FREE

There are no additional weekly league dues for Weeks 19 and 20.

Tiebreakers

Standings are determined by individual games won. If participants are tied for a playoff position or seed:

- First tiebreaker: most 180s in split-bull flights or most hat tricks in full-bull flights. For Doubles, combine the current partners' applicable totals.
- Final tiebreaker: if still tied, use a live coin flip.

The live coin flip determines the remaining tied playoff position or seed.

23. SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES

The Champion of each Qualifying Singles Flight receives \$1,500 cash.

The prize is intended to assist with Las Vegas-related expenses but is a cash award and is not conditioned upon traveling to Las Vegas. A Champion who does not travel remains entitled to the prize.

No separate ADA event-entry reimbursement is included unless separately announced in writing.

A participant may win no more than one Singles Championship during the season.

Singles Championship Prize Guarantee

Once a flight begins with ten registered Singles players, the advertised \$1,500 Singles Championship prize remains guaranteed provided the flight remains a Qualifying Flight under Section 3.

The advertised Championship prize will not be reduced because of ordinary business expenses or league profitability.

The guarantee remains subject to express provisions involving cancellation, force majeure, cheating, fraud, material misrepresentation, participant ineligibility, legal compliance, and other material violations of these Official Rules.

24. DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES

The Champion of each Qualifying Doubles Flight receives \$3,000 cash per winning team. Each winning team member receives \$1,500 cash.

The prize is not conditioned upon traveling to Las Vegas.

A participant may win no more than one Doubles Championship. A participant who wins a Singles Championship may also win a Doubles Championship and receive both prizes.

Doubles Championship Prize Guarantee

Once a flight begins with ten registered Doubles teams, the advertised \$3,000 Doubles Championship prize remains guaranteed provided the flight remains a Qualifying Flight under Section 3.

The same express exceptions described in the Singles Championship Prize Guarantee apply.

25. 1-DAY SECOND CHANCE TOURNAMENT

Eligible participants who complete the full 18-week regular season in good standing may participate in the applicable Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge 1-Day Second Chance Tournament.

There is no additional tournament entry fee for eligible participants.

The tournament is conducted as a single-day postseason event during Week 21. It is not an additional multi-week league.

Singles Minimum Participation

A Singles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament requires at least nine (9) eligible Singles players who have completed the full 18-week regular season in good standing.

Doubles Minimum Participation

A Doubles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament requires at least nine (9) eligible Doubles teams that satisfy the applicable season-completion and replacement requirements.

Second Chance Prize Guarantee

The advertised Second Chance prize is guaranteed only when the applicable minimum participation requirement is met. If the minimum is not met, SFD is not required to conduct that Second Chance event as a qualifying prize tournament.

Postseason Schedule

- Weeks 1-18: Regular Season
- Weeks 19-20: FREE Championship Playoffs
- Week 21: 1-Day Second Chance Tournament

The Week 21 Second Chance tournament takes place on Sunday at noon Eastern / 11:00 a.m. Central. The exact calendar date will be announced when that flight's schedule is established at the beginning of the season.

26. SECOND CHANCE CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

A Championship winner is not eligible for the 1-Day Second Chance Tournament in the same format in which that player won the Championship.

- A Singles Champion may not enter the Singles Second Chance Tournament.
- A Doubles Champion may not enter the Doubles Second Chance Tournament.
- A Singles Champion who did not win Doubles may remain eligible for the Doubles Second Chance Tournament if all other requirements are satisfied.
- A Doubles Champion who did not win Singles may remain eligible for the Singles Second Chance Tournament if all other requirements are satisfied.

Singles participants compete individually. Eligible Doubles teams compete as their established team. Doubles partners are not randomly reassigned.

27. SECOND CHANCE PRIZES

Singles

The winner of each qualifying Singles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament receives \$750 cash.

Doubles

The winning team in each qualifying Doubles 1-Day Second Chance Tournament receives \$1,500 cash total. Each team member receives \$750 cash.

Second Chance prizes are cash awards and are not conditioned upon traveling to Las Vegas.

28. GOOD STANDING

For purposes of the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge, a participant is considered in good standing when the participant:

- Is current on required league dues;
- Has completed all required regular-season games;
- Maintains a current ADA membership;
- Has satisfied applicable score-reporting responsibilities;
- Is not serving an active SFD suspension;

- Has complied with scheduling and communication requirements;
- Has no unresolved disciplinary sanction making the participant ineligible;
- Has complied with SFD anti-cheating rules;
- Has complied with sportsmanship requirements;
- Has complied with equipment and camera requirements; and
- Otherwise remains eligible under these Official Rules.

The following do not by themselves cause loss of good-standing status:

- Official bye;
- Opponent dropout;
- Opponent forfeiture;
- Approved reschedule;
- Properly played-ahead match; or
- Another circumstance outside the participant's reasonable control that SFD recognizes as excused.

SFD will not revoke good-standing status arbitrarily. If loss of good-standing status affects postseason or prize eligibility, SFD will communicate the reason to the affected participant. The participant retains the protest and appeal rights established under these Rules.

29. PRIZE PAYMENT TIMING

All Championship and 1-Day Second Chance Tournament prize payments will be processed together after completion of the applicable flight's Week 21 Second Chance Tournament.

Prize payments will be entered into the Strike Force Darts banking/payment system within seven (7) calendar days following completion of the applicable Week 21 event.

Payments issued by paper check will be mailed through the United States Postal Service.

Participants should allow up to fourteen (14) calendar days for delivery after the payment has been processed and mailed.

SFD is not responsible for postal delays, incorrect mailing addresses provided by recipients, returned mail, or delivery delays outside SFD's reasonable control.

If a check is returned as undeliverable, SFD will make reasonable efforts to obtain a corrected mailing address.

SFD may require legally necessary tax or identity information before payment.

30. PRIZES MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED

A Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge prize is payable only to the eligible participant or team member who legitimately earns the prize.

Before payment, a prize may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged, or redirected to another person.

SFD may require reasonable identity verification before issuing payment.

31. CANCELLATION & FAILURE TO FORM

If a flight does not form, participants may request an appropriate, approved transfer. Refunds are not automatic; only management may approve an exception for extenuating circumstances under Section 16.

If SFD permanently cancels an active league, management reviews the circumstances and available options. Any refund exception is governed by Section 16.

Completed competition results remain official where practicable.

32. ADA NATIONALS CANCELLATION, RELOCATION OR CHANGE

The Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge is an independent Strike Force Darts competition.

Cancellation, postponement, relocation, restructuring, or modification of ADA Nationals does not automatically cancel the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge.

Properly earned Championship and Second Chance cash prizes remain payable under these Official Rules.

33. PROTESTS

A participant wishing to challenge an official score, forfeiture, classification decision, disciplinary ruling, eligibility decision, replacement decision, or other material league ruling must submit a protest within forty-eight (48) hours after the disputed decision or result is posted or communicated.

Prompt Notification Is Essential

The 48-hour period is the maximum deadline.

Players should notify SFD as soon as reasonably possible when an issue could affect scheduling, standings, playoffs, another participant's match, eligibility, or continued league operations.

Participants should not intentionally delay notification when earlier notice could allow SFD to resolve the issue and keep the league running smoothly.

A protest should include the challenged decision, the reason for the protest, and available supporting evidence such as screenshots, video, scores, platform information, messages, emails, and other records. Cheating allegations must include supporting video evidence as required by the Match Recording and Cheating Complaints rule.

SFD may review a matter after the deadline when necessary to address suspected cheating, fraud, scoring error, or another issue materially affecting competitive integrity.

34. APPEALS

A participant may request one administrative appeal of an initial SFD ruling.

The appeal should explain why the initial decision is believed to be incorrect and should include relevant information not previously considered.

If a conflict of interest exists, the independent decision-maker provisions apply.

After the permitted appeal has been decided, the administrative determination is final for purposes of league operation, subject to applicable law.

35. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

The two primary official communication sources for the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge are:

- Strike Force Darts ADA-GranBoard League Facebook Group
- StrikeForceDarts.com

Participants are responsible for reasonably monitoring these sources for schedules, announcements, rule updates, standings, postseason information, deadlines, Second Chance dates, league notices, and other general competition communications.

Participant-specific matters may also be communicated by email, Facebook Messenger, or another documented communication method used by SFD. Participant-specific matters may include protests, discipline, payment issues, classification, eligibility, withdrawals, and replacement decisions.

36. RULE INTERPRETATION & MIDSEASON CHANGES

SFD may interpret, clarify, or supplement these Official Rules when reasonably necessary to address unforeseen circumstances, ambiguity, technology changes, platform changes, safety, competitive integrity, fraud, legal requirements, or operational problems.

However, once a flight officially begins, SFD will not materially change the flight's weekly league dues, advertised Championship prize, advertised Second Chance prize once the minimum qualification requirement has been satisfied, basic playoff structure, or other material financial or competitive terms except where reasonably required because of law, platform failure, fraud, cheating, player safety, force majeure, or another circumstance making continued enforcement impossible or materially unfair.

Material changes will be communicated to affected participants.

37. FORCE MAJEURE

SFD may reasonably modify, postpone, suspend, or cancel affected competition when circumstances outside its reasonable control make normal operation impossible, impractical, unsafe, unlawful, or materially unfair.

SFD will make reasonable efforts to preserve completed results and legitimately earned prizes whenever practicable.

Any refund exception following permanent cancellation requires management approval under Section 16.

38. TAXES

All federal, state, and local tax obligations associated with prizes are the sole responsibility of the recipient.

SFD may require information reasonably necessary for tax reporting or legal compliance.

SFD may issue applicable tax forms or report prize payments when required by law.

39. WINNER PUBLICITY

By accepting a prize, a winner authorizes Strike Force Darts, to the extent permitted by law, to use the winner's name, dart-player name, photograph or likeness, hometown and state, competition results, and prize information for reasonable Strike Force Darts website, social media, league, promotional, and publicity purposes.

Any separately required legal consent will be obtained where necessary.

40. ADMINISTRATION & DISCRETION

Where an issue is not expressly addressed by these Official Rules, SFD Administration may make a reasonable determination consistent with competitive fairness, player safety, league integrity, established league practices, these Official Rules, and applicable law.

Administrative discretion does not permit arbitrary discrimination or retroactive deprivation of a legitimately earned prize contrary to these Official Rules.

Conflict-of-interest provisions remain applicable to all such decisions.

41. GOVERNING LAW

To the extent permitted by applicable law, these Official Rules and disputes arising directly from the administration of the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge will be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Any judicial proceeding arising directly from these Rules shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Kentucky to the extent permitted by applicable law.

42. SEVERABILITY & NO WAIVER

If any provision of these Official Rules is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain effective to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Failure by SFD to enforce a provision in one instance does not permanently waive the right to enforce that provision later.

43. OFFICIAL CONTACT

Questions, protests, appeals, payment matters, and other formal communications may be directed to:

Strike Force Darts

Email: strikeforcedarts@gmail.com

Website: StrikeForceDarts.com

General league information will also be posted through the Strike Force Darts ADA-GranBoard League Facebook Group.

44. PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By registering, paying league dues, or participating in a Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge match, the participant acknowledges that they have had an opportunity to review these Official Rules and agrees to comply with them.

Participants are responsible for:

- Understanding the rules applicable to their flight;
- Maintaining eligibility;
- Maintaining good standing;
- Maintaining ADA membership;
- Paying required dues;
- Scheduling and completing matches;
- Accurately reporting scores;
- Maintaining required equipment and technology;
- Monitoring official communications; and
- Complying with SFD integrity and sportsmanship requirements.

Strike Force Darts reserves the right to administer and enforce the Strike Force Darts Vegas Challenge in accordance with these Official Rules.