

FRASER VALLEY EAST DART LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

PURPOSES

The purposes of this League shall be:

1. To protect the mutual interests of its member teams and their individual players.
2. To promote throughout the entire League:
 - a. The best interests and true spirit of the game.
 - b. The observance of the rules and ethics of the game.
3. To establish and enforce uniformity in the rules of the game, to establish a representative legislative authority and to act as a court of reference and final authority in matter of controversy.
4. To establish, control and conduct League play and playoffs.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in this League shall be confined to properly organized dart teams and spares.
2. Any eligible team or spare may be admitted to the membership, subject to payment of registration fees in full by the registration deadline established by the Executive.

ARTICLE III

OBLIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

1. Admittance to membership in this League shall obligate each member to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the League.
2. Refusal or neglect by any member belonging to this League, or comply with the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of the League, or with the rulings of the Executive, render such teams liable to suspension or expulsion (see 3) by two-thirds vote of the Executive, from whose decision an appeal may be taken to a special meeting of the Executive or the members at the next general meeting of the League.
3. No team shall be suspended, expelled or deprived of any of its privileges without due notice from the Executive of formal charges, with specification, having been made in writing from the Executive and an opportunity having been given to be heard within a thirty (30) day period, at a special meeting, in its defence.
4. Should a member in this League be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the League, he/she may be barred from the League by a two-thirds vote of the Executive, provided that:
 - a. such team member shall have an opportunity for a hearing, and
 - b. each Executive member be notified in writing for a meeting to act thereon, and the

penalty shall be decided by the Executive, but will not exceed one year from the date of suspension.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

The officers of this League shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician, Member-at-Large, and Past President. These officers shall be voted in by the members of the League at the Annual General Meeting of the League.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT

1. Each officer of this League shall be a member of this League, and shall be in compliance with the Liquor Control Board age limit.
2. The total Executive shall be elected for a term of two years and each shall be eligible for re-election without any limitation upon the number of consecutive terms.
3. The Executive shall have the power to fill all vacancies within the Executive that might occur among the officers.
4. Each year the Executive shall hold their first meeting within thirty (30) days after the election and thereafter shall meet at the call of the President, provided however that the President must call a meeting upon the request of any three (3) members of the Executive, provided however that an Executive meeting may be held immediately following the Annual General Meeting without such notice.
5. At all Executive meetings each member (except President) shall have one vote, and in the case of a tie vote, the President shall have the deciding vote.
6. Executive shall have an executive meeting once a month during the dart season.
 7. At all Executive meetings four (4) officers shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS

PRESIDENT

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of this League and Executive. He/she shall have general supervision over the affairs of this League.
2. The President shall arrange to have the Treasurer set up an account in a recognized banking institution in the name of the League. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer will be given cheque signing authority, and two (2) signatures will be required on all cheques.
3. At the close of the fiscal year, he/she shall prepare a written report to be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

4. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President. He/she shall assist the President when help is requested.
5. The Past-President shall assist in all activities of the Executive when requested.

SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the League and of the Executive, given the required notices for all such meetings and properly record the minutes of all such meetings. He/she shall keep copies of all records, books, and correspondence belonging to the League.
2. In addition to keeping the minutes of meetings and other duties required, the Secretary shall furnish each team captain with a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules.

TREASURER

1. The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees. He/she shall establish an account in a recognized banking institution at the request of the President as outlined in the duties of the President. He/she shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions of the League to the satisfaction of the executive and produce the same for inspection when required.
2. When receiving moneys, he/she provide a receipt, and keep on file a duplicate of each.
3. He/she shall prepare an annual report, giving the receipts and disbursements for the year, in detail.

NOTE: The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined if advantageous.

STATISTICIAN

1. The Statistician will maintain an accurate account of games played, wins, losses, and points for each team and player, and will make standings available to each captain on a regular (not greater than monthly) basis, except for the last six (6) weeks of play, where no team stats (positions) be given.
2. He/she shall also pass on information from the Executive to the captains and members via the regular standings sheet.

No member of this League shall borrow any money in the name of the League, nor commit the League to any expenditures or indebtedness in excess of estimated receipts for the current fiscal year.

No member of the Executive shall personally liable any debts, receipts, neglects, or defaults of any other member of the Executive, nor for any loss or expense of whatsoever nature incurred by this League, unless this be the result of his/her own dishonesty.

The Executive will be responsible for scheduling of all games throughout the regular season and the play-offs.

ARTICLE VII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this league shall end as of May 31st each year.

REGISTRATIONS

All teams to pay registration fee in full, with their registration.

The registration date to be the second (2nd) Saturday in August by 5:00 pm.

The registration fee to be determined at each Annual General Meeting.

Any team(s) not paid in full by the registration deadline will not be allowed to play that year.

When an individual player is registered on a team, but drops out before playing any games, a registration fee is not required for a new player. The original card must be turned into the Treasurer before a new card will be issued for a new player.

All members of the League must be in compliance with the Liquor Control Board age limit.

ARTICLE VIII

ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual General Meeting of the League for election of Officers and for transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held within one (1) month of play-off date and at such time and place as the Executive shall designate.
2. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be by written notification on the final standings sheet as issued by the Statistician or by notification by the Secretary to individual team captains, and posted on the bulletin boards of sponsors.
3. This notification is to be given no less than two (2) weeks and no greater than one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. Special meetings of this League may be called by the President, and he shall call a special meeting when requested by a majority of the Executive, or upon written request of members or teams.
2. The purpose for which such special meetings is called, must be set forth in the notice of meeting, which shall be delivered to each team captain not less than one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting.

QUORUM

At any meeting of the League, any member and at least four (4) Executive members shall constitute a quorum.

VOTING

A majority vote of all votes cast in person shall decide all questions at meetings of the League.

Each registered team and its members shall have the right to attend, speak, and be heard at any General or Special meeting(s) of the League.

At all meetings, each member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.

Any motion may pass in one (1) General or Special meeting before being accepted by the league. Constitution and By-Laws may be accepted in one meeting.

AMMENDMENTS to this constitution may be made at any Annual or Special meeting by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all votes cast, provided that written notice of proposed amendment shall have been delivered to each team captain and Executive Officer at least one (1) week prior, and posted on sponsor bulletin boards.

BY-LAWS

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following order of business shall be observed at each Annual General Meeting:

1. Call to order and/or roll call
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Reports of other committees
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Elections

DISPUTES

All disputes or complaints between teams, or members, of the League shall be decided by those members of the Executive who are in no way connected with the disputants.

PLAY-OFFS

Each year play-offs for the divisional championships shall be held under the jurisdiction of the League. Trophies emblematic of such victories shall be awarded to the winners. The Executive shall determine the dates and details of these play-offs.

The Executive of the League may, on behalf of the League, hold other competitions and award such prizes as may deem advisable, and shall determine the dates and details of all such competitions.

ELIGIBILITY

1. No player or team shall be able to compete in this League or in the play-offs for this League unless he/she is a registered member of a team or spare.
2. All members (and guests) must be in compliance with the Liquor Control Board age limit.
3. Teams to consist of not less than six (6) players, and not more than eight (8) players. A minimum of six (6) players is mandatory to register a team. A team must play all games with a minimum of five (5) players.
4. A player can be registered with one team only. They must be able to produce their membership card upon demand. Card is to be marked with the name of their team.
5. No registration of new players will be accepted six (6) weeks before the end of the season, unless it can be proven that the team is in jeopardy. Players must be taken from the spare board, if available. The team captain will meet with the Executive to discuss the situation, which must be submitted in writing.
6. Any player leaving the League will not receive a refund. Any new player can take his/her position without paying a new fee, provided the old card has been turned in.
7. New players are eligible to play right away, but must be able to produce a membership card. They are not eligible to play in games that were postponed before they joined. Players must receive card before they play.
8. The membership card is to be returned to the team captain when a player quits.
All League play, play-offs, and competitions held under the jurisdiction of the League shall be played strictly in accordance with the Rules set forth by the League and/or in accordance with the Rules of the game of darts as approved by the B.C. Dart Association and the National Dart Federation Canada.

The Executive shall exercise absolute discretion in the interpretation and enforcement of the By-Laws for the purpose of safe guarding the best interests of the game of darts, and shall have the power to inflict such penalties, as the circumstances of each case in their judgment justify, subject always to the provision of the constitution of the League.