



**STAFFORDSHIRE DARTS  
ORGANISATION**

**CONSTITUTION  
AND  
SUPERLEAGUE PLAYING  
RULES**

**2018**

**NAME OF THE ORGANISATION**

The association shall be called 'The Staffordshire Darts Organisation'. Hereafter referred to as SDO.

**OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- a) To promote competition of a high standard in the game of darts within the County of Staffordshire.
- b) For the Selection Committee to select from time to time a County Team or teams for the BICC Inter-county matches from players competing in the 'Super League'.
- c) To run as occasion demands, competitions organised by other Darts Bodies if this is to the benefit of the Association and any other competitions on behalf of the county.

**AFFILIATION**

The SDO shall at all times be a full member of the British Darts Organisation (BDO) and as a member shall at all times comply with current BDO rules.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The SDO shall run an individual membership scheme open to all players but subject to the BDO eligibility rule as written by Frank Branscombe BICC (Eligibility FAQ's) and including the ruling on the Membership form signed by each Super League player. This ruling of which, can be amended each year by the British Darts Organisation.

No one is in any capacity connected with a darts organisation not listed and approved:

**RECOGNISED DARTS BODIES**

- 1. World Darts Federation and its Members
- 2. British Darts Organisation and its Members
- 3. Welsh Darts Organisation and its Members
- 4. Scottish Darts Organisation and its Members
- 5. England Darts Organisation and its Members
- 6. Any league, team, club, or association which is affiliated to or a Member of one of the foregoing.
- 7. National Darts Association of Great Britain with the exception of the NDA Inter Town Darts League, or similar event.

## **ORGANISATION**

The affairs and organisation of the SDO shall be run by the Officials in office at that time, and consisting of no more than eleven members all of whom must be a signed member of a Staffordshire 'Super League' team and shall include:

**Officers :**       Honorary Life President  
                      \*Chairman  
                      \*Secretary  
                      \*Treasurer  
                      Fixture Secretary (Super League)  
                      Ladies Team Manager  
                      Men's Team Manager  
                      Committee

Committee (AGM) -\***Executive Officers**

## **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **Chairman**

The Chairman shall conduct all SDO meetings and he/she shall hold the overall responsibility for conducting the affairs of the Organisation. During voting on proposals and amendments at any meeting, the Chairman will have the casting 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 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. Receive information and statistics from the Fixture Secretaries for action as necessary.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall handle all SDO financial affairs, including the preparation of financial statements in accordance with BDO regulations. The Treasurer shall record all monies received into and paid out the of the SDO funds, together with all receipts, invoices and statements relating to those transactions. The Treasurer shall be responsible for lodging all funds with Bank/Building Society 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. The auditors shall be an independent body approved by the SDO committee. All cheques issued in the name of SDO must carry two out of three authorised signatories. These shall be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

All monies should be payable to Staffordshire Darts Organisation.

It was voted, by a majority, at the EGM on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018, that 'auditors' would be sourced internally through the delegates and appointed at a later date during the season.

### **Men's and Ladies Super League Fixture Secretary**

The Fixture Secretary shall take responsibility for the Super League fixtures, collating averages for all super league teams, along with associated competitions.

The Fixture secretary shall be responsible for the everyday running of the Super League and shall keep the Secretary fully informed on all matters.

### **Committee**

The Committee in its entirety shall assist the Secretary at both home and away matches.

### **\*Executive Officers**

The term of an Executive Officer shall be of 3 years. Each of the 3 officers will alternate the years of 'term' to ensure stability and experience on the committee. Terms will be highlighted at each AGM.

A motion of no confidence can be tabled against an executive officer or the executive committee as a whole with the support of 33% of the delegates. As the exact number required will change on a yearly basis dependant on the number of registered teams. This number will be shared with the delegates at the first delegates meeting of the season. Should this be necessary an EGM must be called.

Typically, executive committees are empowered to exercise the authority of the full Committee when the Committee is not in session. The committee can also act in an emergency whenever quick and decisive action is called for. The Committee may also delegate specific tasks to the executive committee.

At the beginning of the 2018 season it was agreed that the Secretary, having been reappointed, has a full term of 3 years in office.

The Chairman has 2 years remaining in office and the Treasurer has 1 year remaining in office.

### **County Team Selection**

The County Team Selection Committee shall consist of the Men's County Team Manager and Ladies County Team Manager, and two other selectors who shall be chosen by the Committee. The two team Managers are elected at the AGM. Whilst it is accepted that the selection committee have a free hand in selecting their teams, their selection should principally be governed by current Super League and County Form. Before the start of the Inter-County season, the selection committee shall invite those Super League players whom they wish to form the County squad to sign Inter-County registration forms. During the season the Super League Team Captains having players in their teams, whom they feel are playing well enough to be included in the County squad should inform the Team Managers. The selection committee will assess the players current Super League form and decide whether to invite the player to join the County squad or not.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

## **VOTING**

At delegates meetings each Super League team shall be entitled to 1 representative and 1 vote.

At the AGM the delegates will consist of, at least, 1 representative from each Super League men's team and 1 representatives from each Super League ladies team.

## **REQUIRED QUORUMS FOR MEETINGS**

The Chairman will have the casting vote in the event of a tie on matters determined by ballot and his decision will be final.

For a Committee meeting a Majority needs to be in attendance - a minimum of 75%

75% of Super League teams are required to form a quorum for the delegates meeting.

75% of Super League teams are required to form a quorum for a General Delegates meeting, both Annual and Extraordinary.

If the meeting is not Quorate it will be adjourned for half an hour in order to summon the necessary number of delegates required. If the numbers cannot be found then a vote cannot take place and must be deferred until the next meeting.

## **MAJORITY REQUIRED IN VOTING PROCEDURES**

A Majority vote is required to pass a resolution changing the County Constitution at a General Meeting.

A Majority vote is required to pass a resolution to join any other Association at a General Meeting.

An overall majority of those in attendance is required to pass a resolution amending, adding or deleting any Super League rules at a General Meeting.

## **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

7 days is required for an Executive meeting.

14 days is required for a Committee meeting.

21 days is required for an Annual General Delegates Meeting

14 days is required for an Extraordinary General Meeting.

All SDO delegates in the company of the Committee shall meet not less than nine times per year.

### **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The Secretary/Chairman have the right to call an Extraordinary General Delegates Meeting if circumstances so require. If 33% or more Super League teams so require they have the right to instruct the Committee to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

### **WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Should it become necessary for the SDO to be wound up then the Executive Committee in office at that time shall be responsible for the disposal of the remaining County funds by sharing equally between SDO members.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

The SDO 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 the Secretary who will then inform the committee

A preliminary discussion between the Committee 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 to 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 the Secretary 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 3 SDO members elected by the executive committee. 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 SDO 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 association 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 SDO has the right to seek supportive action from any other darts body with regard to disciplinary action taken against a player, official or member of the SDO.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

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

**SUSPENSION** - The offender to be suspended from taking part in ALL darts events and functions under the jurisdiction of the SDO for a stated period of time.

**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 of time.

**EXPULSION** - The offender to be barred from ALL darts events and functions under the jurisdiction of the SDO for a stated period of time.

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

Where the SDO has no jurisdiction over attendance, e.g. some Super League venues, then the offender would be deemed to be violating his/her expulsion by attending and would almost certainly render himself/herself open to further disciplinary action.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Representation will be deemed to be acceptable with a minimum of 1 player per team.

The constitution will be updated/agreed at each AGM.

Voting at the AGM is to include the full voting strength in all matters this was voted in by the majority during ratification of this document.

Any letters, amendments or rule changes need to be submitted 21 days prior to the AGM this will enable the committee to circulate to delegates for discussion prior to the actual AGM.

Please note:

SDO adopts all policies from the BDO

All policies can be found at [www.bdodarts.com](http://www.bdodarts.com)

The new GDPR guidelines are adhered to on the newly designed registration sheet

If any member wishes a printed copy of any/all of the policies please ask and we will furnish you with these.

**This constitution was agreed and approved by the SDO Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
and will be submitted for final ratification at the next AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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**The constitution was ratified and amendments were made at an EGM on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Daz Shone proposed the constitution and Craig Brassington seconded it.**

## SUPER LEAGUE RULES

2018 - 2019

- 1) No cancelled matches – rearranged matches to be played before date allowed.
  - 1a) Teams not turning up will lose 7-0 (5-0 for Ladies) and will pay £10 league fine and £20 for food.
- 2) Men's Teams consist of 7 players max 16 signed.  
Women's Team consists of 5 players max 12 signed.  
Once played no transfer.
  - 2a) Outside players may be signed only 3 to play in team.
  - 2b) Registration forms must be in by 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with £1 per signing - £10 fine if not received.
  - 2c) Teams may sign players until 30<sup>th</sup> November, fixture secretary must be informed before later signings play.
- 3) Men's Matches consists of 7 players best of 5 no reserve game played.  
Women's matches consist of 5 players best of 5 no reserve game played.
  - 3a) Away team throws first in odd numbered games.
  - 3b) 501 straight start double finish.
  - 3c) One point awarded for each game won both captains to sign sheet.
  - 3d) If a team is short the opposing captain may pick their strongest team.  
All names must be entered for the full team for scores to count.  
A minimum of 4 players for Men and 3 players for Women constitutes a team.
  - 3e) Scores count once darts are retrieved from the board - 0 score for darts that fall out of the board.
  - 3f) Home team to supply marker, no electronic score boards allowed.
- 4) Men's Home team to send score sheet to fixture secretary by Tuesday of the following week failure to do so incurs a £5 fine on the first offence and £10 fine thereafter. Ladies need to send score sheet by Friday of the same week.
- 5) Decent regulation board to be used measuring 7'9 ¼ centre bull to back of oche and a firmly fixed raised oche.
- 6) Registered team members to attend delegates meetings. First non-attendance £5 fine and £10 thereafter.
- 7) Any matters not covered by the above rules to be decided by committee.
- 8) BDO rules apply in this league – see website [www.bdodarts.com](http://www.bdodarts.com)

**Please note:**

**The Stafford Section are affiliated members of the SDO and as such they govern their own Section with an independent Committee, playing rules and game format.**

## **REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

At the beginning of each season each Super League team must complete the registration form for all their players and submit this form to the Secretary by the specified date together with player registration fees

Additional registration may be made during the season providing the registration form. The Fixture Secretary must ensure that the player is eligible to take part in a game, i.e. That they are not already signed on for another team.

Failure to register a player correctly will result in the offending team losing points attained by the player(s) concerned and a fine will be imposed of £5.00 per player not registered.

## **FAILING TO FULFIL FIXTURES**

During the season all matches as per the fixture list must be played, teams are not permitted to give away points by cancelling games.

## **MATCH DRAW**

A player must be on the premises at the time the draw unless agreed by both captains then a draw must be made, in full, with all names entered on the sheet.

## **SCORING**

The home team must provide a competent marker.

Scoring is to be subtraction and to be shown on the scoreboard visible to the players when throwing. Both the scores gained and the score required must be marked on the board.

A player may at any time ask the marker what has been scored during the course of the throw. He/she may also request the marker to say what score is left, but not how to achieve it, ie. player requires 32, not double 16. A 'nominated person' may assist a fellow team mate.

## **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND TROPHIES**

At the end of the season the team in both the men's and ladies' sections which have attained the most points shall be deemed champions.

In the event of teams having an equal number of points at the end of the season, initially Game wins will count, if still equal then legs will be used and finally a play off if necessary.

The champions and runners up in both men's and ladies' sections shall receive trophies.

The winning men's and ladies Super League teams shall, if they wish, be entered into the British Champions Cup. This is a competition run by the B.D.O. which features other men's and ladies Super League team winners from other Counties. All entries will obviously be subject to the B.D.O. rules and conditions which govern this competition.