

Thoroughbred Dart Association BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Thoroughbred Dart Association (TDA).

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

1. Whenever the word “**MEMBER**” is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean an individual who is a current participant of the TDA.
2. Whenever the word “**TEAM**” is used in these By-Laws it shall mean a group of members playing darts as such.
3. The term “**TEAM REPRESENTATIVE**” shall be used in these By-Laws to mean the registered team captain or a designated team representative.
4. Whenever the term “**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**” is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean the body, as elected by the membership, which administers the TDA.
5. Whenever the term “**SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**” is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean the most senior elected executive committee member present in terms of continuous service.
6. Whenever the term “**BOG**” (Board of Governors) is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean the body comprised of the Executive Committee, a representative from each team, and Honorary Members in attendance at an official meeting.
7. Whenever the term “**HONORARY MEMBER**” is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean an individual who by his/her actions has made outstanding contributions to the game of darts and to the TDA specifically.
8. “**ILLEGAL DRUGS**” are those defined by state and federal laws as such.
9. “**TDA Rules and Regulations**” are the set of guidelines used to supplement these By-Laws and govern league play.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

1. The TDA shall promote the sport of darts, activities, tournaments and functions of the TDA through the spirit of sportsmanship, in Aiken, SC and surrounding areas.
2. The TDA shall be a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, and non-sexist organization.
3. The TDA shall be a member in good standing with the American Dart Organization.

ARTICLE IV - POLICY

1. All members shall comply with the TDA By-Laws and TDA Rules and Regulations.
2. The BOG shall review and revise the TDA By-Laws and the TDA Rules and Regulations as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to any person who evidences interest in darts as a sport.
2. An Honorary Membership may be granted to the recipient by a 2/3-majority vote of the BOG. Such membership shall be for life and carry with it any and all voting privileges granted to the BOG.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Membership fees shall be established to administer the TDA.
2. Membership fees may be revised by a 2/3-majority vote of the BOG.
3. Membership fees shall be applicable for each season.
4. Full membership fees must/shall be paid for the season of play with no reduction for member(s) being added late in a given season.
5. There shall be no refund of any membership fee without a majority vote of the BOG.
6. Honorary Members may participate in the TDA with no membership fees.

**ARTICLE VII - CENSURE, PROBATION, SUSPENSION AND
EXPULSION**

1. Categorically and without restriction, the BOG reserves the right to censure, suspend, expel or terminate membership in the TDA for any member who:
 - a. Willfully creates disharmony.
 - b. Behaves in a manner prejudicial to order, or discipline.
 - c. Tarnishes the image of the sport of darts.
 - d. Causes any player, official, sponsor, or spectator any embarrassment, belligerency, or defamation.
 - e. Promotes the sale or use of illegal drugs.
2. The BOG shall arbitrate all complaints. All complaints must be filed by the final BOG meeting of the season. All arbitration results will be reported at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting.
3. Both the complaining party and the alleged offending party shall be notified of arbitration and be invited to state their cases. Witnesses will be allowed at arbitration.
4. Each party involved in the complaint shall be given reasonable, uninterrupted time to plead their cases.
5. If the complaining party does not attend, the complaint will be dropped. If the offending party does not attend, their right to a defense will be waived.
6. Upon resolution of the complaint, the BOG will decide if censure, probation, suspension, or expulsion shall be applied. A 2/3-majority vote, by Secret Ballot, will decide. The parties involved in the complaint shall not vote.
7. Decisions of the BOG shall be final.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS

1. Any TDA member not under suspension or on probation is eligible to run for any office.
2. At the final BOG meeting of the winter season, a call for volunteers for office shall be made to the General Membership.
3. Members shall make it known in writing to the executive board their wish to be nominated for office.
4. The final spring BOG meeting shall be a General Membership meeting. Members in attendance shall vote on the candidates nominated for office. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote.
5. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the end of the spring season, and serve their term of office as indicated.

ARTICLE IX - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The executive committee shall be comprised of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, scorer, public relations director, and the ADO representative.

<u>ELECTION</u>		<u>TERM</u>
President	Odd Years	2 Years
Vice President	Even Years	2 Years
Secretary	Odd Years	2 Years
Treasurer	Even Years	2 Years
Scorer	Odd Years	2 Years
PR Director	Even Years	2 Years
ADO Representative	Odd Years	2 Years

2. Should an executive committee member resign or be recalled from office between regularly scheduled meetings, the executive committee shall be empowered to appoint an interim executive committee member to the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election. The BOG, at the next regularly scheduled meeting, must approve such appointments.
3. Any executive committee member may be removed from office, with sufficient cause as determined by a 2/3-majority vote of the BOG.
4. Recall voting shall be accomplished by secret ballot.
5. Any executive committee member recalled by the BOG has the right to appeal such recall action. Such appeals must be in writing and received by the president no later than ten (10) days after the BOG's recall ruling. If, after consideration of the appeal by the executive committee, the appeal is rejected, there can be no further appeal.
6. Upon expiration of their terms of office, all elected officers shall turn over all pertinent papers, correspondence, and works in progress to their successor.

ARTICLE X - BOG RESPONSIBILITIES

The BOG shall familiarize themselves with the TDA By-Laws and the TDA Rules and Regulations.

PRESIDENT

- Shall preside at all BOG meetings.
- May only vote to break a tie.
- Shall decide all questions of order.
- Shall maintain the efficiency of league operations.

VICE PRESIDENT

- Shall assist the president in all league matters.
- Shall assume the duties normally performed by the president in his absence.
- Shall monitor the performance of all committees.
- Shall be the chairman of the Seeding Committee.

SECRETARY

- Shall record the minutes at all BOG and Executive Committee meetings.
- Shall provide the scorer with the minutes for distribution to the league.

TREASURER

- Shall receive and maintain sole custody of TDA funds.
- Shall promptly deposit all monies received.
- Shall submit the Treasurer's Report at regularly scheduled BOG meetings.
- The treasurer and another officer shall sign checks issued by the TDA.
- Shall maintain a list of officers authorized to sign checks.

SCORER

- Shall collect and maintain score sheets and standings.
- Shall publish the standings, news items, and other such information to the TDA.
- Shall maintain membership records.
- Shall be compensated for his/her effort as determined by a majority vote of the BOG.
- Shall prepare and distribute captains' packets at the beginning of each season.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

- Shall plan, initiate, and coordinate all advertising, promotional, and membership campaigns in concert with the Executive Committee and/or the BOG.
- Shall be chairman of the Charity Committee.

ADO REPRESENTATIVE

- Shall receive all ADO information and ensure it is passed on to the TDA.
- Shall disseminate all pertinent TDA information to the ADO.
- Shall organize and run the ADO Qualifiers.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

- Shall represent the team at all BOG meetings.
- Shall keep his/her team informed of all changes to league By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

1. The “Order of Business” of any BOG meeting shall be subject to “Roberts Rules of Order”, newly revised.
2. Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held at least three times per season.
 - A. *Seeding Meeting: Shall be scheduled one (1) week prior to the start of the season*
 - B. *First BOG: Tuesday of week five (5)*
 - C. *Second BOG: Tuesday of week eight (8)*
3. Should the president and vice president be unavailable at a BOG meeting, the senior executive committee member shall assume the duties of president for that meeting.
4. The Executive Committee shall determine when a special meeting of the BOG should be held. Special meetings are held when business of an urgent nature precludes waiting until the next regularly scheduled meeting.
5. Any team not represented at regularly scheduled BOG meetings will be penalized as follows:
 - A. First meeting missed - 3 points.
 - B. Second and all subsequent meetings missed - 5 points each.
 - C. A fifteen-minute grace period shall be allowed for arrival to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII - BY-LAWS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS CHANGES

1. Proposed By-Laws and Rules and Regulations changes shall be presented, in writing, to the BOG as new business at a regularly scheduled BOG meeting. A vote on the changes shall be held at the following regularly scheduled BOG meeting. This is required to ensure the general membership time to provide input on how the team representative should vote.
2. A 2/3-majority vote of the BOG is required to revise the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations.
3. Revised By-Laws or Rules and Regulations shall take effect at the beginning of the following season.

ARTICLE XIII - CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPENSES

1. The BOG shall have the authority to enter into any contracts and/or agreements in the name of the TDA. Any contract or agreement must be approved by a 2/3-majority vote of the BOG. Such contracts must bear the signature of the president and the treasurer to make the contract or agreement binding on the TDA.
2. The Treasurer shall have the authority to reimburse any member who incurs legitimate, documented expenses in the name of the TDA under the direction of the Executive Committee or the BOG.