

DORSET
COUNTY DARTS
ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Last Amended January 2023

NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

The association shall be called 'The Dorset County Darts Association'. For simplicity hereafter referred to as D.C.D.A.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a) To promote competition of a high standard in the game of darts within the County of Dorset
- b) For the Selection Committee to select from time to time a County Team of teams for Inter-county matches from players competing in the 'Superleague'.
- c) To join any other Darts Bodies which in the opinion of the Committee would be of benefit to the Association.
- d) To run as occasion demands, competitions organised by other Darts Bodies if this is to the benefit of the Association and any other competitions on behalf of the county.

MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall run an individual membership scheme open to all players but subject to the UKDA eligibility rule (as printed in the appendix), and including the ruling on the Membership form signed by each superleague player. This ruling of which, can be amended each year by the United Kingdom Darts Association.

ORGANISATION

The affairs and organisation of the DCDA shall be run by the Officials in office at that time, and consisting of:-

- Officers - President
*Chairman
Vice Chairman
*Secretary (County)
*Assistant Secretary (Superleague) / Mens Superleague Organiser
*Treasurer
Ladies Superleague Organiser
Competitions Organiser
County Organiser
County Team Manager
County Committee
- Committee (AGM) - 'Superleague District Secretaries' and two additional appointed and nominated representatives from each district.
*Executive Officers

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President

One member of the Association shall be elected as President for a period of one year at the A.G.(D).M.

Life Vice-Presidents

The Association shall invite on occasions, persons to become Life Vice-Presidents. This would normally be in appreciation of Services rendered to the Association.

Chairman

The Chairman shall conduct all Association meetings and he shall hold the overall responsibility for conducting the affairs of the Association. During voting on proposals and amendments at any meeting, the Chairman shall only cast one vote in the event of a tie.

Secretary

The Secretary shall take overall responsibility for organising the Association's paperwork, attend all Meetings and record of same; conduct the general correspondence of the Association. The Secretary is normally the Association's sole contact officially – with the outside world and is regarded by officialdom as one of the two persons within the Association (the other being the Chairman) to whom official communications should be addressed. To receive information and statistics from the Superleague Secretaries for action as necessary. Shall pass on to the Treasurer all monies received on behalf of the Association. The Secretary will receive an Honorarium.

Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary shall take overall responsibility for the Superleague and associated competitions. In the event of the Secretary being unavailable the Assistant Secretary will deputise for the Secretary. The Assistant Secretary will receive an Honorarium.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall handle all DCDA financial affairs, including the preparation of financial statements as and when directed by the DCDA Executive. The Treasurer shall record all monies received into and paid out of the DCDA funds, together with all receipts, invoices and statements relating to those transactions. The Treasurer shall be responsible lodging all funds with Bank/Building Society approved by the committee. At the end of each financial year, The Treasurer shall make all financial statements and records available to the auditors to scrutinise the accounts and to audit the balance sheet. The auditors shall be an independent body approved by the County committee. The Treasurer will receive an Honorarium.

Mens and Ladies Superleague Organisers

The two superleague organisers shall be responsible for the everyday running of the superleague and shall keep the Secretary fully informed on all matters. One of the superleague organisers shall be the appointed assistant secretary. The Superleague Organisers will receive an Honorarium.

County Organiser

The County Organiser's role is to ensure the smooth running of County Games, both home and away as required. To be present at the county matches and take responsibility for the weekend, setting up the home venue ready for the match, top table, DFW, walk on music, door entry cover, raffle and tonnes sheet

Competition Organiser

Shall be responsible to organise and run all competitions in consultation with the Assistant Secretary.

County Team Manager

Shall be responsible for managing the County Team and shall act as Chairman of the County Team Selection Committee. The County Team manager will be elected at the County players Annual players meeting and will be elected for 1 year.

County Committee

Elected by the Executive Committee, shall assist County Secretary at both home and away matches.

*Executive Officers

The organisation of the Association will normally be exercised by the Committee (AGM). However, if necessary, the Executive Officers are empowered to make a decision without reference to the committee. Two or more of the Executive Officers will act when required as UKDA Councillors or County Representatives at other Dart Body meetings, two or more Executive Officers shall be responsible for negotiations with prospective or actual sponsors. The Executive Officers may co-op as required, members of the Association to assist in the running of the Association.

County Team Selection

The County Team Selection Committee shall consist of the County Team Manager, Mens County Team Captain and Ladies County Team Captain, and two other selectors who shall be picked by the Executive Officers. The two team Captains are elected at the annual players meeting chaired by the County Team Manager. Whilst it is accepted that the selection committee have a free hand in selecting their teams, their selection should principally be governed by current Superleague and County Form. Before the start of the Inter-County season, the selection committee shall invite those Superleague players whom they wish to form the County squad to sign Inter-County registration forms. During the season the Superleague Team Secretaries having players in their teams, whom they feel are playing well enough to be included in the County squad should inform the Assistant Secretary in writing. The selection committee will assess the players current Superleague form and decide whether to invite the player to join the County squad or not.

Any player selected to represent the county team will need to pay a registration fee of £15 before they are eligible to play. Payment will need to be made through their superleague secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Delegates Meeting for a period of one year. Unless stated otherwise above.

VOTING

At Committee meetings each Superleague district shall be entitled to 2 representatives and two votes

At the AG(D)M the delegates will consist of 2 representatives from each Superleague mens team and 2 representatives from each Superleague ladies team, with each pair of representatives being entitled to one vote. It is advisory that the Superleague secretary should be one of these people. In addition the Dorset County team shall be represented by one man and one lady elected at the players meeting and these shall have one vote each. These two players should not already be representing their own Superleague and that they MUST abstain from voting when the proposal is tabled by or directed at his/her Superleague team.

At Committee meetings and at the AG(D)M the Executive Officers shall not 'double up' as voting representatives of their respective Superleague districts.

REQUIRED QUORUMS FOR MEETINGS

50% of Officers are required to form a quorum for an Executive meeting.

33% of Superleague districts are required to form a quorum for a Committee meeting.

50% of Superleague districts are required to form a quorum for a General Delegates meeting, both Annual and Extraordinary.

Should the required quorum not be present at the meeting the following procedure will apply:-

Committee meeting - the meeting shall be adjourned for a period of half an hour after which time the meeting will be recalled and the required quorum shall be deemed to those present.

General Meetings (Annual and Extraordinary) - the meeting shall be adjourned for a period of one week. After this time the required quorum shall be deemed to those present at the notified time of the second meeting.

MAJORITY REQUIRED IN VOTING PROCEDURES

A 75% majority is required to pass a resolution changing the County Constitution at a General Meeting.

An overall majority of those in attendance at a General Meeting is required to elect a new team to the Superleague.

A 75% majority is required to pass a resolution to join any other Association at a General Meeting.

An overall majority of those in attendance is required to pass a resolution amending, adding or deleting any Superleague rules at a General Meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

7 days notice is required for an Executive meeting.

14 days notice is required for a Committee meeting.

21 days notice is required for an Annual General Delegates Meeting

14 days notice is required for an Extraordinary General Meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Executive have the right to call an Extraordinary General Delegates Meeting if circumstances so require. If 5 or more Superleague districts so require they have the right to instruct the Executive Committee to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Should it become necessary for the DCDA to be wound up then the Executive Committee in office at that time shall be responsible for the disposal of the remaining County funds by either transferring them to another Darts Body within Dorset whose objectives are similar to their own or by donations to one of more charities within the County of Dorset.

UKDA FINANCIAL AWARDS

Any monies won by any team in the County squad as a result of the UKDA Inter-County structure shall be set aside as is any sponsorship money and used specifically for expenses for all squad members on away County matches. The only exception to this would be where money has been won in the Champions Cup/National Singles or pairs competition where the money will be distributed amongst those players who took the time and expense to travel to the competition as part of the Dorset squad only.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The DCDA reserves the right to discipline a player, official or member if the game of darts is brought into disrepute.

A complaint about an offending player, official or member shall be made in writing to a member of the Executive Committee, or can be made verbally on the spot if an Executive Officer is present at the incident.

A preliminary discussion between Executive Officers shall determine whether disciplinary proceedings should be instigated. Immediate disciplinary action may be taken pending a formal hearing. This shall be confirmed in writing to the offending person(s).

The offender(s) shall then be invited to attend a formal disciplinary hearing. The disciplinary committee at this hearing shall consist of Executive Officers, with no less than 3 officers present. Witnesses may attend at the invitation of the Offender(s) or the Executive Committee. Written statements may also be offered in evidence by either party.

If an offender chooses not to attend a disciplinary hearing then the matter will be decided in his/her absence.

The result of the disciplinary hearing shall be confirmed in writing to the player, official or member concerned, together with their right to appeal.

Should an offender wish to appeal against disciplinary action taken then this appeal must be made in writing to a member of the Executive Committee within 7 days of the disciplinary hearing.

Any disciplinary action imposed at the first disciplinary hearing shall be enforced until an appeal hearing is convened.

The appeal hearing shall take place before a disciplinary committee made up of 5 DCDA members elected by the AG(D)M. A minimum of 3 must be present at the appeal hearing. No member of the Executive Committee may serve on an appeal hearing but by necessity the DCDA Chairman shall chair the meeting but shall not take any part on the voting.

The results of the appeal hearing shall be confirmed in writing to the player, official or member involved.

The appeal hearing has the right to amend the decision of the disciplinary hearing either way.

No person having any involvement in the incident or any association with the offender(s) which may prejudice the outcome shall be allowed to serve on a committee either at a disciplinary hearing and appeal hearing.

Minutes shall be taken at both disciplinary and appeal hearings.

The DCDA has the right to seek supportive action from any other darts body with regard to disciplinary action taken against a player, official or member of the DCDA.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following is a list of disciplinary actions which the DCDA may take against a player, official or member for bringing the game of darts into disrepute.

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| SUSPENSION | - The offender to be suspended from taking part in ALL darts events and functions under the jurisdiction of the DCDA for a stated period of time. |
| SUSPENDED SENTENCE | - As stated above but the suspension only to be implemented should the offending person be involved in a further incident within the stated period of time. |
| EXPULSION | - The offender to be barred from ALL darts events and functions under the jurisdiction of the DCDA for a stated period of time. The word 'bar' is used to cover attendance as well as playing in an event which is covered under Suspension. |

N.B. Optional clause at the discretion of the Executive/Appeal Committee:-

Where the DCDA has no jurisdiction over attendance, e.g. some Superleague venues, then the offender would be deemed to be violating themselves expulsion by attending and would almost certainly render themselves open to further disciplinary action.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A fine of £20.00 will be imposed against any team not represented at an Annual General Meeting if an apology is not received in writing prior to the meeting. Representation will be deemed to be acceptable with a minimum of 1 player per team (in this instance 'team' means men and ladies combined).

INSURANCE

Insurance cover for Public Liability is provided for Players and Officials of the "DCDA" by the "UKDA"

RECOGNISED DARTS BODIES

1. World Darts Federation and its Members
2. United Kingdom Darts Organisation and its Members
3. Welsh Darts Organisation and its Members
4. Scottish Darts Organisation and its Members
5. Irish Darts Organisation and its Members
6. England Darts Organisation and its Members
7. Any league, team, club, or association which is affiliated to or a Member of one of the foregoing.
8. National Darts Association of Great Britain with the exception of the NDA Inter Town Darts League, or similar event.

SOCIAL MEDIA RULES

1.00 SOCIAL NETWORK / SOCIAL MEDIA SERVICES - D.C.D.A DISCLAIMER

Whilst the DCDA Reserves the right to avail itself of the opportunities available on Social Networking and Social Media services such as Facebook, Twitter and others as deemed appropriate it hereby issues the following Disclaimer

- a) Any content, views, opinions and/or responses to questions uploaded, expressed or submitted by the creators, sponsors, advertisers or users of social media services and other public forums as utilised by the DCDA, other than the content provided by the DCDA, are solely the views, opinions and responsibility of the person submitting them and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the DCDA.
- b) The DCDA is not responsible for content that third parties publish post, upload, distribute, disseminate or otherwise transmit via social media services.
- c) Whilst the DCDA will endeavor to maintain the currency and accuracy of information published via its own social media services such as Official Website and Facebook Group, the DCDA does not warrant the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of the information available on its social media channels.
- d) Where provided, the DCDA acts only as a passive conduit for the online distribution and publication of user-submitted material, content and/or links and expressly does not endorse any user-submitted material, content and/or links or assume any liability for any actions of participating users.

2.00 DCDA WEBSITE LINKS - DISCLAIMER

- a) The sites linked from the DCDA Web site are not under the DCDA's control, and the DCDA does not assume any responsibility or liability for any communications or materials available at such linked sites.

b) The DCDA does not intend links on the DCDA Web site to be referrals or endorsements of the linked entities; they are provided for convenience only.

3.00 OUTSIDE FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

a) The DCDA accepts no responsibility for any misleading information inaccuracies, misprints or cancellations of any events or functions that outside parties may advertise within user submitted material or on the sites linked from the DCDA Website

4.00 TERMS OF USE

a) Whilst the DCDA does not wish to stifle conversation on social media sites, users must not post or upload any comments or links to DCDA-managed social media pages that are unlawful, or may defame, offend, interfere with privacy or infringe copyright or other intellectual property rights.

b) The DCDA reserves the right to moderate comments and may remove any comments that, in the DCDA's opinion, are inappropriate.

5.00 REGULATORY PROCEDURES

a) The DCDA shall appoint from the officers of the DCDA a number of persons who shall act as moderators for all DCDA-managed social media pages and who shall have the authority to delete any postings that are considered to be out of compliance with the laid down Terms of use

6.00 CONDITIONS

a) It is important to note that the aforesaid conditions of disclaim and terms of use are likely to change without notice