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**Savannah River Dart Association**  
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**SAVANNAH RIVER DARTS ASSOCIATION**  
**BY-LAWS**

**Article I - Name**

The name of the organization shall be Savannah River Dart Association (SRDA).

**Article II - Definitions**

Section 1: Whenever the initials "SRDA" are used in these By-Laws, they shall mean Savannah River Dart Association

Section 2: Whenever the word "Board" is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean that body described in Article VII, Section 1.

Section 4: Whenever the word "Member" is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean the entire body of an organization or groups, which has membership in the SRDA. (Also referred to as "Affiliated Member.")

Section 5: Whenever the term "Member Person" is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean any person belonging to a "Member" as defined in Article II, Section 4.

Section 6: Whenever the word "Area" is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean a specific geographical section of the Central Savannah River region, as defined by the Board.

Section 7: As used in these By-Laws, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include feminine, or neuter, and the singular or plural number, whichever the context so indicates or implies.

Section 8: Whenever the term "Captain's Committee" is used in these By-Laws, it shall mean the entire body of captains present at the meeting

Section 9: Whenever the term "mail" is used in these By-Laws, s, it shall mean any source of communications. (i.e. U.S. Postal service, Telephone, Internet E-mail, or Instant Messaging)

**Article III - Objectives**

Section 1: The objectives and purpose of the SRDA are as follows:

- A) Promote the sport of darts in Augusta and surrounding area
- B) Coordinate the activities, tournaments and functions of the SRDA
- C) Establish friendly relationships with similar organizations throughout the area.
- D) Establish SRDA rules of play and regulations for utilization during SRDA-sponsored competitions and SRDA-sanctioned competitions.
- E) Improve the conditions of play in SRDA-sponsored and SRDA-sanctioned competitions.

Section 2: The SRDA shall be a non-political, non-sectarian, not-for-profit and non-sexist organization. The objectives and purposes of the SRDA shall be in accordance with and not contrary to the Internal Revenue Code and other applicable laws of the United States.

**Article IV - Membership**

Section 1: Membership is open to any person who evidences interest in darts as a sport.

Section 2 All memberships are subject to approval by the Board, and are subject to review by the Board.

- a) It is the responsibility of all Board Members, Regional Directors, Individual Members, Individual Youth Members, Associate Members and Association Representatives to maintain a current and valid mailing address with the General Secretary. It is the responsibility of the Association Representatives to maintain a current valid mailing address for a Member Organization with the General Secretary. Such addresses shall be those to which notice(s) shall be sent whenever required by other provisions of these By-Laws.

Section 3: A Membership may be terminated or restricted with cause by majority vote of the Board. Membership benefits may be terminated or restricted with cause by the Board

**Article V - Membership Fees**

Section 1: Membership fees shall be established and may be revised by the majority vote of the Captain's Committee, and shall be payable each season (i.e. Spring, Fall, and Winter).

Section 2: Membership fees shall be applicable for each season (i.e. Spring, Fall, and Winter).

Section 3: Full membership fees shall be paid for the season of play with no reduction for members(s) being added late in a given season.

Section 4: There shall be no refund of any membership fee for any reason.

**Article VI - SRDA Censure, Probation, Fines, Suspension and Expulsion**

Section 1; Categorically, and without restriction, the SRDA reserves the right to censure, suspend, or expel (terminate) any Member Person (regardless of category) or Officer who willfully creates disharmony, behaves in a manner prejudicial to order and discipline or tarnishes the image of the sport of darts. No player, official, sponsor nor spectator needs to tolerate harassment, belligerency, defamation, or poor sportsmanship from any SRDA Member Person. However, a remedy for such infractions is not the sole purview of the SRDA. Where the incident occurred has significant impact on who provides subsequent disciplinary action.

- a) Non-SRDA and SRDA-sponsored tournaments and matches: Problems in public or private bars, lounges and taverns and other public or private playing venues are the province of the injured party, the owner(s), or bartender who may seek redress under local state law by ejection, police intervention or arrest.

Section 2: Procedure

- a) Captains, or injured party shall prepare a list of charges based on verbal and/or written documentation or observation.
- b) The Board will prepare, within 10 days of (a), a letter to the accused informing him of the SRDA intent to take disciplinary action and requesting him to submit his side of the issue.
- c) Upon receipt of the accused statement (or 10 days, whichever comes first), the Board will send copies of all documentation to each Captains, asking for votes on recommended action. Disciplinary action requires a majority vote of the Board.

d) The Captains will be instructed to vote pro or con after consideration, within 10 days of receipt. Their decision is final. Should verification of any infraction at any SRDA or non-ADO event by the accused be received within one year of such vote, suspension of the player from the SRDA playoff program for one year without appeal will be automatically invoked.

#### **Article VII - The Board**

Section 1: The Board shall be comprised of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scorer, Sergeant at Arms and Member at Large.

Section 2: When any Board vacancy occurs, No joint offices may be held.

Section 3: Secretary, Treasurer, Scorer, Member at Large and Sergeant of Arms shall be elected for a period of two (2) years and President every year. Elected officers shall take office no later than the registration of the Fall season.

Section 4: Should a Board member resign or be removed from office during the interim between regular Board meetings, the President shall be empowered to appoint an interim Board member to fill the vacancy until the next Captain's Committee meeting. The Captains must approve such appointments by majority vote.

Section 5: A Board member automatically resigns when, without sufficient cause and / or notice, he fails to appear at the two (2) Captain's meeting in a season.

Section 6: Board members resigned, per Section 5 of this article, shall not be permitted to run for office nor vote in the subsequent election.

#### **Article VIII - Captains Duties and Quorum**

Section 1: The Captain's Committee meeting will take place week 5 and week 9 of the current season.

Section 2: The Captains must attend the Captain's Committee meeting.

Section 3: shall have no time limit.

Section 4: A simple majority of captains in attendance shall constitute a quorum for a Captain's Committee meeting.

Section 5: The Secretary in the absence of the President shall preside over the Captain's Committee meeting.

#### **Article IX - Duties of the Officers**

Section 1: PRESIDENT - The President shall oversee the day-to-day operation of the SRDA, and shall preside over the Captain's Committee.

He may vote only if he is representing captain at the Captain's Committee meeting on procedural matters. He shall contact potential new players, new establishments, sponsors, and teams about joining the league. He/she is responsible for promoting the league, and ensuring a smooth entry into the league by new members. All pertinent books, papers and records shall be turned over to his successor within 30 days of leaving office.

He shall also be responsible for maintaining interaction with the TDA (Thoroughbred Dart Association), or any other applicable associations

Section 2: SECRETARY - The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of meetings, have the minutes of the business portion of the meeting available within 30 days of the meeting, keep a permanent record of pertinent data for all members and make all required reports pertaining to the activities of the SRDA. He may vote only if he is representing captain at the Captain's Committee meeting on procedural matters. In either the absence or resignation of the President, he shall assume the duties normally performed by the President. The Secretary shall work with the President in the preparation of media announcements. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall turn over all pertinent books, papers and records to his successor within 30 days of leaving office.

Section 3: Should both the President and Secretary take leave of office, the Scorer shall assume the duties of the President with the provision that he call for election (voting by mail) within 60 days of their departure from office.

Section 4: SCORER - The Scorer will compile weekly scores, individual rankings, and high marks by league individuals. Will report to the Captains Committee all protests, new members, dropped members, total number of players in the league, and any discrepancies on team rosters. Will maintain score sheets for two seasons, individual and division rankings for three years, and current rosters for each team. He must have a phone, to receive weekly score called in, will compile weekly scores, and mail a weekly score sheet to each team captain in the league. He will compile and report the votes for Sportsmanship Award after the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) week match. He will prepare and distribute captains' packets for each season, which will include:

1. New match sheets in sufficient quantity to last the season.
2. Season match schedules (one for each team member).
3. The latest copy of SRDA By-Laws and Rules and Regulations (one (1) per new team).
4. A team roster of every member of each division. (One (1) per team).
5. A list of all captains and pubs with phone numbers and addresses (one (1) per team)
6. The current years schedule (one for each team)
7. A list of all league officers with addresses and phone numbers.

He may vote only if he is representing captain at the Captain's Committee meeting on procedural matters.

All pertinent books, papers and records shall be turned over to his successor within 30 days of leaving office.

Section 5: TREASURER - Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial management of the SRDA. He will prepare the budget for the current season and present it to the Captain's Committee for approval, and will provide a financial report to the Captain's Committee. He will be notified the Captain's Committee of any expenditure, which will exceed the budget; and he will authorize or deny such expenditure. He will disburse any reimbursement or rebate monies to SRDA Board members after receiving expense reports from the Board member and a majority vote by the Captain's Committee. He may vote only if he is representing captain at the Captain's Committee meeting on procedural matters. The Treasurer will prepare a simplified financial report to be presented to the captains at the Captain's Committee meeting. The incumbent Treasurer will keep the elected Treasurer advised of all pertinent financial information during the period prior to exchange of responsibilities. His legitimate organizational expenses, as a simple majority of the Captain's Committee approve, shall be paid for by the organization. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall turn over all pertinent books, papers and records to his successor within 30 days of leaving office.

Section 6: Sergeant of Arms - Will call the meeting to order, keep track of who has the floor next, maintain order during the meetings, and ensure standards for suitability of play maintained by sponsoring establishments. He may vote only if he is representing captain at the Captain's Committee meeting on procedural matters. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall turn over all pertinent books, papers and records to his successor within 30 days of leaving office.

Section 7: Member at Large – Will be available to all league members so they may bring forward issues or concerns. Member at Large will brief all issues or concerns received from league members to the President and subsequently to the board at the discretion of the President. He may vote only if he is representing captain at the Captain's Committee meeting on procedural matters. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall turn over all pertinent books, papers and records to his successor within 30 days of leaving office.

Section 8: NO VOTE PROVISIO - No Board member may vote on protests taking place in the team in which he resides.

#### **Article X - Meetings**

Section 1: CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS - participation in such meetings shall be obligatory for Captains and Board members, subject to provisions set forth in Article VIII. Members who are not captains and non-members may attend meetings.

Section 2: Any attendee may be expelled from the meeting if he shows to be unruly or is continuously out of order.

Section 3: the President with four days notice may call special meetings.

## Article XI - Elections

Section 1: Elections for SRDA positions shall take place at the spring season banquet, and begin the tenure at the start of the following fall season as follows:

POSITION	ELECTION YEAR	TERM
President	Every year	1 year
Secretary	Even year	2 years
Treasurer	Even year	2 years
Scorer	Even year	2 years
Sergeant of Arms	Even year	2 years
Member at Large	Even year	2 years

Section 2: The President shall call for candidates for all appropriate existing SRDA positions at the first (1st) spring season Captains Meeting. Those qualified persons wishing to place themselves in contention for SRDA office(s) shall notify the Captain's committee before or at the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) spring season Captains Meeting.

Section 3: All elections for SRDA Board positions shall be effected by secret ballot. It shall be the responsibility of the President to call for candidates, construct a ballot and distribute the ballot to all incumbents as appropriate. All members in good standing, except the current President (in order to break a tie), present at the spring banquet shall be allowed one ballot to cast their vote. If the incumbent President is running for an office one other incumbent board member must be ineligible to vote as well. The Captains Committee shall decide who the non-voting board member shall be.

Section 4: The candidates for SRDA Board positions shall be limited to active members of the SRDA

Section 5: Should more than two (2) candidates be nominated and run for any of the aforementioned offices, the following shall prevail:

- a) Any candidate receiving greater than 50% of the votes cast shall be elected, or;
- b) Should the conditions under (a) not prevail, there will be a runoff election between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast on the first ballot. Should conditions under (a) not prevail after the runoff election and there is a tie, the President (not otherwise eligible to vote) will be asked to cast the tie-breaking vote.
- c) If the President is not eligible to vote, the designated non-voting Board member shall break the tie

Section 6: No person authorized to vote in an election may vote more than once per ballot.

Section 7: As a prerequisite to running for SRDA positions, a person must possess a membership in the SRDA and be in good standing.

Section 8: The President shall fill Board Member vacancies temporarily, for a period not to exceed 90 days. Under these circumstances, an election to fill such vacancies shall be effected by mail and shall take place during the next Captains committee meeting.

## Article XII - Contracts and Agreements

Section 1: Either the Board, after legal review (in either case), shall have authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of the SRDA. Such contracts and agreements must bear the agreement of the Captain's committee in order to make such contracts and agreements binding upon the SRDA.

## Article XIII - Expenses

Section 1: Any Member Person, under the direction of the Captain's committee is to be reimbursed for all legitimate expenses incurred in the name of the SRDA.

Section 2: All expenses are subject to a simple majority vote of the Captain's committee in attendance at any Board meeting. The Captain's committee may also execute this section by mail, if circumstances so warrant.

## Article XIV - Recall of Board Members

Section 1: Any Board Member may be recalled from office by a majority vote of the Captain's committee in attendance at any Board meeting. The SRDA may also execute this section by mail, if circumstances so warrant.

Section 2: Any Board Member recalled has the right to appeal such recall action. Such appeals must be in writing and received by the Secretary no later than 30 days after the recall ruling. If, after consideration of the appeal by the Board in a timely manner the appeal is rejected, there can be no further appeal.

Section 3: Recall voting shall be accomplished by secret ballot.

Section 4: Should recall take place at a board meeting, it shall be immediately followed by an election, by those Captains present at such meeting, to fill the created Board Member vacancy or vacancies.

Section 5: Any Board Member who is recalled will not be eligible for office for the period of three (3) years from the date of recall.

Section 6: Should the President be recalled and appeal his case, his duties shall be assumed by the Secretary from the date of petition until a final determination is made by the Captains. In the absence of the Secretary, the senior Board Member shall assume his duties.

Section 7: The Captain's Committee is the highest SRDA authority regarding recall proceedings and Captain's Committee decisions in such matters shall require majority vote of the Captain's Committee Members.

## Article XV - Policy

Section 1: Policy changes and temporary rulings, as approved by a simple majority vote of the Captain's Committee, as well as general information, will be in the form of announcements issued by the Captains or President. These policy changes and temporary rulings will be considered to be in force immediately upon receipt.

Section 2: It is the responsibility of each captain to relay the information contained in the aforementioned announcements to the teams, which they represent.

## Article XVI - General

Section 1: The Board is given full power to make, alter, amend or repeal any and all By-Laws of the SRDA at any Board meeting without prior notice of their intention to so act. The Board may also execute this section by mail, if circumstances so warrant. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board is required to make, alter, amend or repeal any By-Law of the SRDA.

Section 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 to these By-Laws according to provisions set forth in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3: The order of business and/or procedures of any Board meeting or Executive meeting, or any subject not covered by these By-Laws, or noted in Board minutes shall be subject to "Roberts Rules of Order Revised." However, should there be a conflict with these By-Laws and/or "Robert's Rules or Order Revised," the latter shall prevail.

Section 4: These By-Laws shall be reviewed/updated by the President (subject to a majority Captain's Committee approval) on a bi-annual basis.