



CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN DART LEAGUE

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SOUTHERN DART LEAGUE INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

AS AMENDED OCTOBER 2015

INTERPRETATION :-

- “League” means the Southern Dart League Incorporated.
- “Committee” means the Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting of members each year for the purpose of conducting the business of the League during the time between Annual General Meetings.
- “Delegate” means the member appointed by a team or Club to act on its behalf.
- “Constitution” means this Constitution and includes any such amendments hereto.
- “Year” means the official financial year of the League. From the 1st July to 30th June.
- “Member” means any person who is a registered dart player and is financial with the League.
- “Headquarters” means the home venue of the League.

1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Association will shall be hereafter called the “**SOUTHERN DART LEAGUE INCORPORATED**”

2. JURISDICTION

- 2.1 The area of Jurisdiction of the League shall be the boundaries of Wheatland Street, Seacombe Road line drawn east to meet Shephards Hill Road, to Main Road and Blacks Road Blackwood, south by road to Kangarilla, a straight line to the town of Willunga and to follow the hill face to the town of Sellicks Beach.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE LEAGUE

- 3.1 To foster, control, advance and promote the sport of darts within the Leagues jurisdiction.
- 3.2 To arrange and carry out League Competitions and championships.
- 3.3 To maintain a Headquarters for the League within a ten (10) kilometre radius of the Morphett Vale Post Office.

- 3.4 To consider and deal with all matters from time to time raised by any member or members.
- 3.5 To establish and operate a fund for the purpose of paying all expenses incurred in the running of the League, purchasing of trophies and send representatives to compete in Inter League Competitions.
- 3.6 For a fund to be set up for the purchase or lease of land and premises to be used as League headquarters and the upkeep of same.
- 3.7 To do all such other acts or things as are necessary or incidental to achieving the above objects.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 Membership of the League shall be open to members of such dart clubs within the boundaries of the League who register with the League and contribute the prescribed fee.
- 4.2 Members shall be persons who have agreed to accept the above objectives, completed any application form required by the Committee, who have paid the prescribed fees and who are accepted as members by a majority vote of the Committee.
- 4.3 Membership may be suspended by not less than two-thirds majority vote at a Committee or appeals meeting.
 - 4.3.1 Any suspended member may on not less than two weeks written notice require the suspension to be considered at one subsequent appeals meeting.
 - 4.3.2 The League shall not be required to accept renewal of membership of a suspended player when renewal next falls due.

5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 5.1 The annual team registrations shall be determined by the Committee and notified to all clubs fifty six (56) days prior to the closing date for team nominations for the ensuing year.
- 5.2 Players registrations shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3 Team and registration fees shall be payable by the nomination closing date.
- 5.4 Additional players may be registered with the Match Secretary throughout the year.
- 5.5 Any member granted a Life membership will be deemed to be a financial registered member.

6. **POWERS**

- 6.1 For the purposes of achieving its objects, the League shall have the power to carry out such acts and things as are necessary including exercising those powers set out in the Associations Incorporation Act.
- 6.2 For the purpose of achieving its objectives, the Committee members will have the power to carry out any such acts as required by the conditions of any Liquor Licence, and will execute any authorities as required under any South Australian Liquor Licensing Legislation and/or Regulations.
- 6.3 The Committee shall be entitled to exercise the full powers of the League, and with out limiting those powers shall have the management and control of the funds and other property of the League, provided that the League must obtain the approval of a General Meeting before borrowing money.

7. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 7.1 The business and affairs of the League shall be under the control and management of the Committee.
- 7.2 The committee shall comprise of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Match Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, League Recorder, Venue Coordinator and up to three (3) Committee persons.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee shall comprise of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary.
- 7.4 The Committee shall be elected by and from the League members.
- 7.5 The Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General meeting. Nominations for the positions to be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary at least twenty eight (28) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and all the Club Secretary's shall be notified of nominations received at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.6 The Committee shall remain in office for twelve (12) months from the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.7 On retirement from office, members of the Committee shall be eligible for nomination or re-election.
- 7.8 If any office is not filled, then oral nominations shall be called from the members present and nominees shall be eligible for election.
- 7.9 Casual Vacancies in any office may be appointed by the Committee. Should they occur more than six (6) months before the next Annual General Meeting, then the appointment shall be on a temporary basis until as Special General Meeting called for the sole purpose of filling the vacancy has been convened. If the vacancy occurs less

than six (6) months before the next Annual General Meeting, then the Committee appointment shall stand until the Annual General Meeting.

- 7.10 Any Committee member absent without an apology for two (2) or more consecutive meetings, may be deemed to have retired or resigned from their position. The member may not nominate for the Committee for the next twelve (12) months from the next Annual General Meeting. The position shall be deemed a casual vacancy.
- 7.11 The Committee may from time to time make and rescind by-laws or playing rules deemed inconsistent with the Constitution.
- 7.12 The Committee shall appoint a Public Officer who shall notify the Corporate Affairs Commission of such appointment and who shall file such other returns and notices as shall be required by law. The Public Officer shall hold office until another person is appointed to the position by the Committee.

8. **POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 8.1 To establish a fund by subscription, fees, levies, or other fund raising ventures for the purpose of paying all expenses incurred in the running of the League.
- 8.2 To open an account or accounts in a financial institution as may be required from time to time and negotiate, exchange bills, debentures and other negotiable and transferable instruments for furtherance of the League.
- 8.3 To invest and deal with the surplus moneys not immediately required, in such a manner as from time to time be thought fit.
- 8.4 To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such persons as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the purposes of administering the League.
- 8.5 The income and property of the League wherever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the League as set forth in the Constitution.
- 8.6 Authorise the formation of sub-committee/s from the membership of the League.
- 8.7 To change the rules of darts so as to make them uniform with the Dart Federation of Australia, where practicable.
- 8.8 To do all such things as the League may think incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above mentioned objects and the exercise of powers of the League.
- 8.9 The Committee shall: -
 - 8.9.1 Manage and control all matters in connection with competitions and provide prizes or trophies for same.
 - 8.9.2 Deal with all correspondence of the League.

- 8.9.3 Hold all inquiries into and make decisions in connection with all disputes, protests and all matters referred to it.
- 8.9.4 Form, regulate and control all divisions of the League and determine which clubs and teams shall play in such divisions as necessary.
- 8.10 The Committee shall have the power to decline the nomination for membership of any person, team or club or to accept the renewal of any membership of any person, team or club. If such does occur then the person, team or club has the right of appeal before the appeals committee, convened to deal with the said matter.
- 8.11 The committee shall have the power to reprimand, fine, disqualify, remove or expel from any team either permanently or for a period decided by the committee, any Committee member, member, team or club, who in the opinion of the committee, has practiced or counselled unfair or unbecoming conduct arising out of or in connection with darts, or otherwise behaves improper or in breach of duties, whether during competition or during meetings or at any other League event or otherwise.
- 8.12 If such does occur then the member, team or club has the right of appeal before the appeals committee convened to deal with the matter.
- 8.13 Any member being a Committee member or other who has a vested interest in any Disciplinary procedure, either being a member, member of a team or club, the instigator of the complaint, or a witness shall abstain from any involvement in any disciplinary procedure. The Committee has the power to co-opt as required other members of the League to form a Committee quorum as per rule 9.2 to hear Committee hearings as it sees fit, so that a Committee Quorum can be maintained.
- 8.14 The Committee may delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee consisting of such members of the League as the committee sees fit. Any sub-committee so formed shall conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the committee. Any such committee is to be under the direction of the Executive committee.
- 8.15 The Committee shall appoint an appeals committee consisting of the President, Secretary and Match Secretary of the League plus one Captain/delegate from each division of the League when required.
- 8.16 The Members will be under League control between the hours 6pm and 2am of any dart fixture.

9. **MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 The Committee shall meet at least once a month.
- 9.2 A quorum for the Committee shall be fifty (50) percent of its members. If within half an hour from the appointed time for the commencement of meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall lapse, and in such case the meeting shall be scheduled to as soon a time as practicable.

9.3 The Secretary shall convene all meetings by giving no less than fourteen (14) days notice to all of its members.

9.4 At all meetings the order of business shall be as follows: -

Apologies
Minutes of previous meeting – business arising – adoption
Financial Report – business arising – adoption
Match Secretary's Report – business arising – adoption
Venue Coordinators Report – business arising - adoption
Correspondence – business arising – adoption
General business – motions – adoptions
Date and time of next meeting.

9.5 The President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all Committees and Sub/Committees.

10. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

10.1 **PRESIDENT**

- 10.1.1 The President shall ensure the Leagues wellbeing and the objectives are pursued.
- 10.1.2 The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and all meetings that require his presence, and shall see the business is conducted in a fit and proper manner.
- 10.1.3 The President shall act as spokesperson unless an alternative spokesperson has been appointed by the Committee or a General meeting. The spokesperson shall make statements in accordance with previously agreed policy, or in an emergency following consultation with at least two members of the Committee.
- 10.1.4 The President shall have a deliberate vote and a casting vote if required to return the business to status quo.

10.2 **VICE PRESIDENT**

- 10.2.1 The Vice President shall assist the President in his duties. In the absence of the President shall preside and conduct the business of any of the meetings.
- 10.2.2 The Vice President shall have a deliberate vote and a casting vote if required to return the business to status quo when acting as the President.

10.3 SECRETARY

- 10.3.1 The Secretary shall ensure that notice of meetings is given in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
- 10.3.2 The Secretary shall ensure that records are kept of the League including the Constitution and policies, records of members, a register of minutes of meetings and of notices, a file of correspondence, and records of submissions or reports made on behalf of the League.
- 10.3.3 Receive all Correspondence and send out all correspondence as the Committee directs. To produce all copies of correspondence at the next meeting.
- 10.3.4 The Secretary shall, in conjunction with the Match Secretary, organise tournaments and venues.

10.4 ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- 10.4.1 The Assistant Secretary shall take the minutes of all League meetings. Send a copy of the minutes to the Secretary as soon as practical after the meeting.
- 10.4.2 Assist the Secretary as directed by the Committee.

10.5 MATCH SECRETARY

- 10.5.1 The Match Secretary shall organise and conduct all fixtures within the auspices of the League. He shall be responsible for all the team and player registrations, transfers and clearances.
- 10.5.2 The Match Secretary shall liaise with the league Recorder as to Team, Player and League performances
- 10.5.3 To provide the Committee all business pertaining to player registrations, transfers and clearances at the next Committee meeting.
- 10.5.4 To provide to the next Committee meeting a copy of a Division Premiership table and a list of player performance records.
- 10.5.5 The Match Secretary shall, in conjunction with the Secretary, organise tournaments and venues.

10.6 TREASURER

- 10.6.1 The Treasurer shall ensure all moneys received are paid into an account authorised by the Committee. Payments of accounts shall be by cheque signed by two (2) authorised signatories of whom there shall be no more than four (4) appointed by the Committee.

- 10.6.2 The Treasurer shall ensure that records are kept of all receipts and payments and other financial transactions.
- 10.6.3 The Treasurer shall ensure that annual Financial Statements comprising either an account of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities or an account of income and expenditure and a balance sheet shall be prepared following the end of the Leagues financial year, which shall commence on the 1st July and end on 30th June each year unless altered at a General meeting.
- 10.6.4 The Treasurer shall ensure that the Annual Financial Statements are Audited before presentation to the Annual General meeting by an independent auditor who shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting, provided that where the auditor is changed the Treasurer shall so inform the Annual General in the Treasurers report.
- 10.6.5 To submit a true and accurate financial statement of the League to each Committee Meeting.
- 10.6.6 To make available for inspection all books and records in his charge, if and when requested by a duly appointed auditor or person under the State or Federal Laws authorised to inspect books and records.
- 10.6.7 To carry out such other duties as may from time to time be directed by the Committee.

10.7 PUBLICITY OFFICER

- 10.7.1 The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for the promotion of darts in the southern area by keeping members and other interested bodies informed of the Leagues activities.

10.8 COMMITTEE PERSONS.

- 10.8.1 Committee persons shall carry out all duties as directed by the Committee.

10.9 RECORDER.

- 10.9.1 The Recorder shall be responsible for the maintenance of accurate and up to date Team, Player and League performances.
- 10.9.2 Provide the Match Secretary with updated tables of league records.

10.10 VENUE COORDINATOR.

- 10.10.1 The Venue Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating the overall function and maintenance of the Leagues Headquarters, however they shall not be personally liable for any costs incurred to ensure the ongoing functionality of the venue, providing decisions are made in good faith,

after options have been considered and in consultation with at least one Executive Committee member.

- 10.10.2 Shall maintain working relationships with any person or organisation from which the League may, from time to time, enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of providing the League with a headquarters.
- 10.10.3 Shall ensure that the League maintains an ongoing Liquor Licence for any venue that the League uses as its Headquarters, including application for any Liquor Licence required for any function held outside of any conditions of an ongoing Liquor Licence.

11. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 11.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held within forty five (45) days after the end of the financial year. (The financial year is from 1st July to the 30th June each year, as per rule 10.6.3)
- 11.2 The Annual General Meeting to be held during the week.
- 11.3 The date shall be arranged by the Committee, and all clubs shall be summoned by written notice posted not less than one (1) calendar month before the meeting. The accidental omission to give notice to any club shall not invalidate the meeting.
- 11.4 The business of the Annual General meeting shall be: -
 - 11.4.1 To confirm the minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
 - 11.4.2 To confirm all Special General Meetings that were held in the previous financial year.
 - 11.4.3 To receive the President's report for the previous year.
 - 11.4.4 To receive the Treasurers report and the audited financial statements for the previous financial year, together with the financial budget for the current financial year.
 - 11.4.5 To receive and deal with any written Notices of Motions from clubs or members. Which must be written and in the hands of the Secretary (30) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
 - 11.4.6 To elect or re-elect the Committee members who must consent in writing twenty eight (28) days before the Annual General Meeting.
- 11.5 No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless a Quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting is scheduled to begin.
- 11.6 A quorum shall be constituted when forty (40) members are present.

11.7 If at any General Meeting there is no quorum within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the meeting then a majority of members present may decide to adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days.

11.8 The Quorum for such adjourned meeting shall be reduced to eight (8) failing which the meeting will lapse altogether.

12. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

12.1 A Special General Meeting of the League may be convened at any time upon the direction of the President or Committee, or shall be convened twenty one (21) days after receipt of a requisition in writing by not less than twenty (20) financial members. The requisition must state the object of the business to be dealt with at such a meeting.

12.2 No other business will be dealt with at any such a meeting.

12.3 Fourteen (14) days notice shall be given to all Clubs by the Secretary, but the accidental omission to give notice to any club shall not invalidate the meeting.

12.4 No business shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting unless a Quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting is scheduled to begin.

12.5 A quorum shall be constituted when twenty (20) members are present.

12.6 If at any Special General Meeting there is no quorum within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the meeting then a majority of members present may decide to adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days.

12.7 The Quorum for such adjourned meeting shall be reduced to eight (8) failing which the meeting will lapse altogether.

13. **CLUBS OR TEAMS MEETINGS**

13.1 Clubs' and teams meetings will be called by the Committee, written notice to all club secretary's and team Captains' will be posted not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The accidental omission to give notice to any Club or team shall not invalidate the meeting.

13.2 Any financial member of a team or club may attend either or both club or team meetings. However each team or club shall be entitled to one (1) vote only.

13.3 Any member of the management Committee in attendance may act on behalf of or in respect of their team or club.

13.4 Any member, team or club deemed to be unfinancial shall be considered ineligible to play in any League or fixture or vote at any meeting.

14 **VOTING**

14.1 Voting shall be by show of hands except that:

14.1.1 Any contested election at an Annual General Meeting or otherwise shall be by secret ballot.

14.1.2 A secret ballot on any business will be held at the request of five (5) or more members present and entitled to vote.

14.2 Persons with special interests or knowledge relevant to the League may be invited to attend any meeting and to speak at the discretion of the President but such persons shall not vote.

15 **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

15.1 For any member to be eligible for Life Membership they must have outstanding and continuous service to the League for a minimum of ten (10) years.

15.2 All nominations for life membership must be in writing and received by the League Secretary at least twenty eight (28) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. This recommendation must contain details of the nominees' outstanding and continuous service, ie; full details of the members history.

15.3 Life Membership may be considered by the Committee if a worthy member has accumulated a base total of **50** points calculated from the table below. Points may be calculated from the following categories, 1 point for each or two points where specified. Exceptional duties can also be taken into consideration. Points are accumulated on a yearly basis from AGM to AGM

15.4 Guideline to points (per year);

- A] Member of the league
- B] Committee member
- C] Executive position [2 points]
- D] SDL Representative player
- E] Captain or secretaries of league clubs and teams.

15.5 Life membership may be either endorsed or rejected by the Committee.

15.5.1 Those nominations endorsed by the Committee will be tabled at the next Annual General Meeting and must be voted on by the members present.

15.5.2 Those nominations rejected by the Committee will be returned to the nominator with an explanation as to why the nomination was not endorsed.

- 15.6 Endorsed Life Membership recommendations will be tabled at the next AGM. A vote will be conducted with those members present. 75% must agree for the endorsement to be accepted.

16 **LIQUOR LICENCE**

- 16.1 For the purposes of any Liquor Licence issued to the League, a club member shall be any person who qualifies as a member of the League as per items 4.2 and 5.5 of this Constitution.
- 16.2 Committee members may be required to be licensees for any Liquor License issued to the League and as such will be required to undergo any probity checks as required by the League or Liquor Licensing Authority.
- 16.3 If any Liquor Licence is challenged because of any person who holds a position on the committee that committee member will be stood down from the committee at the next committee meeting and filling of the position will be dealt with as per item 8.9.
- 16.4 The Committee will ensure that at least one Committee member, or other person as nominated by the Committee, is present during any hours any venue is trading under any license issued to the League.

17 **AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

- 17.1 This Constitution may be repealed or amended by resolution of the majority of members present and voting at a Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of which not less than twenty eight (28) days' written notice including notice of the proposed repeal or amendment has been distributed to all Club Secretary's.
- 17.2 Rules for the proper administration of meetings or business may be made, repealed or amended by a General Meeting, or by a Committee Meeting subject to subsequent disallowance at a General Meeting, provided that not less than twenty eight (28) days' written notice including notice of the proposed new rule, repeal or amendment has been distributed to all Club Secretary's.

18 **LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND DISOLUTION**

- 18.1 Persons who have the authority of the Committee incur any debt or other liability on behalf of the League shall have such liability met by the League so that they incur no personal loss.
- 18.2 The income property and funds of the League shall be used solely towards the promotion of the objects and shall not be paid or transferred to any members or relatives of members provided nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith to any person in return for services actually rendered or to any person in furtherance of the objects of the League and without undue preference.

- 18.3 On dissolution all property remaining after payment of all legal liabilities shall be transferred to such other body formed for promoting similar objects as shall be approved by the League provide that:-
- 18.3.1 Such other bodies shall also prohibit the dissolution of income and property to the members to the extent stated herein;
 - 18.3.2 If the League shall have been approved pursuant to section 78 of the Income Tax Assessment Act then such other body shall also be so approved; and
 - 18.3.3 The League shall not be dissolved except by approval of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose of which not less than one Calender months written notice including notice of the proposed dissolution has been distributed to all members.