

NORTH CAROLINA LADIES' CUP - 2021

Director and Captains

The captains and a Director will govern cup play. A Director's term will be one season from beginning to end. A Director will be voted in by the North Carolina Ladies' Cup captains. Responsibilities of the Director's position will include: scheduling for upcoming season, receiving score sheets and keeping league stats, producing a newsletter with standings and a players list prior to each match date (individual statistics required a minimum of 4 times during the year, no later than mid-season), reporting on NC Ladies' Cup finances, updating rules and regulations as voted by captains, and ruling on any problems. A formal appeal can be made to the Director to dispute a ruling, with a majority vote of the captains of all teams not involved in the dispute required to overturn the decision. (note: this is a majority of "all teams not involved", not just a majority of the "teams not involved that respond to the appeal.") Director's responsibilities must be met to qualify for payment by the NCDO.

Season and Scheduling

A season will run from January through December. Dates are picked to not interfere with local, state, and national tournaments based on the ADO calendar. In the case of a captain wanting to change a match date, contact the opposing captain as soon as possible with a request for the reschedule and several possible dates. No team may be forced to reschedule, but if both teams agree to it, they must make up their match before the last scheduled match of the season. If the reschedule is for the last match, it must be played within 15 days of the original date. Once agreed, notify the Director prior to the regularly scheduled date or the new date, whichever is earlier. If the Director is not notified BY BOTH TEAMS about a match reschedule within the standard 7 day mailing/faxing window after the original match date (or within 7 days of the date of play if it was earlier than the originally scheduled date), either/both team(s) that failed to provide timely notification will receive a late score sheet penalty (which will carry a point value equal to the average winning score from all of the previous season's matches, with the penalty subtracted from the offending team's season points total) with the match win/loss result unaffected. If no date agreement can be reached between captains, the Director will make the decision on the rescheduled date. Based on the number of teams in a given season, teams may be divided into geographic divisions; teams will play either a single or double round-robin schedule, chosen to provide a sufficient number of matches without increasing the number to more than one match per month.

Standings and Statistics

Standings will be determined by match win/loss percentage. Ties in match record will be decided by the following tiebreakers:

1. total season points; 2. head-to-head match record; 3. head-to-head season points; 4. match win/loss percentage against common opponents; 5. season points against common opponents; 6. regular season finish from the prior season (matches, then points, etc.).

Individual win/loss stats will be kept to determine a High Win % in Singles.

End of Season Tournament for NC State Champion

The winner of this tournament will be deemed NC State Champion for that year (season) and host next year's tournament. Seeding for the tournament will be based on final standings of that season. If a team is going to forfeit the first round at the tournament, all teams below them will move up in ranking and the next highest ranked team, not originally qualifying for the tournament, will be given the option to participate. The top eight teams for the season will play a single-elimination tournament on one weekend (Saturday and Sunday). Quarterfinals at 12:00 noon (Sat.), Semifinals at 5:00 PM (Sat.), and Finals at 1:00 PM (Sun.). In multi-divisional seasons, tournament seedings will be placed such that if all better seeds advance in their matches, all tournament matches will be inter-divisional.

Player Eligibility

All members of participating teams must be bona fide members of a North Carolina darting association. Any player can change teams between seasons. Players may not change teams once they have thrown a dart in a given season. If an ineligible player is used the offending team will lose all of the ineligible games played to the opponent, and there will be an additional penalty equal to the number of points in which the ineligible player participated. This additional penalty is directly applied to the match score and may affect the match win/loss. A player HAS TO PLAY IN HALF THE POSSIBLE MATCHES during the season (one game of each match) to be eligible to play in the tournament.

Match Play

Matches start at 2:00 PM. If a team does not have the players necessary to play the match by 2:30 PM, they forfeit the match. Format for play of a match is as follows in the following order: 6 Singles 301 DIDO, 1 point each = 6; 6 Singles Cricket, 1 point each = 6; 3 Doubles 501 FIDO, 2 points each = 6; 3 Doubles Cricket, 2 points each = 6. Total points = 24. In the event of a tie, a team match (6 players) of 1001 FIDO - will be played to determine the winner of the match (no points - please indicate the winner of the match on the score sheet). All play is best of 3 except the 1001 tiebreaker, which is one game only. Three dartboards will be used for the match. If a match is forced to be played on less than the regulation number of boards, and the captains can't come to an agreement on what to do, the host team will forfeit the match with points awarded as per league rules. ADO rules apply for the diddle. All sections of play are "blind-list", and must be completed prior to the first game of each section. A player must be physically present to participate in a match. Should a team have less than 6 players but not less than 5, the match can still be played. Example: Team "A" has 5 players.

They immediately forfeit a singles game from both singles sections. In doubles, one doubles team will be listed with only one player, meaning that player shoots one turn to the full team's two turns. A win in doubles, no matter how many played, still is two points. If both teams are short (5 players) then only 5 points can be scored per section. A team with less than the required number of players has to forfeit the match receiving a loss and 0 points. The "full" team receives a win and the average winning score from all of the previous season's matches. If a team forfeits a match, its team is still responsible for meeting its tournament eligibility requirements. The team receiving the win by forfeit gets a one-match reduction in tournament eligibility. The winning team is responsible for mailing a copy of the scoresheet to the League Director. Scoresheets submitted with an email time or postmark more than 7 days after the date of the match will cause the winning team to incur a late scoresheet penalty, which will carry a point value equal to the average winning score from all of the previous season's matches, with the penalty subtracted from the offending team's season points total (with the match win/loss result unaffected). Also, if the losing team doesn't have a copy of the scoresheet, in the case the winning team loses theirs, the losing team will lose its points from that match.

Team Fees and Awards

A team fee, to be decided by the NCDO each season, will be needed to support administrative costs (copying, postage, and paper) and purchase trophies. Trophies will be awarded to tourney winners "State Champions" (limit of 9 trophies for players). Tourney winners take home NC Ladies' State Cup for a year until the next tourney. Individual trophies will be awarded for High In (301) and High Out league wide, and High Win % - Singles Leader for each division. For an individual to win a High Win % trophy she must play in 50% of the singles games possible during the season. Certificates will be awarded for Ton 80's, Ton 171's, 9 Marks and 6 Bulls.

Miscellaneous

The NCDO's role will be to collect fees, distribute expenses as needed and rule a team ineligible for play based on non-payment of dues. A team will be eligible for play when its association has been a paid NCDO member for the calendar year prior to the year being scheduled for NC Cup play. The one-year waiting period to participate in NC Cup play may be waived with a vote by the current participating captains. If a team's dues are late they must cease play for the season. When a delinquent team does pay dues they will automatically be reinstated for play during the next season. If a team forfeits one quarter or three (3) of its matches, whichever is less, including the End of Season Tournament, they will be removed for the rest of the season and all their remaining matches will be scored as forfeits. The team must petition the captains at the NCDO/League meeting to ask for reinstatement for the next year in which they intend to play. The current captains will vote on accepting new teams to the schedule. A team wishing to join the Ladies' schedule that is affiliated with an association already an NCDO member must indicate their "intent to play", in writing, at the NCDO Board meeting held at the NC State Dart Championship Tournament in the fall. A roster of players will also be required at this time.