



CMDL BY-LAWS

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CENTRAL MARYLAND DART LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

- Section 1** The name of the organization shall be Central Maryland Dart League of Anne Arundel County.
- Section 2** Whenever the initials CMDL are used in these bylaws, they shall mean Central Maryland Dart League.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

- Section 1** The objective of CMDL shall be to promote the sport of darts, to coordinate and improve the functions and activities of darts, and to establish friendly relationships with all darts organizations.
- Section 2** CMDL shall be a nonpolitical, nonsectarian and non-sexist organization/dart league

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1** **General.** Membership is open to anyone who evidences interest in darts as a sport.
- Section 2** **Admission.** Members shall be admitted upon payment of all fees and dues as may be required by these By-Laws, by the rules of league play, and by the Board of Directors. All memberships are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3** **Regular Member.** Regular membership constitutes full membership in CMDL and entitles said member to participate in any events sponsored by CMDL, subject to the rules of participation in such events and to provisions of these By-Laws.
- Section 4** **Voting Rights.** Each regular member shall be entitled to vote on each matter that may be submitted to a general vote of the membership.
- Section 5** **Termination of Membership.** The Board of Directors, by a majority of the total members of the Board of Directors, may suspend or terminate a member for due cause after an appropriate hearing. Membership may also be terminated upon default in payment of any and all fees and dues determined by the Board of Directors.

The member suspended has the right to file an appeal of said suspension to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification of such suspension. The Board of Directors must rule on the appeal of said suspension within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of appeal.

In all cases involving the suspension or termination of a member, the member shall have the right to speak in their own behalf where the case shall be brought before the Board of Directors and shall be given five (5) calendar days' notice of such a meeting, of the purposes of the meeting, and of the charges which constitute the grounds of his/her suspension or termination of membership.

Where the original cause of a member's termination or suspension lay in conduct that was deemed prejudicial to order, to discipline, or to ideals of good sportsmanship, their termination or suspension shall be for at least one (1) year duration. Examples of cause for termination or suspension would be, but not limited to, drug taking, fighting, causing physical harm and lewd behavior while representing CMDL during League or Tournament play and while attending events on behalf of CMDL, such as meetings and banquets.

Section 6 **Resignation.** Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the League President. Such resignation shall not relieve the resigning member of the obligation to pay any fees, dues, or other assessments theretofore accrued and unpaid.

Section 7 **Reinstatement.** Upon written request to the Board of Directors, a suspended or terminated member may seek reinstatement to CMDL. A two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors shall be required to reinstate said former member, upon such terms as the Board of Directors may require.

However, in no case shall a former member be reinstated until said member has paid any financial obligations that may have been due during his/her former membership.

Section 8 **Transfer of Membership.** Membership in CMDL is non-transferable and non-assignable.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

Section 1 **Membership Dues.** Dues shall be a seasonal amount set by the current Board of Directors and approved by a simple majority vote of those Members present at the meeting. Any member failing to submit their dues to a member of the Board of Directors by the dead line set forth by the Board of Directors shall not be allowed

to participate in any League matches or any CMDL and ADO sanctioned activity where membership is required, until such time that the dues are paid in full. Dates and deadlines for each season's dues will be defined by the current seasons CMDL rules.

Section 2 **Sponsor Fees.** Shall be set by the Board of Directors. Any sponsor failing to submit their fee on or before the deadline will not be allowed to participate (host a team) in the League.

Section 3 **Other Fees.** From time to time it may be necessary to adopt other fees and will be set by the current Board of Directors and approved by a simple majority vote of those members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE V - Team Captains

Section 1 **Duties of Captains.** Each team Captain shall attend all Captains meetings. He/she shall discuss and finalize any League Rules and By-Law changes/amendments presented at a Captain's meeting by the Board of Directors. He/she shall ensure the good conduct of all of his/her team players and ensure that all League matches are played to the rules of play of CMDL and are played within a reasonable time frame. He/she shall be responsible for maintaining team members and sponsor's names and addresses with the League Secretary. He /she shall be responsible for informing their team members of any Rules or By-Law amendments discussed at the Captains meetings.

Section 2 **Captain's Meetings.** A meeting of the team Captains shall be held at least two (2) times per year, before each season and will be held for the transaction of such business as may have come before the Board of Directors (i.e., team sign up's, disputes, rules and By-Law changes that may be brought to the general membership meeting).

Section 3 **Notification.** The Board of Directors must announce the time and place for all team captains meetings within ten (10) calendar days prior to such meetings. However, this provision may be waived in the case of an emergency, or of a special meeting.

Section 4 **Proxies.** If a team captain is unable to attend a captain's meeting, the Co-Captain or an authorized representative from his/her team may represent the team at said meeting. Such team representative may participate and exercise the right to vote to the same extent as if the team captain were present.

Section 5 **Quorum.** The number of team Captains and team representatives equal to one-third of the teams registered at the time of the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

If a quorum is not present at a meeting, then any member of the Board of Directors or a majority of the team. Captains and team representatives present may convene the meeting. But no voting may occur. (i.e., no by-law or rule may be added or changed.)

Section 6 **Voting.** A majority of the votes cast by the team captains and the general membership shall be necessary for the adoption of any resolution presented for a vote. All voting will take place at the general membership as put forth in Article XI.

ARTICLE VI - Officers

Section 1 **Officers.** The Officers of CMDL shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant of Arms.

Section 2 **Election.** The Officers of CMDL shall be elected by the General Membership at the 5th week General Membership meeting during the fall season, by a secret ballot or show of hands majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

Section 3 **Tenure.** The regular term of office shall be two (2) years. The start of each officer's tenure shall be January 1st of the coinciding election year. (i.e. the office is voted on an even year then person will take office January 1st of the odd numbered year) the President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years and the Vice President and Sergeant at Arms shall be elected in odd numbered years.

Section 4 **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, must be filled within thirty (30) days after the creation of the vacancy and will be filled by any member in good standing for the remainder of the term of office.

Section 5 **Duties of Officers**

President Shall preside at all Board and General Membership meetings. He/she shall see that all resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried out and shall nominate members to serve on committees. His/her signature shall be one of the valid signatures on all checks as provided in Article IX, Section 1. Shall maintain good public relations with sponsor bars and clubs, teams and other darting organizations. Shall oversee the inspection of sponsor bar and club locations and the League play schedule.

Vice President Shall assist the President and in the absence of the President shall exercise the duties of the President. Shall oversee all disputes and protests with

regards to League match play and League rules. Shall oversee all League general events, such as banquets and League tournaments, League Luck of the draws, excluding the annual Maryland Open and State Championships.

Treasurer Shall have charge of all funds of the CMDL and its disbursement under the direction of the Board of Directors. He/she shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and paid out, making a report of the same to the Board of Directors whenever requested to do so. His/her signature shall be one of the valid signatures on all checks as provided in Article X, Section 1. He/she shall be responsible for the collection of all dues or fees from CMDL members and sponsors and shall be required to submit a Treasurer's Report at General Membership meetings. He/she shall perform all acts incited to the position of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board.

Secretary Shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings. He/she shall be responsible for issuing all notices provided by these By-Laws, conduct the correspondence of the CMDL and perform such duties as may be imposed upon him/her. He/she shall be responsible for all books, records, papers, seals; logos of the CMDL and will be responsible for keeping and maintaining all League play statistics and standings and publishing on a weekly basis.

Sergeant at Arms Shall maintain order at all CMDL meetings and remove any offending parties. He/she will ensure any required meeting quorums are established before their commencement and oversee all meeting proceedings provided by these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII - Board of Directors

Section 1 **Number.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of CMDL.

Section 2 **Tenure.** The tenure or length of term shall be as stated in Article VI, Section 3.

Section 3 **Meetings.** Regular meetings will be held no less than once every other month. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or any two (2) other Board Members at such time and place as may be specified by the person or persons calling the meeting, upon reasonable notice of all Board Members.

Section 4 **Quorum.** A majority of all elected officers/directors shall constitute a quorum. Any action taken by the Board shall be by simple majority vote of the quorum.

Section 5 **Vacancy.** A Board vacancy must be filled within thirty (30) days after the creation of a vacancy and will be filled by any member in good standing for the remainder of the term of office.

Section 6 **Removal.** Any Board Member may be removed at any time by an affirmative vote of the majority of those members voting at a regular or special meeting of the General Membership or Captains meeting. Any Board Member shall be removed from office when, without sufficient cause, he/she fails to appear at two (2) regularly scheduled Board meetings. Sufficient cause shall be determined by a majority of the Board.

Section 7 **Resignation.** Board Members may resign from office by submitting a written notice to that effect to the remaining members of the Board. Such resignation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - Election of Board of Directors

Section 1 **Time, Place and Details of Election.** The Board shall be elected yearly as set up in Article XI General Membership meeting.

Section 2 **Candidate Eligibility.** Shall be as follows:

All members whose dues are current prior to the election shall be eligible to hold office.

Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the position (s) to be filled in the election. No more than 2 members from any team roster may hold any board position during the same term.

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the meeting and election.

The Secretary shall have posted, as best as possible, the ballot of nominations, on the CMDL website and all darting establishments not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the election.

If no candidate receives the majority of the votes of those voting on the first ballot, there shall be a "run-off" vote between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Nominations for Treasurer shall be limited to those persons who are bonded. Said nominee must provide the Board of Directors a bond for service, performance, malpractice and misappropriation within two (2) weeks of election to office. Cost of said bond will be reimbursed by CMDL up to a cap of \$200.00.

ARTICLE IX - Financial Affairs

Section 1 **Checks.** All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and or President. In case of the absence or inability of the Treasurer to sign a check, the Board may appoint another officer to assume the responsibility.

Section 2 **Financial Statement/Report.** A Treasurers report and or statement shall be submitted to the General Membership at each regular General Membership meeting. Or the request of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 **Expenses.** All expenses and obligations are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 **Contract and Agreements.** The Board of Directors shall have the sole authority to enter into either verbal or written contracts or agreements in the name of the CMDL. Such contracts and agreements, subject to approval by the Board, must bear the signatures of the President, Vice President and be attested to by the Treasurer or Secretary in order to make such contracts or agreements binding upon the CMDL.

ARTICLE X - Committees

Section 1 **Appointments.** The appointment of all committees shall be from a nomination by the President and approved by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

Section 2 **Standing Committees:**

ADO Representative. Shall consist of the League President and any League Member in good standing appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors and will be known as the ADO Representative. The representative shall adhere to the current published version of the "Central Maryland Dart League ADO Guidelines." Shall make regular reports to the Board on ADO affairs and shall pass on any pertinent information to the membership, including but not limited to, changes in ADO rules and regulations, ADO qualifying and regional events. He/she shall organize and oversee all ADO qualifying tournaments on behalf of the CMDL, as and when required. Representative.

Maryland Open and Maryland States Tournament. The Tournament Director will be approved by the Board of Directors.

Other Committees. Shall be designated as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI - General Membership Meetings

Section 1 General Meeting. There shall be at least two (2) General Membership meeting per year. The meeting shall be held during the fifth week of each season for the purpose of nomination and the election of Officers; and the transaction of any and all dues owed from teams and sponsors. Plus such business as may come from the Captain's meeting or the Board of Directors. (i.e. any and all Rule/By-Law changes or addendums). The Board of Directors shall designate the date, hour and place of the meeting, provided that the meeting shall be held within the Anne Arundel County of Maryland. **This meeting is mandatory and someone from your team must attend; if not, your team will lose 5 points.**

Section 2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the General Membership may be called by the President, or two (2) Board of Directors or not less than one-third (1/3) of the Team Captain's.

Section 3 Notice of Meetings. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of the General Membership shall be the responsibility of the Secretary, and shall be sent by email and posted on the CMDL website not less than seven (7) days or more than forty five (45) days before the date of the meeting.

Section 4 Membership Addresses and Contact Information. It shall be the responsibility of all CMDL members to maintain a current address and contact email with the League Secretary and will be the address to which notices shall be sent whenever required by other provisions of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII - General Provisions

Section 1 League Rules. The general membership shall have the right to revise League Rules of Play presented by the Board of Directors, by a simple majority vote at any general membership meeting.

Any and all changes to the League Rules of Play or By-Law may be changed by a simple majority vote of the General Membership at the general membership meeting. All changes will take effect January 1st of the following year.

Section 2 CMDL Records:

Officers Records. Each Officer shall maintain custody of all records pertinent to his/her office during his/her term of office. At the end of his/her term of office, he/she shall turn over all records to the successor.

Storage of Records. All records of the CMDL shall be kept for a minimum of seven (7) years.

Storage of Properties. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the storage and disposition of all physical properties of the CMDL.

Treasurers Records. Shall be audited prior to August 30th each year.

ARTICLE XIII - Amendments

Section 1 Amendments. These By-Laws may be amended or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted as presented by the Board of Directors, by a simple majority vote of the General Membership.