

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS  
of the  
RALEIGH DART LEAGUE

ARTICLE I            OBJECTIVES

- A. Raleigh Dart League (hereafter R.D.L.) shall be a non-political, non-sectarian organization established in the Raleigh area as a competitive dart league for the purposes of enjoyment of its members and the promotion of darting as a sport.
- B. R.D.L. shall endeavor toward these goals:
  - 1. Attempt to develop additional teams and locations in the areas they may play.
  - 2. Establish and maintain friendly, competitive relationships with similar organizations.
  - 3. Gain assistance and cooperation from business firms who may have an intent for sponsorship of tournaments.
  - 4. Assist individuals or firms in arranging tournaments with technical and promotional help. This assistance shall not create any unauthorized expense to the R.D.L.

ARTICLE II

- A. The government of the organization shall consist of as simple a structure as possible to effectively administer and expand the R.D.L.
- B. The governing body of the R.D.L. shall be referred to as the R.D.L. Board. This body shall be the policy making body of the league. The Board shall make any decisions not specifically assigned to one of committee or officers. The Board shall consist of six (6) members of the Raleigh Dart League and their duties are as follows:
  - 1. **PRESIDENT**  
The President shall preside at all Board meetings and election meetings. May vote only to break a tie. Shall decide all questions of order, appoint all special committees, and shall be an exofficio member of said committees.
  - 2. **VICE PRESIDENT**  
Responsible for public relations and shall also chair any Special Event Committee's. Shall preside at any meeting where the President is not present and be responsible for awards presented by the league.
  - 3. **SECRETARY**  
Record the minutes of all league meetings, notify parties of their election to the Board, issue notices of Board meetings and election meetings, conduct the correspondence of the league, perform such other duties as may be occasionally imposed upon him/her. At the end of their term, shall turn over all pertinent books and papers to the successor.
  - 4. **TREASURER**  
Receive and maintain custody of all R.D.L. funds and shall promptly deposit all monies received. Shall keep a correct amount thereof and pay all orders promptly billed to the R.D.L. At the expiration of his/her term, shall turn over all pertinent books and papers to their successor.

5. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON  
Receive and maintain all records regarding members and the teams with which they are associated. Shall be responsible for the League schedule, and Division seeding.
  6. RULES AND GRIEVANCE CHAIRPERSON  
Will head the Rules and Grievance Committee and see that disputes and/or rulings are processed and that appropriate notification is given in a timely manner.
- C. No individual may hold more than one of the following positions: RDL Board member, Statistician, Member of the Rules and Grievance or Membership committees. (This excludes the Membership and Rules and Grievance Directors in their positions as chairs of their respective committees, the Vice-President should he be standing in for the vacant office of the President and in the situation where no one volunteers or is nominated for a vacant position until said position can be filled.)
  - D. Any Board member who misses two consecutive meetings without valid excuse, as determined by the President, shall automatically resign office. The office shall be filled as outlined in Article III, Section D. The process shall be the same as with a recall (see Article VIII Sections B-F).
  - E. All outgoing Board members shall turn over any books and papers of the R.D.L. to their successors.

### ARTICLE III            ELECTIONS

- A. Board members shall be elected from the general membership. Any member in good standing shall be eligible for office. Each member shall have one vote for each office in any election.
- B. Board members shall be elected and installed at the beginning of each calendar year.
- C. All Board members shall have a term of one (1) year with the exception of the Membership Chairperson. Due to the complexity of the duties of this position, this office shall be elected to a term of two (2) years.
- D. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the President in the following manner. If the vacancy occurs prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> week of play during the Spring season, an election will be held during that season. If the vacancy occurs after the 5<sup>th</sup> week of play in the Spring season, the President shall appoint someone to fill the office for the remainder of the calendar year until an election can be held for installation the following year. The nominee must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the remaining board members. The appointee is subject to the same requirements as regularly elected RDL board members.
- E. Elections shall not be held during tournament play. Nomination sheets shall be sent out to team Captains two weeks in advance of the elections. Voting ballots will be distributed to team Captains two weeks prior to the voting ballot return date. It shall be the team Captain's responsibility to return the ballot to the Secretary of the R.D.L. at the required date.

- F. In the event that there are more than two candidates for an office, a majority vote will win the election. In the case where none of the nominees receive a majority, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates with the most votes.
- G. A ballot shall be made for each office in this order: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Rules & Grievance, External Organizations, and Vice President.

#### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership is open to any person with an interest in darting as a sport who has not lost eligibility as determined by the Rules and Grievance Committee.
- B. Members shall pay dues per session as determined by the Board. Any person whose dues are paid up to date shall be considered a member in good standing and shall be entitled to one vote in general elections unless they have been suspended or expelled by action of the Rules and Grievance Committee.

#### ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- A. The Board shall meet at least once per month. Meeting dates, times and locations will be published in the newsletter. Additional Board meetings may be called by the President or at the request of three (3) or more Board members.
  - 1. Board meetings shall be open to the general membership but only Board members may vote.
  - 2. A quorum shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board.
  - 3. Election meetings shall be held annually and for special elections as needed. The dates of these meetings shall be set by the President.

#### ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

- A. This document shall not be amended or changed except by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board.

#### ARTICLE VII NEWSLETTER and STATISTICS

- A. The Board will accept applications for the position of newsletter/statistician every two years. If the Board decides to pursue a new applicant for the position Board members shall vote on the most qualified applicant. The Secretary will notify the selected party and the non-selected applicants.
- B. The Board will determine the amount of league dues spent on the newsletter.
- C. The newsletter will be published weekly during the scheduled season and shall contain divisional team statistics. Copies of the newsletter shall be delivered to each team Captain, Board member, and other members designated by the Board. The responsibility of delivering the newsletter will be held by the newsletter/statistician volunteer.
- D. The person selected by the Board shall be responsible for the weekly standings and statistics of trophy qualifying categories. These statistics shall appear in the newsletter as often as possible. The correct standings shall appear each week.

## ARTICLE VIII

## RECALLS

- A. Any Board member may be recalled from office by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board.
- B. Any Board member recalled by the Board has the right to appeal such recall action. Such appeals must be in writing and received by the R.D.L. Secretary by registered mail not later than thirty (30) days after the Boards recall vote. There cannot be a further appeal.
- C. Recall voting shall be accomplished by secret ballot.
- D. Should a recall take place at a Board meeting or election meeting it shall be immediately followed by an election by those Board members present at such meeting to fill the created Board vacancy. If the President is recalled the position shall be filled by the Vice President and a new Vice President shall be elected. All other vacancies shall be filled as outlined in Article III, Section D.
- E. Any Board member who is recalled will not be eligible for office for a period of three (3) years from the date of the recall.
- F. In the event of a Presidential recall the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President until such time as appeals and determinations have been made.
- G. Team Captains may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the team.

## ARTICLE IX

## GENERAL

- A. The Board is given full power to make, alter, amend, or repeal any and all By-Laws of the R.D.L. at any Board meeting without giving notice of prior intent to do so. The Board may also effect this section by mail if circumstances so warrant. A two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Board members is required to make, alter, amend, or repeal any By-Law of the R.D.L.
- B. Exceptions to section A will be any By-Law pertaining to the Rules and Grievances of the R.D.L. Power to alter, amend, make and repeal the By-Laws pertaining to Rules and Grievances shall rest solely with the Rules and Grievances Committee.

## ARTICLE X

## Committees

- A. Rules and Grievance Committee
  - 1. The Rules and Grievance Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, who shall oversee all committee meetings, and one member from each division of the R.D.L.
  - 2. Committee members from each league division should be chosen by the Chairperson from a list of volunteers. All committee decisions shall be the result of a two thirds majority vote. The Chairperson shall record all actions made by the committee and present those written records to the R.D.L. Board at the monthly meeting.
  - 3. An alternate list shall also be maintained in the event of absenteeism of a regular volunteer. Each division should be represented at any scheduled meeting of the Rules and Grievances Committee.
  - 4. The R.D.L. Board has the responsibility to interpret, revise, and enforce the Rules, based upon the recommendation of the Rules and Grievance Committee.

5. Decisions handed down by the Rules and Grievance Committee may be appealed by affected parties. The appeal must be in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the R.D.L. Board in seven (7) days after the committee decision.
  6. The appeal will be reviewed by the Board who will shall act on the appeal in a timely manner. The Board shall notify the parties involved in the appeal of the review date allowing sufficient preparation time for all parties. The decision of the Board will be the final appeal process.
- B. Membership Committee
1. The Membership Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, who shall oversee all committee meetings, and at least two members from the league. These members should have played in different divisions in the most recently completed season. These individuals should have considerable experience in RDL and be able to assess player's skill level.
  2. The Committee will assist the Chairperson in seeding any teams that require a discretionary decision and who's placement cannot be determined by RDL rules.
- C. All other committees shall be comprised of the elected Chairperson and any member of the general membership selected by the Chairperson.

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Approving Board Members:

President	Jason Thomas
Vice President	JP Evans
Secretary	Heather Thomas
Treasurer	Matt Huff
Membership	John Howley
Rules & Grievance	Thom Dunn
External Organizations**	Rick DeMattos

\*\* Note – this change in the by-laws was for the purpose of eliminating the External Orgs position as of calendar year 2009. The change to the by-laws was approved in calendar year 2008, when the External Orgs position was still seated on the board. The person filling the office at that time (Rick DeMattos) agreed with the elimination of the position, therefore is listed as an approving board member. He remained on the board through December 2008.