



DARTS SOUTH AFRICA

CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION

- Article 1**
NAME AND JURISDICTION
1. Name
The organisation shall be named DARTS SOUTH AFRICA hereafter referred to as DSA.
- 1.2 Jurisdiction
The geographical area of jurisdiction of Darts South Africa shall be the Republic of South Africa.
- Article 2**
PRINCIPLES
- Unity 2.1 Unity of purpose;
- Non-discrimination 2.2 Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, politics, religion or other grounds by member associations and/or individual members;
- Respect and Recognition 2.3 Mutual respect for and between member Associations and individual members and mutual recognition of disciplinary action taken by any member Association.
- Article 3**
OBJECTIVES
3. The Objectives of the organisation shall be:
- Exclusive Jurisdiction 3.1 To recognize the exclusive jurisdiction of SASCOC and the Sports and Recreation Act 2007, with all its subsequent amendments and the Court of Arbitration for Sports.
- National Authority 3.2 To be the national authority for the Sport of Darts in South Africa comprising of all darts bodies playing and organizing the game throughout the country and to protect their status;
- Administration 3.3 To provide an effective national system of administration and management of darts in South Africa and to encourage a similar practice amongst all member darts associations;
- Playing Rules 3.4 To uphold the international Playing Rules of the Game and to make and maintain, such alterations and additions as may from time to time be considered necessary or desirable;
- Promote the Sport 3.5 To promote and develop the Sport of Darts by means of development programmes and competitions;
- Competitions 3.6 To encourage and provide competitions throughout South Africa that will enhance the image of the Sport of Darts and provide opportunities for all dart players to advance their playing of the game under the best conditions.
- National Competitions 3.7 To organise, regulate and stage National Tournaments and Championships;
- International Recognition 3.8 To be an active member of the World Darts Federation and of African Federations;
- Merit 3.9 To uphold and practice the principles of merit in all elections to office, in all appointments and in the selection of teams and individual players and to ensure that this is practised by all member darts bodies;

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| Funds | 3.10 | To raise, administer and invest funds for and on behalf of the organisation for the purpose of effecting its various objectives; |
| General | 3.11 | To do all things that are necessary and reasonable in pursuance of the aforementioned objectives. |

**Article 4
COLOURS & EMBLEM**

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| National Colours | 4. | The Colours and Emblems shall be: |
| | 4.1 | The official national colours and emblem in the form of a blazer badge and tie shall be that decided upon by the State recognised controlling body for all sport in South Africa. |
| | 4.2 | The official colours and emblem shall be awarded to and worn by all persons selected on merit and ability to represent South Africa as a player or manager at international level provided such award has the full approval of the national colours authority. |
| DSA Colours | 4.3 | The distinctive emblem of Darts South Africa shall be awarded to Officials elected by the Annual General Meeting and delegates elected to represent Darts South Africa at International meetings. |
| | 4.3.1 | The Darts South Africa colours shall be a blazer badge and tie. |
| | 4.3.2 | The background of the badge and the colour of the tie shall be black. |
| | 4.3.3 | The blazer badge shall be worn on a black blazer. |
| | 4.3.4 | These colours are not transferable. |
| | 4.3.5 | The wearer shall always be of exemplary conduct when wearing these colours and shall be charged with bringing Darts South Africa and its colours into disrepute if a report of misconduct is registered against the wearer. The transfer of colours to a third party will also be considered an act of misconduct. All cases of misconduct shall be heard by a Disciplinary Committee appointed by the National Management Council, the National Executive Committee or a General Meeting of Darts South Africa. |
| Reproduction | 4.4 | The reproduction of the distinctive emblem of Darts South Africa on promotional material is not permissible without prior written approval from DSA, for which application must be made in writing to the Finance Director. |

**Article 5
MEMBERSHIP**

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| 5.1 | National Membership |
| | The national membership of Darts South Africa shall comprise: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Cape Darts Federation • Northern Cape Darts Federation • Eastern Cape Darts Federation • Free State Darts Federation • Kwazulu Natal Darts Federation • Mpumalanga Darts Federation • Limpopo Darts Federation • North West Darts Federation • Gauteng Darts Federation |

5.2 Provincial Membership

The Membership of each Province, as named in 5.1, shall comprise:

(i) In the Province of the Western Cape (Cape Town):

- West Coast (Malmesbury)
- Boland/Cape Winelands (Stellenbosch)
- Overberg (Swellendam)
- Eden (George)
- Central Karoo (Beaufort West)
- Cape Town Unicity (Cape Town)

(ii) In the Province of the Northern Cape (Kimberly)

- Namakwa (Springbok)
- Pixley-ka-Seme (De Aar)
- Siyanda (Upington)
- Kgalagadi (Kathu)
- Francis Baard (Kimberly)

(iii) In the Province of the Eastern Cape (Bisho)

- Cacadu (Grahamstown)
- Amathole (East London)
- Buffalo City (East London)
- Chris Hani (Queenstown)
- Ukhahlamba (Aliwal North)
- O R Tambo (Umtata)
- Alfred Nzo (Mount Ayliff)
- Nelson Mandela (Port Elizabeth)

(iv) In the Province of Free State (Bloemfontein)

- Xariep (Trompsberg)
- Motheo (Bloemfontein)
- Lejweleputswa (Welkom)
- Thabo Mofutsanyana (Phuthaditjhaba)
- Fezile Dabi (Kroonstad)

(v) In the Province of Kwazulu Natal (Pietermaritzburg)

- Ugu (Port Shepstone)
- Umgungundlovu (Pietermaritzburg)
- Uthukela (Ladismith)
- Umzinyathi (Dundee)
- Amajuba (Newcastle)
- Zululand (Ulundi)
- Umkhanyakude (Mtubatuba)
- UThungulu (Richards Bay)
- iLemba Kwa (Dukuza)
- Sisonke (Ixopo)
- Ethekeini (Durban)

(vi) In the Province of Mpumalanga (Nelspruit)

- Gert Sibande (Standerton)
- Nkangala (Witbank)
- Ehlanzeni (Nelspruit)

(vii) In the province of Limpopo (Polokwane)

- Mopane (Giyani)
- Vhembe (Thohoyandou)
- Capricorn (Polokwane)
- Waterberg (Bela-bela)
- Sekhukhune (Groblersdal)

(viii) In the Province of North West (Mafekeng)

- Bojanala (Rustenberg)
- Central (Mafikeng)
- Bophirima (Vryberg)
- Southern (Klerksdorp)

(ix) In the Province of Gauteng (Johannesburg)

- Sedibeng (Vereeniging)
- Johannesburg (Johannesburg)
- Ekurhuleni (Germiston)
- Metsweding (Bronkhorspruit)
- Tswane (Pretoria)
- West Rand (Randfontein)

Concessionary Clause:

The National Management Council may grant concessions (eg. extensions) for the formation of geopolitically correct National and Provincial membership, which shall include at Metropolitan, District Municipal and Local Municipal level.

5.3 Membership of DSA is open to bona fide organizations in the following categories:

5.3.1 Provincial Darts Federations with a membership of no less than 3 (three) active Districts with no less than 216 (two hundred and sixteen) active individual members.

5.3.2 Associations with a membership of no less than (six) active clubs with no less than 72 (seventy two) active individual members.

5.3.3 Applications for membership will only be considered from Associations which are affiliated to a bona fide District and Provincial Darts Federation.

Associate

5.3.4 Associate members meaning:

5.3.4.1 Multi-code sports organisations that include darts as an organised sport; and

5.3.4.2 National Corporate Darts Association that has an active membership of no less than 10 (ten) national private or public sector corporate members.

5.3.4.3 Associate members shall have observer status in DSA meetings.

Provincial/Regional/District Eligibility

5.3.5 No Provincial, District or Association shall be eligible for membership where an established association already exists in the said area and enjoys membership of DSA.

Register of members

5.4 A Central Register of Members, per Club, per Association, per District and per Province shall be kept and maintained.

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| Exemption | <p>5.5 Special exceptions from the conditions of membership may be granted upon submission of a written motivation by the organisation concerned with written support from its current membership.</p> <p>5.5.1 Applications for exemption can only be decided by the Annual General Meeting and passed by two-thirds of those present and voting at the meeting.</p> <p>5.5.2 The decision must include conditions that will cause the exemption to fall away within a specified period of time.</p> |
| Suspension | <p>5.6 Any individual member, Club, Association, District, Province or Associate member found guilty of bringing the sport of darts and/or Darts South Africa into disrepute by failing to, refusing to or neglecting to uphold the objectives and/or policy of the organisation and/or by failing to, refusing to or neglecting to respect and implement the resolutions and/or decisions of the organisation, shall be appropriately suspended.</p> |
| Termination | <p>5.7 Termination.</p> <p>5.7.1 An affiliate's membership can only be terminated by Darts South Africa at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>5.7.2 A full investigation into all such cases must be conducted and reported to an Annual General Meeting before a decision is made.</p> |
| Life Membership | <p>5.8 The honour of Life membership shall be bestowed on a person/s who have served DSA with distinction over an unbroken period of no less than 10 years. No special benefits are attached to this category of membership other than the privilege of direct honorary individual membership and the right to attend meetings without voting powers.</p> |

**Article 6
APPLICATIONS FOR
MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.1 Applications for Membership shall be lodged with the General Secretary, who shall advise all National Officials and Provincial Associations of the application within 30 days of receipt.
- 6.2 The National Executive Committee shall have the right to grant membership to eligible bodies after establishing that there are no legitimate objections.
- 6.3 All applications for membership must be ratified by the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.4 Applicant associations must furnish the following:
- 6.4.1 A copy of the applicant's approved Constitution;
- 6.4.2 A full list of the elected Officials with their postal addresses, telephone and fax numbers and/or e-mail address.
- 6.4.3 A membership list clearly identifying the number of Districts, Associations and/or Clubs and a list of Names of individual members.

- 6.4.4 An application fee equal to the Annual Membership Fee for that particular year shall accompany the application or paid directly into the bank account of DSA. Such fee shall be converted into Membership Fees upon approval of membership or forfeited upon rejection of the application.

Article 7

ADMINISTRATION

7. The affairs of Darts South Africa shall be administered in terms of its Constitution and supporting decisions. This administration shall operate at three specific tiers as follows:
- General Council
- 7.1 General Council – meaning the National Officials, the Presidents of each Provincial member body and 1 (one) delegate from each Provincial, District, Association and Associate member body in good standing, shall meet in Annual General or Special General Meeting and is the main decision making authority of the organisation.
- National Executive Committee
- 7.2 National Executive Committee - meaning the National Officials and the Presidents of each Provincial and Associate member body, who shall deal with matters referred to it by the General Council, deal with matters involving the promotion and development of darts as an organised sport and attend to matters requiring urgent attention in the best interests of all members.
- National Management Council
- 7.3 National Management Council – meaning the National (National Officials) Officials holding the following specific posts:
- President – General Secretary – Finance Director – Business Manager – Tournament / Development Director who shall deal with the day to day affairs of the organisation, manage decisions of the General Council and/or National Executive and generally promote the image of the sport of darts and Darts South Africa.
- 7.3.1 The term of office of the President shall not exceed 12 (twelve) consecutive years.
- Accountability
- 7.4 All office bearers and other appointed representatives shall be accountable to the General Council in all their dealings for and on behalf of Darts South Africa. Portfolio Duties of the National Management Council:
- 7.4.1 President
- 7.4.1.1 He/she shall act as CEO and supervise all affairs of Darts South Africa.
- 7.4.1.2 He/she is to be consulted on Constitutional and Policy matters.
- 7.4.1.3 He/she shall be consulted on the actions of any National Official or other DSA Representative that need explanation or further attention.
- 7.4.1.4 He/she shall ensure that all decisions taken are correctly implemented and ensure regular contact with National Officials.
- 7.4.1.5 He/she shall consult and arrange with the General Secretary the business and procedures for all National, and other necessary, meetings.
- 7.4.1.6 The President shall perform ceremonial duties.
- 7.4.1.7 He/she shall preside over all meetings of DSA.
- 7.4.2 General Secretary
- 7.4.2.1 He/she shall conduct DSA business in respect of national sports policy.
- 7.4.2.2 He/she shall deal with all macro bodies – SASCOC, SRSA; Zone V1; Africa Darts Council; World Darts Federation.
- 7.4.2.3 He/she shall arrange meeting business in consultation with the President and other Officials.

- 7.4.2.4 He/she shall, in consultation with the President, deal with matters, as well as related correspondence, concerning Member Associations.
 - 7.4.2.5 The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings.
 - 7.4.2.6 He/she shall keep and maintain a National Register of Members and a Mailing List.
 - 7.4.2.7 He/she shall keep a register of suspensions and circulate all new and expired suspensions.
 - 7.4.2.8 He/she shall assist the Finance and Tournament/Development Directors with the annual application for State Funding.
- 7.4.3 Business Manager/Public Relations Officer
- 7.4.3.1 He/she shall assist the Tournament/Development Director with Grant in Aid applications.
 - 7.4.3.2 He/she shall be responsible for the solicitation of sponsorships and maintain regular contact with existing and/or potential sponsors/ funders.
 - 7.4.3.3 He/she shall act as the Media Liaison Officer for DSA.
 - 7.4.3.4 He/she shall arrange all functions.
 - 7.4.3.5 He/she shall deal with all continental and international darts related matters.
 - 7.4.3.6 The Business Manager shall be responsible for all official publications of DSA.
- 7.4.4 Finance Director
- 7.4.1 He/she shall keep all financial records and deal with the Auditors.
 - 7.4.2 He/she shall prepare an annual budget.
 - 7.4.3 He/she shall collect all monies due and manage all expenses.
 - 7.4.4 He/she shall manage all banking accounts and investments.
 - 7.4.5 He/she shall direct all trading activities.
 - 7.4.6 The Finance Director shall assist the Business Manager/PRO with sponsorships.
 - 7.4.7 He/she shall arrange all official travel and accommodation for Officials, other persons on official DSA duty and for the National Teams.
 - 7.4.8 He/she shall prepare and complete annual application/s for State Funding (assisted by the Tournament/Development Director and General Secretary.)
 - 7.4.9 He/she shall attend all SRSA Funding Meetings.
- 7.4.5 Tournament / Development Director
- 7.4.5.1 He/she shall deal with Playing and Competition Rules.
 - 7.4.5.2 He/she shall organize and manage the playing of the National Championships.
 - 7.4.5.3 He/she shall keep and maintain a Register of all National Champions and National Records.
 - 7.4.5.4 He/she shall receive and deal with Reports from Managers of National Teams.
 - 7.4.5.5 He/she shall keep a record of the performances and achievements of all National Players/Teams in International Competitions.
 - 7.4.5.6 He/she shall receive all applications for DSA sanctioned tournaments and/ or championships for NMC consideration.
 - 7.4.5.7 He/she shall keep a National Ranking List in accordance with agreed, prescribed criteria.
 - 7.4.5.8 He/she shall act as an ex officio Convener/Advisor to the Panel of National Selectors.
 - 7.4.5.9 He/she shall arrange for a computerized record of all playing statistics at the National Championships.
 - 7.4.5.10 The Tournament Director shall keep a register of all persons awarded DSA and Protea Colours.
- 7.4.6 Development responsibilities
- 7.4.6.1 He/she shall direct the National Development Plan employing Operation Bulls Eye as the guideline.

	7.4.6.2	He/she shall establish formal contact with USSASA (or its substitute), SA Students Sports Union (Darts Sector), Organizations for the disabled, National Paralympics Committee of SA and Community Sports or Councils/Organizations (with assistance from Provinces and fellow Officials).
	7.4.6.3	He/she shall assist the Finance Director and General Secretary with the annual application for State funding.
	7.4.6.4	He/she shall assist with the application/s for Grant/s in aid.
Vacancies	7.5	Vacancies on the National Management Council shall be filled at any immediately following Meeting.
Motion of No Confidence	7.6	A motion of no confidence in any official shall, if carried, cause that official to immediately vacate his/her post and such vacancy shall be filled immediately.
	7.6.1	A motion of no confidence tabled in any official(s) shall cause that official(s) to be suspended from his/her post(s) until a full investigation is made.
	7.6.2	The results of the investigation shall be submitted to the NMC and circulated to all affiliates as soon as possible.
	7.6.3	Should the motion of no confidence be upheld, then the NMC shall have the right to remove such official(s) from his/her post(s) and the vacancy(ies) shall be filled immediately.
	7.6.4	A motion of no confidence in any official(s) shall be table in writing.
On Termination of Membership	7.7	Any Official who, during his/her term of office, ceases to be a registered member of a Club, District or Provincial body will immediately relinquish his/her position.
National Office	7.8	The official office of Darts South Africa shall be in the City or Town in which the General Secretary is resident.
Official Language	7.9	English is the official language of the organisation. Other languages are also recognised and may be used in meetings on the understanding that the speaker provides an English interpreter.
Sub-Committees	7.10	The General Council may appoint sub-committees for specific, special matters. The terms of reference, composition, life and funding of such sub-committee shall also be determined by the General Council.
Co-Opting of Members	7.11	Co-opting of Members.
	7.11.1	The National Management Council may co-opt a member or members of Darts South Africa to assist it in discharging its functions.
	7.11.2	Co-opted members do not have voting rights on the National Management Council.
	7.11.3	The traveling and accommodation expenses of co-opted members on business for the organization shall be the responsibility of the organization.

**Article 8
FINANCE**

8. Finance
- Financial Year 8.1 The organisation's Financial Year shall end on 31 March of each year.
- Annual Subscriptions 8.2 Annual Subscriptions for Provinces, Districts, Associations and Associate member bodies shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting and are payable on or before the 31 March of the following year. Defaulting member associations shall not be entitled to play in the National Tournament nor in any competition involving bona-fide members of the organisation. Individual member defaulting member associations may be excluded from teams selected to do national and/or international duties.
- Banking 8.3 The organisation shall open banking facilities with recognised banking institutions as decided by the Management Council.
- 8.3.1 All monies received shall be deposited within 7 (seven) days of receipt.
- 8.3.2 Endorsements for the purpose of deposits may be made by any one of the President, General Secretary or Finance Director.
- 8.3.3 All cheques and other withdrawals shall be signed by the Finance Director and either the President or General Secretary.
- Expenditure 8.4 All items of expenditure require an invoice, receipts or other documentation acceptable to support the payment.
- Travelling Expenses 8.5 The Finance Director is responsible for all travelling and accommodation arrangements which he/she may delegate to another responsible person.
- 8.5.1 The travelling and accommodation expenses of National Officials on business for the organisation shall be the responsibility of the organisation.
- 8.5.2 The travelling and accommodation expenses of Provincial and Associate member Presidents to meetings of the National Executive Committee shall be borne by their respective bodies.
- 8.5.3 The General Council and/or the National Executive Committee shall decide the travelling and accommodation expenses of national team and other persons representing the organisation on official business.
- Auditors 8.6 The National Executive Committee shall appoint Auditors who shall be a firm of Chartered Accountants preferably situated in the City or Town in which the Finance Director is resident.
- Sponsorships 8.7 All sponsorships and/or other financial arrangements shall be approved by the General Council under advice from the National Executive Committee or Management Committee and filed with the Finance Director. Members shall be obliged to support sponsorship agreements.

**Article 9
COMPETITIONS**

9. All national Competitions shall be organised as follows:
- Playing Rules 9.1 The international Playing Rules of the Game shall be applied in all competitions.
- Competition Rules 9.2 Competition Rules will vary in accordance with the different formats and shall always be published in the Playing Programme.

National Tournament	9.3	There shall be an annual National Tournament involving Team and individual events as laid down in the DSA Competition Organisation handbook.
Title and Rights	9.4	The title and rights of the annual National Championships is the sole property of the organisation.
Organisation	9.5	The organisation of the Annual National Tournament shall be the responsibility of the organisation who may delegate some or all responsibility to a member association or other capable persons.
Jurisdiction of Officials	9.6	The Management Council shall hold responsibility for all aspects of the event as per the specific duties set out in the Competition Organisation handbook.
Other Tournaments	9.7	The General Council shall decide on the format, date and venue for any additional National Tournaments or Championships.
Organisation	9.8	The organisation for additional National Tournaments or Championships shall be the responsibility of DSA who may delegate some or all responsibility to a member association or other capable persons.
Associate Members	9.9	The competitions of Associate members shall be organised by themselves. They may call on assistance from DSA or any of its Provincial members associations.
Unauthorised Events	9.10	No individual member, Club, Association, District, Province or Associate member may participate in competitions and/or events of unrecognized structures and/or which are not under the jurisdiction of DSA and/or which are not sanctioned by DSA. The National Management Council may grant exemptions.
Unrecognised Structures	9.11	Unrecognised Structures:
	9.11.1	Any Association, Club, District, Province, Federation or any other structure having any connection to, or relationship with darts structures which is without the consent of DSA shall be deemed to be an unrecognized structure.
	9.11.2	Any Association, Club, District, Province, Federation or any other structure which is not affiliated to DSA and its structures shall be deemed to be an unrecognized structure.
	9.11.3	No person, Club, Association, District, Province, Federation or any other structure shall be allowed to become a member of DSA or its affiliates if such person, Club, Association, District, Province, Federation or any other structure is a member of an unrecognized structure. They will also be denied the right to participate in any DSA event or DSA sanctioned event.
Sanctioned Events	9.12	All events, including competitions, must be sanctioned by DSA. Any member and/or member organization involved in or who/which participates in an event not sanctioned by DSA shall be subject to disciplinary measures.
Article 10 MEETINGS	10.	The Meetings of the organisation shall be:
Annual General Meeting	10.1	The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the same City/Venue hosting the current year's National Tournament.

Notice of Meeting	10.1.1	Written Notice of at least 30 (thirty) days must be served on all National Officials, the President of each Provincial and Associate member body and the Secretaries of each Provincial, District, Association and Associate member body.
Agenda	10.1.2	The Agenda shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome. 2. Credentials and Apologies. 3. Minutes of the previous Annual General and the previous National Executive Meeting. 4. President's Address. 5. Annual Reports from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 General Secretary. 5.2 Finance Director & audited Financial Statements. 5.3 Business Manager. 5.4 Tournament/Development Director. 6. Determine Annual Subscriptions. 7. Amendments to the Constitution. 8. Elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.1 National Officials (Biennially). 8.2 National Selectors (Biennially). 9. National Tournament matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1 Current year. 9.2 Next year. 10. Other relevant business (for which 21 days Notice has been given). 11. Closure.
Voting rights	10.1.3	Each Official and accredited delegate shall have 1 (one) vote.
	10.1.4	The President or Chairman of the meeting shall enjoy an additional casting vote.
Observers	10.1.5	Observers may attend the Meeting provided they have approval from their respective Provincial association.
Attendance of AGM	10.1.6	Provincial, District and Association affiliates not present at the Annual General Meeting shall not be allowed to participate in the National Championships. Individual members of such affiliates shall be excluded from teams selected to do National and/or International duties.
Special General Meeting	10.2	A Special General Meeting shall be convened on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.2.1 Written request from at least 3 (three) Provincial Associations in good standing, clearly stating the purpose for calling such meeting. 10.2.2 By resolution of the National Executive Committee.
Notice of Meeting	10.2.3	Written Notice of at least 30 (thirty) days must be served on all National Officials, the President of each Provincial member body and Associate member body and the Secretaries of each Provincial, District, Association and Associate member body.
Attendance	10.2.4	The attendance shall be the same as for the Annual General meeting.
National Executive Committee	10.3	The National Executive Committee shall meet in February of each year in the City/Venue of the following year's National Tournament.

Notice of Meeting	10.3.1	At least 15 (fifteen) days written Notice must be served on all National Officials and the President of each Province and Associate member body in good standing.
Agenda	10.3.2	The Agenda will be determined by the President in consultation with the General Secretary.
Observers	10.3.3	District Associations who are in good standing and members of the Provincial association hosting the meeting may send 1 (one) observer provided they have permission from the Provincial body.
Quorums	10.4	Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting - a minimum attendance of 2/3rds of the membership in good standing and 51% of active elected National Officials.
	10.4.1	National Executive Meeting - 51% of the active National Officials and Presidents of the Provincial bodies in good standing.
	10.4.2	Should there be no quorum half-hour after the scheduled start of a Meeting, the persons present may continue with the business on the Agenda only as circulated.
Article 11		
DISCIPLINARY MATTERS	11.	Disciplinary Matters shall be dealt with as follows:
Jurisdiction	11.1	The National Executive Committee or its appointed representatives shall have authority to expel, suspend, fine or otherwise discipline official or member who is found guilty of misconduct relating to the Constitution, the playing, maintenance, administration and/or any other matter which adversely affects the best interests of organised darts.
Procedures	11.2.1	Where a member or official is charged, such member or official shall be entitled to receive written notice of the charge and shall further be entitled to request particulars of such charge which shall be supplied where necessary or appropriate.
	11.2.2	The said Notice shall indicate the date and place of the hearing and shall further inform the member or official concerned that a Minute of the hearing will be recorded.
	11.2.3	The Notice shall further state that should a member or official be found guilty as charged, such member or official shall be entitled to appeal as prescribed in Article 13.
Notice of Action Taken	11.3	Any member or official suspended or expelled by the organisation or by any of its member associations shall have his or her name circulated to all member associations of DSA stating the nature of the charge, the sanction applied and whether an appeal has been lodged.
Register	11.4	In order to maintain proper discipline, each member Province, District and Association body shall keep a Register of all its members and shall immediately notify the Internal Secretary of any suspension or expulsion of any member or official in area of jurisdiction.

**Article 12
DOPING POLICY**

Darts South Africa shall abide by the anti doping policy of the SA Institute for Drug-Free Sport and WADA as adopted by SASCOC.

**Article 13
APPEALS**

13. Appeals shall follow the following procedures:
- Notice of 13.1 Persons wishing to appeal against any conviction and/or sentence imposed by the organisation must lodge such appeal in writing within 30 (thirty) days of the date of the written Notice of conviction and/or sentence with the General Secretary accompanied by an Appeal Fee of R500.00 which shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- Effect of 13.2 A written appeal shall have the effect of suspending the sentence imposed pending the outcome of such appeal.
- Appeal Board 13.3 An Appeal Board, appointed by the Management Council, and which shall exclude any person or member or official whom actively or in any other way participated in the original decision, shall hear the appeal and decide its outcome.

**Article 14
CHANGES TO THE
CONSTITUTION**

14. Changes to the Constitution shall require the following processes:
- When 14.1 Amendments or additions to the Constitution shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting.
- Notice 14.2 Notice of proposed changes must be made in writing to the General Secretary at least 60 (sixty) days before the Annual General Meeting and be fully motivated.
- Circularisation 14.3 Notice of all proposed changes to the Constitution shall be circularised to all member associations at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- Voting 14.4 A 2/3rds majority of those present and eligible to vote are required to approve any change.

**Article 15
DISPUTES**

- 15.5 Where the grievance of a registered affiliate has not been resolved, a dispute may be referred, by the aggrieved affiliate, to Darts South Africa for:
- 15.5.1 Conciliation;
- 15.5.2 Arbitration; or
- 15.5.3 Conciliation and Arbitration.
- 15.6 The affiliate which refers the dispute to Darts South Africa must provide proof that attempt(s) have been made to resolve the grievance prior to the referral.
- 15.7 Incidents of mismanagement, improper governance and financial irregularities may be referred directly to Darts South Africa.
- 15.8 An arbitration award shall be final and binding.

- 15.9 Darts South Africa may refer a dispute to a suitable Provincial Darts Association for conciliation and/or arbitration. Said Provincial Darts shall conclude the conciliation and/or arbitration within 21 (twenty one) days and provide Darts South Africa with a full report including its finding(s) and reasons therefore. This period may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties concerned.
- 15.10 All parties to the dispute must be notified of the date, time and venue of the conciliation and/or arbitration meeting.
- 15.11 Darts South Africa shall inform all parties to the dispute of the outcome of conciliation and/or arbitration.
- 15.12 Disputes referred to Darts South Africa for conciliation and/or arbitration shall relate to, but shall not be confined to, matters of:
 - 15.12.1 Governance;
 - 15.12.2 Procedure;
 - 15.12.3 Interpretation and application of the constitution;
 - 15.12.4 Substantive issues (fair reason).
- 15.13 Subject to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, and save in circumstances where there is a need for urgent relief of a sort which cannot be obtained through the dispute resolution procedures contained in this Constitution, no body or individual falling under the jurisdiction of DSA shall approach a Court of Law to decide on a dispute it has with DSA and/or a body, and/or an individual affiliated to DSA.

**Article 16
REVIEW AND RESCIND**

- 16. To Review and Rescind decision requires the following process:
 - 16.1 Notice to review and rescind any decision or ruling shall be given verbally at the Meeting where the decision or ruling is taken or made.
 - 16.2 Effect The effect of such verbal notice shall be to suspend the decision or ruling until such time notice is dealt with which can only be at the following Meeting.
 - 16.3 Written Notice In any event, whether such verbal Notice has been given or not, a written Notice to review and rescind any decision or ruling shall be sent to the Internal Secretary within 14 (fourteen) days of meeting where the decision or ruling was taken or made. Failing such written Notice being served on time, the review and rescind motion shall lapse and the decision or ruling shall come into effect immediately.
 - 16.4 Voting A 2/3rds majority of those present and eligible to vote is required to approve the Motion to Review and Rescind.

**Article 17
LOCUS STANDI**

- 17. The organisation's Locus Standi shall be:
 - 17.1 The organisation shall be deemed a body corporate and shall be entitled to sue and be sued in any competent court of law in its own name.
 - 17.2 Domicilium citandi et executandi of DSA shall be the permanent address of the General Secretary for the time being and no legal process shall be considered to have been properly served unless effected at the said address.

- 17.3 No legal proceedings shall be commenced for and on behalf of DSA unless prior resolution of its General Council or National Executive Committee had authorised such proceedings.

Article 18

PREFERENTIAL CLAUSE

18. In all cases this Constitution shall take preference over the Constitutions of Clubs, Districts, Provinces and Association member bodies.

Article 19

INDEMNIFICATION

19. All members of the Management Council are hereby deemed to be indemnified by the organisation in respect of any liability incurred by them (or any of them) in the performance of their delegated duties.

Article 20
BYE-LAWS

20. Bye-Laws

Darts South Africa may make, repeal and amend Bye-Laws as it may from time to time consider being necessary for the internal management of the organisation.

The making, recision and amendments of Bye Laws shall be affected at a General Council Meeting upon a resolution being passed by a simple majority of the member associations eligible to vote at such Meeting.

The DSA Playing Rules and Championship Handbook are separate from the DSA Bye-Laws.

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