

ILLAWARRA DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

This Association is named the ILLAWARRA DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION.

2. DEFINITIONS (in these rules)

Association means the Illawarra District Darts Association.

Year means the Association's Financial Year.

Officer of the Association means and includes the President, Snr Vice President, Jnr Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder.

3. OBJECTS

A) To promote and teach the sport of competitive darts within the Association.

B) To promote and carry out charitable undertakings.

C) To do anything calculated to improve the welfare of darts within Australia.

D) The income of the Association shall be applied to the promotion and objects of the Association.

4. MEMBERSHIP

A) Persons eligible for membership of the Association shall be male (except for Honorary Members as laid down in this constitution).

B) Membership fees of the Association shall be \$10.00 per person for the Association's Financial Year, plus \$6.00 entry fee per person for each competition played in. Championship games free entry

C) Any person wishing to play in any competition conducted by the Association must be a financial member. A person may register on the night of play in competition, to do this the name and address of the person must be on the back of the result sheet if mailed to the Recorder, on the front if faxed and registration fee must be paid at the next Delegates Meeting. No person is entitled to enter into a Championship game or Competition finals unless they have played Five (5) competition games to qualify. Any player who is a Winner or Runner Up, Semi's IDDA run championship or competition will not be eligible to collect the trophy or cheque if he or she (in Mixed Events) has not completed the Five (5) qualifying games in the current year.

D) Any member whose behaviour is prejudicial to the objects of the Association may be suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee but shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting.

E) Any player who is reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled receive notice in writing within 7 days of the complaint being lodged, notifying them of the details at hand and any further information the IDDA deem necessary. (Verbal citations are permitted if time until the next delegates meeting does not permit postage).

F) Any member wishing to resign may do so by giving notice in writing to the Secretary but shall not be entitled to a refund of membership fees.

G) Any member upon ceasing to be a member of the Association shall forfeit all rights to any claim upon the Association and its property or funds.

5. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The following persons may, at the discretion of the Management Committee be made Honorary Members of the Association.

A) The Patron or Patrons for the year. B) A visiting member of another Darts Club or Association for the duration of any match or tournament controlled by the Association. D) Any prominent citizen for any special occasion.

An Honorary Member shall be entitled only to the social privileges of the Association and play Darts or such other games, recreation and pastimes as determined by or on the invitation of the Management committee from time to time.

6. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership of the Association may be conferred upon members who have either been officers of the Association for a period of ten (10) or more years, or who have, over an extended number of years, rendered outstanding service to the Association.

A) Not more than three (3) life members shall be elected in any one year. Nominations for Life Members may be given at the Annual General Meeting.

B) Life members to be voted at the AGM by three-fourths of the Members present and by Secret ballot. IE not show of Hands.

C) Life Members shall be eligible for election to any office of the Association and shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Association.

D) When elected to Life Membership each life member to receive a jacket bearing association logo and life member.

E) Life Members whom are still actively competing are to be invited to the Annual President's Dinner each year.

F) Life Members are to receive total exemption from paying any Capitation Fees once they have accepted their Life Membership on Presentation Night.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

A) The Membership Fee and Annual subscription shall be \$6.00 per person for each financial year.

B) The financial year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

C) The payment of the Annual Subscription implies and will be considered to imply a member in acquiescence of I.D.D.A rules.

D) Any capitation or additional subscriptions applicable to any competition conducted by the Association shall also apply to any member or Honorary member taking part in I.D.D.A competitions and shall be as set by each Annual General Meeting.

E) All members in that year shall be equally responsible for all debts accrued by the Association during its existence in case of winding up of the Association.

8. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

A) The Management of the Association shall be vested in the executive, consisting of the President, Snr Vice President, Jnr Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder.

B) Each club shall be allowed no more than two (2) votes at any Delegates Meeting.

C) The Executive shall not be entitled to vote unless as a delegate of his club.

D) The President or Chairman shall have only his casting vote when necessary but shall be counted as a delegate in the event of penalising points in competitions.

9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DELEGATES MEETINGS

The Delegates Meeting shall have the power to make, alter and repeal competition rules covering the affairs and conduct of the Association provided the same are not inconsistent with these rules. Such regulations shall be available to all members on request and shall be binding on all members until repealed by a Delegates' Meeting or set aside by a General Meeting of the Association.

A) The Delegates' Meetings shall have the power and authority to reprimand, fine, suspend, accept the resignation of, or expel any member who shall infringe any rule or against whom any complaint in writing has been lodged with the Secretary or whose conduct shall in its opinion, render him unfit for membership provided that no member shall be reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled without first being called before the meeting by notice in writing signed by the Secretary or someone acting in place of the Secretary stating the date, hour and place of the Meeting and the substance of the charge or complaint and that his attendance is requested, and further that if he fails to attend at the time and place mentioned the charge or complaint will be heard and dealt with and the meeting will decide on the evidence before it his absence notwithstanding. No member shall be expelled or suspended unless seven (7)

delegates (Executive + Disputes Committee) shall be present to hear the charge or complaint. No paper, notice or placard, written or printed shall be displayed without the sanction of the Secretary or Delegates Meeting.

B) Generally the Delegates Meeting shall manage, control and superintend the affairs rules of the Association in accordance with the rules of the Association and in these rules will be mentioned as the Management Committee.

10. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than once a month and a special meeting may be called at any time it is deemed necessary by the President, Secretary or three delegates. At all meetings of the Executive Committee five (5) shall form a quorum and in case of equality of votes the chairman shall have a casting vote. At all Executive Committee Meetings if a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes of the appointed time such meetings may be adjourned to a date the delegates present may decide and notice shall be sent to every delegate by the Secretary. Should any member of the Executive fail to attend three (3) consecutive Delegates Committee Meetings without the consent of the Executive Committee or without written apology his seat may be declared vacant.

B) No resolution passed at these meetings shall be rescinded or altered unless notice in writing signed by the proposer of the notice of motion be given to the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting for which it is to be tabled for discussion.

C) The minutes of all meetings shall be open for inspection by any member of the Association on making application to the Secretary.

11. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY

A) The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all minutes of meetings' showing proceedings at meetings of the members and delegates and generally attend to the correspondence and shall have the custody of all documents belonging to the Association.

B) He shall be responsible for the schedule of Association fixtures both competition and social subject to the approval of the Management Committee.

C) He shall allocate venues for all competitions subject to the approval of the Management Committee.

D) He shall assist in the supervision of all competitions with the aid of the Executive or Delegates if necessary.

E) In his absence any member of the Executive or any Delegate with the approval of the Executive may act in his place.

F) All correspondence to the Association must be addressed to 'The Secretary'.

12. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER

A) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the monies of the Association as authorised by the Committee and these rules. He shall keep correct accounts of all such transactions paid to him and shall lodge all monies into an approved bank. The account with such bank shall be in the name of the Association and cheques drawn thereon shall be signed by any two (2) of the following; President, Snr Vice President, Jnr vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

B) The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall receive reimbursement for services rendered, which shall cover telephone, stationary and other items appropriate to the running of the Association after handing of a Receipt to the Treasurer.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DELEGATES

Each team shall appoint a Delegate per team to attend all Delegates' Committee Meetings and such Delegates must be members of the Club which they represent. All teams must have at least one (1) Delegate at all Management Committee Meetings. There will be no excuses accepted for non-attendance and an automatic deduction of three (3) points will apply.

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during each year on such a date as the Executive shall determine.

B) The Annual General Meeting shall be open to all interested male persons.

C) Fifteen (15) persons shall constitute a quorum at all Annual General Meetings and if a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes of the appointed time the meeting may be adjourned to a date the persons present shall decide.

D) At all General Meetings the President of the Association shall act as Chairman and in his absence the Snr Vice President shall take the chair. If both are absent a Chairman may be elected by the members present.

E) The regular business at Annual General Meetings of the Association shall be :-

i. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

ii. To receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

iii. The Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

iv. General Business.

F) The business of Annual General Meetings shall be conducted under three headings; Official, Special and General.

i. Official business shall be the minutes of previous meeting, apologies, correspondence, reports and recommendations of the executive, reports from committee and accounts.

ii. Special business shall be notices of motion.

iii. General business shall be any matter brought up by those present (questions etc) and of which due notice is not required.

G) The business of all meetings shall commence at 7-30pm and shall terminate at 10-00pm after which no business will be discussed without permission of the meeting. No meeting shall have more than two (2) extensions of fifteen (15) minutes.

H) That all notice of motions be received and read to the members by the Secretary, either on or prior to the last Delegates meeting in November.

In order for all members to be informed of the intending notice of motion.

The following motions may be proposed without notice:-

i. Motions to elect a Chairman.

ii. Motions of adjournment.

iii. Motions of amendment.

iv. Motions for leave to amend or withdraw a motion or amendment.

v. Motion of vote or thanks.

vi. Motions dealing with business arising from the minutes or arising from any reports or recommendations.

vii. In the event of any questions arising as to the correct interpretation of any of these rules, or any other question not provided for herein, such questions shall be dealt with by the Association whose decision shall be final subject to the provisions of these rules as to the powers of a General Meeting.

I) That all notice of motions be dealt with by the sitting committee prior to standing down for elections.

J) Any person who wishes to stand for a position on the IDDA committee must be a current financial member of IDDA for at least two (2) years.

K) Any person who simultaneously is an active member of both the IDDA and any association within the boundaries of the IDDA can not stand for any position on the IDDA committee, due to it being a conflict of interest.

15. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Special General Meetings may be convened by the Secretary in the following cases:-

- i) Upon the motion of the Executive or Management Committee.
- ii) Upon the requisition signed by not less than seven (7) members of the Association and stating the business to be considered.
- iii) All deliberations at such meetings shall be confined to the objects for which the meeting was called.

16. DELEGATES MEETINGS

A) The same rules apply as in case of Annual General Meetings with the deletion of clauses (A), (B), (C) and (E) and as covered in rules 10 and 14 of these rules.

B) All clubs or delegates shall receive seven (7) days notice of all intended meetings of the Association. The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting to any person or persons shall not invalidate any resolutions passed thereat but the Secretary shall not wilfully delete any person notice of such meeting.

C) Any vacancy in the position of any office of the Association shall be filled at the first meeting of the Association after the vacancy occurring.

17. THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive of the Association shall generally act for the Association during periods between meetings of the Association and shall report to the Association. Any matter of urgency can be dealt with by the Executive and the decision may be carried into effect without any special delegation of authority for that purpose by the Association.

18. TEAMS

A) Any club or hotel desirous of joining the Association shall make application to the Secretary and shall give the names and addresses of the delegates and representatives appointed to represent it and other information as the Association shall desire.

B) Any club desirous of withdrawing from the Association shall give notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary and on discharging all fees and other obligations the resignation may be accepted.

19. AFFILIATED BODY

A) An Affiliated Body which has been notified in writing that its subscription or fees of any kind are in arrears for one (1) month shall be liable to be removed from membership as an affiliated body of the Association and shall not be allowed to rejoin until all arrears shall have been paid.

B) A player may be a member of an unlimited number of affiliated clubs in the same season but shall not represent more than one club in Association competitions in the same season without obtaining permission from the Association.

C) Any Club which incorporates as part of its activities the encouragement of the game of darts may be granted affiliation to this Association. Application for affiliation should be made in writing to the Secretary and shall contain the following information: -

- i. The name of the Club, Society or Institute.
- ii. Any other information required by the Association.

Annexure 1

Juniors Playing in I.D.D.A.

1. Must pay rego and capitations.
2. Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times (we are not a babysitting service)
3. Are not permitted two (2) metres from bar and must not go into a gaming area.
4. Are not permitted to receive cheque or cash as prizemoney.
IE. Trophy only.
5. Are permitted to play championships at club's discretion.
6. It is the team captain who is to contact opposing team captain and venue to ensure the Junior can play if there is an objection by venue that the junior cannot play at that venue.
7. Must be at least 14 years of age.