



**CONSTITUTION
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PLAYING RULES**

OF THE

**GREAT LAKES DARTS
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS OF THE GREAT LAKES DARTS ASSOCIATION INC

The objects of the Great Lakes Darts Association Incorporated are:

1. To promote, to teach, to encourage and improve the playing of the game of Darts in the Great Lakes area:
2. To stimulate public opinion in favour of providing proper facilities for the playing of the game of Darts;
3. To institute, regulate and control tournaments, championships and competitions in the game of Darts in the Great Lakes area, to provide or contribute towards the provision of prizes, awards and distinctions in connection therewith;
4. To select all teams to represent the Great Lakes;
5. To uphold the public image of the game of Darts in the Great Lakes area and to maintain appropriate standards of conduct and behaviour of members of the Association in connection with or in relation to the game of Darts;
6. To act alone, or with other bodies, associations or entities, or representative bodies with reference to championships or other matters concerning the game of Darts;
7. To keep authentic records of all matters pertaining to the game of Darts;
8. To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects;
9. To consider and give decisions in respect of all disputes and/or disagreements and matters in which the Association and any member or individual member shall be concerned in any matter whatsoever, such decisions to be binding on the parties to the dispute;
10. To be non-political at all times;
11. To indemnify all members of the Association and agents of the Association against all claims and demands made upon them in respect of all acts done in good faith purporting to be in pursuance of the objects of the Association and whether such acts shall be strictly within the powers of the Association or not.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GREAT LAKES DARTS ASSOCIATION INC

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

DEFINITIONS - 1

1. In these rules
 - a) **“Ordinary member”** means a member of the Committee who is not an office-bearer of the Association
 - b) **“Secretary”** means
 - i) The person holding office under these rules as Secretary of the Association; or
 - ii) If no such person holds that office - the Public Officer of the Association.
 - c) **“Special general meeting”** means a general meeting of the Association other than an annual general meeting
 - d) **“The Act”** means the Associations Incorporation Act 1984
 - e) **“The Regulation”** means the Associations Incorporation Regulation 1994.
2. In these rules
 - a) A reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
 - b) A reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.
3. The provisions of the Interpretation Act 1987 apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

PART II - MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS - 2

A person is qualified to be a member of the Association if, but only if

- a) The person is a person referred to in Section 15(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the Association at any time after incorporation of the Association under the Act, or
- b) The person is a natural person
 - i) Who has been nominated for membership of the Association, and
 - ii) Who has been approved for membership of the Association by the Committee of the Association
- c) Membership of the Association shall consist of 2 categories of members. Individuals may be appointed as Life Members in accordance in accordance with Rule 3 (Life Membership). Association membership shall be in accordance with Rule 5 (Subscriptions).
- d) A junior from the age of 15 years may be permitted to become a member, This is a the discretion of the executive committee. If passed by the committee it is on the grounds that a parent or guardian must be present while they are participating in the sport at any particular venue that allows a junior from age 15 in the area where the darts are played.
- e) A junior under the age of 15 years may be permitted to become a member, This is at the dicretion of the executive committee. A junior under the age of 15 years to be considered to be a member must be a member of the state junior darts and meeting all the commitments of that state body. If all commitments are met and passed by the committee it is on the grounds that a parent or guardian must be present while they are participating in the sport at any particular venue that allows a junior under 15 years in the area where the darts are played.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - 3

1. Life Membership of the Association may be conferred upon members who have been officers of the Association for a period of 5 or more years, or who have over the same number of years or more, rendered outstanding service to the Association.
2. Not more than 2 Life Members shall be elected in any year and notice of motion to elect a Life Member must be given in writing 1 month prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the motion is to be submitted.
3. Candidates for Life Membership must be elected by a majority of 75% of the persons present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Life Members shall be eligible for election to any office of the Association subject to the provisions of these rules and shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Annual and General Meetings of the Association.
5. When elected to Life Membership, each Life Member shall be presented with a medallion bearing the badge of the Association and engraved with his name and date of his election.
6. A Life Member shall be excluded from paying all membership fees.

AFFILIATED BODIES - 4

1. Any organization wishing to join the Association as an Affiliated Body shall make application in writing to the Secretary of the Association. Such bodies must be elected by a 75% majority of the Association present and voting.
2. Affiliation with the Association shall be open to any organization throughout the Great Lakes area exercising local control over the game of Darts. An organization applying for affiliation must satisfy the Association that the organization has a membership of at least 8 players and suitable facilities complying with Association standards. The preferred number of dart set-ups required if registering more than one team are as follows:

Sixes: 1 team ...2 boards
 2 teams...4 boards
 3 teams...6 boards
 4 teams...8 boards, etc

Fours ...1 board per team

3. Each Affiliated Body and every member of the Association, by virtue of their membership of the Association acknowledge and consent to be governed and bound by the Rules of this Association.
4. Any Affiliated Body, desirous of withdrawing from the Association shall give notice in writing to that effect, to the Secretary of the Association, and on discharging all fees and other obligations that may then be due, such resignation will be accepted.
5. Any application for the formation of a new Club to be left to the discretion of the Association.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - 5

1. The Association at the Annual General Meeting in the year preceding the year in which the Annual Subscription shall apply shall determine the Annual Subscription for an Affiliated Body.
2. The fee on admission to membership shall not be less than \$1.00 and the annual membership shall not be less than \$2.00.
3. The Annual Subscription referred to in Rule 5.1 and 5.2 (Subscriptions) shall be due and payable with nominations each year.
4. An Affiliated Body which has been notified in writing that its subscriptions or fees, of any kind are in arrears 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.
5. A player, to become an Association Member, must subscribe the Annual Individual Membership Fee, as determined by the Association in the year preceding the year in which the Annual Individual Membership Fee shall apply.
6. Association Membership shall entitle a Member to participate in all GLDA conducted tournaments, championships and competitions, subject to Playing Rule 12 (Disciplining of Members) and shall entitle a Member to participate and vote at the Annual General Meeting. Members may also attend General Meetings of the Association subject to the provisions of Rule 27.1 (General Meetings)
7. The Annual Individual Membership Fees referred to in Rule 5.1 and 5.2 (Subscriptions) shall be due and payable on or before the first night of competition play. Membership fees to cover the period February to February.
8. A new member may pay their membership at an AGM, however they will not be permitted to vote on Election of Officers. They will be permitted to vote on matters in the General Meeting.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP - 6

A person ceases to be a member of the Association if the person:

- a) Dies, or
- b) Resigns membership; or
- c) Is expelled from the Association

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS NOT TRANSFERABLE - 7

A right, privilege or obligation that a person has by reason of being a member of the Association:

- a) Is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person: and
- b) Terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP - 8

1. A member of the Association is not entitled to resign that membership except in accordance with this rule.
2. A member of the Association who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the Association in respect of the member's membership may resign from membership of the Association by first giving to the Secretary written notice of at least one month (or such other period as the Committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
3. If a member of the Association ceases to be a member under Clause 2 and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the Secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS - 9

1. The Public Officer of the Association must establish and maintain a register of members of the Association specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the Association together with the date on which the person became a member
2. The register of members must be kept at the principal place of administration of the Association and must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

MEMBERS' LIABILITIES - 10

The liability of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association as required by Rule 5 (Subscriptions)

RESOLUTION OF INTERNAL DISPUTES - 11

Disputes between members (in their capacity as members) of the Association, and disputes between members and the Association, are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation in accordance with the Community Justice Centres Act 1983.

DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS - 12

1. A complaint may be made by any member of the Association that some other member of the Association
 - a) Has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules; or
 - b) Has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
2. On receiving such a complaint, the Committee:
 - a) Must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned; and
 - b) Must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the Committee in connection with the complaint; and must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
3. The Committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the Association or suspend the member from membership of the Association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved.
4. If the Committee expels or suspends a member, the Secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the Committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under Rule 13 (Right of Appeal of Disciplined Member)
5. The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - a) Until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned; or
 - b) If within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the Association confirms the resolution under Rule 13.4 (Right of Appeal of Disciplined Member) whichever is the later.

RIGHT OF APPEAL OF DISCIPLINED MEMBER - 13

1. A member may appeal to the Association in general meeting against a resolution of the Committee under Rule 12 (Disciplining of Members), within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the Secretary a notice to that effect.
2. The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
3. On receipt of a notice from a member under Clause 1, the Secretary must notify the Committee, which is to convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 28 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
4. At a general meeting of the Association convened under Clause 3:
 - a) No business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted; and
 - b) The Committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both; and
 - c) The members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
5. If at the general meeting the Association passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed.

PART III - THE COMMITTEE

POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE - 14

The Committee is to be called the Committee of management of the Association and, subject to the Act, the Regulation and these rules and to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting:

- a) Is to control and manage the affairs of the Association; and
- b) May exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the Association, other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the Association; and
- c) Has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association.

CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP - 15

1. Subject in the case of the first members of the Committee to Section 21 of the Act, the Committee is to consist of:
 - a) The office-bearers of the Association; and
 - b) Ordinary members, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association under Rule 16 (Election of Members)
2. At the Annual General Meeting, the Association shall elect the following officers by a simple majority of persons present and entitled to vote:
 - a) President;
 - b) Secretary;
 - c) Treasurer;
 - d) Vice-President;
 - e) Minutes Secretary;
 - f) Assistant Treasurer;
 - g) Registrar;
 - h) Publicity Officer;
 - i) Fund Raising Committee (a minimum of 4 persons);
 - j) Delegates and/or Chairman and Secretary to North Coast Darts League Sub Committee. 6 persons to be elected but only 4 persons able to vote at NCDL Meetings)
3. Each member of the Committee is, subject to these rules, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.
4. Any office becoming vacant before the expiry of the term of office shall be filled by the election by the Association in General Meeting by a simple majority of persons present and entitled to vote, of a person to occupy the position for the duration of the term.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS - 16

1. Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the Association or as ordinary members of the Committee:
 - a) Can be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination); and be delivered to the Secretary of the Association before the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
 - b) Can be made orally by a proposer and seconder of the nomination at the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
2. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected.
3. Any vacant positions remaining on the Committee are taken to be casual vacancies.

4. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
5. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
6. The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary members of the Committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting.

SECRETARY - 17

1. The Secretary of the Association must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as Secretary, lodge notice with the Association of his or her address.
2. It is the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of:
 - a) All appointments of office-bearers and members of the Committee;
 - b) The names of members of the Committee present at a Committee meeting or a general meeting; and
 - c) All proceedings at Committee meetings and general meetings.
3. Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.
4. The Secretary shall keep a complete register of all bodies affiliated to the Association and also a complete register of all transfers dealt with by the Association and shall perform all such other duties and services as the Committee may from time to time direct.

TREASURER - 18

1. It is the duty of the treasurer of the Association to ensure:
 - a) That all money due to the Association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Association are made; and
 - b) That correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Association, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.
 - c) That all monies paid to the Association be banked to the Association's account as approved by the Committee within fourteen days of the receipt of the same.
 - d) That whenever required by the Committee to furnish interim or periodic financial statements
 - e) That all cheques be signed by him/her and one other Committee member:
 - f) That no monies in excess of \$100.00 Shall be paid by the Treasurer without the approval of the Committee.

OFFICERS - 19

1. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
 - a) **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and all Committee meetings and all other meetings which require his presence and he shall see that the business is conducted in a proper manner and generally ensure the well being and objects of the Association. In case at any time of equality of votes he shall give a casting vote.
 - b) **Vice President:** The Vice President shall assist the President in every manner possible and in the absence of the President from any meeting, shall preside and conduct the business and in case of equality in voting he shall have a deliberating and casting vote.
 - c) **Minutes Secretary:** The Minutes Secretary shall assist the Secretary in the duties of recording minutes of all meetings as provided by Rule 17.2 (Secretary) and in the absence of the Secretary shall assume the duties of the Secretary.
 - d) **Assistant Treasurer:** The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in every manner possible and in the absence of the Treasurer shall assume the duties of the Treasurer.
 - e) **Recorder:** The Recorder shall compile and maintain a proper and current list of all members and compile and/or maintain a history of the Association.
 - i) He shall maintain up-to-date team point scores, the records of which to be presented to the General or Executive Meeting if so called upon.
 - ii) For Zone grading purposes, he shall compile and maintain an up-to-date and accurate record of all averages from games played in Association conducted competitions.
 - f) **Publicity Officer:** The Publicity Officer shall make every effort to gain publicity for the sport of Darts in the press, radio, television and other media for the purposes of promoting the objects of the Association.
 - i) He shall be responsible for the publication of results of all games played and an up-to-date point score ladder.
 - g) **Fund Raising Committee:** The Fund Raising Committee shall organise and run fund raising ventures to assist with funding for Association activities, eg presentation night, travel fund, etc.

- h) **North Coast Dart League Delegates:** The Delegates shall attend all meetings of the North Coast Darts League and report on same to the Association's General Meeting.
The Delegates shall assist the Association with the running of the North Coast Darts League home games or any other matters pertaining to the North Coast Dart League.
2. Patrons of the Association may be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

CASUAL VACANCIES - 20

For the purpose of these rules, a casual vacancy in the office of a member of the Committee occurs if the member:

- a) Dies; or
- b) Ceases to be a member of the Association; or
- c) Becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Law; or
- d) Resigns office by notice in writing given to the Secretary; or
- e) Is removed from office under Rule 21 (Removal of Member); or
- f) Becomes a mentally incapacitated person; or
- g) Is absent without the consent of the Committee from all meetings of the Committee held during a period of 6 months.

REMOVAL OF MEMBER - 21

1. The Association in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
2. If a member of the Committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in Clause 1 relates makes representations in writing to the Secretary or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the Association, the Secretary or the president may send a copy of the representations to each member of the Association or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

MEETINGS AND QUORUM - 22

1. The Committee must meet at least 3 times in each period of 12 months at such place and time as the Committee may determine.
2. Additional meetings of the Committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the Committee.
3. Oral or written notice of a meeting of the Committee must be given by the Secretary to each member of the Committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the Committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
4. Notice of a meeting given under Clause 3 must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business, which the Committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
5. Any 4 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
6. No business is to be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.
7. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting the meeting is to be dissolved.
8. At a meeting of the Committee:
 - a) The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president is to preside; or
 - b) If the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.
9. 8 bona-fide delegates and/or representatives shall form a quorum at all Annual General Meetings, provided always that at least 75% of Affiliated Bodies are represented.

DELEGATION BY COMMITTEE TO SUB-COMMITTEE - 23

1. The Committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more Sub-Committees (consisting of such member or members of the Association as the Committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the Committee as are specified in the instrument, other than:
 - a) This power of delegation; and
 - b) A function, which is a duty imposed on the Committee by the Act or by any other law.
2. The Sub-Committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation may while the delegation remains unrevoked, exercise a function the exercise of which has been delegated to a Sub-Committee under this rule from time to time.
3. A delegation under this Section may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
4. Despite any delegation under this rule, the Committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
5. Any act or thing done or suffered by a Sub-Committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the Committee.
6. The Committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.
7. A Sub-Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

VOTING AND DECISIONS - 24

1. Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any Sub-Committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the Committee or Sub-Committee present at the meeting.
2. Each member present at a meeting of the Committee or of any Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
3. Subject to Rule 22.5 (Meetings and Quorum) the Committee may act despite any vacancy on the Committee.
4. Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the Committee or by a Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the Committee or Sub-Committee.

PART IV - GENERAL MEETINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS - HOLDING OF - 25

1. With the exception of the first annual general meeting of the Association, the Association must, at least once in each calendar year and within the period of 6 months after the expiration of each financial year of the Association, convene an annual general meeting of its members.
2. The Association must hold its first annual general meeting
 - a) Within the period of 18 months after its incorporation under the Act; and
 - b) Within the period of 6 months after the expiration of the first financial year of the Association.
3. Clauses 1 and 2 have effect subject to any extension or permission granted by the Commissioner under Section 26.3 of the Act.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CALLING OF AND BUSINESS AT - 26

1. The annual general meeting of the Association is, subject to the Act and to Rule 25 (Annual General Meetings -Holding of), to be convened on such date and at such place and time as the Committee thinks fit.
2. In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:
 - a) To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting;
 - b) To receive from the Committee reports on the activities of the Association during the last preceding financial year;

- c) To elect office-bearers of the Association and ordinary members of the Committee.
- d) To receive and consider the statement, which is, required to be submitted to members under Section 26.6 of the Act.
- 3. An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- 4. At all Annual General Meetings the following persons shall be entitled to vote:
 - a) All registered members of the Association;
 - b) Life Members entitled to 1 vote only.
- 5. The rules relating to the conduct of business of General Meetings shall apply to Annual General Meetings.
- 6. At least 21 days notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be given to all members of the Association.
- 7. The Annual General Meeting shall have complete control of all the affairs of the Association and wherever in these Rules it is provided that any act or thing may be done by the Association or any Committee, then it shall be read subject to the right of the Annual General Meeting to vary or add to or rescind any resolution of the Association or any Committee.
- 8. Nomination for office bearers will be called for by a Returning Officer, subject to Rule 16 (Election of Members). Oral nominations can only be accepted if the person or persons nominated are present at the meeting.
- 9. The election of office bearers shall be by secret ballot.
- 10. Nominations shall be called for the 1st Competition and closing date shall be set.
- 11. Expenses are to be set for North Coast Darts League Delegates.

GENERAL MEETINGS - 27

- 1. All registered members of the Association may attend General Meetings of the Association, but only the following persons shall be entitled to vote:
 - a) The members of the Committee;
 - b) 2 delegates per registered team from each Affiliated Body;
 - c) Life Members, pursuant to Rule 3.4 (Life Membership).
- 2. Any member may attend and speak at General Meetings, but only those persons referred to in Rule 27.1 (General Meetings) may vote.
- 3. At all General Meetings, the President shall occupy the chair. In his absence the Vice-President shall occupy the chair. If the Vice-President is not present, the meeting shall select its own Chairman. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only, unless voting as a Delegate. Should the Chairman desire to speak on any question, he shall, while speaking, vacate the chair, and the meeting shall elect another Chairman in the interim.
- 4. The Chairman at all General Meetings shall have unlimited authority upon every question of order and shall be the sole interpreter of the procedures governing the General Meeting for purpose of such meeting.
- 5. No motion of dissent from the ruling of the Chairman shall be permitted unless made before any other business has been commenced, and the mover, who shall be limited to 3 minutes, and the Chairman, shall allow except no other debate of such motion.
 - a) Any person eligible to participate in the meeting may speak once on a substantive motion and once on each amendment proposed to it, but may not speak more than once on any motion or amendment, except in explanation of a misrepresentation of statements made by him.
 - b) A person who has spoken on the substantive motion may not subsequently move an amendment, and a delegate may not move more than one amendment, but any person who has only spoken during discussion on amendments may subsequently move a further amendment.
 - c) A person participating in the meeting shall not speak for more than 3 minutes on any motion or amendment.
 - d) No motion entered on the Agenda shall be proceeded with unless the delegate who has given such notice or some person authorised by him, be present when the business is called in order. Notices of motion not so proceeded with will be held over for 1 meeting only.
- 6. Proposals or amendments thereto shall require a proposer and seconder from delegates from 2 Affiliated Bodies. No other amendments shall be proposed until the former is disposed of accordingly, as each amendment is affirmed or negated, the motion in its amended or original form shall become the substantive motion before the meeting.
- 7. Unless consistent with these Rule, the Rules of Debate ordinarily adopted for the conduct of meetings shall be applied at all General Meetings of the Association, as set out by the Law Society.
- 8. Voting on all motions or amendments shall be taken by show of hands, but any delegate may, either before or immediately after the vote is taken, demand a division when the Chairman shall appoint a teller. All motions except those for which provision is made shall require only a simple majority of those persons present and entitled to vote

- a) Only Division 1 delegates should vote on matters specific to Division 1 Playing Rules, only Division 2 delegates vote on matters specific to Division 2 Playing Rules.
- 9.** General Meetings of the Association shall be held at times and places set out in the Association annual itinerary:
- a) The first General Meeting each year to be held in January. Team nominations should be submitted to this meeting. The actual date for this meeting shall be set at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) General Meetings shall be held on Wednesday at 7.00 pm dates will be advised by committee.
- 10.** The business of the General Meeting of the Association shall be conducted under 3 headings: Official, Special and General. Official business shall be minutes of the previous meeting, apologies, correspondence, reports and recommendations of Executive Committee, reports from Committees, accounts. Special business shall be notices of motion. General business shall be matters raised by delegates and of which due notice is not required.
- 11.** Copies of minutes of all Meetings shall be forwarded to delegates within 14 days of the conclusion of the meeting.
- 12.** No General Meeting shall be held at the same time as any game of Darts is being held, unless warranted by special circumstances.
- 13.** All notices of motion must be in writing and 14 days notice thereof must be given to the Secretary, so that this notice may become a recommendation to the next meeting to be put as a notice of motion to the AGM or a Special Meeting.
- 14.** The following motions may be proposed without notice:
- a) Motions to elect Chairman;
- b) Motions of adjournment;
- c) Motions of amendment;
- d) Motions for leave to amend or withdraw a motion or amendment;
- e) Motions for votes of thanks;
- f) Motions for leave under Rule 27.23 (General Meetings);
- g) Motions dealing with business arising from the Minutes or arising from any reports or recommendations of the Executive Committee;
- h) Motions for suspension of Standing Orders.
- 15.** A motion of which due notice has not been given can only be discussed or voted upon with the approval of a minimum of 75% of the persons present and entitled to vote at the General Meeting at which the motion is to be put, but no motions shall be discussed or voted upon:
- a) Affecting the Rules;
- b) To rescind or amend a previous resolution of the Association.
- 16.** In the event of any General Meeting lapsing, the business thereof or in the case of an adjourned meeting, such business as remains undealt with shall take precedence at the next General Meeting.
- 17.** No business shall be dealt with at any adjourned General Meeting, which was not on the agenda of the original General Meeting.
- 18.** No sum exceeding \$100.00 shall be passed for payment until the Executive Committee shall have reported upon the matter of expenditure and no moneys of the Association shall be dispersed except under the authority of the General Meeting.
- a) In the case of any honorarium or donation exceeding \$100.00, notice of such must appear on the agenda of the General Meeting at which the same is to be discussed.
- 19.** No delegate shall be entitled to take part in any General Meeting unless and until the contributions of the Affiliated Body which he represents shall be paid, provided always that all acts done by any General Meeting shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that any delegates had been disqualified to take part in the meeting, be as valid as if such delegate or delegates had been properly qualified to take part. The Association shall hear and determine all matters relating to its objects referred to it by any delegate or an Affiliated Body and shall decide all questions and disputes between Affiliated Bodies and shall hear and determine all appeals relating to any subject under its control and its decision shall be final.
- 20.** In the event of any question arising as to the correct interpretation of any of these Rules or of the definition of a Dart Player or any other question not provided for herein, such question shall be dealt with by the Association, whose decision shall be final, subject to the provisions of these Rules as to the powers of an Annual General Meeting.
- 21.** The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting to any persons entitled to receive same shall not invalidate any resolution passed thereof.
- 22.** Any Association Member may attend the General Meetings of the Association, provide there be room. The Association may exclude all except those persons entitled to take part and any other persons, which it may at its discretion decide to admit.

SPECIAL MEETINGS - 28

1. The rules relating to the conduct of business of General Meetings shall apply to Special Meetings.
2. A minimum of 75% of persons present and entitled to vote shall be required to carry the following motions at specially convened meetings (Special Meetings)
 - a) To make new rules or alter or rescind existing rules;
 - b) To alter the Statement of Objects of the Association;
 - c) To amend or rescind a resolution of the Association;
 - d) To grant affiliation to an Affiliated Body;
 - e) To reinstate a member who has been disqualified
 - f) To grant permission to compete at darts meetings not controlled by an Affiliated Body
 - g) To suspend or disqualify a member or Affiliated Body
3. Special Meetings of the Association may be summoned:
 - a) Upon resolution of the Association in General Meeting or upon resolution of the Executive Committee;
 - b) Upon request by an Affiliated Body stating the reason, signed by authorised persons of that Affiliated Body. The business of the meeting shall be stated in the notice.
 - c) No business except that for which the Special Meeting has been called may be transacted at that meeting;
 - d) At least 14 days notice shall be given to all officers of the Association and to the delegates and/or representatives of all Affiliated Bodies.
 - e) By requisition in writing of at least 5% of the total number of members.
4. A requisition of members for a special general meeting:
 - a) Must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting; and
 - b) Must be signed by the members making the requisition; and
 - c) Must be lodged with Secretary; and
 - d) May consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
5. If the Committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after that date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the Secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
6. A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in Clause 4 must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened, by the Committee and any member who consequently incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the Association for any expense so incurred.

DELEGATES - 29

1. Save and except as in these rules otherwise provided, every Affiliated Body shall appoint two (2) delegates per team.
2. Only 2 nominated delegates shall be permitted to vote at General Meetings of the Association.
3. In the event of any Affiliated Body not having representation at any meeting, the defaulting team will be fined one match fee. The delegate must be present at all General Meetings before the start of Special Business. Any defaulting team would then be barred from placing, or speaking on, any motions put to the meeting from which they were absent.

MATCH COMMITTEE - 30

1. The duties of the Match Committee are to be assumed by the Executive Committee until it is agreed at an Annual General Meeting that a Match Committee be formed.
2. The Match Committee shall be the Executive Committee, and may also consist of upto 1 delegate per team, to be elected by the team.
3. The duties and responsibilities of the Match Committee shall be to:
 - a) Hear and determine all applications relating to disputes if no agreement can be reached at the General Meeting;
 - b) Hear and determine any questions relating to the right or qualification of any player to play with any particular Affiliated Body;
 - c) To arrange the programme of all matches to be played under the control of the Association and to allocate grounds for such matches as decided;
 - d) To conduct competitions, to select representative teams or players as from time to time required.
4. The Match Committee has the right to disqualify or suspend players or teams, and such teams or players have the right of appeal to the General Meeting within the prescribed time.
5. The Match Committee will be responsible for all Association conducted competitions and will sit at a table at all Association Championships and ensure that the Association rules are adhered to.
6. All decisions of the Match Committee shall be final.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION AND TRANSFERS - 31

1. A player may be a member of any number of Affiliated Bodies in the same season, but shall only be permitted to play for one Affiliated Body in Association organised competitions in that season. The player must signify to his selected Affiliated Body that he intends to play with them during the forthcoming season and that Affiliated Body shall register him as a player with the Association.
 2. Once a player has nominated and played with a team, then under no circumstances shall the player be able to play with any other team in any one season, with the exception of an authorised transfer.
 3. No Affiliated Body shall make it a condition of its membership that persons wishing to join must play for that Affiliated Body.
 4. A Team Captain may register a new member on the day of a match by notification to the Secretary of the Association on the back of the score sheet, provided that the set Individual Membership Fee shall accompany the score sheet.
 5. Any member, may, with the permission of both Team Captains concerned, transfer to another team. This should be notified to the Secretary of the Association on the back of the score sheet and signed by both Captains and the player concerned. Only 1 transfer per player is allowed in any season.
 6. Where a player transfers, or registration needs to be effected, on a night where the team involved has a bye, written notification should be submitted through the normal channels in that week. (27.11.95)
 7. If a player wishes to leave the competition, he may be de-registered by his Team Captain by notifying in writing on the back of the score sheet. A Team Captain may, at his team's discretion, de-register a member of his team without due notice, only with good cause (eg non-attendance, leaving town, misconduct, etc).
 8. Such de-registered players shall be available to register with another team if needed, under the same conditions as an authorised transfer.
 9. A limit of 9 players per team may be registered in a Sixes Competition but only 8 may play in any one-competition match or a penalty will be imposed. With a minimum of 4 players to constitute a team on any one night. Less than 4 players the game is a forfeit All forfeit penalties apply.
 10. A limit of 6 players per team may be registered in a Fours Competition, but only 5 may play in any one-competition match, or a penalty will be imposed. With a minimum of 3 players to constitute a team on any one night. Less than 3 players the game is a forfeit All forfeit penalties apply.
 11. A minimum of 1 man and 1 woman must play in each team in a Sixes Competition. Each of these minimum players must play at least 3 legs of Doubles 1 game singles, and 1 game of triples or a penalty will be imposed.
 12. A minimum of 1 man and 1 woman must play in each team in a Fours Competition. Each of these minimum players must play at least 2 games each, 1 of which must be singles, or a penalty will be imposed.
 13. In the event of a team being short of a player prior to the commencement of a match then that team shall forfeit only the throw that the missing player, or players, would have thrown.
- le TEAMS...3 players play 4 players, missing 1 throw
TRIPLES ...2 players play 3 players, missing 1 throw
DOUBLES ...1 player plays 2 players, missing 1 throw.
SINGLES ...Forfeit 1 game.
Sixes: Captains may forfeit wherever they wish to do so.
- Fours:* If required to play in order of average, the position of the highest relevant unavailable player should be forfeit. However, at the discretion of the Captain, the available players may be moved up to fill the vacant space and therefore forfeit the number 4 position.

PART V - MISCELLANEOUS

BADGE AND COLOURS - 32

1. The badge of the Association shall be a dolphin over 3 darts.
2. The colour of the badge shall be a combination of Blues and White as to allow flexibility with design in the future. Gold and Silver may also be used for effect and background.
3. The colour of all cloth used by the Association for jackets and shirts shall be a combination of Blues and White as to allow flexibility with design in the future.
4. Medals as per badge.

ADDRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION - 33

The Office of the Association shall be at the home address of the duly elected Secretary or at such other place, as the Executive Committee shall determine from time to time.

AUDITOR - 34

1. An Auditor, who shall be a qualified Accountant, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting, to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
2. The Executive Committee may fill any casual vacancy in the Office of Auditor.
3. The Association at the Annual General Meeting shall approve the remuneration of the Auditor of the Association.
4. The Auditor shall check all financial statements, examine the books, accounts, receipts and other financial records of the Association for the year following their election and compare same with the balance sheet. Such audit shall be made in November each year and the Auditor finding any deficiency in money or goods shall report the matter immediately to the Executive Committee.
5. The Executive Committee shall cause the Auditor to have access to all books, accounts, vouchers, securities and documents of the Association and to be furnished with such information and explanation by the members of the Executive Committee as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as Auditor.

SOLICITOR - 35

The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint a Solicitor and to obtain legal advice and assistance as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

INSURANCE - 36

1. The Association must effect and maintain insurance under Section 44 of the Act.
2. In addition to the insurance required under Clause 1, the Association may effect and maintain other insurance.

FUNDS - SOURCE - 37

1. The funds of the Association are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, such other sources as the Committee determines.
2. All money received by the Association must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Association's bank account.
3. The Association must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

FUNDS - MANAGEMENT - 38

1. Subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, the funds of the Association are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the Association in such manner as the Committee determines.
2. The Treasurer and one other Committee member must sign all cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments.

ALTERATION OF OBJECTS AND RULES - 39

The statement of objects and these rules may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a special resolution of the Association.

COMMON SEAL - 40

1. The common seal of the Association must be kept in the custody of the Public Officer.
2. The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures of 1 member of the Committee and of the Public Officer, Secretary or Treasurer.

CUSTODY OF BOOKS - 41

Except as otherwise provided by these rules, the Public Officer must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the Association.

INSPECTION OF BOOKS - 42

The records, books and other documents of the Association must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

SERVICE OF NOTICES - 43

1. For the purpose of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association on any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at the member's address shown in the register of members.
2. If a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document is, unless the contrary is proved, taken for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

Playing Rules Of the Great Lakes Darts Association 2015



Amended 20/1/2016

Added Play 19 Dress code

Andrew Faulkner
President

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Public Officer

PLAYING RULES OF THE GREAT LAKES DARTS ASSOCIATION INC

(THESE RULES MAY OVERRIDE THE STATE RULES WHERE APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL COMPETITION)

PLAY 1 - THE DARTS

The darts and flights used by players can be of any weight, make and material best suited to the thrower, but must be of smooth honed, pointed type.

PLAY 2 - CONDITION OF BOARD AND PLAY

The captains of both teams shall mutually agree that the board and conditions of play are satisfactory and in accordance with the Rules as laid down.

Any protest as to the conditions of play shall be lodged with the opposing captain and in the event of the conditions not being altered to comply with the protest, the captain making the complaint, shall play under protest and enter on the score the words 'PLAYED UNDER PROTEST' and both captains to initial them. Such protest to be reported in writing to the Secretary of the Association within 7 days and he shall tender said protest to the General Meeting.

No protest can be made after the match has commenced.

The Executive of the Association check each venue prior to each final for condition of boards and availability of scoring equipment.

PLAY 3 - DARTS IN AND OUT OF PLAY

DARTS IN PLAY

Scoring darts are those sticking in the board at the completion of a "throw" of three darts, or less as is necessary and shall be indicated by the point of entry of the dart which must be definitely in or touching the board.

DARTS OUT OF PLAY

- Darts that rebound from the board;
- Darts that stick into other darts;
- Darts that fall out or are knocked out of the board before the throw of three darts is completed and before the Scorer has called the score;
- Darts that have been ruled as "NO DART" by the scorer.

Three darts in the treble ring, double ring or bulls-eye ring is "NOT GAME SHOT" unless the total in the double ring or the inner bulls-eye adds up to the correct total required.

1. In no circumstances, once a dart has been thrown past the "hockey" shall it be given back to the thrower to be thrown again. *Note: The interpretation of the term "throw" applicable to NSW Council rule is: That a dart is deemed to have been thrown when it is propelled with physical force only.*

PLAY 4 - START and FINISH GAME

1. The home team scores and throws first in the first game. The first throw shall then alternate in subsequent games, with the team having first throw, to score the game. In the third leg of a game you may toss a coin to see who throws first for the bull. Closest to the bull to throw first.
 - a. If a bullseye or outer bull is hit the dart may be removed as if both players hit the outer bull or both hit the bullseye they throw again. Only darts outside of the outer bull will remain in the board while the second player throws to determine who is closest.
2. In a Fours Competition, the away Team shall reverse their doubles games.
3. To end the game the winner is the first to hit the double that makes the exact score required. If the double scores more than the required score it is a bust and the score reverts back to what it was at the start of the players throw. The only exception to this rule is when both players have thrown 60 darts and are on a finishing score of 40 or less. Each player will throw 1 dart for closest to the bull to decide the winner. *(this is known as the 60 dart rule)*

PLAY 5 - SCORING 180, 171 AND A 170 PEG OUT

A player who scores 180 (three treble 20's) or 171 (three treble 19's) in Association conducted competitions shall qualify for an Association 180 or 171 badge. Scores of 180 or 171 must be recorded on Association result sheets or in writing and witnessed by both captains and sent to the Secretary of the Association. A player scoring a 170 peg out will qualify for a special Association award.

PLAY 6 - SCORE SHEETS AND DRAW SHEETS

1. Score sheets will be filled out with the following information
 - a) Both team names;
 - b) Date;
 - c) Round number;
 - d) Match number;
 - e) Total of games won;
 - f) Result of all games (ie, win or loss)
 - g) Signed by both Captains.
 - h) No nicknames to be used, only persons correct names.
2. If the losing captain fails to sign the score sheet, a protest may be lodged on the back of the score sheet by the winning captain.
3. The home captain will be responsible for the match score sheet recording wins and losses and darts thrown and scores from all singles games for averages.
4. Association score sheets will be completed and signed by two captains. On all sheets, the home team shall be shown first.
 - a) When filling out sheets doubles games should be submitted first. Once these games are completed then singles games should be submitted. Once these games are completed, then trebles or teams game should be submitted.
5. The home team is responsible for the lodging of Match sheets. The home team captain is not responsible for the away teams match fees. The responsibility lay with the team, however they may be submitted in the envelope with the game sheet.
6. Score sheets and fees must be lodged with the Association Secretary by the time and at the place decided by the Executive Committee, such decision to be made prior to the commencement of each competition.

PLAY 7 - PLAYERS

All players who enter an Association conducted competition must be registered members of the GLDA Inc.

PLAY 8 - PLAYERS ONCE A MATCH HAS COMMENCED

No player shall be changed once a match has commenced.

PLAY 9 - QUALIFICATIONS

1. To qualify for play in semi-finals, finals or grand final matches, a member must have played in at least 4 games of singles for the qualifying team in the given competition. (*Players may be signed up after the qualification cut off date, but will not be eligible to play semis or qualify for championships or association functions*)
2. To qualify for play in Association Championships, a member must have played 5 singles games to obtain an average, during that season.
3. To qualify for subsidised Association functions, a member must have played in at least five Association matches, or will be asked to pay on a pro-rata basis.
4. A player with a 17 or higher average is not allowed to play in Division 2.

PLAY 10 - FORFEITS AND PENALTIES

1. All Association matches must be played on the date laid down.
2. If a team forfeits a match, the captain must nominate his players and team, and should lodge the sheet through the normal channels, along with the playing fees for both teams. *The other Captain should also lodge his playing sheet through the normal channels.* (A forfeited match is one where the team either does not turn up can't field at least 4 players in a sixes match or 3 in a fours match or they notify in advance that they wish to forfeit.
3. Teams shall be fined under the following conditions:
 - a: Failure of a team delegate to attend the General Meeting - a fine of one week's match fee The offending team may not participate in any competition match until such fine is paid.

- b: Late score sheet or average sheet - a fine of one week's match fee at the discretion of the recorder.
 - c: Incorrect score sheet - a fine of one week's match fee at the discretion of the recorder.
 - d: Playing an unregistered player - forfeit Points won by unregistered player (*)
 - e: Failure to play 1 Lady or man in sixes or fours comp (see constitution 31-13)
 - f: Playing more than 8 players in a sixes competition - Forfeit games with player 9
 - g: Playing more than 5 players in a fours competition - Forfeit games with player 6.
 - h: Playing singles games out of order (when required to be played in order of averages) - forfeit those games, which are out of order.
 - i: Unable to field a minimum of 4 players on any 1 night in a sixes comp (Forfeit Match all penalties to apply)(*)
 - g: Unable to field a minimum of 3 players on any 1 night in a fours comp (Forfeit Match all penalties to apply)(*)
4. Any appeal regarding points lost should be directed to the Executive Committee
- (*) The opposing team will receive points awarded according to the maximum points won on the night by any other team, in that division. The team being penalised will receive 0 points.

PLAY 11 - ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

The Association each year will conduct the following competitions and championships and any other competitions or championships as from time to time they may deem fit.

PLAY 12 - SUMMER AND WINTER COMPETITION

1. COMPETITION RULES - SIXES COMPETITION

- a) 9 x doubles games - 601 up - straight start - double finish – one leg only
- b) 6 x singles games - 501 up - straight start - double finish - best of three legs
- c) 2 X triples games - 801 up - straight start - double finish - one leg only
- d) Doubles may be made up of two groups of three and one of two this allowing eight players to play in doubles. eg: A group of three there first game 1 & 2 second 2 & 3 and third game 3 & 1 each player in group gets 2 legs of doubles.

2. COMPETITION RULES - FOURS COMPETITION

- a) 2 x doubles games - 601 up - straight start - double finish - best of three legs
- b) 2 x reverse doubles games - 601 up - straight start - double finish - best of three legs (one player may be substituted)
- c) 4 x singles games - 501 up - straight start - double finish - best of three legs (to be played in order of average)
- d) 1 x teams game - 801 up - straight start - double finish - one leg.

3. RULES FOR "THREES" COMPETITION

- a) Each team of six splits into two teams of three. The draw is done the same as the sixes so as the teams can travel together as if it were a sixes comp. A home and away reversal of the draw is then played to play against the opposite "three" team. The team must consist of the same three base players, a maximum of 4 may play in a team on any night.
- b) Reserves may:
 - i) Play in either of the two teams, but may not play in both teams on the same night.
 - ii) May substitute in place of three different players in a singles, a doubles and a team game.
 - iii) **OR** Replace a regular player for all that players games

c) ORDER OF PLAY FOR "THREES" COMP

Three Doubles
 Players 1 and 2
 Players 2 and 3
 Players 3 and 1
 Three Singles
 Teams Game
Total of 7 games

4. General Competition Rules all Competitions

- a) Two (2) Dartboards are to be utilised to their best advantage for all games as to ensure that games do not run beyond the venues closing times.
 - b) In the case of Semi Finals, Finals, and Grand Finals, unless the opposing captains come to a mutual agreement on how they wish to play the games they will be played as follows.
 1. Format depicts Triples first. Two (2) boards will be used for both triples and doubles, Singles may be played one game at a time. (Unless the hour is late and the venue is waiting to close)
 2. Format depicts triples last. Two (2) boards will be used for doubles; Singles may be played one game at a time. Triples one game at a time. Unless the hour is late then they must commence the last game before the first triples is finished.
5. Points will be awarded for each game won. If both teams play from same venue we will have 2 x Minor Premiers. If from different venues Minor premiers and Semi-Finalists will be decided on a count back of Match Wins, If this is a tie most triples wins. If this is a tie executive will come up with a decision.

Threes Comp: Points will be awarded for each game won, with one additional point awarded for the match win for each team of three. (Possible total 16 points – 2 x 7 games, 2 x win points)
 6. In the event of teams finishing on equal points (including wins and losses), Minor Premiers and Semi-Finalists will be decided by a play-off.
 7. The Semi finals will be played at the minor premiers home venues (ie: Home venues of teams 1 & 3 at the end of the rounds. All finals and grand finals to be played at the Club Forster. In the case of team 3 having the same venue as team 1 and only 2 boards are available 3 will play at 4's home venue or Club Forster Team 3' choice. If teams from different divisions should both have home ground advantage this same rule applies with home venue advantage going to highest division team.
 8. Following the Annual General Meeting, the Association shall call nominations for Competition 1. This competition to commence prior to March, to be played weekly on a round robin basis.
 9. Competition 2 (if applicable) should commence as soon as possible after the end of Competition 1, to finalise at least one week prior to Presentation Night.
 10. Referees shall be appointed by the Association for all semi-finals, etc.
 11. The draw for playing of finals to be decided at a General Meeting.
 12. The format of the first competition of the year shall be set at the Annual General Meeting (ie number of divisions, sixes competition or alternative, grading night if necessary, etc). If there is to be a Competition 2, then the format for that competition shall be set at the meeting at which nominations are called.
 13. Any regulation required for the implementation of these competitions (eg grading of extra players, actual number of games to qualify for finals, number of teams to play in finals, etc) shall be set at the meeting at which team nominations close, so long as these regulations do not breach any ruling of the GLDA Constitution and Rules of Play.
 14. Sign-on sheets for each competition to show the name and contact number of the captain, along with the names, signatures and averages of all players intending to play with that team. Players without an average shall be graded over 5 competition matches to establish an average.
 15. Averages will be taken on all singles games played (**NOTE:** Once a new player's average has been established it must conform to that required by the team, or a penalty will be imposed).
 16. No Player with a 17 or higher average will be allowed to play in division 2.

PLAY 13 - CHAMPIONSHIPS - SINGLES, DOUBLES & MIXED DOUBLES

1. The Association each year shall conduct Championships for:
 - a) Men's and Ladies Singles
 - b) Nominated Men's and Ladies Doubles
 - c) Nominated Mixed Doubles
2. **COMPETITION RULES** All championships shall be run
 - a) In the case of a Two Life Knock Out Draw. The Second Life draws may be adjusted by moving a player to the next match space where they would not draw the same opposition as in the first draw.
 - b) Singles - 501 up - straight start - double finish - best of three legs.
Doubles - 601 up - straight start - double finish - best of three legs.
NOTE: The Grand Final in each championship shall be best of five legs. **OR**
 - c) In the case of a full round robin all games will be one leg. Singles 501, Doubles 601. This can be changed to best of 3 legs if only 3 or 4 in grade at the Executive Committee's Decision.
 - d) In the event of a tie for 1st and/or 2nd place with more than 2 teams or players there will be a playoff one leg, Singles 801 Doubles 1001; first past the post winner others continue the game until a winner and runner up is resolved. If only two teams or players a best of three 501 for singles 601 for doubles.
 - e) The Executive committee have the right to make changes to this at their discretion to assure the competition finishes at a reasonable hour and that the competition is fair to all those concerned. Eg:

a div split into 2 groups with the top players from each group playing another round to determine the winners (the actual number of players/teams to go through to the final round will be determined by the Executive Committee, dependant on number of nominations in each group).

3. The Match Committee shall close all nominations.
4. The Executive Committee shall conduct all draws and finals when Association Championships are being played each year.
5. The Association shall appoint referees for all championship matches.
6. Championships shall be played in three divisions (dependant on number of nominations) to be graded on individual averages. Divisions to be set at approximately half way level for two divisions OR as appropriate for more divisions. Cut off average to be set using averages from sheet released at the second last meeting before the Championships.
7. Championships will be played over two (or three) Sundays during September - October - November
8. The winners of any GLDA Singles Championship event must play a higher grade in singles events in the following year's championships, except for the winners of Division 1, who must remain in that division. (14.12.1998) They may play other events according to their current average (amended 13.12.99)

PLAY 14 - GAMBLING

Gambling in any form during an Association match or competition is not allowed, and any player or official infringing this rule shall be liable to be disqualified by the Association or Affiliated Body.

PLAY 15 - STARTING TIMES FOR ASSOCIATION MATCHES

1. Starting time for all competition matches shall be 7.30 pm. The opposing captain may give fifteen minutes grace before claiming a forfeit.
2. Should a match be incomplete at closing time of the venue, the remaining games are to be completed at a venue suitable to both captains by lodging time of the score sheet.

PLAY 16 - TROPHIES

1. Trophies will be provided for Competitions 1 and 2 (if applicable) and Championships as set down by the Association.
2. Trophies to be provided to a maximum of 9 (amended 13.12.1999) in a sixes competition, or a maximum of 6 in a fours competition.
3. All perpetual trophies to remain the property of the Great Lakes Darts Association Inc and the Association may change or upgrade them when or if necessary.
4. Teams or players receiving perpetual trophies will be responsible for the condition of the trophy and will return said trophy at the request of the Association.

PLAY 17 - PRESENTATION

1. The annual presentation of the Great Lakes Darts Association Inc shall be held no later than mid December in each competition year on the second Saturday in December, after finalisation of all competition and championships.
2. Non-members of the Association who wish to attend the GLDA presentation must pay the nominated charge to attend this function. (This charge is to cover the cost of the meal provided) (amended 25.2.1998)

PLAY 18 - MISCELLANEOUS

1. Copies of the Constitution will be made available to Committee Members and Team Captains at no charge. Copies will also be available to any member wishing to purchase same at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.
2. Raffle tickets for fundraising ventures will generally be sold at 3 for \$2.00 unless the Fund Raising Committee decide that the value of the prize dictates that the price be different.
3. Any point not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Match Committee whose decision shall be final, subject to an appeal to a meeting of Association delegates.

PLAY 19 - DRESS CODE

1. Closed in footwear must be worn not Open Toe shoes or Sandles or Thongs

2. A dart style shirt must be worn (Polo, Button up Shirt or a standard style T'shirt will be acceptable) no low cut or sleeveless tops.
3. Shorts, Skirts or long pants of neat and tidy condition.

4. RULES PERTAINING TO NORTH COAST DARTS LEAGUE COMPETITION

1. Only financial PLAYING Association members are eligible to represent Great Lakes Darts Association Inc in the North Coast Darts League competition. If the number of playing members is inadequate, then a fill-in player (ie a player from another Association) MUST take second preference over a GLDA player who is not a playing member, but who has done averages for the GLDA in the previous year.
2. Should loan players be required, then they will be required to pay the same nomination fee (and any other appropriate fees, eg bus costs) as Great Lakes players. They will then also receive the same benefits as Great Lakes players
3. Nominations to play North Coast Dart League will be made by way of a nomination form to be submitted with the prescribed nomination fee. No member will be eligible to play North Coast until such nomination form is received.
4. North Coast Darts League Delegates to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and their expenses set.
5. Grading for NCDL shall be done on averages from all Association matches. Averages to be recorded by the Association Recorder. These averages to be finalised and released 1 month after completion of all competition matches and will stand for the following year.
6. Averages to be taken on singles games from ALL Great Lakes matches.
7. Teams to be selected by the executive base on averages and player compatibility. Players to compete in these grades during the year and Championships unless requested to play in a higher grade as a reserve for an absent player. Winners of Singles Championships have to play up a grade at the following years championships in the singles only.
8. Players may not play in any grade lower than their grading during that year.
9. Those players with an "A" Grade average must play in the "A" Grade team; the team will then be filled with volunteers from "B" Grade. If the team is still short of players then it will be filled from the next top average players.
10. If accommodation is booked and a player does not show up, then they will be held responsible for payment of the room cost. They would then not be eligible to play until the money had been paid.
11. Any nominated player not attending a NCDL match will incur a fine of \$10.00
12. Any player competing in Zone and/or State Championships will be governed by Zone and State Constitutions for said Competitions.
13. Any player not honouring State commitments without due reason shall be banned from playing in Zone and State for a period of 12 months.

The Ethics of Darts and Points to Remember

Darts as in any other sport, has a code of ethics, which should be practiced by those participating in the game.

To make our game more enjoyable, follow these rules:

1. Avoid delaying the game by being ready to throw when it is your turn.
2. Give consideration to those who are waiting to follow you on the board.
3. If you lose a game in a competition be a good loser, avoid unnecessary excuses or unethical excuses.
4. Always allow your opponent three darts practice if he/she requires, before commencement of play, and remember, the scorer has control of the game.
5. Gambling in any way or form in any competition is forbidden and any player or official infringing this rule shall be liable to disqualification.
6. Abusive or threatening language should not be directed at any player or official.
7. There is no benefit in this game if you cheat.
8. Physical violence will not be tolerated.
9. Intoxication to the extent where a player cannot throw his dart will not be tolerated, as it is unfair to team members as well as the opposition.

DO'S

- 1) Display good Sportsmanship at all times
- 2) Show decorum at all times.
- 3) Ask your scorer 2 questions
 - a. "What have I scored?"
 - b. "What do I have left?"
- 4) Seek advice after you have left the oche line and before you have your next shot.
- 5) Draw the attention of your Captain or partner to foot faults that you may observe, this should be pointed out in a nice manner to the opposing team, requesting their support in observing this rule.
- 6) Do remember to remove your dart from the board, when check dart is called, before turning to your opponent to show acknowledgement of a good game.

DON'TS

1. Do not display bad sportsmanship
2. Do not walk in front of the oche line when a match is in progress
3. Do not talk to or sledge any player whilst playing at any time.
4. Do not adopt disturbing tactics, like talking, rattling darts etc whilst a player is at the oche line.
5. Do not argue about incorrect scores unless the darts are still in the board.
6. Do not leave the oche to obtain advice once you have thrown a dart. (*permitted in the Great Lakes Darts Association*).
7. Do not foot fault.

DO REMEMBER THAT DARTS IS A SPORT - SO BE ONE

DARTS IS A VERY SOCIAL GAME PLAYED BY NICE PEOPLE

ENJOY YOURSELF