

# AFRICAN DARTS COUNCIL

## CONSTITUTION



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## INTERPRETATION - Glossary of terms

In the Constitution the following terms have the meanings set opposite hereto:

<b>Council Federation Executive</b>	Means the African Darts Council. Means the World Darts Federation. Means the Council elected at an ADC General Meeting for the purpose of conducting the business of the Council during the time between such Meetings.
<b>President</b>	Means the President of the African Darts council
<b>Secretary Office Representative</b>	Means the Secretary General of the Council. Means the Registered Office of the Council. Means the person appointed by a Member Darts Body to act on its behalf.
<b>Darts Body</b>  <b>Year</b>	Means the authorized Member Country's Darts Organization, which is a Member of the WDF and Council.  Means the official year of the Council, which shall extend from the first day of January in one year until the thirty first day of December in the same year.
<b>Masculine Singular</b>	Masculine gender pronouns shall include feminine. Singular terms shall, where necessary, include the plural.
<b>Playing Member</b>	Means a person who is affiliated with the Member Darts Body of his or her country of residence. (An extended definition is included in WDF Bye-Law 2.00)
<b>Eligible</b>	Means that a person, or Member Darts Body, is able to comply with the appropriate rules and regulations adopted by the Federation.
<b>Principal Contact</b>	Means a person appointed or elected by a Member Darts Body to whom all ADC communications shall be addressed.
<b>Deliberative Vote</b>	Is the term used for the vote that expresses an individual's opinion on a matter being deliberated?
<b>Casting Vote</b>	Is the term used when the person presiding over a meeting exercises the right to an additional vote in the case of an equality of votes?
<b>'Interim Approval'</b>	Membership status granted by the WDF Executive subject to ratification by a vote in the next scheduled WDF Meeting.

## **1.00 NAME**

The name of the Council shall be the 'AFRICAN DARTS COUNCIL', herein after called the 'ADC'.

## **2.00 OFFICE**

### **2.01 Registered Office**

The registered office for the transaction of the business of the ADC may be established at any place or places within or without the Country of Egypt by resolution of the Executive.

### **2.02 Other Offices**

The Executive may at any time establish offices at the residences of ADC Executive Officers.

### **2.03 Communications**

may be made by email to the ADC Executive Officers (see ADC Directory - ADC Officials on the ADC website) or through the ADC Contact Form on the ADC website.

## **3.00 OBJECTIVES**

- a) To form a corporate Council of darts bodies representing countries throughout Africa.
- b) To safeguard the official status of those darts bodies representing their respective countries.
- c) To encourage the promotion of the Sport of Darts throughout those countries, and against each other, and thereby gain international recognition for darts as a major sport.
- d) To provide additional opportunities for darts players male and female throughout Africa.
- e) To be non-political, and non-racial, at all times.
- f) To be non-profit making.
- g) To achieve and maintain the highest possible standard of presentation and organization throughout Africa.
- h) To promote African Darts Championships.
- i) To be a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code and incorporate the Code into ADC policy through the application of the WDF Anti-Doping Rules.

## **4.00 MEMBERSHIP**

**4.01** Member Darts Bodies of the ADC (Affiliate Members will follow WDF rules on Such matters) shall be properly constituted darts bodies of their respective countries and shall have been properly elected as Members of the WDF (as per WDF Constitution)

**4.02** Application for membership of the ADC is automatic and without fees, for members of the WDF.

### **4.03 Application for membership of the WDF**

- a) The Darts Body of any country from which there is not already a Member Darts Body may make an application for Membership of the WDF by submitting the official form to the listed addressee.
- b) The question of election of such a Darts Body to Membership of the WDF shall be submitted to the following WDF General Meeting.
- c) An application may be given an 'interim approval' by the WDF Executive.
- d) A Darts Body making an application for Membership of the WDF must be properly represented by
  - 1- one, or more, of its own Members or
  - 2- another WDF Member Darts BodyIn the General Meeting at which the application is being considered.  
The representing Members and/or Member Darts Body must provide adequate proof that they are authorized to represent the applicant.
- e) A two-thirds majority of the votes cast in the WDF General Meeting in favor of an application is required to secure membership of the WDF.
- f) Membership of the WDF by a Darts Body only becomes valid upon the receipt of the full membership fee and then becomes effective on the 1st January following the meeting in which the Darts Body was elected.
- g) An application from a Darts Body known to be 'independent' from an existing WDF Member Darts Body representing the same country shall be dealt with in accordance with Bye-Law 2.04.

### **4.04 Obligations and Rights of ADC Member Darts Bodies**

- a) Each member Darts Body shall have ONE vote, subject to being in good 'financial' standing with the WDF.
- b) Each Member Darts Body shall submit a list of elected/appointed Officials annually to the ADC. Such official list should be submitted within '30' days of their latest election.
- c) All ADC Member Darts Bodies shall be encouraged to publicize Membership of the ADC and WDF on their own letter headings and other promotional material.

- d) All WDF Member Darts Bodies will only officially recognize other WDF Members when involved in International representative matches and tournaments, and will make representation for such events through their officially constituted Darts Bodies, and not through any individuals.
- e) All Member Darts Bodies shall recognize that the ADC is the governing body for the Sport of Darts throughout Africa and there by subject to the rules and regulations of the WDF. Where any other bodies, or organizations, purporting to be the controlling organ for the Sport of Darts throughout Africa, or in a Member Country, attempt to encroach on the area of jurisdiction of any Member Darts Body, it is the duty of all Members to support their fellow Members and refuse co-operation of any kind to such organizations.
- f) It is a prerequisite for membership of the WDF that a Member Darts Body shall give its full support to the WDF and its objectives. Included, is the requirement of WDF Member Bodies to give full support to final rulings made by the WDF Executive in Disciplinary matters involving Member Darts Bodies and/or Playing Members under the current WDF Code of Practice on Disciplinary Proceedings as well as to recognize final decisions pertaining to violations of the WDF Anti-Doping Rules or the anti-doping rules of members' national anti-doping organization.
- g) Failure to comply with Clause 4.03 (d), (e), and/or (f) will lead to the withdrawal of Membership of the WDF.
- h) Each Member Darts Body shall pay all Annual Subscription, Levies, Fees, and/or Assessments, in timely fashion, in accord with current WDF Bye-Laws. Failure to comply shall lead to such penalties as are imposed under current WDF Constitution Bye-Laws, Playing and/or Cup Rules.

NOTE: Official Membership Application Form is available on the WDF website.

#### **4.05 Misrepresentation of 'membership status'**

In the instance that an existing 'membership status' is found to be based on the misrepresentation of information, then the WDF Executive reserves the right to declare that 'membership status' invalid, and is empowered to recommend consideration to the formal acceptance of a 'legitimate' replacement.

#### **4.06 Associate Membership of ADC**

An Associate Member is an association with ties to sport of darts that is not a national governing body for darts within a country. These may include not-for-profit or professional organizations that provide services to sport of darts or which represent particular darts organizations.

Associate Members do not have any voting rights but may attend General Meetings. They must meet the requirements for associate membership set out by the Executive and receive approval by General Meeting and will then be referred on to the WDF for final approval.

## **5.00 PRINCIPAL CONTACTS**

- 5.01** The Principal Contacts of Member Darts Bodies must be elected/appointed members of the National Darts Body of the country that they are representing.
- 5.02** The Principal Contacts must be resident in the country that they are representing, or be a citizen of that country.
- 5.03** A list of all Principal Contacts in the form of the ADC Directory shall be maintained by the ADC Executive and published on the ADC website. Amendments will be made as and when required.

## **6.00 ELECTION AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- 6.01** The ADC Executive shall be composed as follows:  
PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS CORPORATE 5 VICE PRESIDENTS CORPORATE (1 for each region), FINANCE DIRECTOR SECRETARY GENERAL, AFRICAN CUP DIRECTOR, Youth in Sport Commission And SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR.
- 6.02** In the election of ADC Executive Officers, which shall be for a two-year period, the following procedure shall be adopted:  
The Vice President Corporate, Secretary General, and Sports Administrator shall stand for election in the odd numbered years.  
The President and Vice President Finance shall stand for election in the even numbered years.
- 6.03** The duties of the ADC Executive Officers shall be defined as follows:
- a) PRESIDENT**
    - One who conducts the business of General Meetings and has a casting vote. In addition he shall coordinate overall Executive activity and the external presentation of the ADC including public relations, sponsorship and the website.
    - One who has responsibility for the management of the WDF Anti-Doping-Rules and compliance with WADA.
  - b) 5 VICE PRESIDENTS CORPORATE**
    - One who has responsibility for assisting with the management of ADC administration in the 5 African regions, including but not limited to insurance matters, incorporation issues.
    - The 5 Vice Presidents Corporate may also conduct ADC General Meetings in the absence of the President and in such instances shall have a majority casting vote.
  - c) VICE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR**
    - One who administers the finances and all other financial business relating of the ADC.

**d) SECRETARY GENERAL**

One who has the responsibility of reviewing and maintaining the contact details of the ADC executive and members He/she is also responsible for all duties regarding the ADC meetings, including but not limited to invitations, agenda and minutes. His/her duties also include the review and maintenance of the rules and regulations and all other governance documents.

**e) SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR**

One who shall monitor the development of the ADC website, management of the WDF Ranking systems, and manage the organization and control of ADC Cup events.

**6.04**

- a) The ADC Executive shall be elected from Representatives nominated prior to and present at ADC General Meetings. Nominations for the position of any Executive Officer will not be accepted from the floor of any ADC meeting.
- b) An Executive Officer may stand for re-election without the formality of being nominated, or seconded by a Member Darts Body, however a letter of intent should be submitted by an Executive Officer '90' days prior to an election taking place. An existing Officer who is unable to attend a General Meeting due to extenuating Circumstances shall be entitled to be re-elected in his/her absence.
- c) For Representatives other than existing Executive Officers it will be necessary to submit Individual written nominations to be seconded by a Member other than the proposer, together with a written acceptance of the nomination, to be forwarded '90' days before the ADC General Meetings and circulated to all ADC Member Darts Bodies '60' days before such Meetings.
- d) In an election of Executive Officers, if no firm nominations and the required acceptances have been received by the constitutional deadline for the position of any Officer, then the Executive may extend the deadline by a short period up to a maximum of 30 days if it is deemed to be necessary to accommodate extenuating circumstances.
- e) If at the end of the extended period the issue is still not resolved then the election shall be deferred until the next meeting.

**6.05** In the instance of more than two nominees standing for election to an Office if no nominee has secured more than 50% of votes eligible to be cast in the first round of voting in that election then the nominee with the lowest number of votes shall withdraw and a second and/or subsequent round of voting shall take place. The process shall be repeated until an outright winner has been determined.

**6.06** A Representative may only be nominated for one Office in an election of Executive Officers.



- 6.07** An Executive Officer may not hold more than one Office. In special Circumstances, at the discretion of the remaining Executive Officers, the duties and responsibilities of another Office may be undertaken on a short term basis.
- 6.08** If an Executive Officer is found to be negligent in his/her duties, or fails to properly Undertake the designated responsibilities, or is found to have brought the ADC or WDF into disrepute then the remaining Executive Officers shall be empowered to remove the person from that Office. Such action should follow the procedures laid down in the WDF Code of Practice on Disciplinary Proceedings, which protect the rights of the individual and safeguards the authority of the WDF.
- 6.09**
- a) In the event of mid-term vacancies occurring, the ADC Executive shall have the Authority to fill such vacancies, until the next ADC General Meeting.
  - b) The Executive shall have the authority to appoint a person(s) to undertake Responsibilities not currently identified; such appointment(s) will be subject To ratification at the next ADC General Meeting.
- 6.10** No Executive Officer of the WDF may act as a Representative of a Member Darts Body at any WDF Meeting.

## **7.00 FINANCES**

TO BE AGREED UPON BY THE ADC MEMBERSHIP

## **8.00 ADC GENERAL MEETINGS**

**8.01** ADC General Meetings shall be held biannually in conjunction with the AFRICAN DARTS OPEN and WDF African Cup.

### **8.02 Notice:**

The Secretary General shall advise each ADC Member Darts Body of such Meetings at least '60' days prior, giving the time, date, and venue of the Meeting together with an Agenda.

### **8.03 Representation:**

Each ADC Member Darts Body may be represented by not more than TWO (2) Representatives at an ADC General Meeting.

### **8.04 Business**

- a) The business of ADC General Meetings shall be to receive and consider the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet, the reports submitted by the Executive and the Auditors, and any matters incidental thereto, to elect by ballot the Officers of the ADC Executive, to elect Members of the ADC, to determine the Annual Subscriptions, Levies, Fees, and/or Assessments, the Remits from ADC Member Darts Bodies, and such other

business shall be transacted as the ADC Executive, or Member Darts Bodies shall place before the Meeting.

- b) The Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet shall be circulated to all ADC Member Darts Bodies prior to the ADC General Meeting.
- c) The business of ADC General Meetings shall be conducted in accord with the Meeting Procedures as set out in WDF Bye-Law No: 4.00.
- d) The business of ADC General Meetings shall be concluded in one day.

#### **8.06 Voting**

- a) Every question submitted to a ADC General Meeting, except the election of Officers, which shall be by ballot, shall be decided by a show of Voting Cards, and the declaration of the Chairman, who shall have a 'deliberative' vote in this respect, which shall be conclusive provided that in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall then have a 'casting' vote.  
Individual Executive Officers shall not exercise a 'deliberative' vote on a question put to the vote in a ADC General Meeting.
- b) Voting procedures are to be observed in accordance with those set out in WDF Bye-Law 5.00.
- c) Any WDF Member Darts Body whose Annual Subscription, Levies, Fees, and/or Assessments are in arrears shall not be entitled to vote in any ADC General Meeting.

#### **8.07 Remits**

- a) Notice of Remits by any ADC Member Darts Body or ADC Area Vice president to be transacted at any ADC General Meeting, shall be given in writing to the Secretary General of the ADC '30' days before such meetings, whereupon the Secretary General shall notify all ADC Member Darts Bodies at least '20' days before such meetings.
- b) A ADC Member Darts Body must be in good financial standing with the WDF before Remits can be accepted for inclusion in an Agenda for a ADC General Meeting.
- c) A remit submitted by an Executive Officer cannot be allowed to be placed on the Meeting Agenda without first being discussed and approved by the whole of the ADC Executive.

**8.08** The official language of the ADC shall be 'English'. The presence of an interpreter shall be acceptable subject to prior notice to the Chairman of the ADC General Meeting.

**8.09** All Members reports to ADC General Meetings, shall be submitted in writing with sufficient copies made available for all Member Darts Bodies represented at the ADC General Meeting.

**8.10** Observers, including Press representatives, shall be allowed access to ADC General Meetings subject to the prior approval of the ADC Executive. Their presence will be acknowledged, and the Chairman of the ADC General Meeting will introduce each person, to the Representatives.  
The Minutes of ADC General Meetings shall be circulated by the Secretary

General within three months of the date of the respective ADC General Meeting.

#### **9.00 ANNUAL REPORT**

The ADC Executive shall produce an Annual Report to be presented by the ADC President at each ADC General Meeting based on the working of the ADC during the year between such Meetings.

#### **10.00 QUORUM**

At ADC General Meetings one fifth (20%) of the Member Darts Bodies in good financial standing shall form a Quorum.

#### **11.00 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

**11.01** Executive Meetings may be called by the President, or Vice Presidents Corporate, if deemed necessary, otherwise the business of the Executive shall be conducted by correspondence, by facsimile, by e-mail, by telephone, or by Skype conference.

**11.02** Access to Executive Meetings shall be afforded to Representatives of Member Darts Bodies, ADC Area Executives, and the Players Commission subject to prior notice and invitation by the President.

#### **12.00 MANAGEMENT**

**12.01** The ADC Executive shall be the supreme organ of the Council in the periods between ADC General Meetings.

**12.02** The ADC Executive shall have the full responsibility for the day to day management of the Federation and shall have the power to make all decisions necessary to preserve, maintain, and/or enhance the wellbeing of the Federation.

#### **12.03 African Councils**

- a) The ADC Executive shall use the established African Zonal Regions to oversee and implement the day-to-day management of ADC affairs within their geographical areas.
- b) The responsibilities of Area Councils shall comprise meetings chaired by the 'host' country held in conjunction with the respective Area Cup. Member's representatives shall discuss matters concerning the cup and determine potential hosts for future Cups. A recommendation for a host to 'bid' for an Area Cup and other matters relative to Area Cups including amendments to Playing Rules and Format shall be submitted to the ADC Executive for

inclusion on the Agenda of the next ADC meeting for consideration and approval.

The ADC Executive shall be empowered to establish Codes of Practice from time to time in order to maintain, preserve and/or enhance the wellbeing of the Council or implement those passed down by the WDF. Currently these include, but are not limited to:

Disciplinary Proceedings, Anti-Doping Rules, Tournament & Playing Rules, Cup Rules, Ranking Criteria, and a Product Approval Procedure as set down by the WDF.

The ADC, in recognition of its intellectual property right in its name and/or Logo, shall be empowered to establish Licensing Agreements with others who desire to make use of such organization name and/or Logo.

- 12.04** The ADC Executive shall be empowered to establish Website Advertising agreements.
- 12.05** The ADC Executive shall be empowered to obtain membership of any African Sports Bodies that will provide recognition/support to the promotion of the Sport of Darts.
- 12.06** Any decisions should normally be made in accordance with the WDF's current Constitution, Statutes, and Bye-Laws.  
The ADC Executive shall however, in unforeseen circumstances, or in cases of necessity, be empowered to make any decision it deems necessary to safeguard the interests or wellbeing of the Council or the WDF.  
Should any such decision contravene the current ADC or WDF Constitution, Statutes, or Bye-Laws, then full information concerning the circumstances, and decisions reached, shall be circulated to all ADC member countries and the WDF within one calendar month.
- 12.07** **Players Commission** The purpose of the WDF Players Commission is to provide a channel of communication whereby internationally active players will have a formal role in decision-making processes within the WDF, the ADC will follow this and try and set up a regional version answerable to the WDF  
**The responsibilities of the WDF Players' Commission are:**
- 1) To offer assistance and advice to the WDF Executive on matters which are relevant to players within the structure of the WDF.
  - 2) To present the point of view of the players to the WDF Executive on anti-doping issues and matters concerning the health of players.
  - 3) To submit reports and recommendations to the WDF Executive on matters of relevance to players.

### **13.00 INDEMNITY**

Every member of the Executive, or other Officer, or servant of the ADC shall be indemnified by the ADC against all costs, loss and/or expense which any member of the Executive, or other Officer, or servant may incur, or become liable for by reason of any contract entered into, or Act, or thing done by him

in the discharge of his duties including, but not limited to, travelling expenses, providing that such actions are done in the pursuance of the objectives, or interests of the ADC and come within the express, or implied, authority of the person so acting.

#### **14.00 BYE-LAWS**

The ADC may make, repeal, and amend Bye-Laws as it may from time to time consider to be necessary for the internal management of the ADC.

The making, rescission, and amendment of Bye-Laws shall be effected at a ADC General Meeting upon a resolution being passed by a simple majority of the Member Darts Bodies eligible to vote at such Meetings, and subservient to those of the WDF.

#### **15.00 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The ADC Constitution may be altered, amended, or new sections added only by obtaining a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by eligible members present in a ADC General Meeting.

#### **16.00 ARBITRATION**

The ADC follows the WDF and recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and undertakes to present unresolved disputes concerning the Sport of Darts to the Court for arbitration.

#### **17.00 DISSOLUTION**

If upon dissolution of the ADC there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, and property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed among those Members of the ADC who were in good financial standing six months prior to the announcement of the dissolution.

#### **18.00 REVISION NOTES**

It is proposed that 1 Honorary Presidents with Non-executive privileges be given to a leading African figure but this is to be discussed at the first meeting