



# Emerald City Darting Organization

## Bylaws

(Revised Dec. 2011)

---

### SECTION 1. General/Membership

#### A. Name

The Name of the Organization shall be the “**Emerald City Darting Organization**” (ECDO).

#### B. Definitions

1. “**Board**” means the offices described in **Section 2A**.
2. “**Meeting**” means Board Meetings, General Meetings, and Special General Meetings.
3. “**Venue**” means a location/establishment where the game of darts is played.
4. “**Participating Venue**” or “**Sponsor**” means a Venue which currently sponsors an ECDO team.
5. “**Member**” means Lifetime Members, Player Members, and General Members.
6. “**Captain’s Packet**” means a packet of information compiled by the Board, including a list of captains’ duties, delivered to each team captain for a given season prior to the first day of play.

#### C. Objectives

1. The objectives of the ECDO shall be to promote competitive darts, coordinate the functions and activities of darts and sanction league play according to the Bylaws and Rules in effect, as well as establish friendly relationships with similar organizations.
2. The ECDO shall be a nonprofit, nonpolitical and nonsectarian organization.

#### D. Rules of the Game

1. Wherever practical the formats and rules of play as provided by the A.D.O. shall be adhered to, unless otherwise specified by the Board.
2. The Board shall publish seasonal rules, which shall be included in the Captain’s Packet. If no new seasonal rules are passed for a new season, the seasonal rules in effect at the end of the prior season shall be the new seasonal rules.

#### E. Fees

1. Membership fees shall be applicable to the period established at a General Meeting. An applicant

(for a non-Lifetime Membership) shall be considered a Member when, consistent with policies set by the Board, the applicant's application card and appropriate fees have been received by the Board Member designated for their receipt. If no Board Member is designated, applications and fees may be delivered to the Treasurer or Membership Secretary.

2. Lifetime Members shall be charged no fee to continue their membership.
3. Sponsor's fees shall be required for each season. Sponsor's fees are due by the first night of each season's play. Team captains shall be responsible for their own sponsorship and ensuring their venue pays its sponsor fees.
4. Member and Sponsor fees may be changed at a Meeting by a majority of the Board.
5. Social, tournament and raffle fees as well as prizes shall be established by a majority of the Board.

## **F. Membership**

1. Membership is open to anyone who expresses interest as a sport.
2. Membership fees begin as follows: General Membership \$15.00. Player Membership \$10.00.
3. General Members may participate in all ECDO and A.D.O. events as Members of ECDO, yet cannot be rostered on an ECDO team. General Memberships are valid from January 1, through December 31st. General Members may only participate in league play by paying an additional Player Membership fee, not simply the difference between the two fees.
4. Player Members may participate in all ECDO and A.D.O. events as Members of ECDO until the December 31st following their last season of league play. Player Members must pay an additional membership fee for each season, otherwise they become General Members until their membership expires.
5. Past and future Presidents of ECDO shall have Lifetime Memberships.
6. Sher Byrd (founder of ECDO) Garfield shall have Lifetime Membership.
7. All memberships, other than Lifetime Memberships, must be approved by the Board, within 60 days or at the next board meeting, whichever is sooner.
8. A Member may be fined or have their membership privileges revoked, temporarily or permanently, depending on severity, if a majority of the Board feels a Member creates strong disharmony, acts in an unsportsman-like fashion, or takes such action as may be determined as detrimental to the League. Such a Member shall be notified in writing within 72 hours of the Board's decision. The Member in question may appeal this decision by requesting a protest meeting, in writing to the League Secretary within fourteen (14) days after received notice of the board's decision.
9. Unsportsman-like conduct is conduct which unreasonably lessens the enjoyment of playing or which would unreasonably discourage others from participating in league play. The Board shall compile a *non-exclusive* list of acts, and types of acts, which shall be rebuttably presumed to be unsportsman-like. This list should be included with the Captain's Packet.

---

## **SECTION 2. The Board/Meetings/Elections**

### **A. The Board**

1. The annually elected Board shall be comprised of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. (These first four positions shall be signers on the bank account). Competition Secretary, Membership Secretary, Publicity Manager/ADO Liaison, A-League Representative, B-League Representative, and Tavern Representative.
2. The Board shall compile a list of duties for Board Members. These duties may be reassigned by mutual agreement of the Board Members involved for the course of one election cycle.
3. Board Members are to provide the President with copies of all correspondence relevant to League activities.
4. Board Members each have a duty to pass on relevant information, documents, and records to their successors in position.

### **B. Board Meetings**

1. The Board shall meet at such times and in such a manner as the Board Members see fit.
2. Quorum shall consist of **50%** of the currently filled Board positions.

### **C. Qualifications**

1. All positions are open to any Member of ECDO, with the exception of President, which requires that the candidate has served in another Board position for at least one year.
2. A Board Member who resigns a position shall be deemed ineligible to run for any Board position in the next regular election.

### **D. Vacancies on the Board**

In the event a Board position becomes vacant, the President may appoint individuals to fill said vacancy for a sixty-day period while candidates are solicited from the membership. If no candidates are found in the prescribed period, the appointee shall fulfill the remainder of the term. Should an opening occur, the position shall be solicited on the weekly stats. Should a vacancy occur between seasons, Captains from the preceding season shall be notified by the Secretary and asked for nominations. Should no qualified candidates be nominated or volunteer two weeks from the announcement of vacancy, the President's appointment shall stand. Should one or more candidates come forward, a special election shall be held as soon as feasible and within 60 days, with the President's appointee serving in the interim.

### **E. Code of Conduct**

It is understood that a Board position is a great responsibility and that the Board Member becomes in effect an ambassador for the game of darts. It is expected that Board Members shall conduct themselves with the utmost professionalism in their dealings with Venue owners and players. Failure to do so, or repeated failure to fulfill duties, may result in a removal from the Board by a **2/3** majority of the other Board Members.

## **F. General Meetings**

1. There shall be at least one General Meeting per year.
2. General Meetings shall be announced by posting in participating Venues at least seven days prior to meeting.

## **G. Special General Meetings**

A Special General Meeting may be called by any Member, for a specific purpose only and that specific purpose must be written and submitted to the Secretary, and witnessed by the signatures of at least one hundred Members in good standing or **10%** of the current membership, whichever is less.

No other business will be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

The Board must announce the time and place for a Special General Meeting no later than twenty (20) days from the date of receipt of petition by the Secretary.

The Special General Meeting date shall be set as soon as practical, but in no event later than 30 days following the Board's announcement.

## **H. Protest Committee**

Five (5) captains from different league (A-league captains, if the member filing the protest is a rostered B-league player; B-league captains if the protesting member is a rostered A-league player). If there are not enough captains on the other league such that one of the five captain is also a board member, someone else from that team must be chosen. Furthermore, the protest committee meeting is to be a closed meeting.

## **I. Miscellaneous**

Unless otherwise specified, all Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President.

## **J. Elections**

1. General elections shall be held in November with the new Board taking office January 1.
2. All elections shall be by secret ballot. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to construct such a ballot. It will be the responsibility of the President to form an elections committee to facilitate the election.
3. The Secretary shall call for nominations for all annually elected Board positions no sooner than 30 days and no later than 7 days prior to the date that nominations close. Those Members wishing to place themselves or fellows in contention for an office shall notify the Secretary in writing no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of elections.
4. A single ballot shall be sent to all Members. For a ballot to be counted, Members must return their ballots to their captain or to designated members of the board by the stated due date. Captains are charged with the duty of submitting all ballots that they receive by the stated due date.
5. Election results shall be computed in the following way:
  - a) Any candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected to that office.

- b) Should there be a tie between two or more candidates, a runoff election shall be conducted between those candidates.
- c) No Member may vote more than once per candidate per office.
- d) No candidate may run for more than one Board position.

---

### **SECTION 3. Communications**

- 1. It is the responsibility of each Member to provide the Secretary at all times with a current, valid email address, for the receipt of official ECDO communications. Shared and “care of” email addresses are permitted, but do not relieve the Member of the responsibility for announcements and other communications sent to such address.
- 2. Unless otherwise specified, all official notices to the Board shall be sent to the President, at the address specified on the ECDO website at [www.SeattleDarts.com](http://www.SeattleDarts.com) (or such other domain name as may be announced from time to time).

---

### **SECTION 4. Amendments/Liabilities**

#### **A. Amending the Bylaws**

- 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a **2/3** majority of the Members in attendance at a General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting.
- 2. Rules and regulations to supplement these Bylaws may from time to time be created and revised by the Board for the purpose of clarity and uniformity.
- 3. The order of business and/or procedures for any meeting or any subject not covered by these Bylaws or by rules and regulations promulgated as described above shall be subject to Robert’s Rules of Order revised.

#### **B. Contracts and Agreements**

- 1. The annually elected Board shall have authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of ECDO. In all such activities the signature of two of the ranking Board Members (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary) shall be required to make such agreements binding.
- 2. At no time is an ECDO Board Member to make such representation as to infer or imply that they speak for the League as a whole, or can enter into any such agreements on behalf of the League other than in the manner stipulated above.

#### **C. Expenses**

- 1. Any Member is to be reimbursed for all legitimate expenses incurred in the name of the ECDO. The Board must approve and authorize major expenditures **PRIOR** to the purchase of goods and services.
- 2. All expenses are subject to approval of a majority of the Board Members in attendance at a Board meeting. Interim approval of expenses outside the scope of budgetary guidelines may be granted

by no less than three Board Members.

---

## **SECTION 5. Duties of the Board**

### **President**

1. Shall preside at all meetings.
2. May vote only to break a tie.
3. Signature may be one of 4 valid signatures on checking and savings accounts.

### **Vice-President**

1. Shall assist the President in maintaining the efficiency of the operation.
2. In the absence of the President, shall assume the duties normally performed by the President.
3. Signature may be one of 4 valid signatures on both checking and savings accounts.

### **Secretary**

1. Shall record minutes of all meetings, distribute meeting notices and file copies of such.
2. Create score sheets A and sign-up sheets for each season.
3. Signature may be one of 4 valid signatures on checking and savings accounts.

### **Treasurer**

1. Shall have custody of all ECDO funds and shall promptly deposit all moneys received.
2. Collect all fees and fines.
3. Shall be required to submit a treasurer's report quarterly.
4. Shall submit the books for an annual audit and file necessary tax forms for ECDO.
5. Signature may be one of 4 valid signatures on checking and savings accounts.

### **Competition Secretary**

1. Shall organize and direct all activities for league play as well as organize and direct special tournaments and special events. This will include reporting and helping the Secretary if necessary.
2. Shall preside over all meetings of Protest Committees.

### **Membership Secretary**

1. Shall work with the membership regarding any ideas, complaints and/or problems.
2. Shall work with the Treasurer on collection of past due fees.

### **ADO Rep and Publicity Manager**

1. Shall organize and direct any ADO sanctioned tournament or special event.
2. Shall distribute ADO material to all league taverns, report tournament result to ADO including 180s in league or tournaments.
3. Shall publish ECDO news as needed.

### **Tavern Representative**

1. Shall be available to reflect the views and interests of sponsors in the league at Board meetings.
2. Shall monitor disputes at participating venues.

### **A-League Representative**

1. Shall report the views and serve the interests of the A-league players at Board meetings.
2. Shall communicate Board actions that effect A-league players to these players in a timely manner.

### **B-League Representative**

1. Shall report the views and serve the interests of the B-league players at Board meetings.
2. Shall communicate Board actions that effect B-league players to these players in a timely manner.