



DARTS ALBERTA

THE ALBERTA DARTS ORGANIZATION

CONSTITUTION (BYLAWS)

REVISIONS

**THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS ONLY THE REVISIONS OVER AND ABOVE
THE REVISED BYLAWS THAT WERE ADOPTED AT THE
2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**A 75% MAJORITY VOTE IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT THE
SPECIAL RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO SUBMIT THESE CHANGES TO
CORPORATE REGISTRY.**

The objectives section has been removed from the bylaws for the following reasons:

- As per instructions from Corporate Registry, the Society's objectives are not to be contained within the bylaws.
- Any changes to the association's objectives must be filed separately at a filing fee of \$25.00.
- Since the higher priority is to ensure acceptance of the association's bylaw revisions, it is the recommendation of the Executive that these be left as is for the time being. Once the bylaw revisions are accepted, the association can always revise these objectives at a future annual general meeting.

3. OBJECTIVES

~~Provide all members with opportunities for recreational, social and competitive activities within the sport of darts.~~

~~Acquire lands, by purchase or otherwise, and erect or otherwise provide a building or buildings for social and competitive purposes.~~

~~Promote and encourage participation in the sport of darts, in all age groups and at all skill levels throughout Alberta.~~

~~Acquire any and all necessary equipment and furniture for carrying on various darts activities.~~

~~Sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of or otherwise deal with the property of the Society.~~

~~Raise or otherwise secure funds through legally acceptable activities to meet the financial requirements of the Society's Objectives and distribute said funds in a manner as to secure these Objectives on an annual basis.~~

~~Maintain affiliation as the Member Darts Body for Alberta, and adhere to the rules and procedures of the NDFC in accordance with the NDFC Constitution.~~

~~Institute, maintain, promote and regulate annual Provincial Championships, thus determining provincial designated teams as the Representatives at National Championships.~~

~~Institute, maintain, promote and regulate provincial tournament programs.~~

~~Encourage an increase in members' skill levels by encouraging and promoting participation in provincial, national and international competition.~~

~~Be provincial in scope at all times.~~

~~Be non-political and non-racial at all times.~~

~~Remain a non-profit Society.~~

~~Assist any darts organization in the interest of the sport of darts.~~

The current objectives on file at Corporate Registry are as follows:

- (a) To provide for the recreation of the members and to promote and afford opportunity for friendly and social activities, specifically to promote the game of darts
- (b) To acquire lands, by purchase or otherwise, erect or otherwise provide a building or buildings for social and community purposes
- (c) To provide all necessary equipment and furniture for carrying on its various objects
- (d) To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property of the society
- (e) To adhere to the rules and procedures of the National Dart Federation of Canada
- (f) To assist other dart organizations in the interest of darts and the N.D.F.C.
- (g) Through affiliation, maintain access to international competition.

The numbering of all remaining clauses is based on the renumbering after the deletion of Section 3.

All of the following changes are simply to reflect the corrected reference numbers:

- 5.12 Notwithstanding Article 5.4, any *officer* who is removed from *Office* shall not be permitted to run for election in any *Office* of the *Society* until one calendar year has elapsed from the date of removal and is approved by majority vote of the *Executive Committee*.
- 5.13 An *Executive Member*, *Sub-Committee Member* or *Zone Director*, shall vacate *Office* if:
- (a) The individual resigns from *Office* by sending a written resignation to the *President* or *Secretary* of the *Society*, or
 - (b) The individual is removed from *Office* in accordance with Article 5.11, or
 - (c) The individual is subject to suspension, in accordance with Article 3.7, or
 - (d) The individual ceases to be a *member* in good standing, in accordance with Article 3.5, or
 - (e) The *Secretary* receives satisfaction in writing from a *Zone* that the individual has been replaced as *Zone Director*, in accordance with Article 7.1.
- 6.4 Treasurer
- (e) Ensure payment of *Darts Alberta* accounts in accordance with Articles 8.1 through 8.4 of the *Constitution*.
 - (g) Submit financial records for audit, in accordance with Article 8.8 of the *Constitution*.
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The following changes are simply to reflect the current practice and corrected to match the current Darts Alberta Policy for Disciplinary Proceedings.

- 6.3 First Vice President
- (a) Perform the duties of the *President*, in his absence or inability to act.
 - (b) Research and maintain Provincial fundraising activities
 - (c) Perform such duties as *may* be assigned by the *Executive Committee*.
 - (d) Be a permanent *Sub-Committee Member* of the *Disciplinary Appeals Sub-Committee*.
- 6.4 Second Vice President
- (a) Perform the duties of the First Vice President, in his absence or inability to act.
 - (b) Perform such duties as *may* be assigned by the *Executive Committee*.
 - (c) Be a permanent *Sub-Committee Member* of the *Appeals Disciplinary Sub-Committee*.
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The following change is required to remove the reference to the objectives being included in the content of the bylaws.

- 8.1 The funds of the *Society* shall be disbursed by the *Executive Committee* only in the pursuance of the *Society's Objectives* herein described.
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The original statement was worded as follows and could legally require the association to have a complete annual audit each year with estimated costs ranging from \$5,000 to \$8,000 per year.

- 8.8 The books, accounts and records of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be audited at least once per calendar year by a duly qualified accountant. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books, for the previous year, shall be submitted by such auditor at the Annual General Meeting.

The following change is required to reflect current audit practices. These practices have been acceptable to Corporate Registry, Alberta Sport and Alberta Gaming when financial statements have been submitted during annual reviews.

- 8.8 The books, accounts and records of the Treasurer *shall* be audited at least once per calendar year. An audit shall be considered complete through the use of a Compilation Engagement conducted by a duly qualified accountant, setting out the Society's income, disbursements, assets and liabilities. The Financial Statements for the previous fiscal year, compiled and signed by the Society's appointed auditor shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

The following additions were originally included in Darts Alberta Policies. However, Corporate Registry requires that the Clauses be included in the content of the bylaws.

9 MEETING PROCEDURES & RULES OF ORDER

- 9.3 Due notice shall be considered given, for the Annual General Meeting and any proposed Special Resolutions, when:
- (a) Written notice has been sent by regular mail to the President of each Member League of the Society, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting, and
 - (b) Public notice has been issued in at least one edition of the Society's newsletter publication, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting, and
 - (c) Public notice has been issued on the Society's website, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 9.4 A Special Meeting shall be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt by them of a petition signed by one third (1/3) of the members in good standing, setting forth the reasons for calling such a meeting.
- 9.5 Due notice shall be considered given, for a Special Meeting, when:
- (a) Written notice has been sent by regular mail to the President of each Member League of the Society, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and
 - (b) Public notice has been issued in at least one edition of two or more public newspapers, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and
 - (c) Public notice has been issued on the Society's website, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 9.8 The number or percentage of members required to constitute a quorum at any meeting other than a general or special meeting of the *Society shall* be in accordance with the *Society's* Policy for Rules of Order and Meeting Procedures.
- 9.9 Thirty (30) *members* or twenty percent (20%) of the *members* in good standing, whichever is less, *shall* constitute a quorum at any general or special meeting.

Clauses 17.1 and 17.2 were included in the new bylaws as a dissolution clause is a requirement of Alberta Gaming casino eligibility. The following changes are needed as the original wording submitted to Corporate Registry is in contravention with the Alberta Societies Act.

17 DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY

- 17.1 ~~Upon Prior to~~ dissolution of the Society, all assets ~~remaining in the Darts Alberta Casino Account~~, after paying debts and liabilities, shall be:
- (a) disbursed to eligible charitable or religious groups or purposes, or
 - (b) transferred in trust to a municipality until such time as the assets can be transferred from the municipality to a charitable or religious group or purpose approved by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

~~17.2 Upon dissolution of the Society, all assets remaining in the Darts Alberta General Account, after paying all remaining debts and liabilities and repaying any unexpended government grant funds, shall be:~~

- ~~(a) equally disbursed amongst all current members of the Society, or~~
- ~~(b) disbursed to eligible charitable or religious groups or purposes, as determined by the Executive Committee accountable for the dissolution of the Society.~~

The change to Clause 18.1 is required in order to show that the bylaws can only be changed by Special Resolution at an AGM.

The original Clause 18.2 is removed, as this would now be redundant.

The newly numbered Clause 18.2 needs to be changed as a 2/3 majority vote is no longer acceptable under the Alberta Societies Act and 75% majority is now required and the additional wording at the end is for clarity to ensure that members understand that changes do not automatically come into effect.

18 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 18.1 The articles in the *Constitution* ~~may~~ shall only be rescinded, altered, or added to by "Special Resolution" at an Annual General Meeting, provided due notice has been served in accordance with Article 9.3.

~~18.2 Any amendments to the Constitution shall only be affected at an Annual General Meeting.~~

- 18.2 A Special Resolution for amendments to the *Constitution* shall require a ~~two-thirds~~ seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote of the eligible voting *members* in attendance at the Annual General Meeting and such changes shall not come into effect until the Special Resolution has been registered with and accepted by Alberta Corporate Registries.