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KILDARE COUNTY DARTS ORGANISATION

CONSTITUTION

Last Amended May 2024

# NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

The association shall be called ‘The Kildare County Darts Organisation’. For simplicity hereafter referred to as K.C.D.O.

# **OBJECTS OF THE ORGANISATION**:

1. To promote competition of a high standard in the game of darts within the County of Kildare

1. For the Selection Committee to select from time to time a County Team of teams for Inter-county matches

1. To run as occasion demands, competitions organised by other Darts Bodies if this is to the benefit of the Organisation and any other competitions on behalf of the county.

# **MEMBERSHIP:**

The Organisation shall run an individual membership scheme open to all players but subject to the I.N.D.O eligibility rule.

1. Membership of the Organisation shall be open to all darts players in County Kildare.
2. Membership shall be obtained by paying the appropriate fee and signing the Membership form.
3. Membership Fee will be set at 25e
4. Membership Fee must be paid in full bu the end if the first Major event. (6 Weeks)
5. Members shall be entitled to attend all general meetings of the Organisation.
6. Each member is entitled to one vote at the A.G.M

# **ORGANISATION:**

The affairs and organisation of the K.C.D.O shall be run by the Officials in office at that time, and consisting of: - 9 executive members

Officers:

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| **Chairman** | **Secretary** | **Treasurer** |
| Michael Gill | Damian Gleeson | Anthony Donohue |
| **Vice-Chairman** | **Vice Secretary** | **Vice treasurer** |
| Martin McKenna | Paul Ferguson | Brian Merrins |
| **Committee Member** | **Committee Member** | **Committee Member** |
| Joe Mcdonagh | Brendan Donnelly | Pakie o Brien |

# DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Chairman

The Chairman shall conduct all Organisation meetings and he shall hold the overall responsibility for conducting the affairs of the Organisation. During voting on proposals and amendments at any meeting, the Chairman shall only cast one vote in the event of a tie.

Secretary

The Secretary shall take overall responsibility for organising the Organisation’s paperwork, attend all Meetings and record of same; conduct the general correspondence of the Organisation. The Secretary is normally the Organisations sole contact officially – with the outside world and is regarded by officialdom as one of the two persons within the Organisation (the other being the Chairman) to whom official communications should be addressed. Shall pass on to the Treasurer all monies received on behalf of the Organisation.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall handle all K.C.D.O financial affairs, including the preparation of financial statements as and when directed by the K.C.D.O Executive. The Treasurer shall record all monies received into and paid out of the K.C.D.O funds, together with all receipts, invoices and statements relating to those transactions. The Treasurer shall be responsible lodging all funds with Bank approved by the committee. At the end of each financial year, The Treasurer shall make all financial statements and records available to the auditors to scrutinise the accounts and to audit the balance sheet.

**Annual General Meeting:**

The A.G.M will be held after the I.N.D.O inter-counties.

The A.G.M will be announced at least four weeks in advance.

Any proposals will be submitted to the secretary at least two weeks prior to A.G.M

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of one year. Unless stated otherwise above.

# **VOTING:**

# All registered Member of Kildare County Darts Organisation shall be entitled to one vote.

# All votes will be taken by show of hands

In the event of a tie the chairman will have deciding vote

# **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The Executive have the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting if circumstances so require.

# **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:**

The K.C.D.O reserves the right to discipline a player, official or member if the game of darts is brought into disrepute.

A complaint about an offending player, official or member shall be made in writing to a member of the Executive Committee or can be made verbally on the spot if an Executive Officer is present at the incident.

A preliminary discussion between Executive Officers shall determine whether disciplinary proceedings should be instigated. Immediate disciplinary action may be taken pending a formal hearing. This shall be confirmed in writing to the offending person(s).

The offender(s) shall then be invited to attend a formal disciplinary hearing. The disciplinary committee at this hearing shall consist of Executive Officers, with no less than 3 officers present. Witnesses may attend at the invitation of the Offender(s) or the Executive Committee. Written statements may also be offered in evidence by either party.

If an offender chooses not attend a disciplinary hearing then the matter will be decided in his/her absence.

The result of the disciplinary hearing shall be confirmed in writing to the player, official or member concerned, together with their right to appeal.

Should an offender wish to appeal against disciplinary action taken then this appeal must be made in writing to a member of the Executive Committee within 7 days of the disciplinary hearing.

Any disciplinary action imposed at the first disciplinary hearing shall be enforced until an appeal hearing is convened.

The appeal hearing shall take place before a disciplinary committee made up of 5 K.C.D.O members elected by the AGM. A minimum of 3 must be present at the appeal hearing. No member of the Executive Committee may serve on an appeal hearing but by necessity the K.C.D.O Chairman shall chair the meeting but shall not take any part on the voting.

The results of the appeal hearing shall be confirmed in writing to the player, official or member involved.

The appeal hearing has the right to amend the decision of the disciplinary hearing either way.

No person having any involvement in the incident or any Organisation with the offender(s) which may prejudice the outcome shall be allowed to serve on a committee either at a disciplinary hearing and appeal hearing.

Minutes shall be taken at both disciplinary and appeal hearings.

The K.C.D.O has the right to seek supportive action from any other darts body regarding disciplinary action taken against a player, official or member of the K.C.D.O.

# **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:**

The following is a list of disciplinary actions which the K.C.D.O may take against a player, official or member for bringing the game of darts into disrepute.

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| SUSPENSION | - | The offender to be suspended from taking part in ALL darts events and functions under the jurisdiction of the K.C.D.O for a stated period. |
| SUSPENDED SENTENCE | - | As stated above but the suspension only to be implemented should the offending person be involved in a further incident within the stated period. |
| EXPULSION | - | The offender to be barred from ALL darts events and functions under the jurisdiction of the K.C.D.O for a stated period. The word ‘bar’ is used to cover attendance as well as playing in an event which is covered under Suspension. |

N.B. Optional clause at the discretion of the Executive/Appeal Committee: -

# **RECOGNISED DARTS BODIES**:

1. World Darts Federation and its Members

1. Irish National Darts Organisation and its Members

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