



Fife Darts Association

CONSTITUTION

NAME

The Name of the Association shall be the Fife Darts Association, hereinafter called the 'Association'.

BOUNDARIES

The Association covers the County of Fife, Scotland.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are:

- (a) To promote the popularity of interest and participation in, and foster the skills and growth of the game of darts in all its variations and in every aspect - social, competitive or professional - within Fife.
- (b) To initiate, establish and administer darts leagues and associations, and organise, control and adjudicate competitions within Fife, to negotiate commercial contracts between exponents of the game of darts and manufacturers of sports equipment, the Press or Film and Television interests.
- (c) To publicise the game of darts, its participants and exponents, in any media.
- (d) To subscribe to, and become a member of, and to co-operate with any other leagues, associations or bodies interested in or concerned with the purposes, the promotion of which forms one of the objects for which the Association is established.
- (e) To raise money for the purposes of the Association on such terms as may be thought fit.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association may be applied for by any league / association who is involved in or wishes to become involved in darts in the Fife area. Only players registered and playing darts with a Fife affiliated league / association and playing Super league darts can be considered for the Fife County Pool, but consideration may be given to players registered in the previous season with another County provided they are going to be registered and playing darts with an affiliated League / Association and playing Super league within the Fife area for the forthcoming season. No player may play for more than one league / association whose normal playing night is the same.

No player may change from one league / association to another if he / she is in debt to the league / association from which he / she is leaving.

Any player / league / association found guilty of financial inducement will be expelled from the Association.

All matters concerning the eligibility of players and the interpretation of rules, or other disputes, shall be referred to the Association Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Each league / association shall be constituted and shall submit a copy of the same by December 31, annually.

PLAYING ATTIRE (COUNTY TEAMS)

The Fife Darts Association playing colours will be black and gold.

The Ladies' team will play in black trousers / skirts with black shirts with gold trim .

The Mens' team will play in black shirts with gold trim and dress trousers, black in colour.

No jeans-style clothing may be worn.

FINANCE

The bankers of the Association shall be the Bank of Scotland, Glenrothes (or a bank suitable to the incumbent Treasurer, by arrangement). No money may be withdrawn from the bank or cheques issued unless the signatures of two of the nominated three signatories are shown on the withdrawal forms or cheques.

The auditors of the Association accounts shall be elected at the AGM from within the Committee, two in number. No elected office bearer during the period for which the accounts are to be audited may be an auditor.

All income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the object of the Association, as set forth in this Constitution.

The fees and fines due to the Association shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting and shall be per league / association.

Any league / association / person with outstanding debts to Fife Darts Association shall not be entitled to a vote at the AGM.

Any league / association / person in debt to Fife Darts Association during the season will be allowed 4 weeks to make full payment, effective from the date of the meeting at which the debt is declared outstanding, unless previously notified. Failure to make full payment by the said time will result in debt suspension until such time as the debt is cleared.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Association Committee shall meet once per month where possible, for the purpose of promoting darts within Fife. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, another Committee member will be elected to take the Chair.

The Association shall be divided into leagues / associations, each being responsible to the Association for the control of darts within its district.

Each member league / association shall be entitled to one vote at Association Meetings. Office Bearers may only be entitled to vote if they are representing a league / association at that point in time. The Chairman shall hold a casting vote.

No two member leagues / associations may be represented by the same individual.

Any league / association not represented at Association Committee Meetings will be subject to a fine, the amount of which will be set at the Association AGM.

QUORUM : 30% of membership.

VENUES : All Association Committee Meetings will be held in a central venue.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting is held once a year to discuss round up of annual business and to select office bearers for the following year. Each member league / association shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM. Office bearers - as above. The Chairman - as above.

Only members associated in the previous year shall be entitled to a vote.

No two member leagues / associations may be represented by the same individual.

QUORUM : 50% of membership.

VENUES : All AGMs will be held in a central venue.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Association Committee shall have the power to call Extraordinary General Meetings or Special General Meetings should they think it advisable.

The Association Committee shall be bound to call Extraordinary General Meetings on receiving a requisition (specifying the object) from no fewer than three different leagues / associations.

Each member league / association shall be entitled to one vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Office Bearers as above. The Chairman as above.

No two member leagues / associations may be represented by the same individual.

QUORUM : 50% of membership.
VENUES : To be selected by the Association Committee.

OFFICE BEARERS

Delegates at the Associations' AGM shall appoint, if considered necessary, the following Office Bearers:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Minute Secretary, Area Organiser, AC Member, Superleague Secretary.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

To consist of Mens' Team Manager, Ladies' Team Manager and two selectors.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

One member from each league / association, appointed by that league / association, will form the remainder of the Association Committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

LEAGUE / ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

It is the duty and responsibility of league / association representatives to ensure that the Association is run well. This entails assisting in the organising and running of events within Fife to the best of their ability; attending whenever possible all meetings of the Association; receiving on behalf of their league / association, information material, competition forms, etc., and ensuring that these are distributed where appropriate within their own league / association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

All office bearers are expected to take an active part in the running of the Association, e.g. helping to secure sponsorship, organising and running competitions and play-offs.

Particular responsibilities fall to certain office bearers, these being:-

- CHAIRMAN:** To take the Chair at Association Meetings.
To advise the Secretary of any item to be placed on the Agenda for Association Committee Meetings.
To select dates for forthcoming meetings.
- VICE-CHAIRMAN:** To take the Chair at meetings should the Chairman be unable to attend.
To assist the Chairman in any duty which falls to him.
- SECRETARY:** To deal with general correspondence.
To prepare an agenda for meetings and to circulate these in good time for the meeting date.
To prepare programmes for intercounties home games.
To draw up list of representatives names and addresses and keep this up to date.
Update Constitution, etc. when necessary and ensure that copies are given to everyone who is entitled to hold one.
- TREASURER:** To carry out financial transactions on behalf of the Association.
To keep a record of these transactions and to draw up a balance sheet for submission to the committee at its meetings and prepare an annual balance for audit purposes.
To organise fundraising.
To control marketing stock.
- MINUTE SECRETARY:** To take notes at Association Meetings.
To compile minutes of the meetings and circulate these to Committee members.
- AREA ORGANISER:** To be the Association's representative to the Scottish Darts Association (SDA) and the British Darts Association (BDO).
To deal with correspondence from the SDA and BDO.
To attend, whenever possible, meetings of the SDA and BDO.

AC MEMBER:

To organise competitions and play-offs within Fife.
To be assistant to the Area Organiser and to assist in all the duties of the same.
To attend SDA meetings whenever possible.

**SUPERLEAGUE
SECRETARY:**

To draw up a fixture list for the Superleague.
To prepare and maintain a record of players' performances and to keep the Selection Committee informed of the current position.
To arrange play-offs at the end of the season, if required.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt, for a specific purpose, not more than two persons at any one time, on the Committee.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Team Manager and Selectors must be members of the Fife Darts Association Committee (i.e. Top Table or Area Representative) unless such persons are seeking re-election to the Selection Committee.

The Team Manager will notify players of their selection for the Intercounty Pool.

He / She will notify players and officials, prior to each Intercounty match, of the arrangements of the match (e.g. travel arrangements , venues, etc.).

The Team Manager and Selectors (as available) will select the teams to play in any particular match.

Managers and Selectors should liaise during the matches to make sure record sheets are properly completed and averages calculated.

It is the Team Managers' responsibility to ensure that Intercounty match record sheets are submitted to the appropriate BDO Director.

DISCIPLINE

Any person / league / association causing a misdemeanor at a function of the Association, or at a function of any organisation of which the Association is a member or associated with, or at a function where that person / league / association is representing the Association, or in travelling to or from such functions within an organized party or group, which is likely to bring the Association or the sport of darts into disrepute, shall be called before the Disciplinary Committee. Notice of the meeting to be given to the

person / league / association in writing, and a decision taken as to their participation in Association events.

If a person / league / association should fail to represent themselves when called upon to do so, a decision will be taken in their absence.

Persons / leagues / associations called to appear at the Disciplinary Hearing may request that the Committee allow witnesses to appear on their behalf.

The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to impose fines up to a maximum of £1000.00, and to impose suspension up to "sine die".

All decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Association Committee, the decision shall then be notified in writing to the person / league / association before any statements are released to the publicity media. Any decision ratified by the Association Committee will be effective from the date of the following Association Committee meeting to allow time for an appeal to be lodged.

The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a minimum of five representatives under the Chairmanship of the Association Chairman (unless the Chairman is directly involved, in which case a Chairman will also be elected) who shall have no vote at Disciplinary Committee Meetings. The Association Committee shall select the members of the Disciplinary Committee. No person who is involved in, or is called as a witness to the incident under consideration by the Disciplinary Committee shall be eligible to be a member of that Disciplinary Committee. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman and Executive Committee shall have the power to call a Disciplinary Meeting and select a minimum of five representatives.

The right of appeal against the Association decisions is permissible, with the proviso that anyone so doing will deposit a sum of money (£10.00 per person involved in the appeal) with the Association, such money to be returned should the appeal be successful.

All such appeals shall be heard by the Association Committee. No person who is involved in, or called as a witness to the incident under consideration as an appeal by the Association Committee shall be eligible as a member of the Association Committee for the purpose of considering the appeal.

Any person / league / association suspended by the Association Committee will automatically be suspended from playing within any league / association affiliated to the Association, and will not be eligible to represent Fife at any level.

No alcohol will be taken on any coach run by the Association. No alcohol will be taken into and consumed in a venue of which a Fife Darts event is taking place. Any person(s) found to be in breach of this ruling may be banned from traveling on any coach run by the Association and may find themselves subject to disciplinary action.

No gambling will take place at any Fife Darts event. Any person(s) found to be in breach of this ruling may be subject to disciplinary action.

PLAYING RULES

Playing rules will be as per SDA and / or BDO playing rules currently in force, and may be added to at any time, but may only be amended at an AGM.

All tournaments and competitions shall be governed by the playing rules of the particular tournament or competition.

All perpetual trophies pertaining to the Fife Darts Association events shall be made available by previous holders for the presentation for the appropriate event. Failure to comply may result in a fine being imposed on the offending person(s) / league / association - amount to be set by the full Association Committee at the AGM.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

No alterations to the foregoing Constitution shall be made except at an AGM, or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Any member desiring to submit a motion proposing changes in the Constitution shall give notice of such a motion in writing, specifying the changes proposed, to the Secretary of the Association not later than six weeks before the date of the AGM or Special General Meeting; provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to any alteration which the Association Committee shall at any time authorise to be placed on the Agenda.

ELIGIBILITY RULE - OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS

- (a) No person who is, or becomes a member or Official of, or plays for, any outside Darts Body, shall be eligible to act as an Official in any match, tournament, or other event, or to be a County Councilor, or Executive, or to play in any match, tournament, or other event organised by the Fife Darts Association, including any match, tournament, or other event organised by the Fife Darts Association on behalf of any other Darts Body.
- (b) For the purpose of this Rule, an outside Darts Body is any Darts Body other than one of the recognised Darts Bodies listed below, or any team not selected by one of the recognised Darts Bodies, which plays in any formal match, tournament or other event.

Recognised Darts Bodies:-

1. World Darts Federation and its Members.
2. British Darts Organisation and its Members.
3. England Darts Organisation and its Members.
4. Northern Ireland Darts Organisation and its Members.
5. Irish National Darts Organisation and its Members.
6. Scottish Darts Association and its Members.
7. Welsh Darts Organisation and its Members.

8. Any league, team, club or association which is affiliated to or a member of one of the foregoing.
 9. World Professional Darts Players Association
 10. International Darts Players Association
- (c) The Executive Committee shall have the power to declare any match, tournament or other event as an “Open” event to which the Rule on “Eligibility” will not apply. This power shall be exercisable notwithstanding that the match, tournament or other event has already taken place. Moreover, the Executive Committee shall have the power to permit a person to play in any match, tournament or other event, notwithstanding that the person is “Ineligible” under this rule.
 - (d) Any dispute concerning the “Eligibility” of any person under this Rule may be referred in writing at the instance of any Area Representative, Executive or by the person concerned to the General Secretary for inclusion on the Agenda of an Executive Meeting at any time.
i.e. Such item shall not be subject to the normal 14 day’s notice.
Prior notice of such Meeting and the subject matter thereof shall be given to the person concerned and all the Members of the Executive Committee.
At any such Meeting the person concerned shall be given reasonable opportunity of being heard.
The decision of such a Meeting that a person is “Ineligible” shall be fund by unanimous agreement of the Executive Committee.
At any such Meeting, any written report, received by the General Secretary, that the person concerned is, or has been, a Member or Official, or has played for an outside Darts Body, and that person fails to attend and refute the allegation therein, the Meeting may infer therefrom that the allegation is well founded, provided always that the person concerned has already been given written Notice of the allegation and when it is to be heard.
 - (e) Any person who is, or becomes “Ineligible” under this Rule shall remain ineligible for a period of 18 (eighteen) months.
This period shall commence from he date when the person was last a Member of Official, or played for an outside Darts Body.
The Executive Committee may reduce the time period if they consider it is in the interest of Fife Darts Association to do so.
 - (f) If circumstances arise where a decision is required by concerning the “Eligibility” of any person under this Rule pending reference to an Executive Committee Meeting, the Chairman, or nominated Executive, shall upon making such enquires as they shall deem fit, including, where reasonably practicable, of the person concerned, have the power to decide the matter, pending a decision of the Executive Committee Meeting.
 - (g) This Rule was established and came into effect on Tuesday 17th March 1987.

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