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Article 1 - Name and Purpose for the organization

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be the “Greater Ottawa Super Singles Dart League. (Hereafter referred to as GOSSDL)”

Section 2 - The purpose of the League is to provide organized, competitive darts for the enjoyment and the improvement of individual dart skills.

Article 2 - Requirements for membership and selection of members

Section 1 - The membership is comprised of both female and male darters (over the age of 18) within and around the geographical area of Ottawa and includes Gatineau region.

Section 2 - An active voting member is deemed to be in good standing when they have paid their membership dues in the prescribed periods and who continues to satisfy the requirements for professionalism and dart etiquette outlined within the bylaws of the GOSSDL.

Section 3 - Any member may be suspended or expelled from GOSSDL for conduct obviously contrary to the Constitution of the organization or for conduct which impairs the rights of the members to enjoy the benefits of the GOSSDL. The offense must be in writing and submitted to the executive. The offending member has the right to respond in person and/or in writing at the executive meeting. Upon receipt of an offence the executive must deal with the situation within two (2) weeks of receiving the written offence. The executive may impose a suspension, however, a member can only be expelled through a general vote of two-thirds (2/3rd) majority of members present. A member may appeal in writing after the completion of the season in which the offender has been expelled.

Article 3: Officers

Section 1 - The elected officers of GOSSDL, referred to as the executive shall be the President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one (1) Division Representative from each Division (Super, Challenge, First, and Second). Additional officers maybe elected as necessary, example: Chairman of Dan Cruickshank Memorial Dart Tournament.

Section 2 - GOSSDL executive may have additional members (non-elected) to address unique and special needs of the organization, example: Statistician.

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Section 3 - The following clauses define the powers and duties of the elected officers.

Clause 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of GOSSDL. He/She shall be the official spokesperson for GOSSDL, representing the policies, views and opinions of the organization in its relations within the local dart community, as well as provincial, national, and international groups and associations.

Clause 2 - The Vice President (VP) presides over GOSSDL meetings in the absence of the President. The VP is responsible for the membership and includes notifying all members of general meetings, and the recruitment and registration of new or returning members. This includes the enforcement of the by-laws, regulations, and policies of GOSSDL.

Clause 3 - The 2nd Vice President (2nd VP) stands in for the Vice President in their absence. The 2nd VP is responsible for the coordination of Draws, fundraising and extras for GOSSDL.

Clause 4 - The Treasurer handles all financial affairs and budgeting of GOSSDL. The Treasurer maintains records of all transactions and reports monthly the status of the account(s). GOSSDL requires that all disbursements require the signature of the President and Treasurer, (The VP will also have signing authority to be used only in the absence of the President). Expenditures are pre-approved by the executive and amounts exceeding One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) require the approval of the general membership.

Clause 5 - The Secretary takes minutes (records of decisions) and maintains them for all meetings of GOSSDL. He/She is responsible for copies for distribution to membership. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence and keeps copies on file. He/She acts as Historian and maintains all records of the organization.

Clause 6 - The Division Representative is responsible for the communication and enforcement of all policies, by-laws, and the conduct of players within their division.

Article 4 - Meetings

Section 1 - Regular Executive meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Saint Anthony's Soccer Club. All members in good standing have the right to attend any and all executive meetings as an observer. Participation by a regular member at an executive meeting must be requested in writing stating the reason prior to commencement of the meeting.

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Section 2 - Regular Membership meetings are held the first night of regular play, the first Tuesday in October (Election Night), the first night after the New Year (first Tuesday of the New Year), the last night prior to play-offs (Election of next President) and the final of play (Playoffs).

Section 3 - Special meetings are called by any elected official or by 5% of the voting members of GOSSDL. All members must be given a minimum of one (1) week notice prior to the special meeting time.

Section 4 - Business cannot be conducted unless a quorum of the membership is present. The quorum for GOSSDL is defined as 51% of the voting membership.

Article 5 - Elections

Section 1 - The term of office for each elected official shall be two (2) years. Two weeks notice shall be given prior to any election.

Clause 1 - The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected the last night of regular play, (prior to playoffs). The newly elected President shall commence their duties on the first night of registration of the following season. The Secretary and Treasurer will assume their duties after a transition from past position players, but before the next regular season commences.

Clause 2 - The Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Division Representatives will be elected on the first Tuesday of October and will assume their responsibilities immediately.

Section 2 - In the event of an unscheduled vacant position on the Executive a special general meeting shall be called to fill said position. The newly elected person shall continue until next regular election. One (1) weeks notice will be give prior to an election.

Article 6 - Dues

Section 1 - GOSSDL will assess membership fees. Membership fees will be determined each season by a quorum of the membership at its regularly scheduled general membership meeting.

Section 2 - All money must be deposited in the GOSSDL bank account.

Article 7 - Amending the Constitution

Section 1 - Proposed constitutional amendments or changes will be presented in writing, to GOSSDL executive two (2) weeks prior to being voted on. The

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Executive will make every effort to ensure all members are aware of said proposal prior to it being voted on.

Section 2 - Approval by two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$) of the voting membership present at the regular meetings will pass a proposed amendment. The amendment shall be effective immediately unless otherwise stipulated within the amendment.

Section 3 - A copy of this constitution shall be posted on the GOSSDL notice board, on the GOSSDL website, and be available from the Secretary on request.

Article 8 - Affiliations

Section 1 - GOSSDL is affiliated with National Darts Federation of Canada (NDFC) and Darts Ontario.

Article 9 - Approval

Section 1 - This Constitution was approved on March 7th, 2006 by a two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$) majority vote.

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By-Laws, Polices and Regulations of the Greater Ottawa Super Singles Dart League.

By-Law 1 – Registration

Players must register before the first night of play. Registration nights are the last Tuesday in August and the first Tuesday in September at 7:00 pm. Players must register for their respective division according to their average score. It is recognized that exceptions can be made to balance the divisions; however, it must be approved by the executive.

1.1. Divisions and Registration

1.1.1. Season Length

The season will be 32 weeks in total including the first three weeks of play, the turkey shoot, and the affiliate shoot. The regular season will commence the first Tuesday night following registration. The playoffs will start immediately following the last regular night of play.

1.1.2. Evaluation Period

The first three weeks of play are an evaluation period for proper division placement. The scores from those weeks will be recorded as Wins (W) and Losses (L). These scores will be counted at the end of the year. All personal stats will be kept.

1.1.3. Performance Guidelines for Division Choices

1.1.3.1. League membership and division participation is open to singles dart players who have demonstrated the following performance guidelines:

Super:	70+ shot average, 21 points per dart
Challenge:	60-69 shot average, 17.5 points per dart
First:	50-59 shot average, 15 points per dart
Second:	< 50 shot average, 13.5 points per dart

PLEASE NOTE: These guidelines are not set in stone and are used by the league executive to evaluate a player's skill level and to select a division of play which is fairest for the current development of both player and league. **All final decisions concerning league membership and division play shall be made by the 1st Vice President**, and all players (returning and new) must agree to the terms and conditions of said decision after the evaluation period is complete. In the event that a player has been deemed to be playing at a higher or lower skill level than the division with which they begun playing, the executive will make the

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decision to move the player to the appropriate division when the evaluation period has been completed.

1.1.4. Membership Dues

1.1.4.1. Non-refundable membership dues for play in each division are as follows:

Super:	\$170.00
Challenge:	\$150.00
First:	\$130.00
Second:	\$110.00

1.1.4.2. The divisions reserve the right to modify the amounts after the player evaluation period has been completed and divisions are set. If a division wishes to increase or decrease the fees then the division rep will notify the treasurer of the change and appropriate provisions for payments and refunds will take place.

1.2 Returning Players are defined as having completed the previous season regular play. They may register on either the last Tuesday in August or the first Tuesday in September.

1.2.1 Through the coordination of the VP, the Division Rep will call each member of their respective division to solicit the players return.

1.2.2 Returning players can pre-register by submitting payment by cheque payable to GOSSDL to the Vice President on or after the 15th of August.

1.3 New players can register only on registration nights on a first come first serve basis in person, minimum age of eighteen (18).

1.3.1 A new player is registered when their respective fees are paid in full. A new player must provide evidence of their dart average to ascertain which division they will be registered against. Payment of fees does not guarantee a position.

1.3.2 Prior to the first night of play, the executive will review registered players to ensure sufficient spots are available to accommodate new players. Should registration exceed spots available, it will be reduced to required levels by notifying the new player and returning registration fees.

1.4 Sponsorship

Sponsorship is the sole responsibility of any and all single players of GOSSDL. The league has no responsibility for the attraction, acquisition or retention of player sponsorships.

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1.5. Resignation from League

From time to time players have to resign for reasons beyond their control. Resignation, expelled, or quitting is a forfeiture of dues. The executive can solicit a replacement. The replacement player will register through payment of dues prorated by the number of games left in the season. BUT when the halfway point of the schedule has been reached, then the total fee for the year is half the original annual dues.

By-Law 2 – Rules of Play

2.1 The GOSSDL is affiliated with the National Darts Federation of Canada (NDFC), as such rules of play, dart etiquette, conduct of play established by NDFC will be adhered to. In event that there is dispute it shall be resolved by the executive of the GOSSDL.

2.2 Playoffs

There will be absolutely no make-ups in the play-offs. If you cannot be there, you forfeit.

By-Law 3 – Draws, Fundraisers and Extra's

During regular season play the GOSSDL Executive will administer, coordinate and report on all draws, fundraisers and extras that happen at GOSSDL hours of play.

3.1. 50/50 Draws

GOSSDL, under the coordination of the 2nd Vice President shall endeavor to supplement and/or offset the finances of the club through the 50/50 draws.

- 3.1.1. It is not necessary to be a member of GOSSDL to purchase tickets
- 3.1.2. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 for one ticket, \$2.00 for 3 tickets, or \$5.00 for 10 tickets.
- 3.1.3. 50% of the proceeds will be allotted for immediate payout. The Coordinator will turn over the remaining 50% of receipt to the Treasurer; He/She will also keep a record for each event and submit a monthly report to the executive.
- 3.1.4. The number of draws per event shall be at the discretion of the coordinator i.e. one draw vs. three draws of a 50%, 30%, and 20% division.

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3.2. Double Out

GOSSDL, under the coordination of the 2nd Vice President will endeavor to raise funds to support members successfully qualifying to represent GOSSDL at the Provincial's (both Ontario and Quebec) through hosting throughout the season a Double-out Shoot.

- 3.2.1. It is not necessary to be a member of GOSSDL to purchase tickets
- 3.2.2. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 for one ticket, \$2.00 for 3 tickets, or \$5.00 for 10 tickets.
- 3.2.3. 50% of the proceeds will be allotted for immediate payout. The Coordinator will turn over the remaining 50% of receipts to the Treasurer for retention. The 2nd Vice President will also keep a record for each event and submit a monthly report to the executive.
- 3.2.4. The dartboard and the number of draws shall be at the discretion of the Coordinator. Should there be no successful winner the payout shall be carried forward to the next night of play.
- 3.2.5. A qualified player is deemed to be full active member of GOSSDL who paid their membership dues within the prescribed time period and who has satisfied the requirements for professionalism and dart etiquette defined within the bylaws of the GOSSDL.
- 3.2.6. Each GOSSDL candidate that has qualified for the provincial championships shall receive an equal share of the proceeds if they participate in the Double Out draws regularly throughout the regular season of play and are active in the selling of said tickets as necessary.
- 3.2.7. A record shall be kept each week leading up to the provincial championships of GOSSDL players that have participated in the draw using the "Double-Out Tickets Purchased" form. This form will be the method that determines whether a qualified candidate receives a full equal share in the proceeds.
- 3.2.8. The candidate must have qualified to participate in the provincial championship (Either Quebec or Ontario) prior to receiving their equal share of the proceeds.
- 3.2.9. Any monies collected after the provincial championships shall be shared equally between the National championship qualifiers.
- 3.2.10. If there are no National qualifiers on the last night of league play, the Double Out monies must be reduced to zero. The method of disbursement will be at the discretion of the Draw Coordinator.

By-Law 4 – Special Events

4.1. Dan Cruickshank Memorial Dart Tournament (DCM)

GOSSDL, under the coordination of the President will chair and coordinate the administration of the DCM.

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4.2. Zone Shoots

This is an Ontario Provincial event and follows the rules and constructs dictated by Darts Ontario. GOSSDL will support the even as much as possible by offering GOSSDL assets and assist in hosting the event.

4.3 Additional Fundraising

Under the coordination of the 2nd Vice President, additional draws/raffles etc will be held in the event that a cause or charity that is brought forward through the membership in which the executive wishes to participate will be undertaken to provide said funds. These funds are above and beyond the 50/50 and Double out draws aforementioned in Bylaw 3 and exclusive too support the named charity, event, and/or person.