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Note: This document shall replace any and all other versions of the London Ladies Dart League Rules and By-Laws which may be in existence.

The Rules contained in **ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER (REVISED)** shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Rules of Order or By-Laws of this organization.

## **1.0 Constitution**

The League shall be known as the "London Ladies Dart League" hereinafter called, "The League".

### **1.1 Objectives**

To provide competitive darts to be held weekly. The times and dates of which shall be decided by the executive board.

## **2.0 L.L.D.L. By-Laws**

### **2.1 League Administration**

The fiscal year of the League shall commence June 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

2.1.1 The affairs of the League shall be under the direct management and control of the Executive Board. All decisions of the Executive Board shall require a simple majority vote.

2.1.2 The Officers of the league shall consist of a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Statistician, and Treasurer. The Treasurer will be an appointed position decided upon by the current League Officers. All applicants for the position of Treasurer must apply by resume, pass a Police Background Check, and will be interviewed by current League Officers. A Police Background Check will only occur if the current Executive Board chooses to appoint this individual to the position of Treasurer. The League will pay the costs for completing the background check.

## **Election of Officers**

The Election of Officers will be held in the following order: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Statistician. A Convener and three (3) Scrutineers shall control the Election. All Scrutinizers must be members from where the Annual General Meeting is being held, and agreed upon by the Executive Board. The term of office is a two year term.

2.2.1 The Convener shall call for nominations from the floor for each position. She will call three (3) times before closing the nominations. Voting shall be by way of distribution of a ballot

slip to each member. Any ballot not clearly written and legible to the Election Committee shall be deemed spoiled; however, misspelling of a name shall not be deemed a spoiled vote.

- 2.2.2 A current President may be nominated and elected to any office. If she is not elected to any office, she automatically becomes Past President. She may sit in on all meetings and be given voting privileges at the Chair's invitation. You must have served on the Executive Board for a period of not less than two (2) years before being eligible to run for President.
- 2.2.3 In case of a tie vote between two (2) or more candidates for election to any office, there shall be a re-vote on the tied candidates only, until someone is elected.
- 2.2.4 There shall be NO proxy votes.
- 2.2.5 An Election candidate or member wishing to run for office, but cannot be present at the Election, shall provide by written communication to the executive board outlining the offices she wishes to run for. Such communications shall be delivered into the hands of the Election Convener before the Election commences. Such communication shall be read aloud to the membership.
- 2.2.6 Any Members elected to the Executive Board for a 2 year term, must be paid in full as a member and remain an active Member in good standing with the League for her elected 2 year term.
- 2.2.7 If a Member of the Executive Board is unable or unwilling to fulfill her obligations to the League, the Executive Board may appoint a replacement.
- 2.2.8 Gratuities shall be paid to the Executive Board of Directors. Amounts paid are: President \$200.00, Vice President \$150.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President \$150.00, Recording Secretary \$200.00, Statistician \$200.00 Treasurer \$200.00. All Gratuity amounts paid must be reviewed on a yearly basis and should be paid at the banquet year end.

## **2.3 Meetings**

Meetings shall be classified as Annual, Executive Board, and Special Meetings.

- 2.3.1 There shall be an Annual Meeting in each fiscal year.
- 2.3.2 The Annual Meeting of the League shall be held within fourteen (14) days of the scheduled end of League Play, but does not include any rescheduled games. The meeting shall transact the following business: President's Report, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, New Business, Adjournment, and the Election of Officers (only every two years).
- 2.3.3 Special Meetings shall be held upon the call of the President, the Executive Board as a whole, or upon requisition in writing by forty-five (45) active members. Such requisition shall

express the object of the meeting proposed to be called, and shall be delivered to the League Recording Secretary.

- 2.3.4 Notice of any Special Meeting shall state the only business that is to be transacted at such meeting, including place, day and hour of the meeting. Such notice shall be given to the membership at least five (5) business days before the meeting. No business other than the expressed object of the meeting called shall take place.
- 2.3.5 The Executive Board of Directors shall meet on a regular Monthly basis, or as often as deemed necessary, to conduct the Business of the League in an orderly effective manner. The meetings may be formerly called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Board. Three (3) days notice must be given before the meeting is to take place. An Emergency meeting may be held at any time without formal notice providing all Board Members have been advised of such a meeting. All Executive Board Meetings may be held at such places as the Executive Board may designate.
- 2.3.6 If any member of the Executive Board is not notified of such Meeting and objects to any business conducted, or any motions made and passed, she may request the items in question to be re-opened at the next Executive Board Meeting she attends.

## 2.4 Quorums

The presence of a Quorum shall be necessary before any Meeting can officially be held.

- 2.4.1 To constitute a Quorum at any, Annual Meeting, or Special Meeting, the presence of a majority of Members of the Executive Board must be present, and at least ten (10) percent of the Active Members must be present.
- 2.4.2 The presence of a majority of Members of the Executive Board shall be necessary to constitute a Quorum at an Executive Board Meeting.

## 2.5 Conduct and Procedures at Meetings

In case of any dispute arising from League business not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws of the League, the Board shall refer the matter to **ROBERT'S RULES (REVISED)** for final settlement.

- 2.5.1 The Chair shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings and shall decide questions of order and practice.
- 2.5.2 The Chair shall not vote on any motion unless there is a tie vote, and then she shall be required to cast a negative vote. This rule does not apply to an Executive Meeting.
- 2.5.3 Every member shall, before speaking, rise and be recognized by the Chair. When two (2) or more members rise simultaneously, the Chair shall decide who is to speak first.

- 2.5.4 Before a Motion is open for discussion, it must be seconded. Any Member present, other than the one introducing the Motion, may second the Motion. If a Motion fails to raise a seconder, it dies on the floor.
- 2.5.5 All Motions, before being discussed, shall be read by the Recording Secretary. A Member may request the Motion under discussion to be read for her information any time during the discussion. All Motions shall be reread by the Recording Secretary before being voted upon.
- 2.5.6 The following Special Motions are not open for discussion, namely, Point of Order, to Table or set aside, to Withdraw a Motion (with the permission of the seconder), to Suspend Rules and to Adjourn.
- 2.5.7 No Member while speaking shall be interrupted on a Point of Order, which must be ruled on by the Chair before any further discussion is allowed. During this time, the Speaking Member shall resume her seat. After the Chair's ruling, the Speaking Member may again rise and resume speaking.
- 2.5.8 No Member shall speak more than twice, and for no longer than three (3) minutes on the same Motion without permission from the Chair, except the Mover, who shall have the Final Right of Rebuttal. Following the Mover's Final Rebuttal, the vote of the Membership shall be called.
- 2.5.9 No Member shall use improper language.
- 2.5.10 Motions may be amended provided the Amendment does not alter the intent of the original Motion.
- 2.5.11 An Amendment to a Motion may be amended, but such Amendment cannot itself be Amended (without the consent of the Chair).
- 2.5.12 When the Chair is presenting a Motion to the Membership for voting upon, no Member shall speak or move around the meeting room.
- 2.5.13 An Amendment to an Amendment is discussed and voted upon before further discussion or voting on the Amendment to which it applies. Similarly, an Amendment to the Motion is discussed and disposed of by vote, before further discussion or voting on the Motion to which it applies.
- 2.5.14 Discussion of an Amendment must relate to the Amendment only, unless the consideration of the proposed change involves consideration of the whole Motion. If a Motion is defeated after an Amendment, or Amendments to it have been adopted, all the adopted Amendments are by that defeated.
- 2.5.15 All voting for the purpose of making a decision, as called for by the Chair, shall be deemed to have been accepted, by a simple majority vote by those present, voting in favor of the Motion or the matter voted on.

- 2.5.16 In the case of a non-contentious matter, the Chair, instead of calling for the affirmative and negative vote, may ask if there is any objection to the Motion or decision. Should no objection be raised, she may declare the Motion, report or recommendation adopted. If any Member does object, a formal vote must be held.
- 2.5.17 Unless otherwise provided, the vote on Motions and other proposals is by show of hands. When provided for by the Rules or By-Laws or Constitution, the vote may be by written ballot, or by roll call.
- 2.5.18 Any member refusing to take her seat when ordered by the Chair, may be suspended by the Chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

## **2.6 Amendments**

The League shall have full power at any Annual or Special Meeting only, to amend or repeal the Constitution, By-Laws or the Rules of Play, provided that a Quorum is present which includes ALL PLAY tournaments.

- 2.6.1 A Notice of Motion shall also be necessary to call a Special Meeting and shall be submitted in writing, outlining the proposed change(s) to the Recording Secretary before requesting a Special Meeting. The Recording Secretary shall supply the said Notice of Motion to all League Team Captains and Major Locations, for posting on their respective notice boards, twenty (20) days before the Special Meeting.

## **Boards and Committees**

The Executive Board may from time to time appoint such Boards and Committees, as it may deem necessary in the interest of the League.

## **2.8 Membership Fees and Obligations**

Membership in this League shall bind the Member accepting Membership to abide by the provisions of the League Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules, etc. as described in this document and as duly Amended from time to time. Also binding, are the Regulations of the Playing Locations. (Note: The League may not have any control or influence over these Locations or Regulations).

- 2.8.1 The Annual Membership Fee for Active Members of the League shall be as determined from year to year, but shall not be increased more than 10% without the majority of Membership so agreeing at an Annual or Special Meeting.
- 2.8.2 Membership Fees and Obligations shall be payable in full by the Registration closing deadline as published on the Registration Form for the current year. Membership Fees once submitted will not be refundable. Postponement of dues after the deadline will not be allowed.
- 2.8.3 When a Member's name has been stricken from the roll of Membership, for any cause, the Recording Secretary shall enter the same in the Minute book and shall give notice of this by registered mail to such person. Such Member shall forfeit all monies paid to the League, her Membership Card and the rights and privileges to which she is otherwise entitled.
  - 2.8.3.1 The suspended member will not be allowed to attend any LLDL , AGM and or Special meetings unless requested.

## **2.9 Suspension and Expulsion of Members**

A Team or Team Member may be charged with violations of the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of Play conduct that is considered to be unsportsmanlike, threatening, harassing or physically abusive in nature toward others. Complaints shall be made in writing and delivered to the Recording Secretary within ten (10) days of the alleged violation.

- 2.9.1 The Recording Secretary shall give immediate notice in writing to any Member against whom a charge has been referred outlining the particulars of such charge, and shall give reasonable notice to Members concerned of date, time and place at which the hearing of the charges will take place, together with such further notice as may be necessary to dispose of the charge.
- 2.9.2 The Executive Board shall investigate each charge and, in the case of minor offenses, may take disciplinary action or reprimand. In cases that might warrant expulsion from the League, the Executive Board shall be empowered to act as they see fit. However, any such action of the Board shall be brought before the General Membership at the next Meeting for final disposition.
- 2.9.3 If any Member(s) found violating the Constitution and By-Laws of the League may appear in person before the Executive Board dealing with the case and show cause why they should not be fined or suspended. The findings of the Executive Board shall be taken before the Membership of the next Meeting for final disposition.
- 2.9.4 If any Member against whom a charge has been laid does not attend the hearing as required, the hearing may go on in her absence. Evidence shall be recorded in writing and subscribed to by witnesses.

- 2.9.5 The Board also may reinstate a Member suspended by the Executive Board. The Membership of the League at an Annual or Special Meeting by majority vote of those present, may also reinstate the Member who has been suspended, continue her suspension indefinitely, or for a fixed period of time. A Member so charged must surrender her Membership Card for the stated period of time.
- 2.9.6 The Executive Board of Directors may, either on their own initiative or upon receipt of a written complaint from any source, investigate the conduct of any League Member(s).
- 2.9.7 In the event disciplinary action has to be taken against a Member, it may be as follows:  
**maybe one or more as follows:**
1. Verbal warning from the President.
  2. Warning by registered letter.
  3. A fine not to exceed \$25.00. **to be paid in two weeks time.**
  4. A period of suspension, surrendering her Membership Card for that period.
  5. Expulsion from the League and loss of all League privileges as outlined  
In Section 2.8.3.

In case of a fine, a two-week period will be allowed to pay the fine. If payment is in default, then expulsion will automatically apply. The above five (5) levels of action may apply to a single Member or the whole Team, as circumstance dictates. Under actions 2, 3, 4 or 5, the Member(s) charged shall forthwith be notified by mail of the decision of the Executive Board, or the General Membership.

## 2.10 Duties of Officers

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the League and perform all duties incidental to her office.

- 2.10.1 **The Past President** (may) be present at all Executive Board Meetings and be seated with the Executive Board, at all other Meetings. In the case of Emergency Board Meetings, she will be present in an advisory capacity. The Past President may have voting privileges at the Chairman's invitation.
- 2.10.2 **The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** shall, in the absence of the President or in the case or her inability to act, perform all duties pertaining to the office of the President. In the case of a vacancy in the Office of President, she shall preside until the League elects a new President. She also shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board. She will also (with the assistance of the current Executive Board members) plan and coordinate the Banquet for all League Members which includes: choosing a venue and making a deposit, booking music and making a deposit, pick up a menu and review meal choices, will provide trophy places with a list (Statistician will compile a list) of names to be engraved on trophies, will check and verify that all names are spelled correctly on trophies, coordinate gifts and prizes to be won, will call venue with a total of meals that will need to be prepared, coordinate a list of presenters and special guests, print a program, will assist with the setup of venue, seating arrangements. She may be assigned any other duties that are deemed necessary by the League President, such as help run tournaments.

2.10.3 **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** shall be responsible for all ticket sales and/or raffles as required throughout the current year, and is to assist the 1<sup>st</sup> vice in coordinating the year – end banquet. She would hold the position of Sergeant of Arms for all General Meetings or Special Meetings that are held within the season. She must send out thank-you letters to all the sponsors for the current year by June 1<sup>st</sup> and send donation request letters out by the end of January. She may be assigned any other duties that are deemed necessary by the League President, such as help run tournaments.

2.10.4 **The Recording Secretary's** duties are as follows:

1. **All written correspondence should be sent to the secretary.**
2. She shall have charge of the minute books, and all other books incidental to her responsibilities. Keep a proper record of the proceedings at all meetings of the League and Executive Board in a book kept for that purpose and these books shall be with her at every meeting. She should have records of the current year copies of the league and any correspondence.
3. She shall see that notices of all Annual, Special and Executive Meetings and materials that are to be discussed are sent or posted according to the By-Laws of the League.
4. Registration Forms and Waiver Forms must be made available to all Captains (from the previous year) or to any other person who requests a form by the first week of June. At year end banquet and online.
5. After Registration night, she must prepare packages for each team and venue, the Team package will include: a registration card to each player that has paid in full and has signed a waiver form, a copy of an updated London Ladies Dart League Constitution & By-laws. A President's welcome letter to all captains reminding them of any changes to the rule book and any special announcements.
6. She must prepare letters in response to any complaints that were handed by the league executive throughout the entire season. She must keep on file all complaints received from league old versions of and **an updated version** Constitution & By-Laws, old registration forms and waivers, sponsor forms and any minutes recorded.
7. She is the one to receive all nominations for the Vicky Parry award by mail or email. **Deadline submission is Playoffs night.**
8. She may be assigned any other duties that are deemed necessary by the league President, such as help run tournaments.

2.10.5 **The Statistician's duties** are as follows:

1. She must prepare Schedules for all divisions participating in the League, a contact list for all captains and co-captains in their respective divisions. For the Venues: a schedule from each division that they host a team from, a captain and co-captain list for the teams playing out of their venue.
2. Throughout the entire season, she must record all games won or lost, bonus points, forfeits, high scores, high takeouts, high ins and 180's for

each respective division using a computer program that is adequate enough to do so. **She must keep the website updated, and accurate.**

3. Standings for each division must be provided at each Tournament or Trophy Play night, and posted on the web page, the day prior to Tuesday night of play.
4. Final Standings must be prepared immediately following the last scheduled League night of play; in order to decide what teams will be in each division for the Playoffs and to leave adequate time available so that all team Captains can be notified as to which Venue they will be playing at.
5. The week following the Playoffs, all League, Tournaments, and Individual Awards must be available for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President so that Trophies can be prepared for the Annual Banquet.
6. She may be assigned any other duties that are deemed necessary by the league President, such as help run tournaments.

2.10.6 **The Treasurer** shall be an appointed position with applications being accepted until May 1<sup>st</sup> of an election year. The Treasurer must be bond able. The Treasurer shall have care and custody of the League Funds, depositing same in the name of the League in such bank or banks as the Executive Board sees fit, sign all cheques and orders for payment of money, keep a petty cash account, have on hand funds not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Further, the Treasurer shall use it for the purpose of small expenditures. She shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed to the satisfaction of the Executive Board or Auditors, produce same for inspection any time, pay all accounts by cheques, when receiving monies give a receipt, keeping on file a duplicate of such receipt, prepare an Annual Report giving the receipts and disbursements of the year in detail. She shall present such a Report at the Annual Meeting. Previous year's records must be forwarded to the new Executive no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of June of the given year. Should the Treasurer at any time through absence from illness or any other cause whatsoever, be unable to discharge her duties as herein set forth, the Executive Board may appoint a Member of the league who has previously applied or new applications to act in her place, for the unexpired portion of her office, or until her return to office, whichever comes first. She may be assigned any other duties that are deemed necessary by the league President, such as help run tournaments.

### **3.0 Registration of Team and Members**

All Teams at time of Registering with the League shall state their Team Name, Sponsor(s), Name(s) and the Name and Address of their requested Home Playing Location. Boundaries for the locations holding League Play will be within the City of London boundary limits. The Executive Board before any League Play must approve these locations for League Play.

- 3.1 The Registration Fee for League Members must be paid in full by each Player or Sponsor(s), at the time of Registration. A maximum of seven (7) Players may be signed to a Team with a minimum of four (4) Players.

- 3.2 One copy of the Constitution and By-Laws (**New teams only**) or an Amendment Sheet will be included in each package. Additional copies may be printed from the website.
- 3.3 The Registration deadline to add any additional players to a team will be the first Tuesday of play in January following start of season.
- 3.4 New applications for Membership will not be accepted after the January deadline of the current calendar year without the express permission of the Executive Board. Full Registration Fees will apply.
- 3.5 All Players prior to Registration must read and sign the League's Waiver Form, which is available on the website, at the year-end banquet, or requested from the secretary.
- 3.6 A Registration Card will be issued for each paid and eligible player on a team to the team Captains/Co-Captains prior to the first night of play. All members are required to carry their Registration Card with them to every scheduled event held by the League. Proof of membership may be requested, and each player is obligated to provide proof upon request.
- 3.7 Once Players are registered on a Team by the Registration deadline, a player cannot leave that Team to join another Team. The only exception will be if it applies to Rule 3.8.
- 3.8 Any Member who considers herself unjustly dropped from a Team has the right to appeal to the Executive Board.
- 3.9 **Additional Players**  
If a team is carrying four (4), five (5) or six (6) players and chooses to register another player before the registration deadline of first Tuesday in January, that year's current full registration fee will be applied, even if a player has quit the League for whatever reason.

### **Replacement player**

If a team is carrying six (6) members and a player (previously registered) decides to quit the League prior to the first Tuesday in January, then that respective team may request to register a replacement player. (The original Registration Fee received will not be refunded).

All Additional or Replacement Players must read and sign the League's 'Waiver' form. When the aforementioned is completed then that player will receive a Registration Card and be eligible to participate in the League. No Fees will be applied where a death of a member has occurred. The Executive Board must approve all requests.

- 3.10 All players registered as a member in the league must be legal drinking age, as outlined by the liquor laws in the province Ontario December 31 of the current dart season to be eligible to play darts for that season. All players must be legal drinking age before their first night of play. A registration card will only be issued to the member when they become legal age. Proof of identification may be required.

## 4.0 League Rules

All Divisional League play shall commence by 8:00pm. If a Team with a minimum of three (3) Players does not show up at the proper time, play commencement will be played no later than 8:15pm. If a Team with a minimum of three (3) Players has not shown up by 8:15pm, the points for the night may be claimed at the discretion of the offended Team (see Section 5.22 for scoring). **If teams start before 8:00 pm then the grace period is null and void, and once play has started there is no stopping.**

4.1 You must be a Registered Member for the current dart season to participate in any League scheduled play events held by the London Ladies Dart League. The only exception being the **Holiday Shoot Tournament and Year End Open Annual (men allowed) Tournament.**

4.2 Each Team Captain or Delegate is responsible for submitting scores and results each week. Please keep your score sheets for any discrepancies.

1. Simply go to the Ladies website, click on the tab "Score Cards".

2. Next click on your appropriate division and commence filling out the card.

3. Then submit.

4. All games must be recorded on score sheets. Both Team Captains or Delegate, at the end of the night must sign the score sheet. Once the score sheets are signed, no changes whatsoever shall be made.

5. Paper score sheets that are unsigned will be invalid and points will be forfeited.

6. Both Team Captains or Delegate are then responsible to submit the score sheets online. All score sheets must be received by the League Statistician by 5:00pm the Friday directly following League play, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!** Failure to report the results as outlined will result in the Loss of all Points.

In the case of a team forfeiting all games for that night of play, both teams must fill out a score sheet and sign verifying the forfeit.

4.3 **NO SPECTATORS** may give guidance to the Shooter. A Player may be told by the scorekeeper what she has scored and what she has left, but **NOT** the method of take-out. If assistance is required, the shooter **MUST** step back from the toe line, and ask a teammate. If the teammate is also acting as the score keeper, she may remove herself from the chalkboard, and provide assistance as long as both players are behind the toe line.

4.4 **Heckling and harassing Teams or Players members of LLDL is NOT allowed before, during or after games. Heckling and harassing by definition is any Act or Conduct, Physical or**

**Verbal, which is or may be distracting to the Opposing Team. This will also include the throwing of unnecessary darts or darts thrown in anger.**

- 4.5 If the Captain doubts the validity of any opposing Player's Membership, she may request that Player's Membership Card. If the card is not produced or satisfactory identification of the Player cannot be made, the game shall be played under protest and a full report made to the Executive Board within seven (7) days, in writing, addressed to the Recording Secretary. Any Player, who is found to be a non-Member, will result in disciplinary action against the Team or Team Captain.
- 4.6 **All or any protests shall be in writing addressed to the Recording Secretary and must be made within seven (7) days of the occurrence. See the Secretary Duties 2.10.4.**
- 4.7 If a Team drops out of the League, all points and games won or lost, associated with that Team, will be eliminated from all Teams in that Division for the season. Players from the Team that dropped out cannot play together as a Team the following year.
- 4.8 Any Team that fails to show for three (3) consecutive League Play nights without the express permission of the Executive Board, or has given notice to the League Recording Secretary of withdrawal from the League, shall be disqualified from further League participation by the Board and be given proper notice of such.
- 4.9 Members of the League who drop out during the season shall be eligible to play the following year provided their fees are paid in full and they are not in conflict with Section 4.7.
- 4.10 The cancellation or postponement of any League or Competitive Play Event shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board, providing, reasonable effort has been made to notify all Teams and/or Members involved by the Executive Board. **Under NO circumstances is League Play to be cancelled and/or re-scheduled by Team Members or their Captains, unless express permission of the Executive Board has been given. Failure to notify executive will result in both teams losing all points for night in question.**
- 4.11 An inspection of all existing and new venues must be done prior to the start of the season by the League Officers to ensure conditions will be playable for the entire season and meet League standards. League standards will consist of the following:
1. All venues must have at least two (2) dartboards in excess of teams Registered. For example, if two (2) teams are registered to play out of that venue then there must be at least four (4) playable dartboards in the venue.
  2. All dartboards must be in good condition. Standards required are: no wires raised from the face of the board, no bumps on the board.
  3. All dartboards will be measured according to measurements as set out in Rule 5.1.
  4. Full responsibility will be left to all Teams to make sure that their choice of venue will be playable for the entire season.

If any venue is unable to meet the League's standard, then no team shall play there and will have to find an accommodating venue to play out of for the remainder of the season, upon the approval of the executive. Any dartboards not found in good condition will have to be replaced at the expense of the venue. Any dartboards that do not meet the measurements as set out in Rule 5.1 will have to be adjusted accordingly by the venue to meet the requirements.

- 4.12 All home teams must select, from their respective venue, their choice of dartboard(s) to which they will use the same ones for the entire season. However, in the event a dartboard is in poor condition, the opposing Captain may choose to play from another dartboard. If another dartboard is not available, the matter needs to be reported immediately to an official from the venue and to the League Officers. This information needs to be given to the Secretary to have on file.
- 4.13 Every venue that hosts more than one (1) Registered Team from the League must record what dartboards will be used from each Team and provide a list to the Executive Board. For Premier and First Division Teams it should also be recorded what two (2) boards that Team will be using.
- 4.14 Each Team shall be issued a Schedule before the season opens. The Schedule shall include all Weekly games, Tournaments, Playoffs, Annual Meeting, Banquet, Playing Locations, Names, and Phone Numbers of the Executive.
- 4.15 Registration for Tournaments close at **6:45pm**, with play commencing immediately after the draw of all Players. **Registration Fee is \$5.00 per person.**
- 4.16 For the Holiday Shoot Tournament/ Food Drive (which is held in the month of December) any League Member is allowed to bring a friend with them who is not a Registered Member of the League as long as they are **female**. You may play with your friend that you bring, and all other Registered Players will be placed in the Blind Draw. **Fee is \$5.00 per player. In lieu of prizes 1<sup>st</sup> place will have the following years dues paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> will have 50% of dues paid and joint 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> will have 25% of dues paid.**
- 4.17 The last Tuesday of August we will host a Women's Cancer Tournament, to remember the members that we have lost. Format will be a Blind Draw four (4) person Teams, (registered numbers permitting). The winning team will have their names engraved on a Memorial Plaque. **Registration Fee will be \$5.00** per person, and you must be a Registered Member of the London Ladies Dart League. In lieu of trophies, the **money from draws and personal donations will be donated to the Cancer Society.**
- 4.18 A, B, C, Playoffs will be a true Round Robin. Format to be one (1) game of seven hundred one (701) or one (1) game of five hundred one (501) for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> division. Sections not to exceed ten (10) teams. Play commencing at 7:00pm with the Team having the most wins being the winner. If a tie occurs, there will be a one (1) game Playoff of seven hundred one (701) to determine the winner. Note: Once a Team is registered to play in the Playoffs, they cannot leave until the final game is completed or the Convener of the event dismisses them.

**Registration Fee is \$5.00 per person. Any Teams leaving the event without the Conveners Consent will be required to donate \$25.00 to go towards the end of year banquet.**

- 4.19 The Executive can change any of the scheduled Playing Locations of any of the Events, League Play, Tournaments, Singles, Doubles or Playoffs established at the start of the season, as outlined in the Schedule issued, should a problem arise with the Scheduled venue. Should a Member of the League be disqualified, suspended or banned from any of these Playing Locations, they are not allowed to participate or attend any of these events.
- 4.19.1 **Should a Member of the League be disqualified, suspended or banned from any of these playing Locations, they are not allowed to participate or attend any scheduled events.**
- 4.20 All proceeds raised from the Youth Darts Fund raiser will be split at the yearly AGM, by submitting a letter of request to the recorded secretary, Tuesday prior to the tournament. The proceeds from the tournament include draws, personal and team donations, (not registration).
- 4.21 One (1) Bonus Point will be awarded to Teams when three (3) or more of their Team Members present at President's trophy, Singles, Doubles and Youth Dart Fundraiser.
- 4.22 No games shall be scheduled when the Tuesday or playing day coincides with November 11<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Day)

## **5.0 Game Rules of Play**

All Games/Matches shall be played on a standard dart board made of bristle numbering from one (1) through twenty (20) with a centered twenty - five (25) and fifty (50) circle and have a Double and Triple Ring area.

- 5.1 The board shall be affixed to an even surface, perpendicular from the floor, measuring five (5) feet, eight (8) inches to the center of the Bulls-Eye. The throwing distance shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet, nine (9) and one-quarter (1/4) inches in a plumb line from the face of the board. A second way to determine the throwing distance is to measure nine (9) feet, seven (7) and three-eighth (3/8) inches from the center of the Bulls - Eye to the Oche/Toe Line on an angle.
- 5.2 The Oche/Toe Line shall be distinct (a chalk line is not sufficient). There is no limit to its length, but it shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) inches in length. A Player may move as far along the line as she can, providing she does not interfere with a Player on another board. No part of the throwers' feet shall extend beyond the edge of the Oche/Toe Line nearest the board until the Dart is released.
- 5.3 The center Bulls - Eye is considered a double twenty-five (25).

- 5.4 The game is considered completed immediately after the necessary takeout double has been successfully shot.
- 5.5 Intervals between games/matches generally shall not exceed five (5) minutes without the mutual consent of both Team Captains.
- 5.5.1 **Upon mutual consent from the Team Captains, one (1) ten-minute break will be allowed during Regular League night of play. During Tournament nights, please be aware and use common courtesy to schedule personal smoke breaks. (ie: during a bye, or waiting for teams to finish.)**
- 5.6 Once a Player has attempted to throw a dart it will count as thrown, whether it reaches the Dartboard or fails to stay stuck in the board. This does not include a Player who accidentally drops her Dart(s) as she addresses the board.
- 5.7 Where the point of a Dart slides under a dividing wire or staple, the point of entry will be the scored area, not where the point comes to rest. The point of the Dart or part of the point must be touching the board before it can be counted.
- 5.8 Players may use their own Darts. Each Dart shall not exceed fifty (50) grams in weight or nine (9) inches in length.
- 5.9 The method of scoring shall be by subtraction. Each Player's score shall be prominently shown on a scoreboard and deducted to show the score remaining.
- 5.10 When the remaining score is one hundred seventy (170) or less, the Scorekeeper will commence to draw a line through the last score recorded and the previous score remaining.
- 5.11 Anyone may mark the score, providing both Captains agree. The Marker's duties are to record the score and deduct it from the total. The Marker shall call out the score shot only if requested to do so by the Shooter. The Marker is NOT obliged to reveal the remaining score until three (3) darts have been thrown, except when a player busts her score on her first or second dart. Markers are a courtesy ONLY and the Player is ultimately responsible for her own score.
- 5.12 Touching or removing the Darts from the board by the Marker is forbidden.
- 5.13 The Marker MUST remain still, quiet and face away from the Shooter so as not to interfere with her play. No other person is allowed in the Marker's area while a Player is at the Oche/Toe Line.
- 5.14 In the event an error on the Score board is not challenged before the next Two (2) complete throws or the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Dart has been thrown; the score as shown shall stand.

- 5.15 If an error is challenged, it is the challenging Team Captain's, or her Delegates, responsibility to halt the game and resolve the score before the next two (2) complete throws or the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Dart has been thrown.
- 5.16 When a player has completed her throw and her score is not easily distinguishable, she shall allow enough time before removing her Darts from the board for the opposing Captain or her Delegate to query the count.
- 5.17 When a Player has a takeout left and finishes the game on a Double, then that shall count as a takeout not a high score.
- 5.18 **5<sup>th</sup> Division Only: Rules on Double One:** When playing the game and both teams reach Double one, the last person to put both teams to double one, the teams continue playing in order for three (3) complete rounds. If double one is not hit in those three rounds, then each player is allowed to use all (3) darts until double one is hit.  
Example: 1st dart hits triple twenty, continue throwing until you have thrown (3) complete darts for your throw (turn).
- 5.18a **The mode of play for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Divisions are as follows:** 6 team games of 701 Si/Do. Scoring is 1 point per game reported as a win and to be awarded to the person who took out the game. Any Forfeits will be awarded to the team ONLY.

**After 3 games a 10-minute break will be in effect.**

- 5.18b **The mode of play for 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisions are as follows:** All games are one (1) game only.  
Two (2) games of 401 SI/Do Singles  
Two (2) games of 501 SI/Do Doubles **when 1 player plays a doubles match: a score of zero will be in effect**  
One (1) game of 701 SI/DO Teams. **When 3 players play a teams match, a score of zero will be in effect for the missing 4<sup>th</sup> player.**

**A 10-minute break will be in effect here.**

- Two (2) games of 401 SI/DO Singles  
Two (4) games of 501 SI/Do Doubles, **when 1 player plays a doubles match: a score of zero will be in effect for the missing player**  
**One (1) game of 701 SI/DO Teams. When 3 players play a teams match, a score of zero will be in effect for the missing 4<sup>th</sup> player.**

**Scoring is 1 point per game won.**

- 5.18c **The mode of play for 2<sup>nd</sup> Division are as follows:**  
Four (4) games of 401 SI/DO Singles

**Four (4) games of 301 DI/DO Singles**

**A ten-minute break will be in effect here.**

Six (6) games of 501 SI/DO Doubles **when 1 player plays a doubles match: a score of zero will be in effect.**

**Four (4) games of 301 Singles (DI/DO)**

**Scoring is 1 point per game won.**

**5.18d The mode of play for First Divisions are as follows: All singles are best two (2) out of three (3). All doubles are 1 game only.**

Four (4) games of 301 DI/DO Singles - **Best two (2) out of three (3)**

Four (4) games of 501 SI/DO Doubles **when 1 player plays a doubles match: a score of zero will be in effect**

**A 10-minute break will be in effect here.**

Four (4) games of 401 SI/DO Singles – **Best two (2) out of three (3)**

Four (4) games of 501 SI/DO Doubles **when 1 player plays a doubles match: a score of zero will be in effect**

**Singles are to be played two at one time, on two boards.**

**Doubles are to be played two at one time, on two boards.**

**Team games will be played on one board.**

**Scoring is 1 point per game won.**

**5.18e The mode of play for Premier is as follows: All Singles and Doubles are best two (2) out of three (3).**

Four (4) games of 401 SI/DO Singles best two (2) out of three (3).

Four (4) games of 501 SI/DO Doubles best two (2) out of three (3), **when one (1) player plays a doubles match: a score of zero will be in effect.**

Four (4) games of 301 DI/DO Singles best two (2) out of three (3).

**A 10-minute break will be in effect here.**

Two (2) games of 501 SI/DO Doubles best two (2) out of three (3), **when one (1) player plays a doubles match: a score of zero will be in effect.**

Four (4) games of 401 SI/DO Singles best two (2) out of three (3).

**Scoring is 1 point per game won.**

- 5.19 **Applies to all Divisions:** for those players with disabilities that require the use of a wheelchair, walker or canes the following rules will apply.
- (a) A wheelchair will be allowed to bring the large (rear) wheels to oche line, providing the torso (upper body) is behind the line.
  - (b) Walkers/canes can be in front of oche line but the feet must be behind the oche line. These devices may be used for balance.
- 5.20 In League Play, the order as to who shoots first will be decided by the toss of a coin. All games will start with the first Player in the lineup. It is the Captain's or Delegates responsibility to ensure her lineup order is marked on the scoreboard before play commences. No changes can be made to the lineup after the game has started. **Sheet submitted to opposing team prior to start of play, states players names only, not order of play. i.e: Mary/Sally can be changed in to Sally/Mary**
- 5.21 Any play-offs that may be necessary to decide final League standings shall be played within seven (7) days after completion of the regular season. Format of play for all divisions will be teams best three (3) out of five (5).
- 5.22 A Team with only **no less than** three (3) Players may compete and play at all regular season playing nights, as well as Team Tournaments events and will score as follows: A score of zero (0) is to be entered on the score board each time the 4<sup>th</sup> Player's turn occurs. If the 4<sup>th</sup> Player arrives after the game has been started, she may participate providing her first shot has not passed. If her turn has passed, she must wait until the next game.
- 5.23 In Tournament Singles play, the format will be played Round Robin. The format of games played will be left at the discretion of the Executive Board. The Singles Tournament will be split into the following divisions: Premier and First (1<sup>st</sup>) Divisions will compete in our 'A' Singles event; Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Divisions will compete in our 'B' Singles event; and Forth (4<sup>th</sup>) and Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Divisions will compete in our 'C' Singles event, with first place and second place winners from each event being recognized at the Annual Banquet.
- 5.24 In Tournament Doubles play, the format will be played Round Robin. The format of games played will be left at the discretion of the Executive Board. The Doubles Tournament will be split into the following divisions: Premier and First (1<sup>st</sup>) Divisions will compete in our 'A' Doubles event; Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Divisions will compete in our 'B' Doubles event; and Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Divisions will compete in our 'C' Doubles event with first place and second place winners from each event being recognized at the Annual Banquet. You may register to play with any Member Registered in the League; however, you will compete in the event with the higher division ranked Player. Example: if one Member Registered in

Premier Division is playing with a Member Registered in Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Division, you compete in the 'A' Event.

- 5.25 **All tournaments will be played as round robin format going into knock out. Knock out will be best 2 of 3 (501)**
- 5.26 All Finals for Tournament play will be played with the **exception of ABC will be played best three (3) out of five (5).**
- 5.27 Perfect Score of one hundred eighty (180) and a Perfect Takeout of one hundred and seventy (170) will be recognized in Tournament, Singles, Doubles, Playoffs, and League Divisional play.
- 5.28 During League play, Tournaments, Singles, Doubles play, a High Score and High Takeout will be recognized in you respective League Divisions.

## **6.0 Banquet**

Every year at the conclusion of the dart season, the Executive Board must provide for all Members and guests (at an accommodating venue to host) a meal, trophies, awards, and music.

- 6.1 The Registration Fee includes one (1) ticket for the Annual Banquet for each Registered Member. A \$20.00 deposit fee will apply and will be refunded at the year-end banquet. No attendance at banquet NO refund. **DEADLINE** to pay for you and your spouse is **the Youth Darts Fundraiser**. One additional ticket for spouses or escorts will be made available at a cost of plate price and NOT refunded. Additional tickets for other escorts are available at the cost of the current plate price. Tickets will be available for purchase from the League Treasurer **ONLY**. You may purchase tickets on Tournament/Trophy play night and pick them up at the Annual General Meeting. Teams will receive their Banquet Tickets at the end of the Annual General Meeting **ONLY**. Administration Fee(s) received for a player who has left the League does not warrant additional banquet tickets for those respective teams.
- 6.2 All Team and/or Venue Sponsors will receive no more than one (1) free ticket to the Banquet, regardless of how many teams are sponsored by one venue. If an additional ticket is required, so they can bring a guest, then a \$20.00 fee will be charged. **New this year: Self-sponsored teams are entitled to one (1) free banquet ticket, regardless how many self sponsors on the team.**
- 6.3 Treasurer will be accepting spouse, escorts, sponsor money and /or names, for Banquet at every tournament night.

## **Trophies and Awards to be presented at the Banquet are:**

### **Tournament Awards:**

**Women's Cancer Tournament Night** - First (1<sup>st</sup>) Place Team.

**President's Trophy** - First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Place Teams.

**Singles Tournament** - First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Place winners from the  
'A' and 'B' and 'C' Events.

**Holiday Shoot** - No trophies awarded; percentage of following years dues will be paid.

**Doubles Tournament** - First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Place winners from the  
'A' and 'B' and 'C' Events.

**Youth Darts Fund raiser** - A trophy is awarded to the First (1<sup>st</sup>) Place Team Winner only.

### **Play off Awards:**

The winning Team from each Division (**first place only**) 'A', 'B', 'C' will receive a Trophy.

### **League Awards:**

**All Divisions** - First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Place Teams will receive Trophies. A Trophy will be given to the Player(s) with the High Score, High Takeout, and in their respective Division, also any one hundred eighty (180) scores or one hundred seventy (170) takeouts will be recognized.

**For Divisions Premier ,1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, an additional Trophy will be awarded to the Player with the High In Score for their respective Division.

**For Divisions Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>)** an additional Trophy will be awarded to the Player with the most number of takeouts in their respective Division.

An Honorable mention will be made to acknowledge all Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Place finishing Teams in Tournament, and League Divisional play.

The Executive would appreciate a courtesy call to the acting Secretary in regards to the passing of any immediate family member (a card or donation will be sent in their honor).

## Vicky Parry Memorial Award

In loving memory of Vicky Parry, the '**Vicky Parry Memorial Award**' was adopted by the London Ladies Dart League and passed a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting held April 2002. Each Team may submit, with a brief explanation, a nominee who they feel is deserving of this award to the Executive Board, no later than the last Tournament date (as stated on the current year's schedule). The recipient of this award is solely at the discretion of the current Executive Board, with such recipient to be decided upon and presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony. Criteria for this Award are as follows:

This award is presented each year to a league member **or team** who has shown outstanding sportsmanship over the years of playing darts in the league. Vicki was a very positive and passionate representative to darts, and she always had a positive word for anyone that was struggling.

Sportsmanship is defined as, being able to accept losing a game and being humble winner. Be willing to assist others with their struggles and frustrations with the game of darts. Welcome new players into the league. Have a positive attitude toward the game... Be ready to assist the executive when asked for assistance. Accept a nomination for the executive when elections are happening. Have fun with the game and pass it on, by being a good ambassador for darts.

**Please note a nominated person must be active in our league to receive award.**

### **Past Recipients:**

2002 - Louise Campbell  
2003 - Donna Simpson  
2004 - Carol Kuchta  
2005 - Barbara Mac Isaac  
2006 - Shirley Smith  
2007 - Shelley Amos  
2008 - Donna Nauta  
2009 - Lisa Stanton  
2010 - Tammy Lonsbary  
2011 - Margret Thomas  
2012 - Noreen Welsh  
2013 - Cathy DesChamp  
2014 - Catherine Hannon  
2015 - Norma Woodcock  
2016 - Helen Banasiak  
2017 - Dorothy Daubs  
2018 - Freda Owen  
2019 - The team of 29 Plus 4's

