

1. Name

The name of the league is 'The Shanghai Darts League' (hereafter referred to as 'the league').

2. Objects of the League

(a) to foster and promote the sport of darts at all levels in Shanghai, providing opportunities for recreation and competition for all members of the league. A member of the league is defined as a team registered with and participating in competitions organized by the league.

(b) to foster and promote opportunities for the league to compete with other leagues.

3. Membership

(a) Membership of the league shall be open to any team interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis

(b) The league may set an annual registration fee to be paid by each participating team on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The league will keep registration fees at a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to teams participating. Any registration fee or changes to a registration fee can be proposed by the executive committee to a captains' meeting for approval. Any such proposal will be voted on at a captains' meeting, and requires two-thirds of the total number of teams in the league to approve before it may be implemented.

(c) The league committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the league or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Captains' meeting.

4. General Business

The league shall be managed by an executive committee of members (hereafter called 'the committee'), who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) held each year and, subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the next AGM. The committee has the power to fill any vacancy that may occur. The retiring members of the committee are eligible for re-election. The committee shall have power to co-opt additional members who shall be members of the league.

The committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than six times per year. Immediately following a designated committee meeting, a captains' meeting shall be called and an agenda supplied to all member teams. At least seven days notice shall be provided between the calling of a captains' meeting and the issuing of the agenda, and the date of the meeting. Any decisions taken at the committee meeting relating to rules, membership, venues, fees, disputes, sponsorship or any other significant matter must be ratified by a majority at the following captains' meeting before they can be implemented.

The captains' meeting shall be attended by the captains of all teams, or a member of the team designated by the captain. If a team is not represented at more than one meeting a year, the league has the right to take appropriate disciplinary action against that team. One of the captains' meetings shall be designated an AGM, at which, following a report

by the retiring committee, the first order of business shall be the election of a new executive committee. The league will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM. At every AGM:

- (a) Each member of the committee shall present a report on the activities of the league within his/her area of responsibility.
- (b) the Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial year, audited as the committee shall decide;
- (c) the members will elect a committee to serve until the next AGM;
- (d) the Members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts;
- (e) the Members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

5. Quorum

At all captains' meetings, two-thirds of the total number of teams in the league shall represent a quorum.

6. Voting

Every matter shall be determined by a majority of the captains present and voting on the question, unless otherwise specified in this constitution i.e. imposition and changes to fees, and constitutional amendments. Committee members may vote at meetings if they are the designated captain or representative of their team. In any event, each team is only entitled to one vote at a normal captains' meeting. The president, or whoever is in the 'chair', shall not be entitled to a vote. A tied vote results in the motion being defeated. Proxy voting is not allowed.

7. The Executive Committee

The executive committee shall consist of four members (a) President (b) Secretary/Treasurer (c) Statistician/Web-master (d) immediate past President.

The role of the President is to chair all meetings (including celebrations and prize-giving ceremonies), to negotiate sponsorships and to foster and promote the sport and the league in Shanghai.

The role of the Secretary/Treasurer is to maintain the minutes of all meetings, to advise all member clubs of meetings and agendas, to keep proper accounts of the finances of the league and to ensure the Constitution is adhered to.

The role of the statistician/Web-master is to maintain all competition statistics and records, and to manage the league web-site.

The Committee may decide its own way of operating. Unless it otherwise resolves, the following rules apply:

- (a) at least 3 members must be present for the meeting to be valid;
- (b) committee meetings shall be held face to face;
- (c) the President or whoever else those present choose shall chair meetings;
- (d) decisions shall be by simple majority of those voting;
- (e) a resolution in writing signed by every Committee member shall be valid without a meeting;
- (f) the chair of the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

A Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the

league, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the Member concerned has been given the chance of putting his/her case to the Committee with an appeal to the captains' meeting, or is removed by club captains at a captains' meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the league; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or change its mandate and operating terms.

Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay) and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned.

8. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any captains' meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the total league membership