



DARTERS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY LEAGUE BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I: **DEFINITIONS**

SECT. 1: Whenever the initials D.O.N.KY are used in these By-laws, they shall mean the Darters of Northern Kentucky.

SECT. 2: Whenever the word Board is used in these By-laws, it shall mean the elected Officers as described in Article VI, section 1.

SECT. 3: Whenever the term Member is used in these By-laws, it shall mean a person or group which has obtained membership in DONKY.

ARTICLE II: **NAME, LOGO STRUCTURE, SPONSORSHIP AND BOUNDARY**

SECT. 1: The name of this organization shall be the Darters of Northern Kentucky, (herein referred to as D.O.N.KY). The name and logo of D.O.N.KY cannot be altered or changed without the consent of a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE** during a general membership meeting.

SECT. 2: The structure of the organization shall not be altered or changed without the consent of a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE** during a full general membership meeting.

SECT. 3: Sponsorship in D.O.N.KY can be obtained by any establishment that has an Occupational license **AND** a Retail Beer License and/or a Liquor By The Drink License.

SECT. 4: The sponsorship boundary for D.O.N.KY is any establishment that meets the specifications in section 3 above, that is located within Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties located in **THE STATE OF KENTUCKY**. This boundary cannot be altered without the consent of a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE** during a general membership meeting.

ARTICLE III: **OBJECTIVES**

SECT. 1: The objectives of D.O.N.KY are as follows:

- a) To promote competitive darts and good sportsmanship for social and recreational purposes.

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- b) To help coordinate and support the activities, tournaments and functions of affiliated Associations, Leagues, Dart Clubs, and other similar groups.
- c) To sanction league play according to the rules in effect.
- d) To improve and establish conditions of play in local establishments throughout the Northern Kentucky area.

SECT. 2: D.O.N.KY shall be a non-profit, non-political and non-Sectarian organization.

ARTICLE IV: **SPONSOR AND MEMBERSHIP FEES**

SECT 1: Establishment fees and team fees shall be established and may be revised by a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD**.

SECT. 2: Individual membership fees shall be established and may be revised by a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD**.

ARTICLE V: **MEMBERSHIP AGE, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

SECT. 1: No one under the age of twenty-one (21) is permitted to participate in the league.

SECT. 2: A non-voting Honorary Membership may be issued at the discretion of a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD**.

SECT. 3: A membership may be terminated or restricted by a 2/3 majority vote of the **FULL BOARD** if such a member creates disharmony or behaves in a manner prejudicial to order and discipline. The person and/or team captain will be notified in writing of any **BOARD** action taken. When such action is taken, the member in question has two (2) weeks to petition the **BOARD** in writing for a **FULL BOARD** hearing to review the matter. If no petition is made within a two (2) week period, the **BOARD** decision will stand.

ARTICLE VI: **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECT 1: The D.O.N.KY Board of Directors shall be comprised of seven (7) elected officers: the **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE, PLAYING CONDITIONS REPRESENTATIVE AND BAR REPRESENTATIVE**, and two Board-appointed officials, ADO REPRESENTATIVE and TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

SECT 2: Any member of D.O.N.KY who wishes to run for the Office of President or Vice President must have served on the D.O.N.KY Board for a minimum period of **twelve months**.

SECT 3: Any member of D.O.N.KY who wishes to run for the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Player Representative, Playing Conditions Representative or Bar Representative may do so without any prior Board experience.

SECT 4: The Board shall be elected for a period of one (1) year and shall take office no later than two (2) weeks after the election of Officers at the **Winter Season** banquet.

SECT 5: Board vacancies **must** be filled by the President, provided a 2/3 majority of the Board approves the appointment, within 30 days of the creation of the board vacancy.

SECT 6: A **BOARD MEMBER** automatically resigns when, **without cause**, he/she fails to appear at two (2) Board meetings within his/her term of office and he/she is not eligible to run for office in the next general election. Attendance at any board meeting can be excused by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board **if** notice is given to the President or Secretary of the members inability to attend a scheduled meeting.

SECT 7: **NO** joint offices may be held.

ARTICLE VII: **BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM**

SECT. 1: The **BOARD** must meet at least once each month. The meeting date, time and location will be determined by the **PRESIDENT**. Attendance shall be excused if notice of the meeting is not given to and received by **BOARD MEMBERS** at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

SECT. 2: A **simple majority** of Board Members present will constitute a quorum, **provided** every board member was notified of the scheduled meeting. The meeting may be called to order if a quorum is present.

SECT. 3: Each **BOARD MEMBER** is required to maintain complete and accurate records pertaining to his/her position. These records should be kept for the past four (4) seasons.

ARTICLE VIII: **DUTIES OF BOARD OFFICERS**

SECT. 1: The **PRESIDENT** shall be the Chief Executive of the organization and as such will preside over all meetings of the **BOARD** and over all **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**, unless excused by virtue of the “**NO VOTE PROVISIO**”. He/she may vote **ONLY** to break a tie. The **PRESIDENT** shall decide all questions on order, appoint all committees (unless otherwise specified), and he/she shall be an **EX-OFFICO** member of all committees. The **PRESIDENTS** signature is on of four valid signatures necessary for the negotiation of checks drawn on the D.O.N.KY checking accounts.

SECT. 2: The **VICE PRESIDENT** working with the **PRESIDENT**, shall perform, direct or coordinate all general public relations for **D.O.N.KY**. The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall assume all of the duties of the **PRESIDENT** in the event of the **PRESIDENTS** resignation or unavailability. The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall assist other officers as needed. The **VICE PRESIDENTS** signature is on of four valid signatures necessary for the negotiation of checks drawn on the D.O.N.KY checking accounts.

SECT 3: The **SECRETARY** shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the **BOARD** or **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** of the league and shall distribute all meeting notices to the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**. In addition the **SECRETARY** shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping a current list of members of **D.O.N.KY**. The **SECRETARY** shall also have charge of such books, papers and documents as the **BOARD** may direct and after terminating said office, shall turn over said materials to his/her successor. In general the **SECRETARY** shall perform all duties incident to the office, subject at all times to the direction and control of the **BOARD**. The **SECRETARY** shall be responsible for reporting and compiling weekly results and posting and maintaining the website. Upon the authority of the **PRESIDENT** or **VICE PRESIDENT** the **SECRETARY** shall publish announcements of special interest or tournaments being held by **SPONSORING ESTABLISHMENTS**,

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provided such tournaments do not conflict with **D.O.N.KY** matches or events. The **SECRETARY'S** signature is on of four valid signatures necessary for the negotiation of checks drawn on the D.O.N.KY checking accounts, if the **PRESIDENT** or **TREASURER** is not available.

SECT. 4:

The **TREASURER** shall receive all money paid to the league and shall have custody and control over the accounts and books of the league, subject to the **BOARDS** direction. All money received by the **TREASURER** shall be promptly deposited in the league's accounts. The **TREASURER** shall keep complete and accurate records of the monies received and of all expenditures made by the league and shall be prepared to make a current report on the league's bank accounts at each **BOARD MEETING**. The **TREASURER** shall be responsible for the development and coordination of a budget for the league and its projected functions. The budget shall be subject to the approval of the **BOARD**. The **TREASURE** shall perform all other duties incident to the office, subject at all times to the approval and direction of the **BOARD**. The **TREASURERS** signature is one of four valid signatures which are necessary for the negotiation of checks drawn on the leagues bank accounts. At the expiration of his/her term, the **TREASURER** shall turn over all pertinent books and records to his/her successor. At the option of the **BOARD**, the **TREASURERS** position may be bonded at **D.O.N.KY** expense.

SECT. 5:

The **PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE** shall have and exercise general supervision of the affairs of the league and shall manage and control properties and effects. He/she shall assist in the administration of **D.O.N.KY** policy and enforce penalties for infractions committed by members.

SECT. 6:

The **PLAYING CONDITIONS REPRESENTATIVE** shall evaluate the playing conditions, lighting, etc. of sponsoring establishments and report back to the **BOARD**. He/she is responsible for investigating all complaint/protests relative to playing conditions. The **PLAYER CONDITIONS REPRESENTATIVE** shall also maintain and keep all tools, records and material used for league events.

SECT. 7:

The **BAR REPRESENTATIVE** shall have and exercise general supervision of the affairs of the league and shall manage and control properties and effects. He/she shall assist in the administration of **D.O.N.KY** policy and

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enforce penalties for infractions committed by sponsoring establishments. The **BAR REPRESENTATIVE** is the first line contact to any sponsoring establishments.

SECT. 8:

The **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** is responsible for establishing a tournament committee to help him/her run tournaments. The **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** shall be the representative for any **D.O.N.KY** sponsored events. He/she will manage and organize all **D.O.N.KY** sponsored tournaments. The **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** shall report to the **BOARD** any discussions that the committee has.

SECT. 9:

The **ADO REPRESENTATIVE** is responsible for the leagues inter-relation, contact and correspondence with all other similar leagues. The **ADO REPRESENTATIVE** is responsible for sending certificate information to the **ADO GENERAL SECRETARY** at the end of each season.

SECT. 10:

The "**NO-VOTE PROVISIO**" is defined as: **NO BOARD MEMBER** may vote on any issue taking place in which he/she is a team member of the offending or protesting team.

SECT. 11:

All checks issued by **D.O.N.KY**, if applicable, must be signed by the **PRESIDENT** and the **TREASURER**. If for any reason, the **PRESIDENT** or **TREASURER** is not available, the **VICE PRESIDENT** or **SECRETARY** has the authority to sign on the accounts. Checks used by **D.O.N.KY** shall have "**TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED**" pre-printed on them.

ARTICLE IX:

MEETINGS

SECT. 1:

BOARD MEETINGS are open to the entire general membership and shall be comprised of all **BOARD** members and shall be subject to **ARTICLE VII**.

SECT. 2:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS/CAPTAINS MEETINGS will be open to **ALL** members of **D.O.N.KY**. A **MINIMUM** of one (1) general membership meeting per **SEASON** will be held. The **WINTER** Season general membership meeting will be for the purpose of general nominations for the upcoming elections. All teams must have two (2) members present at the general membership meeting. All members present will have one (1) vote. The **CAPTAINS MEETINGS** will be open to all team captains or their

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designate. Captains meetings attendance is mandatory, provided all captains have been notified one (1) week prior to the meeting. Each team will have one (1) vote.

SECT. 3: Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will be called at the discretion of the **BOARD**.

SECT. 4: **BY-LAW MEETING, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND CAPTAINS MEETINGS** must be announced a minimum of one (1) week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X: **RECALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

SECT. 1: **ANY BOARD MEMBER** may be recalled (removed) from office by a 2/3 majority vote of the **BOARD** at any **BOARD MEETING**.

SECT. 2: A petition or recall a **BOARD MEMBER**, by any member of **D.O.N.KY**, must be sent by registered mail to the **BOARD**, **AND:**

- a) A twenty five dollar (\$25.00) deposit must accompany the petition.
- b) A **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be called on to vote on the petition for recall, if the **BOARD**, by a 2/3 majority, decides that the petition to recall is well founded.
- c) The petition for recall must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the general membership present at said meeting.
- d) The vote shall be conducted by **SECRET BALLOT**.
- e) If the recall is approved by the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**, the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) deposit will be refunded. If denied the deposit will revert to the general **D.O.N.KY** account.

SECT. 3: Any **BOARD MEMBER** who is recalled will not be eligible to run for any **BOARD** office for a period of one (1) year from the date of recall.

ARTICLE XI: **ELECTIONS**

SECT. 1: The **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held one (1) week before the Winter Season for the purpose of nominating candidates for Board Position. Elections will be held at the Winter Season Awards Banquet.

SECT. 2: A non partisan committee will be appointed to tabulate election results, which will be announced at the **WINTER SEASON BANQUET**.

ARTICLE XII: **GENERAL**

SECT. 1: These by-laws may be amended by the **BOARD** at a meeting called especially for this purpose. As for all legislation proposed by the **BOARD**, 2/3 vote of all **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** is required. A review of these by-laws shall be reviewed before the start of each season. You must give one (1) week notice prior to the meeting.

SECT. 2: Rules and Regulations to supplement these by-laws shall be devised for the purpose of clarity and uniformity. Any additions, deletions or changes may be made according to the provisions set forth in Section 1 of this article.

SECT. 3: The order of business and/or procedures of any **BOARD MEETING** called, or any subject **NOT** covered by these by-laws or noted in **BOARD** minutes shall be subject to the ruling of the **PRESIDENT** of the **BOARD**.

ARTICLE XIII: **POLICY/RULES**

SECT. 1: Policy/Rule changes and temporary rulings, as approved by the **BOARD** and general information will be in the form of announcements issued by **D.O.N.KY**. These policy/rule changes and temporary rulings will be considered to be in force immediately. A review of these policy/rules shall be reviewed before the start of each season.

SECT. 2: It is the responsibility of the **BOARD** and the **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** to read all announcements issued by **D.O.N.KY**.

SECT. 3: It is the responsibility of **ALL TEAM CAPTAINS** to relay the information contained in the aforementioned announcements to the members of his/her team.