

Baltimore English Dart League

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Baltimore English Dart League.

Section 2. Whenever the initials BEDL are used in these bylaws, they shall mean Baltimore English Dart League.

ARTICLE II - Objectives

Section 1. The purpose of the BEDL is to create and promote a fun, fair, inclusive and friendly travel dart league in and around the immediate Baltimore area.

Section 2. The BEDL shall also 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 3. The BEDL shall be a nonpolitical, nonsectarian and non-sexist organization/dart league

ARTICLE III - League Documents - In order to ensure accurate documentation of all aspects of the BEDL several other documents are required and outlined below.

Section 1. Rules - The BEDL will maintain a rules document that will outline the policies related to dart play in the league. This document will include policies for match start and end times, scorekeeping, game procedures, conduct and anything else related to dart league play.

The general membership shall have the right to suggest revisions to the League Rules of Play to the Board of Directors at least two weeks prior to a general league meeting. These revisions will be added to the agenda to be brought to a vote. These revisions shall be approved by a simple majority vote.

Section 2. Score Sheet - The BEDL will maintain standard score sheets that satisfy the scorekeeping rules established in the Rules document. This official score sheet must be used for league play.

The general membership shall have the right to suggest revisions to the score sheet to the Board of Directors at least two weeks prior to a general league meeting. These revisions will be added to the agenda to be brought to a vote. These revisions shall be approved by a simple majority vote.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

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Section 1. General - Membership is open to anyone who evidences interest in darts as a sport.

Section 2. Admission - Members shall be admitted upon joining a team that has paid all fees and dues as may be required by these By-Laws and by the rules of league play. All memberships are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Regular Member - Regular membership in BEDL constitutes current participation on a team in BEDL and entitles said member to participate in any events sponsored by BEDL, 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 poor sportsmanship, fighting, property damage and lewd behavior while representing BEDL during League or Tournament play and while attending events on behalf of BEDL, such as meetings and banquets.

Section 6. Resignation - Any member may resign by filing a written or e-mailed resignation with the League President. Such resignation shall not relieve the resigning member of the obligation to pay any fees, dues, or other

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assessments theretofore accrued and unpaid. Resignation from the league is valid for the current season. Resigned members cannot play on another team that season and cannot participate in league events for that season.

Section 7. Reinstatement - Upon written or e-mailed request to the Board of Directors, a suspended or terminated member may seek reinstatement to BEDL. 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 BEDL is non-transferable and non-assignable.

ARTICLE V - 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. Dues will be paid per team and all members of a team are responsible for dues owed by that team. Any member failing to submit their dues to a member of the Board of Directors by the deadline set forth by the Board of Directors shall not be allowed to participate in any League matches or any BEDL 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 season's BEDL rules.

ARTICLE VI - 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 Captains' 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 BEDL and are played within a reasonable time frame. He/she shall be responsible for maintaining a list of team members and their contact information 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. Captains' Meetings - A meeting of the team Captains shall be held before the first match of each season. The purpose of this meeting is to distribute information for the upcoming meeting and for the transaction of such business as may have come before the Board of Directors (i.e. disputes, rules and By-Law changes that may be brought to the general membership meeting).

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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.)

ARTICLE VII - Officers

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

Section 2. Election - The Officers of BEDL shall be elected by the General Membership at the end of season General Membership meeting. President and Vice President will be elected during the Spring/Summer season. Treasurer, Secretary and Sergeant at Arms will be elected during the Fall/Winter season. Officers will be elected by a secret ballot or show of hands majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

Candidate Eligibility. Shall be as follows:

- All members who are in good standing with the league for the season when the vote takes place are eligible.
- No more than 2 members from any team roster may hold any office during the same term.
- Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the position(s) to be filled in the election at least 2 weeks before the election by sending the Secretary a written message or e-mail.
- Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the meeting and election only if someone is running unopposed.

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- The Secretary shall have posted, as best as possible, the ballot of nominations, on the BEDL website 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.

Section 3. Tenure - The regular term of office shall be one (1) year. The start of each officer's tenure shall be the Monday after the party for the season in which they were elected.

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. The President, or Vice President if the Presidents office is vacant, will nominate a member to fill the vacant office. The remaining 3 board members will vote on the nominee.

Section 5. Removal - Any Officer 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 Officer shall be removed from office when, without sufficient cause, he/she fails to appear at two (2) regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 6. Resignation - Officers may resign from office by submitting a written notice to that effect to the remaining Officers. Such resignation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the remaining Officers.

Section 7. Duties of Officers

- i. 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 bars and clubs, teams and other darting organizations. Shall oversee the inspection of sponsor bar and club locations and the League play schedule.
- ii. 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 handle all complaints about board members. Shall oversee all League general events, such as banquets and League tournaments, League Luck of the draws or designate league members to help run these events.

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- iii. Treasurer: Shall have charge of all funds of the BEDL 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 at each meeting. His/her signature shall be one of the valid signatures on all checks as provided in Article IX, Section 1. He/she shall be responsible for the collection of all dues or fees from BEDL members and bars 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.
- iv. 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 BEDL and perform such duties as may be imposed upon him/her. He/she shall be responsible for all books, records, papers, seals and logos of the BEDL. He/she will be responsible for keeping and maintaining all League play statistics and standings and publishing on a weekly basis or designate a statistician to handle these tasks.
- v. Sergeant at Arms: Shall maintain order at all BEDL 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 VIII - Board of Directors

Section 1. Members - The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of BEDL.

Section 2. Tenure - The tenure or length of term shall be as stated in Article VII, 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.

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.

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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 BEDL. 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 BEDL.

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.

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 before the end of each season at least one week before the end of season party. The primary purpose of this meeting is the nomination and the election of Officers for the Board of Directors. 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 addendum's). The Board of Directors shall designate the date, hour and place of the meeting. This meeting is mandatory and someone from your team must attend.

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 posted on the BEDL 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 BEDL members to maintain current contact information with the League Secretary.

ARTICLE XII - General Provisions

Section 1. BEDL Records:

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- i. 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.
- ii. Storage of Records - All records of the BEDL shall be kept for a minimum of seven (7) years.
- iii. Storage of Properties - The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the storage and disposition of all physical properties of the BEDL.

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.