

TRIANGLE DART LEAGUE CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The name of this society shall be the Triangle Dart League.

Section 2. Triangle Dart League (also referred to as TDL within this document) shall be a non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian society.

Section 3. The society is established as a competitive dart league in the Triangle Area of North Carolina for:

3-a. the purpose of promoting darting as a sport;

3-b. the enjoyment of its members;

3-c. the development of additional locations and teams in the Triangle Area for the purpose of promoting darts as a sport;

3-d. the establishment and maintenance of friendly, competitive relationships with similar organizations in other locations;

3-e. the generation of assistance and cooperation of business firms who may have any intent in sponsorship of dart tournaments;

3-f. the provision of assistance to individuals or firms by arranging tournaments within the Triangle Area by providing technical and promotional help. Such participation must not create any unauthorized expense to the Triangle Dart League.

ARTICLE II. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Application for membership in the society is open to any person expressing an interest in darting as a sport.

Section 2. Application is subject to approval by the Ruling Council (which is defined elsewhere in this Constitution (Article III.2-a)).

Section 3. A team is required to pay dues, the amount to be determined at the Organizational Meeting of each season, thereby maintaining a membership in good standing.

Section 4. every member of a team in good standing is entitled to one vote at general/organizational meetings. (Note: Membership on a team in good standing in the immediately preceding season also constitutes a member in good standing for the purposes of voting. Persons with sincere interest in the objectives of the society as set forth in ARTICLE I also are allowed one vote.

Section 5. The TDL shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, or age. [However, participation in league play by players less than 21 years of age is subject to the permission of individual bar owners.

ARTICLE III. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Purpose of Article III

The intent of this article, stated as simply as possible, is to administer and expand effectively the Triangle Dart League. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed at all meetings of the society.

Section 2. Governing Body and Their Duties:

2-a. the governing body of the TDL shall be the Ruling Council. Voting members of this council shall consist of the captain or the designated representative from each team currently participating in the League, plus non-voting members (the elected League Officers) with the exception that in the case of tie votes by the Ruling Council, the President, acting in accordance with Robert's *Rules of Order*, shall cast a tie-breaking vote. The Ruling Council shall be the delegating body of the society. A majority vote of members present at a Ruling Council meeting shall be necessary to change Match Play Rules.

2-b. The officers of the Triangle Dart League shall be President, Vice (or Co-Vice) President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer. These four officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

2-c. The following shall be the duties of the officers:

PRESIDENT:

It is the duty of the President to call all meetings to order at the appropriate time, to preside at all meetings, to announce the business before the assembly in its proper order, to state and put all questions properly brought before the assembly, to preserve order and decorum, and to decide all questions of order (subject to any appeal). The President shall hold no other office within the organization, except for that of team captain. (NOTE: In the case of such an event, the President shall designate a representative for his/her team to the Ruling Council who shall vote for that team).

The signature of the President (and/or that of the Treasurer) shall be necessary for any expenditure of league funds. In addition, the President will be the first (person) consulted for all interpretations of the Rules for Match Play (as attached to this Constitution and By-Laws, as from time to time amended.) If unable to contact the President (or his designated alternate), team(s) involved may continue to play the match under protest and follow the procedures as set forth in Rules for Match Play to bring such question(s) to action by the Ruling Council.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

It is the primary responsibility of the Vice President(s) to be responsible for maintenance and publication of current statistical records for all teams. In addition, the Vice-President(s)

shall be present at all meetings, and act as Parliamentarian, or President in the case of that officer's absence, disability or delegation). The Vice-President(s) shall become President in the case of removal (by recall or other means); death, resignation, or present inability to carry out the duties above outlined. Vice President(s) is/are second in line to decide interpretations for Rules of Match Play. The President shall define any additional duties of the Vice-President(s).

SECRETARY:

The primary duty of the Secretary is to keep a record of all proceedings of the society, the character of which depends upon the kinds of meetings. The Secretary shall always record every resolution or motion that is adopted and provide current copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Match Play to all captains at organizational meetings. It is the further responsibility of the Secretary to provide updated sections of these documents to all team captains within two weeks of the change.

The Secretary has custody of all papers belonging to the Society, especially those not under charge of any other officer. The Secretary shall handle correspondence for the league and shall ensure the publication of the names of all officers and team captains, their phone numbers, the Minutes of meetings, and team statistics in the society's newsletter.

TREASURER:

The primary duty of the Treasurer shall be to serve as banker for the society. The Treasurer shall collect and disburse moneys in accordance with the needs of the society, and at the direction of the President. Financial guidelines for the Treasurer shall be established by the ruling Council, and shall always include the publication of a Treasurer's Report at least once per season in the society's newsletter. This report shall include a statement of the amount of money on hand at the beginning and ending of each season (stating from what sources received and disbursed) the total paid out by the society, and the balance on hand. It should always be remembered that the financial report is made for the information of the members and should reflect as much data as possible.

Section 3. Elections

3-a. Officers as listed above are to be elected from the general membership. Nominations for the positions will be held on the first Thursday in April. Names of the nominees shall appear in the society newsletter for the next two weeks. Elections will be held on the fourth Thursday of April and the officers then elected shall begin terms of office at the beginning of the next TDL season.

3-b. The President may appoint any league member in good standing to fill an opening on the Executive Committee (i.e., the elected officers) if such vacancy occurs between elections. Such appointees will serve until the next term of office begins.

3-c. A Nominating Committee, consisting of two retiring officers (if available) and representatives from the general membership (with all existing divisions being represented

equally) shall be appointed by the President. The duties of this ad hoc committee shall be as follows:

c-1. Ensure publication of the date of the election (which has been designated as the fourth (4th) Thursday in April, indicating that all teams are to consider their nominations for officers. This announcement should stress the points that all persons nominated should have been contacted prior to placing the name in nominations and should include telephone numbers or other contact information for nominees.

c-2. Following nominations, the committee will coordinate all names placed in contention, and will double-check with each nominee to ensure that each is available and willing to serve, and will explain fully to those nominees the duties and responsibilities of the office for which they have been nominated.

c-3. A list of these names will be published in the newsletter at least one week prior to the fourth Thursday in April, and again on that night. A scoresheet with official ballot included will be provided for that night's play. (NOTE: LEGITIMATE WRITE-IN NOMINATIONS, so long as the criteria set forth in paragraphs c-1 and c-2 above are met, shall be allowed on official ballots on the date of the election.

c-4. Two members of the nominating committee (including on retiring officer, if available) shall collect the ballot score sheets, tally the results of the voting, and provide a listing of the elected officials to the secretary for publication in the following week's newsletter. These committee members will also ensure that the Vice-President/Statistician receives copies of the ballot/sheets in timely fashion to allow calculation of the scores.

Section 4. Grievance Committee Procedures

4-a. The Grievance Committee shall consist of the current Ruling Council members and the Executive Committee. All present at the called meeting for the purpose of hearing a grievance shall have one vote in the decision with the exception of any member of the team(s) involved in the grievance, who may not vote. The president shall serve as chair of this ad hoc committee, and the vote of the Council is final.

4-b. A formal complaint or protest must be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the incident(s) which caused the grievance. No action by the Executive Committee or the Ruling Council will take place without this written description of the details, which caused the grievance to be filed. NOTE: Indication of a match played "under protest", even though such a statement is written on the back of the scoresheet for the match in controversy, does not constitute the required written notice to initiate the grievance process. A full account of the reasons for the grievance/protest must be included in this written complaint.

4-c. Following notification of a filed grievance, the President will attempt to resolve the controversy only if it involves rule interpretations. All other incidents are referred to the Ruling Council. If the President is unable to resolve the problem, s/he will call a meeting of the Ruling

Council to act on the grievance, said meeting to be at a time other than the night of match play, at a location convenient for all attendees.

4-d. Only the committee under protest may consider the current incident, and only the one(s) against whom the grievance was filed will be allowed to bring a counter-complaint. The binding decision of the Ruling Council shall be conveyed to the complainants involved as soon as possible following the meeting.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The current President prior to the beginning of each season shall call an Organizational Meeting. Purpose(s) of this meeting are to discuss, vote, and recommend ratification by the Ruling Council on the following:

- (1) Turning in of team rosters;
- (2) League play format for the upcoming season;
- (3) Rules for Match Play for upcoming season;
- (4) Setting of team dues for the upcoming season;
- (5) Any member in good standing may introduce other topics at this meeting.
NOTE: A member in good standing is defined as: All persons present who are either (a) members in good standing on a current roster; (b) members in good standing on a team roster from the immediately-preceding season; and/or (c) persons who wish to join a team for the current season. [Each member in good standing has one vote.]

Section 2. The Ruling Council shall meet at least once per season at a date and time to be determined by the Executive Committee. Additional meetings of the Ruling Council shall be held upon the written request of two (2) council members and shall be at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Additional general meetings of the entire membership may be called by written request of 30% of the current membership. Any meeting of the general membership must be held separate and apart from any official league celebration. All votes of this meeting are to be show of hands unless there is a motion and second for a roll-call vote.

ARTICLE V. SEASONS

Starting date for each season is to set by the Executive Committee in open meeting, as is schedule of competition among the teams. The date for this meeting shall be announced to the general membership. Final schedule details shall be the decision of the Executive Committee, although input from the general membership attending any meetings for this purpose will be considered.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Ruling Council shall be designated as the body to make amendments to this Constitution and/or By-Laws at a called meeting for that purpose. NOTE: For that meeting, a quorum is considered to be those members present at the meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of members present at the called meeting for this purpose shall constitute a binding vote. Proposed changes to be discussed and ratified will be publicized in the society newsletter at least two weeks prior to the meeting. By-Laws to this Constitution follow on page 8.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. FUNDS

Section 1. All moneys collected shall be deposited in a local bank, in both savings and checking accounts.

Section 2. Moneys shall be disbursed for postage, printing, administrative supplies, each season's league party expenses, newsletter costs, telephone calls, equipment purchases, awards and other expenditures deemed legitimate by the President and Treasurer. Either the President or the Treasurer may sign checks for expenses.

ARTICLE II. AWARDS AND LEAGUE PARTY

Section 1. Awards shall be in the form of trophies and/or plaques, to be given each season at the League End-of-Season Party. These awards shall be:

First Place Winners -- each division

First Place Winner --league tournament

Runner-Up -- league tournament

Win Percentage --one trophy each (men and women)-- per division

All-Star Percentage --first place (both men and women)

Low Dart Games for cricket and -01 doubles -- trophy for each

High "In" and "Out" -- trophy for each

Ton-80, Nine Marks, and Six Bulls

Luck of the Draw Winners at league party - - two trophies

Categories and numbers of awards are dictated by the availability of league funds. The Ruling Council as needed to comply with budgetary restraints may modify the above list. The President shall have final decision on types of awards. Should the treasury be unable to support even the above list, the Treasurer will notify the Ruling Council and a decision shall then be made regarding any modifications or deletions.

Section 2. In addition to the award given to the winning team of the league tournament, this team is also to be awarded The Triangle Dart League Memorial Cup for that season. Possession (i.e. ownership) of this cup, however, will remain vested in the TDL in perpetuity. A suitable engraved plate bearing the winning team's name and season information will be affixed to the base of this trophy each season. Following the award at the League Party, the Cup will be placed at a location approved by the President.

Section 3. The league party must be held at a TDL sanctioned location of league play or at another location, which provides for the event of inclement weather.