



## **2026-2027 Fall League Info Packet**

**WAMO and NDA Sanctioned**

### **Basic Rules and Common Sense**

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Above all, please respect each other, the location hosting your match, and the equipment you are playing on. Most minor disputes or issues that arise during a match can normally be straightened out between the Players if common sense and courtesy are used.

### **Schedules and the First Night of Play**

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You will be able to find your first night of play either on the dart board at your home bar, or on our website at [www.midwestnovelty.com](http://www.midwestnovelty.com). If you are unable to get online to see where you play the first week, please reach out to Amy at the FB dart group or [leagues@midwestnovelty.com](mailto:leagues@midwestnovelty.com), and we will be happy to let you know. On your first night of play, we will deliver a hard copy of your prize payout sheet.

### **Fees Due**

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All weekly Player and Game Fees will be collected by the machine at time of play. This will go towards the player prize money at the end of the league, and pay the game fees. You will receive a spreadsheet that breaks down exactly what your Player Fees go to. It will list Game Fees, the total each week that goes to the prize pool, and the prize money breakdown. Everything is spelled out in a simple manner, and all funds are accounted for.

All Leagues are \$10 per player / per week, aside from those listed below:

Tuesday Fun - \$5 per player

Rumor's In House - \$8 per player

# Starting Times and Weeks Off

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## League Start Times:

Rumor's In House – 7:15pm

50+ Senior League – 7:00pm

All other leagues start at 7:30pm

## Dates of No League Play:

Thanksgiving Week: Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Week: Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

New Year's Week: Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY FOR HOLIDAY WEEKS OFF, AS SOME SPECIAL LEAGUES MAY STILL PLAY ON THESE DATES.

# Darts

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Either location supplied, or player supplied darts may be used. **SOFT TIP DARTS ONLY.**

# Rescheduling Matches and Makeups

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If a team will be unable to play a scheduled match, it is their responsibility to contact the captain of the other team to setup a makeup. Please contact the other team no later than 5:30pm on the day of the scheduled match. If you do not contact the other team before then, they have the right to choose to forfeit your match and take the wins. Team captain phone numbers are listed on the league schedule, both the printed copies and the copies on our website. Makeup matches can be played at \*any\* time and on \*any\* day of the week, but must be played at the location they were originally scheduled at.

If an emergency situation arises after 5:30pm, but before the start of the match (medical emergency, traffic accident, family emergency, etc.) please contact the other team's captain, and also leave a message on our FB dart group. Forfeits due to verified emergency situations will be overruled and rescheduled for play. It is at Midwest Novelty's discretion to overrule any other forfeits.

## Errors

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The two most common errors are stepping over the throw line, and scoring under a different Player's turn.

If a Player steps over the throw line, for the first infraction of the night, please just give them a notice of the action. For subsequent infractions, the Player's next turn will be skipped.

If a Player accidentally throws darts under a different Player's turn, stop as soon as it is noticed. Use the UP arrow on the dart board to enter the menu, and UNTHROW LAST DART until the problem is fixed.

## Team Rankings

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Final rankings are determined by the number of games won. These are tracked by the dart boards, and will be updated on a week by week basis. Current rankings can be viewed on the dart boards, or at our website. In the case of a tie at the end of the season, both teams will split the prize money. For example: if two teams are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the prize money for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be combined and split evenly between the two teams.

## Throw Lines

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Midwest Novelty makes every attempt to ensure that the Throw Lines are always 8 feet from the dart face. It is up to the Teams to decide if the machine is properly placed, and to measure if not.

## Reverse Handicapping System

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Most of our leagues make use of Arachnid's reverse handicapping system. What this means, is that player's stats are compared on a weekly basis to determine if handicapping is needed. It is also reversed, as compared to standard handicapping. For example, player A is a lesser skilled player than player B. In regards to a game of 501, player A will start at 501. Player B will start at a number higher than 501, say 561. This number will change every week, depending on opponents and your skill level shifting up or down throughout the season. The first week of play is based on a player's previous, historical stats plus their current nightly average. The remainder of the league season is based solely on the average of a player's current stats. New players and subs will be assigned a default average for their first week of play, and will then switch over to an average of their current stats. Certain specialty leagues may not use handicapping. You can verify this on our website under the "League Formats" menu option.

## No Shows and Forfeits

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A Team “No Show” means that one team didn’t show up to play their match, and didn’t contact the other team for a reschedule prior to 5:30pm / 7:00am on the day of the match. In this situation, the team that did show up can declare a Forfeit on the missing Team. This is done completely through the dart board, on-site. **PLEASE GIVE ALL TEAMS A 15 MINUTE GRACE PERIOD BEFORE FORFEITING THEM.**

1. The team that is present will enter the League Menu and begin the process of starting league play.
2. The Team present will only have to pay their Team Fees. **IF YOU ARE ENTERING A FORFEIT, ONLY ENTER IN THE AMOUNT THE DART BOARD ASKS FOR. DO NOT ENTER YOUR USUAL TOTAL PLAYER FEES.** Setting up a forfeit will not require you to pay the Game Fee portion, as you are not playing the match. Please do not enter any money into the dart board until the machine asks for it.
3. The team that is present will enter THEIR team as both the HOME and AWAY teams.
4. The dart board will ask if this is a FORFEIT, answer YES.

Teams that miss a match are still required to pay their Team Fees for that match. Otherwise, the owed Team Fees will be subtracted from their end-of-season prize money.

If both Teams fail to make their match, a reschedule will be setup for later in the season.

## Drink Rounds

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**There will be one drink round for each night of League Play (with the exception of the fun leagues).**

The location hosting the match will supply both teams a “courtesy round” roughly three quarters of the way through the night’s match. Courtesy round drinks will be what each player has been drinking previously throughout the match. If a player drinks soda, a soda will be given. If a player has been drinking “single tall”, a double will not substitute for it, etc. The overall losing team will buy the winning team a round at the end of the match. The max drink cost is \$5.00. If a Player would like a drink that exceeds the \$5.00 maximum, they may pay the difference out of their pocket.

Please, no transferring of drinks between Players. If you opt to not receive a drink, you can’t pass it to someone else. It is at the location’s discretion to award a Drink Chip or not.

These leagues have unique drink round formats:

Tuesday Fun – Games 5, 6, 9, and 10 are all drink rounds. Everyone participates in two each.

Rumor’s In House – Games 5 and 10 are drink rounds. Everyone participates in both.

## Machine Scoring

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We make every effort to maintain the quality and working order of our dart machines. However, issues do arise, matrixes get dirty, and dart faces sometimes don't score correctly. In the event that the board doesn't score properly, we follow the "board is always right" rule. Whether it's in your favor or against it, what the board says, goes. The only exception to this rule is the Tuesday Fun League, those players can backup the error and correct it. If you do find an issue with one of our dart boards, please contact us at our service number so we can correct the issue - (262) 654-1041.

## WAMO State Tournament / NDA Sanctioning

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MOST Midwest Novelty Fall Leagues are WAMO State Tournament sanctioned, and also NDA sanctioned. This includes Fun Leagues. The WAMO State tournament is held every May, and features 20+ divisions. Whether you are one of the top 100 players in the State, or somewhere closer to the bottom of the chart, they have a division for your skill level. If you haven't attended a WAMO State tournament before, please consider checking it out. We don't require players to pay the \$6 per player WAMO sanctioning fees, **we cover it**. WAMO State Tournament information can be found at WAMO.net.

NDA hosts monthly remote online tournaments, and the TEAM DART event in April. Check out [ndadarts.com](http://ndadarts.com) for more information. We don't require players to pay the \$10 per player NDA sanctioning fees, **we cover it**.

Certain leagues (In House, etc.) don't qualify for WAMO / NDA sanctioning. We sanction every league that we legally can, according to WAMO / NDA regulations. If you have a question concerning if your league is WAMO / NDA sanctioned, please call us at (262) 658-1200 and we can let you know.

## Kenosha Darts Classic Tournament

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The twelfth annual KDC is just around the corner. Dates have been set for Oct 23rd through Oct 25th. The tournament will once again be held at the Brat Stop. ANY dart players are welcome to enter this tournament, **IT IS AN OPEN TOURNAMENT**. As long as you can supply verifiable averages to us, you can enter and play. We have had players enter from as far away as Iowa in previous years. Signups will be open this month, and there are divisions for all player skill levels. For more information, please join our "KDC – Kenosha Darts Classic" Facebook group, or check out our website at [midwestnovelty.com](http://midwestnovelty.com).

## **Qualification for End of Season Tournament \*NEW INFO\***

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In order to streamline how players qualify for our end of season dart tournament, we are switching from a “weeks played” total, to a “games played” total. Starting this summer, a player will qualify for the end of season tournament as long as they have played 100 (or more) total games in a given dart season. Each year’s dart season runs from summer through spring. For example, this year’s season will run from June 2026 through April of 2027. We will have a stats report on our website that will keep track of each player’s total game count, updated in real time. Once a player hits 100 games, they qualify for the next end of season tourney. This report can only track 01 and cricket games though, so those players who play in unique leagues (like the senior league or Rumor’s In-House) will have to contact Midwest Novelty to find out their total game count. Moving away from weeks will allow 98% of our players to easily see when they hit the qualification mark for the next league tournament.

## **Midwest Novelty League Banquet**

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Our end of season dart banquet will be held roughly sometime in May, 2027. We are combining all Midwest Leagues into one banquet. Food and soda will be provided for free. More detailed information, and RSVP sheets will be available after the first of the New Year.

## **Midwest Novelty League Tournament**

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Once again, we will be hosting our annual Midwest Novelty League Tournament. This Tournament will be open to any Midwest Novelty league player (including Fun League and In House), who has played at least 100 combined games in a qualified Summer 2026 or Fall 26-27 season league. We will have multiple divisions per event, to accommodate players of all skill levels. Dates for this year’s tourney are May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2027. We understand that Mother’s Day falls on that Sunday. Unfortunately, our original dates in April 2027 were usurped by the NDA tournament. More information about the Midwest Novelty League Tournament will be available after the first of the New Year.

## **Midwest Novelty Website**

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Midwest Novelty has a website available at [midwestnovelty.com](http://midwestnovelty.com). Schedules and weekly stats are available to view from the site. The site is mobile ready, you can view it directly from your cell phone browser.

## **Brat Stop Smoking Room**

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For leagues that play out of Brat Stop: We have four total dart boards there. Two in the smoking bar area, and two inside by the stage. We *\*can not\** require players to play in the smoking room. If a team does not want to play in the smoking bar area, the home team must honor that request. Out of polite courtesy however, teams will allow those that want a smoking break to take them.

## **Contact Info**

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For Scheduling, Subs, or Stats questions: please contact Amy on FB. You can find her account through our Midwest Novelty Dart League Group (which you should all be a member of). If you or your team captain doesn't have a FaceBook account, you can reach us on our service line at (262) 654-1041.