

# Inter -City Dart League Constitution

(Amended April 26, 2025)

This League shall be known as the *INTER-CITY DART LEAGUE*, hereinafter referred to as the League.

## 1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims, objectives, principal purposes, and policies of the League shall be as follows:

- a) ***Non-political and non-sectarian*** - The League shall be democratic, non-sectarian, and not be affiliated or connected directly or indirectly with any political party or partisan organization.
- b) ***Loyalty*** - The League shall stand for loyalty to the reigning sovereign, Canada, and the Commonwealth of Nations, for maintenance of the founding principles of the Commonwealth Constitution, for the development of a National spirit, and for ordered government in Canada.
- c) ***Friendship and mutual assistance*** - The League shall foster a spirit of fellowship and mutual assistance among those participating in its activities. The League shall endeavor to promote and foster interest in the game of darts. In addition, assist other organizations wishing to play darts.
- d) ***Awards*** - The League shall provide suitable trophies and prizes to honor those sections and individuals as designated.
- e) ***Co-operation*** - The League shall cooperate with all leagues and associations with similar aims and objectives.
- f) The League shall engage in such other lawful activities as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives above.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

- a) ***Active Member:*** Any person of good character shall be eligible for active membership to play for a club that has an entry in good standing in the League. Each member shall be issued a registration card to be signed by the General Secretary and the President.
- b) ***Life Member:*** A member may be admitted to life membership on the recommendation of the Executive Board and approval by a vote of the general body.

## 3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- a) Application for membership or reinstatement of teams shall be made in writing and shall be signed by the sponsors of the team, who must give in detail the particulars required therein. The team application shall be accompanied by the registration fee, left with, or sent to the General Secretary by the Executive Board.

#### **4. REJECTED APPLICATIONS AND SUSPENDED MEMBERS**

- a) A team whose application has been rejected or a member who has been expelled or suspended shall not be eligible for reinstatement without the approval of the Executive Board.

#### **5. EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF A TEAM OR MEMBER FOR CAUSE**

- a) Any team or member may be expelled from the League who willfully violates any of the provisions of this Constitution and by-laws and any amendments thereto, or for disloyal utterances or acts, or disorderly conduct at any meeting or other function of the League, or maliciously making false accusations against any team or member or for conduct unbecoming a team or member which in any way may cause the League to be in disrepute.
- b) A charge against a team or member must be made in writing and signed by the plaintiff and forwarded to the General Secretary of the League.
- c) On receipt of the complaint, the President shall investigate and may suspend such team or member and shall appoint a trial committee of not less than three members to try the charge, provided that the accused shall have the right to two peremptory challenges to members of the trial committee.
- d) The trial committee shall take all necessary steps to ensure a fair trial. The expulsion or suspension of a team or member may be confirmed only by a three-fifths vote of the Executive Board. The accused shall be given a summary of the evidence.
- e) The conviction of any team or member by a court of competent criminal jurisdiction for any offense committed at any League function may be accepted by the League as conclusive evidence without the need for a trial by the trial committee.

#### **6. FREEDOM FROM CLAIM**

- a) A team or member who has resigned, or was expelled, or suspended from membership in the League, shall have no claims against the League or any of its officers.

#### **7. OFFICERS**

- a) The officers of the League shall be as follows: President, General Secretary (or Statistician), Treasurer, Vice-President, and Recording Secretary.

#### **8. DUTIES**

- a) **PRESIDENT:** The President shall exercise careful control over all affairs of the League and ensure that the policy and regulations laid down in this Constitution are carried out. They shall supervise the business of the League and shall be ex officio a member of all committees. They shall sign all membership cards together with the General Secretary. They shall be one of the signatories of all cheques issued on behalf of the League. They shall have the deciding vote when

there is an equal division on any question at any general meeting or executive meeting. Should any member of the Executive Board be unable to discharge their duties as herein set forth, they may appoint any competent member of the League to act in their place temporarily, and while so acting, such member shall have all the powers and duties vested in that office.

b) **TREASURER:** They shall have charge of and be responsible for all finances and shall maintain a general bank account for the League. They shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and all funds received from any source and of the securities and property of the League. All entry fees, dues, as well as funds raised through other activities are to be deposited in the general account. They shall not withdraw any money from the bank nor make any disbursements of any nature except when authorized by the Executive Board. They shall submit a financial statement at every delegate, executive, or general meeting. They may be bonded for an amount as may be determined by the Executive Board. In the absence of the above officer, they shall take the chair.

c) **GENERAL SECRETARY:** The General Secretary shall keep records of all League and playoff matches, as well as an individual record of all the players. They shall furnish each team captain monthly with a summary of the League standings showing total games played, points won, and the names of the players holding high scores, etc., as of the respective date. They shall be the custodian of the records of the League, conduct the correspondence of the League, and update all documents as per the general body or executive voting. They shall perform such other duties as may pertain to their office or may be prescribed by the President.

d) **VICE-PRESIDENT:** They shall work to assist the President in both promoting the League and in any other way that is required. They shall promote the playing of darts within the League and shall endeavour to promote games to be played in a sportsmanlike fashion in keeping with proper darts etiquette. They should consider the case of any sick or needy member when reported and shall be responsible for proposals to the Executive Board to administer funds, visits to sick members, organization of suitable assistance at funerals of members, floral tributes, etc. The amount of assistance to be provided to any member is to be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

e) **RECORDING SECRETARY:** The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all general, executive, and delegates' meetings. They shall be responsible for properly disposing of the minutes from all meetings. They shall assist the General Secretary as and when required.

f) **STATISTICIAN:** If the General Secretary position cannot be filled due to a nominee not meeting the required qualifications stated in *Section 9*, a Statistician may be elected by the general body or appointed by the President. In this role, they would only be responsible for the statistical undertaking mentioned in the duties of the General Secretary position. If a Statistician secured their position through being elected, they would become an officer in the Executive Board, and their time would count towards qualifying them for a higher position. If a Statistician acquires the proper qualifications to run for General Secretary after their term, they cannot run for Statistician again. The Statistician may be reappointed by the President if a General Secretary or a new Statistician is not elected. This is to ensure that the position of the General Secretary and all their responsibilities will eventually be filled. A member's time can only be counted as an officer in the Executive Board if they are elected by the general body, and not by appointment; however, an appointed Statistician will have the right to vote in place of the General Secretary in meetings



to avoid any deadlocks, with the President having the deciding vote when there is an equal division on any questions.

## **9. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations and elections of officers shall be held every year on a date set by the Executive Board. All members who wish to run for office and are unable to attend the nomination meeting may submit a letter to the President, stating that if they are nominated, they will stand for election. Anyone wishing to run for office must meet the following:

- a) **PRESIDENT:** must have at least two years of active membership and one year on the Executive Board.
- b) **GENERAL SECRETARY:** must have the same qualifications as the President.
- c) **TREASURER:** must have the same qualifications as the President.
- d) Candidates for any other office must have at least one year of membership in the League.

## **10. ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING**

Active members in good standing shall be eligible to vote at all general meetings and elections.

## **11. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR CAUSE**

Absence from three (3) general meetings, executive meetings, representative or committee meetings on the part of any member of the Executive Board without a satisfactory reason being given for such an absence, shall result in a resolution and notification that his tenure of office has ceased, and his position will be filled by an election or appointment by the President.

## **12. EXECUTIVE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- a) **EXECUTIVE BOARD** - The Executive Board shall consist of the League President, General Secretary (or Statistician), Treasurer, Vice-President, and Recording Secretary.
- b) **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** - The Executive Council shall consist of the Executive Board, together with one registered player from each team in the League.
- c) **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:** To handle all general business of the League and to draft policy and any changes in the rules of play or regulations for submission to the Executive Council, thence to the general meeting if necessary. They shall meet monthly or at any time if summoned by the President.
- d) **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:** A meeting of the Executive Board and the Executive Council shall be held monthly as notified by the General Secretary on the instructions of the President. A special meeting of the Executive Council may be called by four (4) or more team captains. Notice of such meetings must be in the hands of the General Secretary in writing, ten days before the date of such meeting. No Executive Board member shall sit as a member of

the board and vote as a team delegate. Such a member must take his place on the floor before the meeting is called to order and remain there to vote as a delegate.

### **13. QUORUM**

Three or more members shall constitute a quorum for the Executive Board meetings. Two-thirds or more shall constitute a quorum for Executive Council meetings.

### **14. FEES AND DUES**

Fees and dues shall be set by the Executive Board before the commencement of each playing season.

### **15. BANQUET**

A banquet and dance shall be held at the end of each playing season for all registered players, their spouses and friends, and any other persons authorized by the Executive Board.

### **16. HONORARIUMS**

Honorariums will be paid to members of the Executive Board commensurate with their duties. Such honorariums are to be set before the start of each playing season.

### **17. GENDER**

Wherever reference is made to the masculine gender throughout the Constitution, it shall apply equally to the feminine gender.