



# **Detroit Open Dart League**

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## **League By-Laws**

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## **Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be Detroit Open Dart League.

## **Article II - Objective**

The objective of this organization shall be to provide interested darters an opportunity for organized competition, and to promote the sport of darts.

## **Article III - Membership**

- A. Any person 18 years or age or older shall be eligible to become a member of the DODL. Persons playing in the DODL who are under age by the liquor control commission standards, must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian and play on the same team.

## **Article IV-Officers**

### ***Section 1. Executive Committee***

- A. The officers of the DODL, constituting the Executive Committee shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chairman, Tournament Director, Trophy Chairman, Banquet Chairman, Webmaster/Statistician(s).
- B. The President and Treasurer shall have been league members for at least two (2) years.
- C. No more than two (2) players from any one (1) team may serve on the Executive Committee at the same time unless it is agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting. Only two (2) Committee members from the same team may have voting rights.
- D. Executive Committee officers' dues shall be waived in the Spring season to a maximum of \$50
- E. Webmaster/Statistician(s) will be paid \$15 per team per season.

### ***Section 2. Election***

- A. The officers shall be elected by a secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting to serve for two(2) years, with the exception of the Statistician(s), who will be appointed by the President. Terms shall begin upon adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.
- B. Elections will be held annually. The offices of President, Secretary, Rules Chairman, and Banquet Chairman will be elected in odd-numbered years, and the Vice-President, Tournament Director, Treasurer, and Trophy Chairman will be elected in even-numbered years.

### ***Section 3. Vacancy***

Whenever a vacancy on the Executive Committee occurs by reason of death, resignation or removal, such vacancy shall be filled by Presidential appointment, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The person so appointed shall hold office for the balance of the term or the next annual election whichever comes first.

### ***Section 4. Removal of Officers***

- A. Steps to discipline an Executive Committee member will be as follows:
- i. Oral warning and censor.
  - ii. Suspension of attendance at upcoming meeting(s) at the Executive Committee's discretion.
  - iii. Removal from office for the duration of his/her term of office.

## **Article V – Duties of the Officers**

### **Section 1. President**

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the league and Executive Committee, and shall conduct proceedings according to the established rules of parliamentary procedure. All authority not otherwise vested shall be exercised by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. He shall be President of the Executive Committee and shall have the power to appoint all committees, and to fill vacancies in any committee as necessary, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. He shall use all reasonable means to promote and advance the objectives for which the organization is formed. At the Annual General Meeting, the President shall submit the Annual Report, containing such recommendations for the future welfare of the league as deemed wise. The President shall perform such other duties as shall be required occasionally by the vote of the league.
- B. The President's authority shall also include appointing a Statistician(s) as required with approval of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2. Vice President**

- A. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required from him/her from time to time.
- B. As Vice-President, he/she shall be responsible for accepting registrations on the date set by the Executive Committee.
- C. With the assistance of the President and the Statistician, the Vice-President will complete the schedule of play for the forthcoming season and deliver the same to the Executive Committee in time for the start of the season. A copy of the schedule of play will be provided to all venues.
- D. The Vice-President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall assign teams to divisions, according to the Format and Rules of Play.
- E. The Vice-President shall also assist with the other duties of the other Executive Committee officers as needed.

### **Section 3. Secretary**

- A. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the DODL and keep accurate records of all official acts of the league. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the DODL, and shall perform other duties as may be required by the President. The Secretary shall handle all correspondence for the DODL.
- B. The Secretary shall notify each venue and all players, at the email addresses on file, a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled registration date.
- C. Upon vacating the position of Secretary, all books, papers, and correspondence pertaining to the DODL business shall be turned over to the new Secretary.

### **Section 4. Treasurer**

- A. The Treasurer will receive all funds of the DODL as may be designated by the Executive Committee.
- B. The Treasurer shall be responsible for a true and correct accounting of all monies received and disbursed, and shall submit statements setting forth receipts, disbursements, and financial transactions of the DODL, as may be required from time to time.
- C. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filling out and filing the Michigan annual report non-profit corporation status at each September board meeting. He/She will also request a

copy of the non-profit certificate from the State of Michigan.

- D. Upon vacating the position, all books, papers, and money belonging to the DODL will be turned over to the new Treasurer.

#### **Section 5.     *Tournament Director***

- A. The Tournament Director, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, will allocate the various tournaments to specific venues.
- B. The Tournament Director shall be responsible, with the Executive Committee approval, for securing location for all tournaments.
- C. The Tournament Director shall supervise all aspects of such tournaments, maintaining accurate records and providing copies to the Trophy Chairman and Statistician.
- D. The Tournament Director may delegate league members to assist in tournaments. The Tournament Director shall also have all tournament plans submitted for the Executive Committee approval.
- E. The Tournament Director may sell 50/50 raffle tickets at DODL sponsored tournaments.
- F. The Tournament Director is not responsible for scheduling, promoting, or overseeing any non-DODL events.

#### **Section 6.     *Rules Chairman***

- A. At the Captain's meeting, the Rules Chairman will verify that each team has a copy of the official League By-Laws and Format and Rules of Play. He/She shall review the rules with the Captains and explain any changes which have been made.
- B. In cases involving rules of play, per Format and Rules of Play, Article VI, Paragraph 6, he/she shall interpret the rules and explain them to the Captains involved. In disputes not specifically covered by the League By-Laws or Format and Rules of Play, he shall make a decision and inform the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review the dispute, with the Rules Chairman presiding, and a ruling will be determined. The Captains involved will be informed of the decision. Executive Committee decisions are final.
- C. The Rules Chairman shall serve as official parliamentarian for all meetings of the DODL.
- D. The Rules Chairman will ensure that the boards used for league play meet the height and distance requirements defined in the Format and Rules of Play, Article I, Section 5. At a minimum, the boards shall be certified prior to fall season league play.

#### **Section 7.     *Trophy Chairman***

The Trophy Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining the names of all members receiving trophies, and purchasing trophies and awards, as determined by the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 8.     *Banquet Chairman***

The Banquet Chairman shall be responsible for all arrangements of the annual banquet. All plans for the banquet will be made subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 9.     *Webmaster/Statistician(s)***

The Webmaster/Statistician(s) shall:

- A. Prepare and provide team standings and statistics for each team assigned to the Statistician.
- B. Prepare and provide to the Tournament Director, a list of the league members and their averages prior to the Class Singles, Hi-Lo Doubles and Class Team Tournaments.
- C. Assist the Vice-President in allocating teams to divisions.
- D. Upon completion of scheduled league play, all statistics will be maintained for a two [2] year period or until they have been digitized.
- E. Monitor and manage the DODL Facebook page.
- F. Upon vacating their office, the Webmaster/Statistician shall turn over all books and records to the league President.

## **Article VI – Meetings**

### ***Section 1. General and Special Meetings***

- A. All meetings of the members of the DODL shall be held at such a place and time as the Executive Committee may determine.
- B. Proposed changes should be submitted to the Secretary, three (3) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting in order for the Executive Committee to communicate the recommended changes to the general members (with board recommendations) prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- C. The Annual General Meeting will be held near the end of the spring season for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business as may be necessary.
- D. The Executive Committee may call special meetings of the DODL for special purposes. The Secretary will inform the appropriate individuals of the time, location, and purpose of each special meeting.
- E. Attendance of 20% of paid members, including Executive Committee members, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of league members.
- F. Each member of the league in attendance shall be entitled one vote upon all questions and elections. All questions and elections shall be determined by a majority. Any player registered for the current or prior Spring or Fall seasons is eligible to vote.

### ***Section 2. Captain's Meeting***

- A. Fifty (50) percent of team Captains in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the Captain's meetings.
- B. Each team – and any Executive Committee member present who is not a Captain – shall be entitled one vote on business matters at the Captain's meetings.
- C. There will be one (1) Captain's meeting at the beginning of each season.

### ***Section 3. Registration Meeting***

- A. If required, a general meeting will be held immediately following registration to conduct any business prior to the start of the season.

### ***Section 4. Executive Committee Meetings***

- A. Executive Committee meetings will be held as determined by the Executive Committee.
- B. The time, date, and location of the meeting will be included on the DODL website.
- C. Any league member wishing to address the Executive Committee should inform an Executive Committee member prior to the meeting.

## **Article VII – Amendments**

The DODL League Format and Rules of Play shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The DODL League By-Laws may be amended, altered, or repealed as follows:

- A. By a majority affirmative vote, by the eligible members of the DODL present at the Annual General Meeting.
- B. By a majority affirmative vote, by the eligible members of the DODL present at any special meeting called by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions

of Article VI, Section 1, paragraph D.

### **Article VIII – Rules of Order**

All business conducted at a meeting of the DODL shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the League By-Laws and as nearly as possible, with the provisions of Roberts Rules of Order.

**Change page** (established August 2015)

By-Laws updated June 2006 is baseline.

August 2015 update:

1. Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph E - changed from \$5 to \$10
2. Article V, Section 4, Paragraph A – removed 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence “Withdrawals from DODL accounts shall only be made with joint signatures of two members of the Executive Committee.”
3. Article V, Section 5, Paragraph E – changed from “will” to “may “ sell 50/50 raffle tickets at DODL sponsored tournaments.”
4. Article V, Section 9, Paragraph D – changed “all statistics will be turned over to the Secretary for filing” to “will be maintained for a two (2) year period or until they have been digitalized.”
5. Article VII added new sentence “The DODL League Format and Rules of Play shall be determined by the Executive Committee.”

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1. Updated Article IV, Section 1, D from \$25 to \$50 to reflect revised season pricing.