

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER DARTS ASSOCIATION  
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## ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Shreveport-Bossier Darts Association (SBDA), Incorporated, in affiliation with the American Darts Organization.

## ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

- SECTION 1. S.B.D.A. - Shall mean the Shreveport-Bossier Darts Association, Incorporated.
- SECTION 2. GENERAL MEMBERS - Shall mean any S.B.D.A. Member whose dues are paid current.
- SECTION 3. OFFICERS - Shall mean only the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and League Director.
- SECTION 4. DIRECTOR AT LARGE - Shall mean Members elected to the Board of Directors not serving as an officer of the Association.
- SECTION 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Shall mean the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, League Director, A.D.O. Representative and four Directors-at-Large.
- SECTION 6. TEAM CAPTAINS - Shall mean the person appointed or elected to head a team in one of the dart leagues.
- SECTION 7. YEAR - Shall mean July 1 through June 30.
- SECTION 8. A.D.O. - Shall mean the American Darts Association.
- SECTION 9. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING QUORUM - Shall mean 33% of the General Membership plus (1).
- SECTION 10. PLAYOFFS - Shall be the post season tournaments run by the League Director in which the First Place, Second Place and certain Wildcard teams (determined by the League Committee) shall compete for the City and Association Championships and shall be run on a modified seeded format with no other form of handicap.

## ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives of the SBDA are as follows: a) promote the sport of darts throughout the cities of Shreveport and Bossier City metropolitan area and b) improve the condition of play in the SBDA sponsored and sanctioned events.
2. The SBDA shall be a nonpolitical, nonsectarian and non-sexist organization.

## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

1. APPLICATION - Application for general membership is open to anyone who evidences interest in darts as a sport.
2. APPROVAL - The Board of Directors reserves the right to disapprove a membership by a simple majority vote.
3. LENGTH - All memberships are applicable for (1) season to the beginning of the next season.

## ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

1. **MEMBERSHIP DUES** - Shall be a seasonal amount and shall be set by a recommendation of the present Board 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 prior to League play, shall not be allowed to participate in any League or S.B.D.A. sanctioned activity where membership is required, until such time that the dues are paid. Membership dues are non-refundable.
2. **SPONSOR FEES** - Shall be set by the Board of Directors. Any sponsor failing to submit his/her fee on or before the deadline shall not be allowed to participate in any League.
3. **OTHER FEES** - Shall be set by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI - PROBATION, EXPULSION AND TERMINATION

1. Categorically, and without restriction, the S.B.D.A. reserves the right to suspend or expel (termination) any Member who willfully creates disharmony, behaves in a manner prejudicial to order and discipline or tarnishes the image of the sport of darts. No Player, Official, Sponsor not Spectator needs tolerate harassment, verbal or otherwise, belligerence, defamation or poor sportsmanship from any S.B.D.A. member.
2. Problems in public or private bars, lounges and taverns are the province of the injured parties, the owner(s), or bartender who may seek redress under local and state law by rejection, police intervention or arrest.
3. Verbal harassment and/or physical violence shall result in the temporary suspension of all parties involved. Individuals will be notified by phone/letter when the next Board of Directors meeting shall be held to address the problem. Temporary suspension will be approved by any two (2) Board Members. If a Board Member's team is involved, he/she will be excused from the discussion of the matter.
4. A membership may be terminated by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors if such member creates or behaves in a manner which is prejudicial to order and discipline. At such meeting in which the termination is voted upon, the member in question shall have the opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors and discuss the problem. After such discussion, the member shall be dismissed from the meeting for the decision of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be notified of the Board's decision in writing. Any suspensions by the Board shall be for the remainder of the year, as stated in Article II, Section 7. The member's dues shall be forfeited.

## ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

1. **LENGTH OF TERM** - The term for each officer shall be for two (2) years, except the League Director's term shall be for one (1) year, as stated in ARTICLE II, SECTION 7. The President and Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years and the Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.
2. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**
  - A. **PRESIDENT** - Shall preside at all Board and General Membership meetings. He/She shall see that all resolutions of the Board are carried out and shall nominate members to serve on committees as stated in Article XI. His/Her signature shall be one of the valid signatures on all checks as provided in Article X, Section 1.
  - B. **VICE PRESIDENT** - Shall assist the President and in the absence of the President shall exercise the duties of the President. His/Her signature shall be one of the valid signatures on all checks as provided in Article X, Section 1. He/She shall also be Tournament Director for all S.B.D.A. sanctioned tournaments of \$3000.00 or less.
  - C. **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 S.B.D.A. and perform such duties as may from time to time be imposed upon him/her. He/She shall be responsible for all books, records and papers of the S.B.D.A. His/Her signature shall be one of the valid signatures on all check as provided in Article X, Section 1.
  - D. **TREASURER** - Shall have charge of all funds of the S.B.D.A. and of 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 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 dues or fees from S.B.D.A. members and shall be required to submit a "Treasurer's Report." He/She shall perform all acts incited to the position of Treasurer, subject to control of the Board

- E. LEAGUE DIRECTOR - Shall be responsible for the operation of the Leagues.
- F. A.D.O. REPRESENTATIVE - He/She shall be appointed by the Board at their first regular meeting, and shall make regular reports to the Board on A.D.O. affairs and shall pass on pertinent information to the membership. He/She shall be a voting member of the Board.

## ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. NUMBER - The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the Association, four (4) Directors-at-Large and the A.D.O. Representative.
2. LENGTH OF TERM - The term for the Board of Directors shall be:
  - A. OFFICERS - Shall be as stated in Article VII, Section 1.
  - B. DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE - Shall be for a period of two (2) years. No one person may serve on the Board of Directors as an At-Large-Director for more than two (2) consecutive terms. There shall be two (2) At-Large-Directors elected in even years and two (2) elected in odd years.
3. MEETINGS - Regular meetings will be held no less than once each month. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or by 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.
4. QUORUM - A simple majority of all elected officers/directors shall constitute a quorum. Any action taken by the Board shall be by simple majority of the quorum.
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.
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. Any Board Member shall be removed from office when, without sufficient cause, he/she fails to appear at three (3) regularly scheduled Board meetings. Sufficient cause shall be determined by a majority of the Board.
7. RESIGNATIONS - 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 by the Board.

## ARTICLE IX - ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. TIME, PLACE AND DETAILS OF ELECTION - The Board shall be elected yearly as set up in Article XII.
2. CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY - Shall be as follows:
  - A. All members whose dues are current as of thirty (30) days prior to the election shall be eligible to hold office.
  - B. A Nominating Committee, as provided in Article XI, Section 2, shall nominate a minimum of two (2) candidates for the positions to be filled in the election.
  - C. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the meeting and election.
  - D. The Secretary shall have posted, as best as possible, the ballot of nominations, in all darting establishments not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the election.
  - E. If no candidate receives the majority of the votes of those voting on the first ballot, there shall be a "RUNOFF" vote between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes.
  - F. Nominations for Treasurer shall be limited to those persons who are Certified Public Accountants or any other person who is bondable. Said nominee must provide the Board of Directors a bond for service, performance, malfeasance, malpractice and mis-appropriation within two (2) weeks of election to office. Cost of said bond shall be reimbursed by the Association up to a cap of \$200.00.

## ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

1. CHECKS - All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and one (1) other officer. In cases of the absence or inability of the Treasurer to sign a check, the Board may appoint another office to assume the responsibility.
2. FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Shall be submitted to the General Membership at each regular General Membership meeting.
3. EXPENSES - All expenses and obligations are subject to approval by the Board.
4. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS - The Board shall have the sole authority to enter into either verbal or written contracts and agreements in the name of S.B.D.A. 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 S.B.D.A.
5. PETTY CASH - There shall be NO petty cash.

## ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

1. APPOINTMENTS - The appointment of all committees shall be from a nomination by the President and approved by the Board, unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.
2. STANDING COMMITTEES-
  - A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Shall consist of the General Membership, in a duly publicized meeting, no earlier than sixty (60) days and no later than fourteen (14) days prior to general elections.
  - B. LOUISIANA CLASSIC/GATOR OPEN COMMITTEE - The Chairman of this Committee shall be the President. Tournament Director will be approved by the Board of Directors.
  - C. LEAGUE COMMITTEE - This shall be comprised of the League Director, who shall serve as Chairman, and one and ONLY one (1) representative from each team. Each team will be allowed only one (1) vote. The League Director shall have the option of appointing a League Secretary to handle all records and correspondence pertaining to League affairs. The League Committee shall be notified by phone and/or letter not later than seven (7) days before scheduled meetings. There shall be at least (2) League Committee meetings each season.
  - D. OTHER COMMITTEES - Shall be designated as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XII - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. GENERAL MEETING - There shall not be less than three (3) General meetings per year as stated in Article II, Section 7. These meetings shall be for the purpose of election of officers and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. The meeting for the election of officers shall be no sooner than forty-five (45) days to and no later than June 30. The Board of Directors shall designate the date, hour and place of the meeting, provided that the meeting shall be held within the Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana Metropolitan area.
2. SPECIAL MEETING - Special meetings of the General Membership may be called by the President, Board of Directors or not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the General Membership.
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 mail to each member and posted at darting establishments not less than seven (7) days or more than forty-five (45) days before the date of such meeting.
4. MEMBERSHIP ADDRESSES - It shall be the responsibility of all S.B.D.A. members to maintain a current address with the League Director. Such shall be the address to which notices shall be sent whenever required by the other provisions of the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE XIII - GENERAL PROVISION

1. LEAGUE RULES - The League Committee shall have the right to revise league rules.
2. S.B.D.A. RECORDS -
  - A. OFFICER'S 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.
  - B. STORAGE OF RECORDS - All records of the S.B.D.A. shall be kept for a minimum of seven (7) years.
  - C. STORAGE OF PROPERTIES - The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the storage and disposition of all physical properties of the S.B.D.A.
  - D. TREASURER'S RECORDS - Shall be audited prior to June 30.

### ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

1. AMENDMENTS - These By-Laws may be amended or repealed, and new By-Laws may be adopted by a simple majority vote of members present at the General Membership Meeting.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.