

# Greater Tri-Cities Darting Association By-Laws

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the organization shall be Greater Tri-Cities Darting Association.

## **ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS**

### **SECTION 1**

Whenever the initials "G.T.C.D.A." are used in these By-laws, they shall mean Greater Tri-Cities Darting Association.

### **SECTION 2**

Whenever the word "BOARD" or "COUNCIL" is used in these By-laws, it shall mean that body described in Article VI, Section 1.

### **SECTION 3**

Whenever the term "SENIOR BOARD MEMBER" is used in these By-laws, it shall mean the most Senior Board Member present in terms of continuous service. If there is no Senior Board Member, in terms of continuous service, there will be an election for that position among the Board Members present.

### **SECTION 4**

Whenever the term "GENERAL MEMBER" is used in these By-laws, it shall mean a League Member other than a Board Member.

### **SECTION 5**

Whenever the term "SPONSOR" is used in these By-laws, it shall mean an entity sponsoring a participating team in the G.T.C.D.A.

### **SECTION 6**

Whenever the term "NEUTRAL" is used in these By-laws, it shall mean a person not involved in the team, location, or division under discussion.

### **SECTION 7**

Whenever the term "MEMBER CAPTAIN" is used in these By-laws, it shall mean a person who is either captain elect of a member team of the G.T.C.D.A. or a representative thereof.

## **ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES**

### **SECTION 1**

The objectives of the G.T.C.D.A shall be to promote Darting, co-ordinate the functions and activities of Darts, and sanction League play according to Rules in effect, as well as establish friendly relationships with similar organizations.

### **SECTION 2**

The G.T.C.D.A. shall be a non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian organization.

## **ARTICLE IV - FEES AND DUES**

### **SECTION 1**

General Membership fees shall be established and may be revised by a simple majority vote of those Board Members present at any Board Meeting.

### **SECTION 2**

Fees, if any, for G.T.C.D.A. sponsored activities shall be established by a simple majority vote of those Board Members present at any Board Meeting.

### **SECTION 3**

General Membership and Sponsor fees shall be applicable to the period established at a Board Meeting, and shall be payable in advance. An applicant of General Membership or Sponsorship shall be considered to be properly registered as a Member when within the current policies, the application form or appropriate fee have been received and approved by a simple majority of the Membership Committee.

### **SECTION 4**

General Membership and Sponsorship fees shall be applicable each season. General Members and Sponsors failing to submit their fees on or before the announced time of registration deadline will not be scheduled or allowed to participate in league sponsored events. In the event a check is returned by our bank, for any reason, payment must be made, in cash or by certified check, plus a twenty-five (\$25) dollar service charge within seven (7) days to the Treasurer. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of the team or teams involved.

### **SECTION 5.**

Any General Member found guilty of conduct unbecoming as a gentleman or lady, as the case may be, may be fined or suspended for said offense by a simple majority vote of those Board Members present at any Board Meeting.

## **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1**

Application for General Membership is open to anyone who expresses interest in Darts as a sport and is twenty-one years of age or the legal drinking age in Tennessee or Southwestern Virginia.

### **SECTION 2**

All memberships are subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the Board.

### **SECTION 3**

A membership may be terminated by a simple majority vote of the Board if such member creates or behaves in a manner which is prejudicial to order and discipline. The Board's decision in such matters is FINAL.

## **ARTICLE VI - THE BOARD**

### **SECTION 1**

The Board shall be comprised of nine (9) persons, which shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, and four (4) Members at Large. No joint office may be held.

### **SECTION 2**

A Board vacancy must be filled no later than the next scheduled regular Board meeting following the creation of the vacancy and will be filled by a simple majority vote of the Board members present.

The following criteria will be used to fill a Board Vacancy.

- A. Nominations for vacant Board Positions will come from the remaining Board Members.
- B. Current Board Members in good standing may be nominated for the vacant position.
- C. Past Board Members in good standing and have not been removed under Section 3 of Article VI, may be nominated to fill the vacant position.
- D. Current League Members in good standing may be nominated by a Board Member, if a vacancy remains after Sections 2B and 2C of Article VI have been exhausted.
- E. If a current Board Member is elected to fill the Board Vacancy, the nomination criteria will continue until all vacant positions have been filled.
- F. In the event that a vacant position is not filled during the steps outlined in A-E, the President will have final choice in filling the vacant position.

### **SECTION 3**

A Board member's status is automatically terminated when, without sufficient cause, he or she fails to appear at three (3) consecutive Board Meetings or is over thirty (30) minutes late for three (3) consecutive Board Meetings.

### **SECTION 4**

Board members removed under Section 3 of Article VI shall not be permitted to run for any office at a subsequent election.

### **SECTION 5**

Board Members may resign from office at any time during their term of office by submitting oral or written notice to that effect to the remaining members of the Board. Such resignations shall be effective immediately upon receipt by the Board.

### **SECTION 6**

The term of office for the G.T.C.D.A. Officers, comprised of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, and Members at Large shall be two (2) years. Terms of office commence after the election results have been announced at the Summer Banquet.

## **ARTICLE VII - BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM**

### **SECTION 1.**

The Board will meet every second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday of each month. the meeting time and location will be determined by the President. Attendance shall be excused if written or oral notice of the meeting is not received at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

### **SECTION 2.**

Board meetings shall have a time limit of three (3) hours from the time the meeting is called to order. A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes may be allowed for the purpose of completing a point under discussion. This section may be waived by the unanimous vote of the members in attendance.

**SECTION 3.** Fifty-five (55) percent of the Board members in attendance shall constitute a Quorum. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Senior Board Member shall act as Chairman of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1**

**PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the G.T.C.D.A unless excused by the NO VOTE PROVISIO, which is Section 8 of Article VIII. His/Her signature will be one of two valid signatures on the League's Checking and Saving accounts. He/She shall decide all questions of order, sign all orders upon the Treasurer for all sums of money ordered by the League to be paid, appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and He/She shall be exofficio a member of all committees. The President shall be a voting member of the board.

### **SECTION 2**

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall assist the President in maintaining the efficiency of the operation, and in the absence of the President the Vice-President shall exercise the duties of the President. Upon resignation or recall of the President, the Vice-President will assume the office of the President for the remainder of the President's term of office. The vacancy of the Vice-President's office will then be filled as provided by Article VI Section 2. The Vice-President shall be a voting member of the board.

### **SECTION 3**

Should the President and the Vice-President take leave of office, the Senior Board Member shall assume of the President with the provision that He/She call for an Election Meeting within thirty (30) days of their leaving office.

### **SECTION 4**

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall notify members of their election, issue notices of meetings, conduct the correspondence of the G.T.C.D.A. and perform such other duties as from time to time may be imposed upon him/her, and at the expiration of his/her term of office turn over all his/her books and papers to his/her successor. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings. The Secretary shall be a voting member of the Board.

### **SECTION 5**

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall receive and maintain custody of all G.T.C.D.A. funds and shall promptly deposit all monies received. He/She shall keep a correct account thereof and pay all orders properly drawn on him. He/She shall be responsible for the collection of any fees, dues, and fines from the G.T.C.D.A. members, and shall be required to submit a Treasurer's report quarterly. His/Her signature will be one of two valid signatures on the G.T.C.D.A. Checking and Savings Accounts. The Treasurer, at the discretion of the Board, shall submit the books for annual audit at the end of each fiscal year (August). An Auditing Committee, composed of three (3) Board Members, will be appointed to conduct the audit review and submit their findings to the Board. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of the board.

### **SECTION 6**

**SERGEANT OF ARMS:** The Sergeant of Arms will enforce the G.T.C.D.A. rules of play, notify all players of disciplinary action taken against them. During all G.T.C.D.A. meetings he/she shall also make certain parliamentary procedures are followed, maintain order in all meetings, and ensure all bylaws and traditions are respected by everyone. The Sergeant of Arms will always provide motivation and enthusiasm to members and new guests, show up to various functions early and greet everyone who comes the any G.T.C.D.A. event. The Sergeant Of Arms shall be a voting member of the board.

### **SECTION 7.**

**MEMBERS AT LARGE:** Members At Large shall have and exercise a general supervision of the affairs of the G.T.C.D.A. They shall assist in the administration of the G.T.C.D.A. policies and provide and enforce penalties for infractions committed by G.T.C.D.A. members.

### **SECTION 8**

**NO VOTE PROVISIO:** No Board Member may vote on operational procedures or protests taking place in a Darting establishment which he/she possesses a financial interest. No Board Member may vote on any protest/dispute involving a team in which they are a member or claim any association.

### **SECTION 9**

All checks issued by the G.T.C.D.A must be approved by the two (2) authorized Board Members (President and Treasurer) and may be signed by either.

## **SECTION 10**

Withdrawals from the G.T.C.D.A. Bank Account may be made by either of the two authorized Board Members (President and Treasurer) provided such withdrawals have been approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.

## **ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1**

BOARD MEETINGS: Such meetings shall be comprised of Board Members only and shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Article VII.

### **SECTION 2**

PROTEST MEETINGS: Such meetings shall be subject to the provisions set forth in those rules currently in effect.

### **SECTION 3**

CAPTAINS MEETING: A minimum of one (1) Captains Meeting per year will be mandatory. Such meetings must be announced by email to all Member Captains at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

### **SECTION 4**

RECALL MEETINGS: Such meetings shall be held subject to the provisions set forth in Article XIII.

### **SECTION 5**

GENERAL MEETINGS: A minimum of one (1) General Meeting per year will be mandatory. Such meetings must be announced by email to all Member Captains at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

### **SECTION 6**

Unless otherwise specified, all meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Board.

### **SECTION 7**

Unless otherwise specified, meeting announcements must be mailed at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.

### **SECTION 8**

It is the responsibility of all league members to maintain a current and valid email address with the Secretary. Such addresses shall be the email address to which notice shall be sent whenever required by the other provisions of these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS**

### **SECTION 1**

Elections shall be held at the Winter Banquet of each year.

### **SECTION 2**

All elections shall be effected by secret ballot. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to construct and distribute such a ballot.

### **SECTION 3**

One ballot shall be issued to each member registering at the Winter Banquet. Members who have played within the previous three (3) seasons are eligible to vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be considered elected. In the event of a tie, a runoff will be held between the candidates involved in the tie.

#### **SECTION 4**

Elections for the President, Secretary, and two (2) Members at Large shall be on the odd numbered years. Elections for the Vice- President, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, and two (2) Members at Large shall be on the even numbered years. All terms shall be for two years.

#### **Section 5**

Any member, in good standing, may be nominated for an available position. Any member being nominated for President must have served at least one year in the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Sargent-At-Arms.

#### **Section 6**

Any member that is in good standing may run for a GTCDA Council position. Members that have been recalled from the board, currently serving sanctions (probation, suspension, or disbarment), or are currently a member on the council/board of another league are ineligible to run for GTCDA Council positions.

### **ARTICLE XI - GENERAL**

#### **SECTION 1**

The Board is given full power to make, alter, amend, or appeal any and all By-Laws of the G.T.C.D.A. at any regular or special meeting without giving prior notice of their intention to so act. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the G.T.C.D.A. Board is required to make, amend, or repeal any By-Laws of the G.T.C.D.A.

#### **SECTION 2**

Rules and regulations to supplement these By-Laws shall be devised for the purpose of clarity and uniformity. Any additions, deletions, or changes may be made according to the provisions set forth in Section 1 of ARTICLE XI.

#### **SECTION 3**

The order of Business and/or procedures of any meeting called or any subject not covered by these By-Laws or noted in Board Minutes shall be subject to "Robert's Rules of Order Revised". However, should there be a conflict with these By-Laws and/or "Robert's Rules of Order Revised", the latter shall prevail.

### **ARTICLE XII - CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

#### **SECTION 1**

The Board shall have the sole authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of the G.T.C.D.A. Such contracts and agreements must bear the signatures of the President, Vice-President, Sergeant of Arms and be attested to by the Secretary or the Treasurer in order to make such contract or agreement binding upon the G.T.C.D.A.

### **ARTICLE XIII - RECALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **SECTION 1**

Any Board member may be recalled from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board. Any petition for recall must outline the reasons for recall. A recall can only be initiated for grievous acts that jeopardize the GTCDA league operations. Personal dislike is not a grievous reason for recall.

## **SECTION 2**

Any Board member recalled by the Board may appeal under the provisions set forth in ARTICLE IX, Section 5. Such appeal must be in writing and received by the Secretary (via Registered Mail) no later than fifteen (15) days after the Board's recall ruling. There can be no further appeal.

## **SECTION 3**

Recall voting shall be accomplished by secret ballot.

## **SECTION 4**

Should recall take place at a Special Meeting, it shall be followed by an election to fill the created vacancy or vacancies at a Special Meeting. If the President is recalled, the office shall be assumed by the Vice-President, after which a new Vice-President shall be elected. A subsequent ballot shall be held to fill the new vacancy.

## **SECTION 5**

Any Board Member who is recalled and such recall is ultimately and finally approved, shall be permanently banned from running for or holding any position on the G.T.C.D.A. board indefinitely.

## **SECTION 6**

Should the President be recalled and appeal his case, his duties shall be assumed by the Vice-President from the date of petition

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