

**SECTION IV**

**STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**RULES**

**PURPOSE:** To promote the sport of darts through team competition and interaction between active F.D.A. Association. The winning team will hold the title of State Team Champions for a period of one year.

**STATE TEAM DIRECTOR:** The State Team Director will be appointed by and be a member of the Executive Board of the F.D.A. He will have the responsibility of the operation of the event. He shall set all rules governing the event, establish format, approve venues, and will have final say on any question or disputes during the event. The current State Team Director is:

Dorothy Filley  
6855 Red Road  
Coral Gables, FL 33143  
305-766-0553  
786-527-9830 wk

**HISTORY:** This event evolved along with the F.D.A. itself. In 1983, C. E. Leech of BCDA, Tom Rhodes of MDDA, and Nick Garrison of PBCDA decided to hold a dart competition to decide who was best in South Florida....the Stuart Association was also invited to join them and the competition was held in Broward. That first year each round took about three hours to complete. What was considered the first “official” F.D.A. sanctioned State Team Championship was held the following year on November 10-11, 1984.

By 1988 this competition had expanded so much that it could no longer be held in a “bar”. By this time, the format had been shortened; but it still took a full weekend to decide who the Champs were.

In 1990, with a format that had been reduced to one hour and fifteen minutes, and our growth in teams, the event could not be accomplished in a single weekend. The State was divided into three regional preliminary events and one weekend final event. This was done so that the “round robin” concept, where every team played every other, could continue. Seven years later, this format was again expanded due to increased participation to two preliminary rounds and one weekend final event. In 1999, twenty-four teams competed for the title of Florida Dart Association State Team Champion.

With another growth in 2002 to twenty-nine teams; this event faced many challenges in the next few years to continue as a full round robin event. Looking to the future, the number of teams and associations will mean a change in how and where this event will be held.

2003 marked the twentieth anniversary of the State Team Championships. With much celebration, we saw a great improvement in the venues; fundraising provided a few extras, including an anniversary newsletter and the debut of the artistic abilities of the teams with the banner contest. And in 2008 for the twenty-fifth anniversary, the event was moved to Orlando and the increasingly successful Saturday night party was given a Florida Tourist theme. That same year there was a tie for first place requiring a play-off.

## RESULTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># OF TEAMS:</u>	<u>WINNERS:</u>	<u>HOST:</u>
1984	4	MIAMI DADE	BROWARD
1985	6	MIAMI DADE	SARASOTA
1986	8	SARASOTA	SARASOTA
1987	7	SARASOTA	SARASOTA
1988	10	VENICE ISLAND	SARASOTA
1989	11	BROWARD	VENICE
1990	16	BROWARD	BROWARD
1991	17	BROWARD	BROWARD
1992	17	BROWARD	BROWARD
1993	17	SARASOTA	BROWARD
1994	17	MARION COUNTY	SARASOTA
1995	20	SPACECOAST	MARION
1996	22	BROWARD	SPACECOAST
1997	21	BROWARD	BROWARD
1998	23	BROWARD	BROWARD
1999	24	BROWARD #1	BROWARD
2000	24	SPACECOAST #1	BROWARD
2001	28	BROWARD #1	SPACECOAST
2002	29	SOUTHWEST FLA #1	BROWARD
2003	29	SARASOTA	SO-W FLA
2004	27	NORTHEAST FLA	FDA/SARASOTA
2005	25	TREASURE COAST	FDA
2006	22	TAMPA BAY	FDA
2007	22	NORTHEAST FLA	FDA
2008	22	CENTRAL FLORIDA	FDA
2009	23	CENTRAL FLORIDA	FDA
2010	24	SARASOTA (TDLS)	FDA
2011	26	SARASOTA (TDLS)	FDA
2012	24	CENTRAL FLORIDA	FDA
2013	25	BROWARD#1	FDA
2014	24	SARASOTA (TDLS)	FDA
2015			

## **I. TEAM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Each association wishing to participate must be a member of the Florida Dart Association. FDA membership must be in good standing for a period of 1 year prior to being eligible to submit a Letter of Intent.
- B. FDA membership dues must be current, a list of association members must be on record with the Membership Director and the Area Representative must be appointed to the FDA Board.
- C. Each member association may enter only one team.
  - 1. If an association has more than 250 members; they may petition the State Team Director for permission to field two teams.
  - 2. Those associations fielding two teams since 2004 (date of change in limit) may continue to do so as long as their membership remains greater than 150 (the previous limit) and maintain active membership with the FDA of 250 members (pay membership dues for 250 members). They include: BCDA, SCDA, SWFDA, and PBCDA.
- D. A letter of intent to field a team may be either emailed or mailed on the official FDA form provided to the State Team Director by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current championship year.
- E. A team roster must be submitted by mail to the State Team Director, postmarked no later than **June 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current championship year. Late rosters will not be accepted and will be returned to sender unopened.
- F. The official team roster entry form must be accompanied by the current entry fee with the following information:
  - 1. Name of the team member as it appears on their Florida driver's license or Florida identification card or active military identification.
  - 2. Street/P.O Box and City as it appears on the above listed identification.
  - 3. Captain, Co-Captain and contact person's names, addresses and phone numbers must be included. An email address for communication must be included.

## **II. TEAM PROFILE:**

- A. The team is composed of seven men and four women. A minimum of six men and three ladies are necessary to field a full team.
- B. Captain and/or Co-Captain of the team may be a playing or non-playing member. Selection of Captain/Co-Captain is at the discretion of each association.

## **III. TEAM MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. A team member must be an active member of their association and be in good standing.
- B. The player should reside in the geographical area of the association. The player must be a resident of Florida.
- C. A player can reside outside of the geographical area, but must be an active member of the association to which he travels for regular league play. Documentation of league participation must be provided if requested by the State Team Director.
- D. A player may represent only one association.
- E. An association may require additional restrictions to the above and that player must qualify under those additional restrictions with no recourse to the FDA.
- F. Disputes and or challenges pertaining to a particular player's eligibility must be addressed to the State Team Director.

- G. Any player found by the State Team Director to fall outside the above qualifications can result in disqualification of the entire team and forfeiture of the entry fee.

**IV. TEAM SELECTION:**

- A. The method of selecting a team shall be dependent on each association.
- B. Each association's minimal qualifications are such as stated in Section III and IV.
- C. The FDA is not responsible and has no jurisdiction upon the local requirements as set forth by that association. No disputes can arise to the FDA or the State Team Director as to the validity of the local qualifications.
- D. All team selection must be completed prior to submitting a roster. Rosters are not to be submitted until team selection is completed.

**V. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

- A. The Preliminary Rounds:
  - 1. There will be one preliminary round to be held approximately three to four weekends before Labor Day, or as designated by the State Team Director.
  - 2. The Preliminary round will consist of at least half the total number of rounds needed to complete the event.
- B. The Final Round:
  - 1. The final round will be held on the first or second weekend of October, or as designated by the State Team Director.
  - 2. Every effort will be made to avoid scheduling conflicts with ADO events.
  - 3. The final round will consist of the second half of the event to complete the round robin.

**V. PRELIMINARY EVENT HOSTS:**

- A. To host a preliminary event, the hosts must have played in the previous and current year's events.
- B. Two (2) preliminary hosts will be selected on a rotating basis; one from the Northern teams and one from the Southern teams as designated in these guidelines.
- C. The FDA Representatives of the hosting organizations are responsible for all communication and organization necessary between the host association and the State Team Director.
- D. The scheduled hosting associations are required to notify the State Team Director of their intent to host and submitting a signed host contract by the Year End meeting of the year prior to hosting. Active planning for this event must occur from December to June prior to the event.
- E. If an association declines to host a preliminary round at the regular rotation, that association continues in the regular rotation and can host a preliminary round only at the next scheduled rotation.
- F. The hosting Associations will be responsible for the following:
  - 1. The two associations will help with the set-up of portables on Friday afternoon.
  - 2. They will share the responsibility of running the blind-draw on Friday night. They will be responsible for every aspect of this event including operation of the brackets, providing people to run the event and will share in the loss or gain financially. The Blind Draw will have a \$1000.00 guarantee. Payout is to be determined by the hosting Associations and must be posted with the entry fee in the hall prior to the start of the event.

3. They will conduct any and all fundraising during the event and will benefit 100% from any profits earned. As such they must organize raffle prizes, purchase tickets, provide buckets and people to sell and run the raffles and 50/50s all weekend.
  4. They will also be available on Sunday evening to help with take-down and packing up of the portables.
- G. The FDA will be responsible for all contracts and dealings with the venue to include contract negotiations, food and beverage event orders, dealing with any and all hotel reservation issues, security and any problems encountered during the event. Any benefits or losses with the venue will be the sole responsibility of the FDA.
- H. Complimentary rooms that are part of the hotel contract and based on reservations will be shared with the two associations, i.e. if enough comp rooms are available then each hosting association will be provided with an equal number of rooms. Typically, there should be 6-8 comp room nights = 3 or 4 rooms for 2 night each. All vendors for the weekend will have rooms provided also, which will reduce the number of comp rooms available.
- I. The Saturday night party: Any party plans for the Preliminary event will be the responsibility of the hosting Associations. The FDA will be responsible for the Saturday night party at the Finals.
- J. Vendors: Any vendors (Other than Dart Supplies) invited by the hosting associations to the Regional must be approved by the State Team Director. Space will be provided at the venue. Any financial arrangements made with vendors are the sole responsibility of the hosting associations.
- K. The Dart Supplier will be contracted by the FDA for both the Regional and Final events. The dart Supplier will receive one room for 2 nights as part of their agreement with the FDA (to be deducted from the Comp Rooms).
- L. All Sites/Venues:
1. The venue sites must be large enough to accommodate the required number of boards and adequate seating capacity for the competitors and supporters. Minimum: 200 sq. ft. /Board required (i.e. 33 Boards = 6600 sq. ft.)
  2. It must be a convention center with hotel.
  3. The FDA will select a venue that can provide “reasonably priced” drinks and food.
  4. Food must be available for purchase at all venues. The venue must be able to provide lunch in a timely manner for a large number of people.
  5. Contract agreements with hotels will include the following:
    - a. Food and beverage guarantee in the range of \$7500.00 to \$8000.00 total sales for the weekend. It is this guarantee that covers the cost of the hall rental.
    - b. Room guarantee should be for 250 to 300 room nights for the weekend. The term “room night” means 1 room for 1 night. This translates to most people staying for the weekend with a reservation for 1 room for a 2-night stay. That equals 2 room nights. This number is dependent on the number of teams playing in the event.
    - c. There will be a sales representative that the FDA will make all contract agreements with. There will be a Food and Beverage/Catering Manager that will take care of all the details for the hall and any needs as far as food and drinks, room set-up and arrangements.
    - d. The contract phase must be completed by January of the event year.

M. Preliminary Host(s) and Rotation Schedule:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>EAST</b>
1991	HCDA	FMDA	Pompano
1992	NFDA	TBDA	PBCDA
1993	CFDA	LADA	MDDA
1994	MCEDL	BAD	SCDA
1995	CFPDA	HICDA	TCDA
1996	TADA	VIDO	BCDA
1997	PCDA	TDLS	SPBDL
1998 Rnd#1	ACDA	SCUD	PBCDA
1998 Rnd#2	NFDA	BADL	MDDA
1999 Rnd#1	MCEDL	HICDA	TCDA
1999 Rnd#2	CFDA	LADA	SCDA
	<b>NORTH</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>
2000	TADA		MRDA
2001	ACDA		NCDU
2002	PCDA		VIDO (declined)-SDA
2003	TBDA/OPDL (declined) - SCDA		SPBDL
2004	BADA		MDDA
2005	BAD		CRDA/TDLS (ineligible) HICDA (no venue)-PBCDA
2006	LADA (ineligible)-CFDA		SWFDA
2007	NFDA (declined) HCDA (declined)-TBDA		TCDA (declined) BCDA
2008	TADA		NCDU
2009	NFDA		HICDA
2010	CDA		TDLS
2011	HCDA		SLCDA
2012	VCDA (declined)-SCDA		CCDA
2013	OPDL (declined)-BADA		SPBDL
2014	BAD		MDDA
2015	H.D.A.		PBCDA
2016	TBDA		MDLS

## **VI. FINAL ROUND AND HOST:**

- A. The FDA will be responsible to host the final round of the Championships. Sites will be selected around the state based on the availability of convention and banquet facilities.
- B. The venue for this event must be a convention/hotel/banquet facility and must include:
  - 1. A minimum of 200 square feet/portable needed (i.e. 45 portables = 9000 sq. ft. of ballroom space).
  - 2. Adequate air-conditioning.
  - 3. On-site restaurant and food available.
  - 4. Reasonable drink prices.
  - 5. Large enough hotel and number of rooms to accommodate our group.
- C. The FDA will hold a guaranteed Blind Draw on Friday night at the Finals. Proceeds will benefit the State Team Fund. All raffle and 50/50's held during the event will benefit the State Team Fund.
- D. A complimentary room will be provided to the State Team Director with late checkout on Sunday.
- E. Assistants or staff working on this event will receive compensation as determined by the State Team Director. This compensation may take the form of mileage, expense reimbursement and/or a daily stipend.
- F. The venue information will be presented at the January workshop meeting. The State Team Director in consultation with the FDA Tournament Director will have the responsibility to plan and contract the selected venue. Any venue will be inspected prior to approval.
- G. The venue information must include the address, phone number, room rates, map and directions (see VI. F-9). Fliers will be prepared and sent to every participating association by the State Team Director after all team rosters are received.



## VII. EVENT RULES:

- A. Florida Dart Association tournament rules will apply to the State Team Championships.
- B. **CONDUCT: SPORTSMANSHIP SHALL BE THE PREVAILING ATTITUDE AT ALL EVENTS.** It is important that every team member and spectator understand that their behavior reflects on the group, FDA and the Sport of Darts. In order to continue to provide competition in first class venues; behavior must be above reproach. It is the responsibility of the Captain to maintain good sportsmanship and acceptable conduct among team members. Concerns about disruptive behavior, un-sportsman-like conduct will be addressed to the Captain of the team. Unacceptable behavior must be corrected promptly by the Captain. Continued unacceptable or disruptive behavior can result in team forfeiture. Over-indulgence of alcoholic beverages and displays of such, is considered unacceptable behavior and will result in immediate withdrawal of that member and can result in team forfeiture.
- C. No wagering or gambling is permitted between individuals or teams. This behavior is deemed unacceptable and can result in immediate withdrawal of the member and team forfeiture.
- D. Proper dress is required. All members of a team must be dressed as a team—to include team shirts, pants, shorts or skirts and shoes. A team must look like a team. This uniform will be worn whenever a member is in the hall during the Regional and Final events. Local health ordinances will take precedent. A team member found “out of uniform” while in the hall during the event would be asked to correct their attire before being allowed to continue participation. If this occurs during a game or match that player will lose his turn until his attire is corrected. In a singles game this will result in forfeiture of the game and loss of game point. The Captain will be held responsible to insure that all members are “in uniform”. Team shirts that have been altered in any way such as sleeves cut off or side seams opened will no longer be considered a team shirt and as such that player will be out of uniform.
- E. Technology: The use of technology used or worn during the State Team Event shall be restricted. Technology governed by these rules shall include headsets or wireless earpieces for any form of phone and/or recording devices, i.e. IPod, etc.
  - 1. Phones will be placed on “vibration” mode to limit disruption by ringing while in the hall, area of play and meeting rooms.
  - 2. Use of headsets or earpieces is not allowed during game play. These devices must be removed during actual play and are not allowed to be worn by team members on the line during games. Such items may be used between games or when not “on the line”.
  - 3. A player found using such device on the line during game play will be stopped and the game will be declared forfeit with loss of point(s). It is the responsibility of the Captain to know these rules and govern their players accordingly. Any such infraction of this rule must be reported to the desk.
- F. **Delay of game and/or match:**
  - 1. Any delay in the start of a game or match that is a result of a missing player or team will cost the team the game, match or that individual’s contribution to a team game.
  - 2. Any individual or team that is responsible for any delay in game or match will be given one (1) warning, which will constitute a second call to the board. After 5 minutes, a third and final call will result in forfeiture of the game and/or the match.

3. If the team captain is not prepared to start a match as soon as possible, a five (5) minute warning will be given. A third and final call will result in forfeiture of the game and/or match.
  4. Warnings may be given at the discretion of the State Team Director. When the Director becomes aware of any delay in match play such as a missing team or inappropriate delay from time of completion of the previous round, a warning may be given. The opposing Captain may give notice to the Director about such infractions.
  5. The Director will do all timing.
- G. Practice is limited to prior to each round, when everyone may practice and a nine-dart warm-up when called to a board. Team members may not practice on any open boards during a match unless they have been called to that board to play. Boards that have been set aside for use by teams during their BYES are to be used only by those team members.
- H. There will be a “Captain’s” meeting held on Friday evening, 8:00 p.m. at the preliminary rounds and the final round.
1. The Captain and/or Co-Captain of each team must attend this meeting.
  2. The Captains will check team rosters. All players must be listed on the form as players (included in the 7 men and 4 women). There should be very few changes in rosters. Changes in players are only allowed for hardships, such as illness or relocation.
    - a) Teams are allowed three (3) free changes from the original submitted roster during the entire event. Any additional changes will require a fee of \$25.00 per player to be paid by check to the FDA. This fee must be paid prior to the replacement being allowed to participate.
    - b) Changes are to be made on the provided form. Reasons for changes must be listed. These forms will then be available to all Captains to update their rosters.
  3. A short review of rules and format will take place.
  4. Questions will be addressed and answered.
  5. The State Team Director will provide all necessary paperwork, including team rosters, schedule of rounds and board assignments.
- I. Opening ceremonies will be held on Saturday prior to the start of the final round. At this time the President of the FDA will address the teams. This will include an introduction of the Board members, recognition of the Captains and Co-Captains, announcements and presentations for such things as Hall of Fame.

### **VIII. EVENT FORMAT:**

- A. The format for each year’s event will be the responsibility of the State Team Director.
- B. The format will include both singles and multiple team games each round.
- C. A mixed trio is defined as one woman and two men shooters.
- D. The format will either be a round robin or modified round robin. The number of teams entered will determine this.
- E. Matches are designed to be played on three boards simultaneously for the purpose of expediency. Singles must be played continuously until completed (i.e. as soon as one game is done then the next game should be called to that empty board).
- F. Scorekeepers are required to be used in all games. This is not optional.
- G. No team member may play in more than one game in the singles set and only once in any of the multiple sets.

H. **Line-ups:**

1. The playing line-up of the teams will be decided by the respective Captains and completed prior to the playing of each set.
2. Prior to beginning the first match of the preliminary round, the Captains will use a coin toss for the option of matching for the singles.
3. At the completion of the singles in the first round, the team that is behind in points will match their line-up to the leading team's line-up.
4. After the first round, the team that is behind in points will match their line-up to the team that is ahead for the entire round.
5. If there is a tie between two teams at the beginning of a round, then the two Captains will hold a coin toss for the option to match line-ups for the round.

I. **Substitutions:**

1. No substitutions will be permitted once the line-up has been written and matched by the opposing Captain.
2. For the preliminary and final rounds, there can be no roster changes after the Captain's meeting. The team fielded at the Captain's meeting is the team that must be played all weekend. No change in a team roster for any reason is permitted once play begins.
3. Exception: the only exception to the above may be approved by the State Team Director, in the event that a team has a member that does not show after that member has been announced at the Captain's meeting. The Captain will be allowed the opportunity to call a legitimate league member to join the team. This could mean that team plays short-handed until that member could arrive to play. This will only be permitted if the team has less than six (6) men and three (3) women (the minimum required to play). No delay in play will be allowed for this problem.

J. Team members may be used at the discretion of the Captain.

## IX. AWARDS:

- A. The winning team will receive individual plaques and prize money.
- B. The winning team will also be presented the perpetual FDA State Team Championship Trophy to display for one year until the next competition.
  - 1. That team's association will be responsible for the trophy while it is in their possession. This association will pay for any damage to this trophy.
  - 2. They will be responsible for transporting the trophy to the next tournament site.
- C. Second and third place teams will be awarded team plaques.
- D. Total prize money is dependent upon the number of teams entered in the event. Total prize money will be shared by at least one-third of the teams participating. The State Team Director in consultation with the President or presiding officer will determine the payout structure.
- E. Every member of every team including the Captain and Co-Captain will receive a State Team Pin.
- F. **FDA Championship Singles Points:**
  - 1. To receive FDA Championship Singles Points an individual must compete in both the preliminary and the final rounds.
  - 2. Players who are replaced, shoot in only one event or are themselves replacements will not earn any points.
  - 3. One Point will be awarded to each team member for participating or for making the team.
  - 4. One Point will be awarded for each recorded and verified singles game won during the preliminary and the final rounds.
  - 5. Two and one-half points will be awarded to each Captain for each preliminary round and the final round.
  - 6. One and one-half point will be awarded to each Co-Captain for each preliminary and final round.
  - 7. Two and one half points may be awarded to non-playing assistants to the State Team Director during the regional and/or final rounds.
  - 8. Total number of Championship Points awarded is dependent upon the number of team entries.
  - 9. Points earned by games won for the State Team Championship will be totaled and ranked. The top male and female point winners will be recognized with a trophy to be presented at the next Supershoot.
  - 10. In order to help correct inconsistent reporting of membership in the FDA Single Points standings; rosters will be sent to the statistician prior to Regional play. All listed team members will have their association affiliation corrected to reflect the team they are on.
- G. **Spirit Award:**
  - 1. The participating teams will recognize one team as an example of superior sportsmanship.
  - 2. This team must display 100% positive attitude and excel in the Spirit of Competition during the preliminary rounds and the final round.
  - 3. A vote will be taken on Sunday at the Finals by ballot from each team.
    - a) This should be a team vote with the Captain discussing the choice with all members of the team.
    - b) No team may vote for itself—How can you select yourselves as the best, most positive team that you played against?

- c) Any team currently under sanction or disciplinary action is not eligible for this award.
- 4. That team shall be awarded the “Conch Republic Spirit Award”, a round glass award with the FDA logo. This award was created in 1998 and named for the first team to be so honored. It was given in recognition of the Conch Republic Dart Association’s humor, spirit and enjoyment of the game in the aftermath of hurricane Georges; a weather disaster that left them to play short-handed for the entire event.
- 5. Beginning in 2008; each member of the winning team will receive an individual Conch Spirit Pin.

**X. FEES:**

- A. The Board of the Directors for the FDA shall determine the entry fee per team.
- B. The current fee is \$ 400.00.
- C. \$ 200.00 of the entry fee shall be returned in the form of prize money.
- D. \$ 180.00 of the entry fee shall be used for purchasing awards, planning expenses (i.e. postage, paper supplies, & mileage) and other such costs as deemed reasonable by the Executive Board.
- E. \$20.00 refundable deposit shall be returned in cash to those teams who stay to help with removal of portables and equipment at the end of the Finals Event. Participation will be judged upon the number of team members and type of assistance rendered and refunds will be at the discretion of the designated responsible FDA officer. Determination of need for this fee will be assessed annually based on the venue and difficulties encountered with clearing the hall at the end of the event.
- F. The entry fee is due **June 1<sup>st</sup>** (Article I, Section D & E).
- G. Entry fees and rosters not post-marked by the prescribed date will be returned UN-opened by the State Team Director and this team will not be able to participate in the current year’s event.
- H. Entry fees are totally non-refundable.
- I. Entry fee checks drawn on accounts with insufficient funds will be deemed as not being post-marked by the prescribed date and shall be returned to the team and such team will not be able to participate in the current year’s event. The State Team Director can require such a team in subsequent years to submit their entry fee in the form of a cashier’s or bank check.
- J. Cash currency in any form is not accepted as an entry fee. Checks must be made out to the FDA.

## **XI. DEADLINES:**

- A. **Final Event of the year** prior to hosting: Preliminary Round Hosts will be given a contract and informational folder to help them with decision making about their “intent to host”.
- B. **Annual Workshop Meeting:**
  - 1. Preliminary round hosts must attend to submit signed contracts. Any questions or concerns will be addressed.
  - 2. Venue information must be presented for review and dates will be published.
- C. **April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Written letter of “intent to field a team” must be postmarked by this date. If an email Letter of Intent is submitted; must be sent by this date.
- D. **June 1<sup>st</sup>: Team** applications with roster and entry fee must be postmarked by this date.
- E. If an association misses any deadline, that association will not be able to compete in the current year’s event. Dispute may be submitted in written form to the Executive Board; but the State Team Director has the final decision.