Florida Dart Association

Section V

TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS/GUIDELINES

I PURPOSE

A. Sanctioning is an instrument which a hosting association has or will have the means at its disposal to perform their proposed competition activities as stated in their advertising material regarding that particular competition.
B. The FDA uses sanctioning on behalf of its membership to insure to the best of its ability that these activities take place.
C. Sanctioning creates a uniform format so individual dart competitors are assured that every tournament and event is staged the same and underwritten by identical guidelines whether you are from Miami or Tallahassee.

II FDA TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

A. The Florida Dart Association Tournament Director is an appointed position by the FDA Board of Directors and is a member of the FDA Executive Board.
B. All decisions made by the Tournament Director are final and all inclusive as they pertain to an FDA sanctioned tournament and applications for said tournament.
C. The current Florida Dart Association Tournament Director has exclusive authority to grant sanctioning request. No member of the FDA Board of Directors or member of the Executive Board has such authority. The sanctioning of a "FDA Sanctioned Tournament" is at the sole discretion of the current FDA Tournament Director.
D. The current Florida Dart Association Tournament Director is:

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III SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS [General]

A. Only FDA member associations in good standing may apply for tournament sanctioning.
B. Bars, taverns, pubs, owners of such establishments, individual persons, private clubs or non-FDA sanctioned associations are not permitted to apply for, nor sanction a "FDA" tournament.
C. The minimum total tournament payout is $1,000.00
D. Blind draws cannot exceed 20% of the total payout.
E. No organization, association, club, group, etc. may advertise that its proposed tournament has the sanction of the FDA until such notice has been afforded to that organization in writing by the FDA Tournament Director.

IV SANCTIONING PROCEDURES

A. At least one-hundred-twenty days before the projected tournament, the FDA Area Representative should consult with the FDA Tournament Director as to dates available to hold their tournament and temporarily "hold" said date.
B. If sponsorship is needed, it should be determined at this time.
C. At least ninety days prior to the proposed tournament the following information must be forwarded to the Tournament Director, either by mail, fax, or electronic mail.
    1. A completed FDA tournament application form.
    2. Current filing fee.
    3. A preliminary flyer. (See section VII for flyer requirements)
D. If applying by fax or electronic mail, filing fees must be received by the Tournament Director within ninety-six hours of said filing.
E. In the event the Tournament Director does not receive the fees by the prescribed date, then the application becomes null and void and the tournament date is "re-opened" to all associations.
F. Upon approval, the Tournament Director will place said tournament on the official FDA Tournament schedule and inform the applying Area Representative of said approval either by voice, mail, fax or electronic mail.
G. The "final" flyer, displaying the FDA logo, must be mailed/emailed to the Tournament Director at least sixty days prior to the scheduled tournament. If the final flyer is not received within the prescribed time, the Tournament Director, at his discretion, may rescind his approval and remove the said tournament from the official FDA Tournament schedule.
H. The final approved tournament flier will be sent to the FDA website by the Tournament Director.
I. All filing fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

V DENIAL OF A SANCTION REQUEST

A. If the application is not granted the sanction of the FDA, for any reason, the Tournament Director must immediately notify the Area Representative via voice, mail, fax or electronic mail.
B. The above notification must include reason for denial and suggestions to correct the deficiencies, which were the basis for the denial.
C. In the event there is no response from the Area Representative to correct such deficiencies, then the proposed tournament is null and void of FDA sanctioning.
D. The requesting association must be granted a reasonable time period to correct those deficiencies which were the basis for the denial.
E. When the corrections have been completed by the Area Representative and forwarded to the Tournament Director, and he is satisfied that the deficiencies now meet the established FDA standards, then the Tournament Director will notify the requesting association that it has been granted FDA sanctioning via voice, mail, fax or electronic mail.
F. Disputes arising from a "denied request" that the Area Representative may deem unreasonable, must be placed in writing to the Executive Board. This dispute will be presented to the full FDA Board of Directors at the next scheduled FDA quarterly meeting, and discussed as "new business".

VI TOURNAMENT SITE/VENUE

A. The tournament site should comfortably handle the number of boards needed and also comfortably accommodate the number of participants and their supporters.
B. Boards will be placed by ADO rules and not be encumbered by fans, air conditioning ducts, outside entries to the establishment, or other impediments that could interfere with standard dart playing procedures.
C. A "control" desk should be made available to all participants. The purpose of this "desk" is to accept participant entry forms, entry fees and answer questions.

VII TOURNAMENT FLYER

A. The minimum required information on a "professionally" printed FDA sanctioned tournament flyer is as follows:
    1. Designated "name" of the tournament.
    2. Clearly print all events, payouts for said event, entry fees for each event, and approximate "cut-off" entry deadlines for each event.
    3. Name of FDA sponsoring association, local tournament director's name and telephone number, and name of venue and telephone number.
    4. Name of local lodging accommodations and telephone number of said lodging.
    5. All payouts must be stated in US currency…percentage of entry monies is not acceptable.
    6. Every FDA sanctioned tournament flyer must have clearly printed the following statement:
       ENTRY FEES ARE PROCESSING FEES FOR TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND ADVERTISING. PRIZE MONEYS ARE PAID BY THE TOURNAMENT SPONSORS AND ARE NOT PART OF THE PROCESSING FEES. This meets the criteria for the Florida Gaming and Beverage Laws.
    7. All FDA tournaments are sanctioned by the American Darts Organization and all fees must be paid to said organizations and disclosed.
    8. Disclosure of any fees the local organization may impose or require a competitor to pay at time of entry.

B. In addition to the above minimum requirements, the FDA strongly suggests the following information appear on FDA sanctioned tournament flyers.
    1. A map showing where the designated tournament is to be held.
    2. Rates at local lodging facilities.
    3. Disclosure of any fees the local organization may impose or require a competitor to pay at time of entry.

VIII TOURNAMENT EVENTS

A. There are only two restrictions on the choice of events at an FDA sanctioned tournament, they are as follows:
   1. If there is to be only one set of singles, it must be 501, single on/Double off.
   2. In order for FDA championship points to be awarded, there must be equal events for both men and women.
B. All other events are optional and at the discretion of the local tournament organizer.
C. All event prize monies must be awarded as prescribed in the tournament flyer regardless of the number of entries.

IX TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

A. All tournament participants must be a member of the Florida Dart Association in one of the following ways:
   1. An active member of a FDA member association.
   2. Individual annual member.
   3. Lifetime member.
   4. Weekend member.

X TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

A. It is the local organizer responsibility to comply with all local health ordinances, state gaming laws and any other restriction placed upon them by any local governing authority.
B. The FDA assumes no responsibility for breach of any such laws, and shall be held harmless for such violations.
C. The FDA Area Representative or person designated by the Area Representative is responsible for the following:
   1. Compiling the results of all events on the official FDA tournament results form.
   2. Collection of all FDA and ADO fees.
   3. Forwarding such results and fees to the proper FDA authority within two Weeks after the tournament has been completed.
D. Failure to forward such results and fees within the prescribed time will result in a $5.00 per week assessment against the member association sponsoring the tournament.
E. Any violation of these guidelines may result in forfeiture of future FDA sanctioning.

XI TOURNAMENT FEES

A. There shall be an application fee for all FDA sanctioned tournaments. The Current application fee is stated on the FDA tournament sanctioning application
B. A $1.00 singles fee will be levied against all single event participants.
C. $5.00 "weekend" membership fee shall be levied against all participants who currently reside in the State of Florida and who not members of the FDA in any other capacity.
D. $5.00 "weekend" membership fee shall be levied against all participants who do not currently reside in the State of Florida.
E. Event entry fees are determined by the local organizers.
F. All participants must be charged the same event entry as so stated on the tournament flyer.