

Greater Knoxville Darting Association Bylaws

Article I: Membership

- A. These are the Bylaws of the Greater Knoxville Darting Association, hereafter referred to as GKDA.
- B. Membership in the GKDA shall not convey to any member the right to violate: 1) any city, county, township, state or federal law, or 2) any declaration of rule or prohibition of trespass made by property owner or his employees on private property. Members violating such law, declaration of rule, or prohibition of trespass shall be subject to having their membership terminated.
- C. Only registered GKDA members are eligible to participate in GKDA league, or any TDO affiliated events representing GKDA.
- D. Registered GKDA members in good standing are defined as members not placed on any form of suspension and paid up for membership dues as proscribed by the GKDA board.

Article II: Termination of membership

- A. Any member with unbecoming conduct or committing any act prejudicial to the best interest of the league or/and against whom such charges are sustained after an opportunity to appear before the League Council, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the League Council, may be expelled from membership. Upon such action by the League Council, the secretary shall notify the member in writing of said action with further explanation of the reasons thereof.

Article III: Dues

- A. Membership dues are \$10, due annually, and are good from **July 1st to June 30th**. Eligibility to substitute during a league session requires membership dues be paid in full. **Updated June 2023. Dues are not pro-rated.**
- B. Session dues are paid by individual seasons (\$15 for first league, \$5 for additional league, \$5 for subs each week - up to 3 weeks or \$15) and are to be paid in full by packet pick-up prior to start of season and due no later than the second week of league play. The max session fee is \$20, no sub fees are required after \$20.
- C. Any player who has not paid their membership dues in full by the second week of league play will be declared ineligible for match play and NO points will be awarded for prior weeks played. However, if a person pays their dues, they will be declared eligible and future points will be awarded.
- D. It is ultimately the team captain's responsibility to ensure all players' fees are paid!
- E. A player's membership infers automatic acceptance of these rules and conditions, which are not subject to appeal unless given cause, which will then be voted on by the board.

F. The GKDA will not practice discrimination due to age, sex, race, religion, or national origin. All references to "HE" in the RULES OF PLAY and BY LAWS shall apply and mean "SHE" as well.

G. The captain or team representative acting as a team's captain will be required to attend all league meetings as scheduled by the board.

H. Failure to attend these meetings will result in the loss of 2 points from the team's total points for the current season.

Article IV: Governance

A. Statement of intent: With full transparency, to effectively administer and promote GKDA membership and league participation.

B. The governing body of the GKDA shall be the League Council (comprised of 4 league officers and 2 directors).

C. The League Officers shall: 1. Be elected by a majority vote of the league membership in attendance at league meeting. 2. Be comprised of four Executive Officers, (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer);

D. The 2 league directors (Fundraiser Chairperson, and director at large) shall: 1. Be elected by a majority vote of the league officers with the president to provide a tie-breaking vote, if necessary, for fundraiser chairperson. 2. Be elected by the president for the director at large.

E. Any vacancy of the League Executive Officers shall be filled by the league membership in attendance at league meeting. This appointment will serve until the next regular election. In the interim, the President may appoint a member in good standing to fill a vacancy until the next the league meeting.

F. Council Members whose performance is determined to be derelict or negligent or whose actions are not in the best interest of the GKDA may be expelled by the elected officers, by a two-thirds (2/3) with the president to provide a tie-breaking vote if necessary.

G. It is the responsibility of the league officers to review, formulate, and maintain a yearly budget for GKDA. The league shall never be allowed to operate at a loss for the fiscal year.

H. Any decision of the League Council can be overturned by a 2/3 vote of the league membership.

Article V: Duties of The League Council

A. The President shall schedule (call) and preside over organization and League Council meetings, to include calendar and meeting agenda. The President is also responsible for ensuring that the members of the league council are performing their duties. The President shall also be responsible for signing contracts, corporate paperwork, and all other business in the name of GKDA, with the approval of the league council or majority vote of membership as the case may be. The President shall maintain active

and up to date correspondence with the TDO, and make necessary reports to the Council. Lastly, the President shall make arrangements for, and oversee all local GKDA/TDO sanctioned events.

B. The Vice President shall be on all committees and preside at organizational and League Council meetings where the President is unable to attend. The vice president shall own and maintain the current active membership roster, and add or update as necessary as the treasurer informs them of membership dues payments. The vice president shall also order, maintain, and distribute all required patches, trophies, shirts, jerseys, medals, and awards. Additionally, the Vice President shall advertise and promote all GKDA sponsored events. Also acts as TDO representative.

C. The Secretary shall keep permanent minutes of the meetings of the League Council and organization. This is to include maintaining, recording, correspondence, and compilation of required TDO paperwork. The secretary shall impartially maintain scoresheet data entry, standings sheets, the web page, and the GKDA FB messenger inbox. The secretary can be dismissed for nonperformance, late performance, or malfeasants in duties by majority of the league council.

D. The Treasurer shall issue notices of dues payable and be responsible for the collection thereof, keep the books of the organization, keep inventory records of all physical equipment, distribute funds as required and shall report as requested by the League Council on the financial condition of the organization. The treasurer shall provide a report to the membership at each league banquet detailing expenditures/collections pertinent to the previous league season. The treasurer shall prepare a report for his/her successor.

E. Each director shall be a representative of the GKDA. Any discrepancies or rules violations shall be reported to a league officer prior to the start of the next scheduled match play. They shall voice decisions as well as chair various committees as the League Council deems appropriate.

F. The fundraiser chairperson shall solicit sponsorships, donations, raffle items, auction items, etc. for GKDA and GKDA events as directed by the league executives.

G. The league executives shall be responsible for the coordination of sanctioned tournament play, presentation of seasonal awards, divisional playoffs and final, and planning/administering all activities.

H. The director at large shall only have responsibilities as assigned by the President (other than those specified in these Bylaws). Acceptance of one of these elected offices assumes that the individual will attend all meetings and perform the duties of the office. Excessive absenteeism will serve as cause for removal from office.

Article VI: Elections

A. All League Council offices shall be elected for a two (2) year term. Elections for the offices of President and Secretary shall be held in years ending in an even number (2010, 2012, 2014, etc.). Elections for Treasurer and Vice President shall be held in years ending in odd numbers (2011, 2013, 2015, etc.). To be nominated for the positions of President or Treasurer, the person must have served one full year on the council. For the offices of Vice President and Secretary, it is strongly recommended

the person have served one year on the council or appropriate committee. Annual elections of the League Council shall be in the month of December.

B. Not less than thirty (30) days prior, preferably the regular scheduled meeting prior to the February election date, the League Council will solicit nominations for officers from the membership.

C. Additional names may be placed in nomination from the floor of the organization's annual election meeting, if seconded, any time prior to voting.

D. At the annual election the membership shall elect appropriate League Council members. They must be members in good standing to be elected.

E. Proxies and absentee ballots shall not be recognized. Ballots will be distributed by roll call only.

F. Ballots are to be counted by a non-partisan committee appointed at the election.

G. New League Council members shall work with the outgoing League Council until January 15, and be installed into office January 16.

Article VII: Committees

A. The President shall determine the committees deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the objectives and purpose of this organization.

B. Any League Council member will be permitted to sit on any committee meeting and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Article VIII: Voting

A. Every member in good standing has one vote on GKDA activities.

Article X: Authority to Bind

A. No member of this organization shall contract or incur debt or enter into any agreement or otherwise obligate this organization except by authorization of the League Council.

B. Any administrative purchase above \$200.00 or more, or long-term contracts (12 months or more), must be approved by a simple majority of the league council.

C. Contracts must be signed by the President, or acting President with the consent of the League Council.

D. A two-thirds majority vote of the council may approve a \$500.00 tournament. Any amount greater than this must be approved by the membership.

Article XI: Rules of Order

A. Where necessary to facilitate expedient and civil discourse, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of meetings.

Article XII: Amendments

A. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at the second reading of the proposed amendment(s) to the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

B. The Rules of Play may be amended by the majority vote of the membership in attendance at a GKDA league meeting. The Secretary shall prepare any amendments to the Bylaws to be filed and executed immediately after approval.