

**NEW ZEALAND**

**CHARTERED CLUBS  
DARTS ASSOCIATION Inc.**

**Trading as:**



**Rule Book  
2005**

# NEW ZEALAND CHARTERED CLUBS DARTS ASSOCIATION (Incorporated)

## RULES, CONSTITUTION, AND REGULATIONS

1. **Title:-**  
The Title of the Association shall be:- "New Zealand Chartered Clubs Darts Association (Incorporated)" Trading as Clubs New Zealand Darts Association.  
(Hereafter referred to as the Association)
2. **Objects of the Association:-**
  - (a) To develop, promote, control, and encourage the game of darts within the Association and such other activities as the Executive decides.
  - (b) To raise money and accumulate capital, and property, in such manner as the Executive shall decide, for the efficient operation of the Association.
  - (c) To be able to subscribe to, become a member of, and co-operate with, and/or support, any other Association, Company, Individual, or Group of individuals, whose objects or aims are altogether or in part similar to those of this Association.
  - (d) To indemnify all members of the Executive, and delegates, or servants of the Association, against all claims and demands made upon them, in respect of acts done by them in good faith in pursuit of the business of the Association, whether such acts are strictly within the powers of the Association or not.
  - (e) To remunerate any person or group for services rendered to or for the Association.
  - (f) To dispose of profits of the Association to charitable, social, sporting, or benevolent organisations in such manner as the Executive shall decide.
  - (g) To dispose of property in such manner as the Executive shall decide.
3. **Interpretation of Rules:- (refer also Bylaw 3 and 4)**
  - (a) Any question relating to the interpretation of rules of the Association, or any matter not provided for in the rules, shall be decided by the Executive in the first instance.
  - (b) Referral to New Zealand Chartered Clubs (inc.) shall be accepted as 'of right' but shall only apply following initial referral to the Executive.
  - (c) Unless otherwise stated, male gender shall include female.
  - (d) The term 'The Act' refers to 'The Incorporated Societies Act 1908' and all its amendments.
  - (e) The term 'Office' means the registered office of the Association, and location of, as defined by the Executive from time to time.
  - (f) Terms in the singular, where necessary, shall include plural.

- (g) The term `year' means the financial year of the Association.
- (h) Unless otherwise stated, the term `Secretary' means the appointed Secretary of the Association.
- (i) The abbreviation `AGM' means `The Annual General Meeting of the Association'.

**4. Constitution:-**

- (a) Unless otherwise stated, all players must be financial members of a Member Club.
- (b) Membership shall be restricted to members of Member Clubs within New Zealand that are affiliated to the New Zealand Chartered Clubs (incorporated).
- (c) Clubs considered eligible shall be as defined from time to time by the Executive in consort with the NZ Chartered Clubs (incorporated).
- (d) Payment of fees, by the appropriate Member Club, shall entitle an eligible person to become an active person in the Association.
- (e) Outstanding dues to the Association are to remain due unless otherwise decreed by the Executive. Non-payment of due fees by a Member Club shall suspend all rights of the Member Club and members representing that Club (notwithstanding rule 4(f)).
  - (i) A Member Club shall remain financial for one year from the last due date of payment of due fees.
- (f) Members being financial at the time they are elected to hold office, or are appointed to hold position in the Association, shall remain financial until the expiry of the elected or appointed term even though that member's club may otherwise become unfinancial.

**5. Organisation:-**

- (a) The Executive shall comprise of:-

**President**

**Vice Presidents (2)** of whom one shall ordinarily be a resident of the North Island and the other shall ordinarily be a resident of the South Island

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Area Executive Members** - each representing an approved geographically defined area.

- (b) The Appeals Committee shall comprise of three (3) elected members and two (2) Executive nominees.
- (c) The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be appointed Trustees (notwithstanding rule 17).

## AMENDMENTS

### 6. Management:-

The Management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive. All the business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Executive who may exercise all such powers of the Association, as conferred by the Rules, and as are not covered by the Rules and By-laws or by Statute required to be exercised by the Association.

- (a) No resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior action of the Executive, which would have been valid if that resolution had not been passed.
  - (i) Nothing in this Rule should be interpreted to restrict changes in Policy directed by General Meeting.
- (b) The Executive may delegate, to any person or persons, any of its powers covered by these Rules, including the power of delegation. Such delegations and delegatory powers shall be specific and finite in their application.
- (c) Geographically defined Areas, as defined by the Executive from time to time, shall operate as separate operational committees but with ultimate responsibilities to the Association and the N.Z. Chartered Clubs (Incorporated). The organisational structure of these Areas shall be:-
  - (i) Eligibility for membership - as defined in rule 4 (a) (b) & (c).
  - (ii) Committee structure - Area committees must be incorporated, as allowed for under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, and structured with the following basic positions as a minimum:-
    - Chairman
    - Vice Chairman
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - Two (2) delegates from each member club
  - (iii) Meetings - Area meetings should be held regularly with a minimum time interval of quarterly (3 monthly).

### 7. Discipline:-

- (a) The Executive shall have the power to suspend or expel, from Association activities, any member of the Association for misconduct or any wilful infringement of the Association's rules or any by-laws made by the Executive. Notwithstanding clause 7(b), before any member is suspended or expelled, he shall be notified by the Secretary of the date, time, and place of the Meeting of the Executive at which his suspension or expulsion is to be considered. Such notice shall be deemed to be validly given if posted by registered post to the member's Club address, or last known residential address, not less than twenty-one (21) clear days before the date of the Meeting of the Executive. The member shall be entitled to appear before such Meeting of the Executive and to be informed of any complaint or charge against him. He may then put forward any explanation or defence he may wish to

It shall be incumbent on the applicant and/or host(s) to make themselves familiar with all relevant decisions of the Association's Executive, bylaws, and rules (including any amendments thereof). The Association agrees to work with the applicants and/or host(s) to facilitate their knowledge of such decisions, bylaws, and rules.

The Association's Area Executive Member for the applicant club, or such Executive Member as shall be appointed from time to time, shall be the Association's manager for the event. That Executive Member shall conform to all standards expected by the Association and shall administer the event and preparatory meetings and works in accordance with the intent, wishes, and decisions of the Executive and all rules and bylaws of the Association.

The signatories to this document shall be:

For the applicant and co-host clubs, the Manager, President, or Vice President.  
For the Association, either the President, Vice President, or Secretary.

We hereby agree to be signatories to the Memorandum of Agreement.

SIGNATURE FOR APPLICANT CLUB	DESIGNATION
_____	_____
SIGNATURES FOR CO-HOST CLUBS	DATE _____
1. _____	DATE _____
2. _____	DATE _____
3. _____	DATE _____
SIGNATURE FOR THE ASSOCIATION	DESIGNATION
_____	_____
	DATE _____

ATTESTATION:

That this is a bylaw with in the meaning of Rule 54 and is binding according to its tenor thereof.

make and the Executive may then decide either to suspend, expel, or reinstate the member. If the member fails to attend the Meeting the Executive, upon proof of notice to him as above provided, may proceed in his absence. No member shall be suspended, expelled, or reinstated under this rule unless a majority of the members of the Executive present at the Meeting vote in favour of suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement.

- (b) Any three (3) Executive members, in consultation, shall have the power to temporarily suspend a member from activities for misconduct or any wilful infringement of the Association's rules or any by-laws made by the Executive. Where such temporary suspension is made the Executive members shall call for a Meeting of the full Executive at the earliest practical opportunity to affirm or rescind their action. Upon affirmation of the temporary suspension, it shall remain in force until the hearing is held (as described in rule 7(a). At the conclusion of the disciplinary hearing, the member being examined shall be advised, in writing, of the result.
- (c) Any member who is suspended, or expelled, pending an appeal, shall not be entitled to take part in any of the affairs of the Association until the appeal is held. If expelled, the member has seven (7) days to appeal (in writing) to the Executive.

**8. Disputes and Appeals:-**

- (a) There shall be a Board of Appeal consisting of five (5) members whose duty it shall be to hear and decide any appeal lodged by a member or members against any decision of the Executive entailing suspension or expulsion.
- (b) Three (3) members shall be elected triennially by ballot and the other two (2) members shall be Executive nominees and shall be members of the Board as of right.
- (c) The ballot for the three (3) members shall take place at the AGM and nominations shall be called from the floor of the meeting.
  - (i) If nominations do not exceed the number of vacancies the Secretary, who shall be the Returning Officer, will declare those nominated elected.
  - (ii) If nominations exceed the number of vacancies, two (2) scrutineers shall be elected and a ballot taken.
  - (iii) A polling shall take the form as defined under the section 'AGM'.
- (d) The two (2) Executive nominees shall be appointed at any appropriate Executive Meeting or by Executive postal or electronic conference.
- (e) No member of the Executive shall be eligible for election to the Board of Appeal.
- (f) A candidate for the Board of Appeal must have been a financial member of a Member Club for at least three (3) years immediately prior to nomination.

- (g) If a vacancy occurs in the Board of Appeal, a replacement shall be elected by ballot at the AGM immediately following the occurrence of the vacancy. If the Board is required to sit prior to the AGM, then a temporary appointment shall be made by the Executive.
- (h) The Board of appeal shall make its own rules as to procedure. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall reverse, or affirm, or amend, the determination appeal from, and shall be in accordance with, the opinion of the majority of the members present.
  - (i) Three (3) members shall form a quorum of the Board.
  - (ii) The Board shall appoint a Chairman and a Minute Secretary from the members present.
- (i) The Secretary shall, within twenty-one (21) days of notification of an appeal, summon the members on the Board of Appeal. He shall notify the appellant in writing of the date, time, and venue of the hearing of his appeal. The Secretary will be responsible for the notification of witnesses required to give evidence before the Board of Appeal.
- (j) The Executive shall place before the Board of Appeal a report, in writing, stating the charge or charges against the appellant, the names of witnesses who gave evidence before the Executive and the decision involving such suspension or expulsion.
- (k) No member of the Executive shall be in attendance at the hearing except as an appellant or witness or at the request of the Board of Appeal.
- (l) The Board of Appeal shall re-hear the case and any evidence relevant to the issue may be admitted. The hearing of the appeal shall be in camera. The decision of the Board shall be final subject to the appellant pursuing the dispute with the N.Z. Chartered Clubs (incorporated), as provided for under their constitution, or proceeding with legal action in the court of the land.
  - (i) The appellant(s) may submit written legal argument to the Board but may not be represented by legal counsel at the meeting.
- (m) Pending the hearing of any appeal, by the Board of Appeal (or court, or NZ Chartered Clubs), the Executive's decision shall remain in force.
- (n) The parent Club of any member who is suspended or expelled shall be notified, in writing, of the fact.
- (o) In the event of the Board of Appeal reversing or amending the Executive decision, the appellant and the parent Club shall be notified in writing by the Secretary of such decision.
- (p) The costs of the Board of Appeal shall be the responsibility of the Association. The costs of all other participants shall be decided by the Executive on a case-by-case basis. Recommendations may be made by the Board of Appeal to the Executive for the apportionment of costs. Decisions by the Executive on apportionment of costs under this provision shall be final and without appeal.

- 11. (Relating to any tournament, match, or competition held, or proposed to be held, under rules 57, 58, 59 and 60, such tournaments, matches, and/or competitions in terms of this bylaw are declared to be subject to rules 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 and 74')

**THE SCHEDULE**

This memorandum is a statement of intent between The New Zealand Chartered Clubs Darts Association Incorporated (the Association), as owners of the events, and applicant Clubs bidding to host tournaments and events being conducted under the auspices or control of the Association.

NAME OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF APPLICANT CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

CO-HOSTING CLUBS (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant club hereby agrees that ownership of the event rests solely with the Association and hereby agrees to conform to all rules and bylaws of the Association. Further all decisions of the Executive of the Association, relative to the event and associated activities shall be binding on the particular applicant club.

The Association acknowledges that the ownership of the premises rests with the host club(s) and hereby agrees that the authority of the Association, does not include control over the premises except in-so-far as the use of the premises impinges on the ability of the Association to conduct the event to the highest of standards.

The applicant and/or host club(s) agree that matters such as style, length, and timing of the event rest solely with the Association. The Association for its part agrees that any changes to the event, after application and granting, will be conveyed to the applicant and/or host club(s) as soon as practicably possible.

## **BYLAWS**

1. Defending titleholders can only defend their titles by playing for the same Club that they won the title representing.
2. No players may represent more than one Club at any one tournament.
3. (Relating to Rule 4)  
No person, for whom capitation fees have not been paid, in accordance with Rule 7 Clubs New Zealand, shall be eligible to participate in any Association sporting event as a competitor or as an official.
4. (Relating to Rule 4)  
Entries for National, Regional, Island and Area darts tournaments, held under the auspices of the New Zealand Chartered Clubs Darts Association (Inc.), will only be accepted from members who are annually paid up card carrying members of the Club they wish to represent and are fully participating and have access to the facilities of that Club.
5. (Relating to Rules 16 and 67)  
That Life Members not be charged entry fees to Association tournaments.
6. All uncollected prize money will be paid by cheque to the recipients.
7. No smoking will be permitted on or in front of the oche, by any players, callers, or markers, during a game.
8. Eligibility for selection in the Island Teams is attendance at the relevant Island Tournaments. Twelve men and twelve ladies be selected from the separate Island Tournaments and named at the Saturday Evening prize giving and Presentation.
  - (a) Teams shall consist of twenty four (24) players, twelve (12) men and twelve (12) ladies.
  - (b) In the event of withdrawals from Island teams, reserves shall be filled from players who have played in the relevant Island Tournaments.

## **9. Inspection of Books:-**

The books of the Association may be inspected by any member or person having an interest in the funds of the Association on giving seven (7) days written notice to the Secretary.

## **10. Investigations of Affairs:-**

It shall be the right of not less than five (5) financial Member Clubs to apply to the Executive to;

- (a) Appoint one or more appropriately qualified inspectors to examine the affairs of the Association and report, either in the first instance or in writing, to the AGM or by written report to all Clubs eligible for membership.
- (b) Investigate the affairs of the Association with the view to the dissolution thereof.

## **11. Dissolution of the Association:-**

The Association may be dissolved by the form prescribed under the Act. Any vote on this matter will be passed by a bare majority. Any funds or property remaining after settlement of just debts shall be passed to the NZ Chartered Clubs (incorporated) to be held in Trust until such time as;

- (a) The Association is reformed.  
or
- (b) A similar Association is set up.  
or
- (c) Ten (10) years has elapsed at which point funds and property should pass to the NZ Chartered Clubs (incorporated) for the fostering and/or promotion of sport within that Association

## **12. Claims to Property:-**

No expelled, retiring, or forfeiting member shall have any claim upon the Executive, either individually or collectively, to any funds or property of the Association.

## **13. Common Seal:-**

The Association shall have a Common Seal, having the words 'The Common Seal of the New Zealand Chartered Clubs Darts Association (Incorporated)', which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary. This seal shall be affixed only to documents at a Meeting of the Executive or in pursuance of a resolution of the Executive. The affixing of the Common Seal shall be attended by at least two (2) members of the Executive one of whom must be either the President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Those members of the Executive present at the affixing will certify in writing to the affixing of the seal.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FINANCE**

14. The end of the financial year shall be the 31st day of March in each year.
15. Registration fees shall be paid in advance to the Treasurer or his/her nominee, and shall be due before players commence competitive play.

16. Tournament entry fees will be set by the Executive and shall be retained by the Association. **(refer also Bylaw 5)**
17. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, banking, and accounting of all monies, and shall annually present accounts for audit.
  - (a) Two (2) Executive members from each Island shall be appointed to carry out the financial business pertaining to the relevant Island tournament. Where practical these appointees should be; firstly Trustees and secondly Area Executive Members.
  - (b) In that Island, opposite to the residence of the Treasurer, The Executive members appointed shall submit, at the request of the Treasurer, prepared financial records, along with such documents as are required for audit purposes.
  - (c) Association cheques must be signed by at least two (2) Trustees (notwithstanding rule 17(a)).
  - (d) The Executive shall appoint an Auditor who shall annually examine the financial affairs of the Association and assist the Treasurer in the preparation of the Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.
    - (i) The Auditor will endorse these documents with an appropriate statement testifying to their accuracy.
18. All accounts are to be accepted and approved by the Executive before being recognised. To assist, with the smooth function of the Association, the Trustees and other appointed personnel (as described in rule 17(a)) are empowered to pay day-to-day accounts.
19. The Executive shall decide the level and style of subsidy for representative teams.
  - (a) Fundraising for these teams shall be as decided by the Executive but should recognise such things as numbers of Clubs in Areas, size of Clubs, etc..
20. The style and level of expenses for the Executive will be decided by the Executive from time to time but should include full reimbursement for travel, accommodation, and meals, for the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, for all General and Executive Meetings.
21. The Executive may borrow and invest money, on behalf of the Association, in such manner as it considers appropriate.

#### **LEGAL AFFAIRS**

22. The Executive shall have the authority to consult with, and if necessary appoint, a Solicitor and/or Barrister to handle legal matters on behalf of the Association.
  - (a) Before any such appointments are made, an estimate of costs involved should be obtained and presented to an Executive Meeting. Appointments should only be approved after a full appraisal of costs and likely effects.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Most 180's (men)          | - Simonsen & McCulloch Trophy |
| Most 180's (ladies)       | - East Family Trophy          |
| Personality of Tournament | - D.Drain Trophy              |
| Best Presented Team       | - Canterbury Trophy           |

#### **(d) North Island versus South Island**

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| North v South (men)       | - Association Trophy |
| North v South (ladies)    | - Canterbury Cup     |
| North v South (Executive) | - Manurewa Cup       |

#### **(e) Challenge Trophies**

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|--------------------------|--|
| Inter-Area Trophy        | - Leopard Trophy                           |
| Inter-Club Trophy (N.I.) | - Ron Ferguson Trophy                      |
| Inter-Club Trophy (S.I.) | - South Island Inter-Club Challenge Trophy |

#### **(f) Inter-Area Eliminations**

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| North Island Winners | - Bob Warfield Trophy |
| South Island Winners | - B.E.Soal Trophy     |

## TROPHIES

94. All Association trophies must be kept at the holder's Club premises and not at private residences, or other premises, without the express permission of the Executive. Holding Clubs shall be responsible to ensure that trophies are maintained in a clean and tidy condition and that they are sent to the appropriate venue before competition for them recommences.

### (a) N.Z. Tournament

Men's Singles Winner	- Alf Franklin Memorial Trophy
Men's Pairs Winners	- National Trophy of Combined W.M.C.Darts Association
Ladies' Singles Winner	- B.O'Shannessey Trophy
Ladies' Pairs Winners	- Invercargill W.M.C. Trophy
Mixed Pairs Winner	- Long Bros Ltd. Trophy
Inter-Area Winners	- Barry O'Shannessey Trophy
Best Presented Team	- McBeath / Goodman Trophy
Aggregate Trophy	- Taradale Club Trophy

### (b) North Island Tournament

Men's Singles Winner	- Association Trophy
Men's Pairs Winners	- Association Trophy
Ladies Singles Winner	- Howick Cup
Ladies Pairs Winners	- B.O'Shannessey Trophy
Mixed Pairs Winners	- Paul Herbert Memorial Trophy
Aggregate Trophy	- W & B O'Shannessey Aggregate Trophy
Best Dressed Club	- Barry O'Shannessey Trophy

### (c) South Island Tournament

Men's Singles Winner	- Association Trophy
Men's Pairs Winners	- Association Trophy
Men's Highest Break	- Wilson Trophy
Men's Highest Finish	- Ibell Trophy
Ladies' Singles Winner	- Invercargill Trophy
Ladies' Pairs Winners	- Dunedin WMC & MSA Trophy
Ladies' Highest Break	- Stephen Long Trophy
Ladies' Highest Finish	- Tom Bell Trophy
Mixed Pairs Winners	- Elvira Driver Memorial Trophy
Aggregate Trophy	- Lion Brewery Challenge Trophy

## LIFE MEMBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

23. The Association at an AGM may grant Life Membership to any person for meritorious and/or outstanding service rendered to or on behalf of the Association.
- (a) The procedures for the election or notification shall be that nominations must be presented to an Executive Meeting prior to the AGM and must be approved by the Executive.
  - (b) In any one (1) year no more than one Life Membership may be granted.
  - (c) Life Members shall not be liable to pay any subscription or levy or entry fee to the Association.
  - (d) Life Members may attend General and Executive Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote except as a duly elected Executive member at Executive Meetings or as a delegate for a Club at General Meetings.
24. The Association at an AGM or an Executive Meeting may elect Honorary members. Honorary members shall not be eligible to act as voting delegates at an AGM or a General Meeting neither shall they have voting power on the Executive. They may attend these meetings but shall not be eligible to hold office.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25. A quorum shall be representation from twenty (20) Clubs, provided that the twenty (20) Clubs shall not be comprised of Clubs from one Island (North and South) only. If there is not a quorum after thirty (30) minutes of the notified time, the Meeting shall lapse.
- (a) A replacement Meeting must be convened and the time and place of such a Meeting will be decided by the Executive.
26. The AGM shall be held at 10 am on the day following the games of the N.Z. Tournament and at the Club hosting the N.Z. Tournament or at such time and place as is set by the Executive and has been duly notified to eligible Clubs, provided that accidental omission from notification shall not invalidate the meeting.
27. The business of the AGM shall be to:-
- (a) Receive and consider the Annual Statement and Balance Sheet.
  - (b) Receive the President's Annual Report.
  - (c) Confirm the Minutes of the previous AGM and, where applicable, Special General Meeting.
  - (d) Triennially conduct the election for the President, and two Vice-Presidents (one from each island) or annually if necessary to fill extraordinary vacancies.
  - (e) Triennially declare the result of ballots for the Area Executive Members.
  - (f) Elect Life Members.
  - (g) Triennially elect three (3) members to the Board of Appeal.

- (h) Amend and improve the rules where necessary.
  - (i) Present and consider Notices of Motion.
  - (j) Consider recommendations from the Executive concerning fees, other than tournament entry fees, and decide the level of such fees.
  - (k) Select venues for N.Z. Tournaments.
  - (l) Select venues for Inter-Area Eliminations.
  - (m) To discuss general business.
28. The President shall preside at all General Meetings. In his absence a Vice-President shall preside. In the extraordinary circumstance that neither the President nor a Vice-President is present, a temporary Chairman shall be elected from nominations called for by the Secretary.

## **ELECTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **29. Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary will circularise Member Clubs, via the Area Executive Members, four (4) months prior to the AGM, calling for nominations for President and Vice-Presidents (triennially), and Notices of Motion (annually).

- (a) Area Executive Members shall forward such circulars to all eligible Clubs not later than one (1) month prior to the closing of entries for the N.Z. Tournament.
- (b) Notices of Motion and nominations for President and Vice-Presidents, are to be in the hands of the Secretary not later than three (3) months prior to the AGM. These are to be circularised to Area Executive Members at least six (6) weeks prior to the AGM. They in turn will ensure that Clubs receive them at least one (1) month prior to the AGM.
- (c) Candidates notes, where submitted, should accompany the notification of nominations.

### **30. Island Tournaments**

Remits for Island AGM's are to be in the hands of the Association Secretary not later than three (3) months prior to the Island AGM.

- (a) The Secretary shall forward circulars and remits to the appropriate Island groups of Area Executive Members not later than six (6) weeks prior to the Island AGM's and they in turn will ensure that clubs receive them at least one (1) month prior to the AGM's

31. Triennially the Secretary shall receive nominations from Clubs for their Area Executive Member not later than six (6) months prior to the AGM. These nominations should be forwarded to the incumbent Area Executive Member within fourteen (14) days, who in turn must forward such nominations to all eligible Clubs in his area not later than five (5) months prior to the AGM. The votes for this position shall be limited to one (1) per Club and should be forwarded, in writing, direct to the Association Secretary not later than four (4) months prior to the AGM.

85. The Caller or Chalker may advise a player of the number remaining but must not tell the player how to hit it, e.g. the player can be told "40 left" not "double 20". It is not permissible for any other person to inform the player of the number required or how to hit it once the player addresses the oche.
86. ONCE A PLAYER, OR A MEMBER OF THE SAME TEAM, HAS PLAYED ON THEIR OWN SCORE, NO ALTERATION MAY BE MADE TO THAT SCORE.
87. If any attempt is made to throw a dart at the board, even though the dart may not lodge in the board, it shall be deemed a thrown dart.
88. If there is a dispute by a player against any decision made by the Caller, Chalker, or Line Umpire, a Referee shall decide and his/her decision is absolute. The Referee shall be the Games Controller or his/her nominee(s). The term 'absolute' shall be interpreted in this context as being applicable to the immediate duration of the game (see rule 66).
89. Defaults shall be called by the Games Controller, or his/her nominee(s), and shall be called only after reasonable time has elapsed following a "Second and Final call" A reasonable time is considered as being approximately one (1) minute.
90. The names of the competing clubs shall be shown on or about the scoring board prior to the commencement of play.
91. Where sectional play is directed, sections will consist of six (6) players, or a minimum of five (5) players. If five (5) players are in a section the bye will count as a win. Sectional play will be in the Round Robin style with three wins being required for advancement to the one (1) life knockout part of the championship.
92. Ladies only events shall not be open to entry by men and similarly men only events not for ladies.
93. A game during which a player may qualify for an Association '180' badge must be played under the control of the Association. Eligible events are:-
- New Zealand Tournament.
  - North Island Tournament.
  - South Island Tournament.
  - Inter-Area Elimination.
  - Leopard Trophy.
  - South Island Inter-Club Challenge Trophy.
  - Ron Ferguson Trophy.
  - Any official nationally representative team matches.
  - Any Inter-Area team matches.

- (d) The method of scoring shall be by written subtraction as per the following example:

501  
92  
 409  
61  
 348 etc

- (e) The initial point of entry of the dart is the score. Any dart lodged between a split in the wire shall score as the lesser of the disputed values.
- (f) Only the darts actually touching, or in the board, (with the exception of the starting double referred to in rule 84(a) are counted when the score is announced. If a dart falls out after the total score is announced, it shall count. If a dart knocks another out, the fallen dart does not count. If a dart rests on top of others, the point of the resting dart must be touching the board to score.
- (g) Any dart which, in the opinion of the Caller or Chalker or Line Umpire, is thrown illegally shall constitute a foul and shall be announced to the player concerned as "Foul Dart" immediately after the occurrence of such foul. A foul dart shall not score but shall remain in the board until all darts are retrieved.
81. The Chalker, and where applicable Caller and Line Umpire, shall be responsible for ensuring that all rules are adhered to and shall watch for such things as footwear behind the och'e, correct scores being called and calculated, and unfair tactics such as excessive talking by players, walking straight back towards the next player standing at the och'e etc, etc...
82. A player's throw shall be deemed to be completed when the darts are retrieved.
83. The Chalker, or Caller or Line Umpire, shall be appointed by the Games Controller or, where no Games Controller exists, by the respective Captains.
84. (a) Where possible a Caller or Chalker shall indicate to the player when a starting double is scored. If that dart falls out after being indicated, it stands as a score. If the starting double is incorrectly called, i.e. not a double, such score shall be invalidated.
- (b) Where possible a Caller or Chalker shall indicate to the player when a finishing double has been scored, providing that the total scored equals the number remaining at the commencement of the throw.
- (i) N.B - Any information given by the Caller or Chalker regarding score is advisory only. It is the player's responsibility to ascertain that the score has been correctly calculated.
- (ii) Any dart thrown by a player after scoring the required finishing double shall not be counted as part of the score. The leg, set or match concerned is concluded by the dart scoring the required double.

Alternatively, individual Area Committees may conduct their own Area Executive Member elections. Where such elections are held, the Area Secretary should forward the result, along with a copy of the Minutes of the meeting that the election took place at, to the Association Secretary not later than four (4) months prior to the AGM.

- (a) Where Area Committees do conduct their own elections, the procedure for nominations shall remain the same as for elections being conducted by the Association.
32. The Secretary and Treasurer positions shall be by appointment and should be for negotiated terms not exceeding three (3) years. The Executive shall decide on such appointments but may appoint a third party or parties to make recommendations. The Executive may or may not, as it shall decide, call for nominations from member clubs but shall not be limited to such nominations.
- (a) The appointed Secretary and Treasurer shall be granted full voting rights at Executive Meetings
33. At AGM's two (2) scrutineers shall be appointed to count votes. In the event of a tie in the election of Officers, whether at an AGM or otherwise, positions shall be decided by the toss of a coin. In the event of a voting tie for other matters, the motion shall be deemed lost (thereby preserving status quo).
34. Only two (2) delegates from each Club may vote on matters arising at an AGM. If only one (1) delegate from a Club is present, that Club will only be entitled to one (1) vote only.
- (a) Proxy votes will not be allowed.
- (b) Delegates must be financial members of the Club they represent.
- (c) The President (Chairman) shall declare, after a show of hands, the result of any resolution on the floor, but any one member may demand a secret ballot.
35. Any qualifying member, or guest invited by the Executive, may attend an AGM.
36. Any Club in financial arrears at the time of the AGM shall not be entitled to attend or vote at the AGM.

**ALTERATION OF RULES**

37. Notices of Motion shall be as provided for in rule 29(b).
38. Alterations to, additions to, or deletions from the rules may only be made at an AGM or an extraordinary Special General Meeting called for the purpose.
39. Alterations to, additions to, or deletions from the rules may only be passed by resolutions of at least two thirds (2/3) of the delegates present at such Meetings.
40. Alterations to, additions to, or deletions from the rules will only become valid after registration.

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

41. The Executive shall, at the request of not less than five (5) Member Clubs, convene a Special General Meeting.
  - (a) The request must state the object of the Meeting and must be signed by the Secretary or President of each of the requesting Clubs. Separate requests from each of the requesting Clubs may be co-ordinated to form a single document for the purposes of enacting this provision.
  - (b) The date and time and place of such Special General Meeting shall be set by the Secretary, in consultation with the President, representing the Executive, and should be timed where possible to coincide with the next timed Meeting of the Executive. Where this is not practical or possible sufficient notice to enable attendance by Executive Members and Member Clubs should be given and should not be less than one month from the time of posting of notices. The venue for such a meeting should be such as to enable a maximum attendance of Member Clubs with a minimum of travel.
42. The Executive shall have the power to convene Special General Meetings.
43. At a Special General Meeting no business, other than that for which the Meeting has been called, shall be discussed.
44. Rules 25, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36, as set for the AGM shall apply at Special General Meetings.

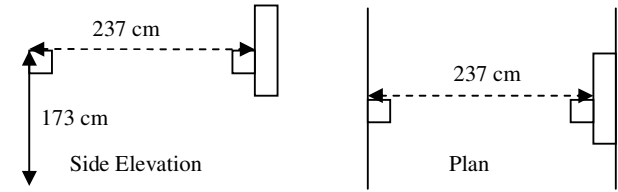
### EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

45. Rules 28, 33, 34(a), and 34(c) shall apply to Executive Meetings except that provision in rule 33 pertaining to scrutineers.
46. National Executive Meetings shall be held to coincide with the National tournament, and such other times as the Executive shall decide.
  - (a) The Executive may allow any eligible Member to attend Executive Meetings if such attendance is to facilitate the business of the Executive and shall not be granted to allow members to be solely observers, unless such observance is to facilitate business.
    - (i) Members granted attendance shall not be granted voting rights but may have speaking rights.
47. Where the Association Secretary is unable to be present, a Minute Secretary shall be appointed. This appointment may be from a member of the Executive or otherwise. Where a non-executive member is appointed, the appointee shall not be granted voting rights but may have speaking rights.
48. The Executive may conduct their business by post, telephone, or such other communication, where Meetings are considered impractical.

### MINUTES

49. Minutes shall be kept of all General and Executive Meetings and shall be entered in the Master Minute Book(s) kept by the Secretary. Minutes of Meetings not attended by the Secretary, shall be forwarded to the Secretary for circulation and inclusion in the Master Minute Book(s).

Inter-Area Eliminations a neat straight, distinctive strip, rather than a raised och'le, will be acceptable, although not preferred.



- (e) The bull or centre is a double 25 (50) and the small ring around the centre is a single 25. The narrow band at the outer edge of the divisions scores double the division value and the next narrow band towards the centre scores treble. All other scoring areas on the board shall score single values only.
  - (f) The recommended minimum distance between adjacent boards, to ensure safety for players and officials, is approximately 1.8 metres measured bull to bull.
79. **Commencement of Play**
- (a) For the first leg, the players, or captains, shall toss a coin. The winner of the toss shall elect the order of the throwing for the bull.
  - (b) In all other legs, the winner of the previous leg shall throw for the bull first.
  - (c) In the event of the first thrower's dart lodging in the bull, the dart shall be withdrawn before the second player throws for the bull. The point of entry determines the position of the dart. **THE DART MUST NOT BE SHIFTED TO DETERMINE THE POINT OF ENTRY.** If the darts are the same distance from the bull or both have lodged in the bull a replay of the bull-up is required. If the second thrower's dart dislodges the first then both players must throw again.
  - (d) The winner of the bull-up shall have the option of throwing first.
  - (e) A foul incurred in throwing for the bull shall constitute loss of shot. The failure of the dart to lodge in the board constitutes no shot, provided no foul has been incurred, and must be thrown again.
80. **Scoring**
- (a) All games shall start and finish with a double, except special promotional games as directed by the Executive.
  - (b) To finish a leg, the total that is scored must equal the number remaining from the previous throw. Should a player obtain more than, or one less than, the requisite number with any three (3) darts, the score will not count and the previous remaining score shall stand.
  - (c) The Caller or Chalker shall assess the score after each complete throw and shall write it on a board positioned where it can be seen easily by all players and spectators. Progressive clarifications may be given in an advisory capacity only.

- (f) Results must be sent to the Area Executive Member, who originally notified teams of the match, by both teams. A common letter signed by both team Captains will suffice.
  - (i) Where the trophy changes hands, the Area Executive Member receiving the result shall notify all other North Island Area Executive Members of the change.
- (g) The holders of the trophy shall be responsible for all upkeep, engraving, and insurance for the trophy.
- (h) Teams may consist of either eight (8) or twelve (12) players as is mutually agreed between the holders and the challengers. In the event they cannot agree, the holders shall determine the team size.
- (i) The match shall comprise a Round Robin of pairs and two (2) singles games for each player.
  - (i) Games shall consist of the best of three (3) legs 501.
  - (ii) The format shall be that each team shall be divided in two (2) and half the pairs games shall be played, followed by half the singles games. The first half of the singles shall be against the same players as were played in the first half of the pairs. The second half of the pairs shall follow, followed by the second half of the singles.
  - (iii) In the event of a draw at the completion of play, the trophy will be retained by the defender.
- (j) Rule changes for this trophy can only be made by the Executive or the Annual General Meeting of North Island Clubs.

## **PLAYING RULES**

### **78. Board, Och'e and Measurements:-**

- (a) All games are to be played on a 'Standard' or 'London' board. The board must be made of the bristle type and must be in good condition.
- (b) Board measurements will be defined by 'World Dart Federation' rules.
- (c) The board height shall be 173cm (measured from the centre of the bull, in a plumb line, to the floor at och'e level).
- (d) The Och'e shall be a neat, straight, raised strip parallel to the face of the board and not less than 90 centimetres in length. The raised och'e shall be 50mm in height and must be fixed in a stable manner. Preferably the centre of the och'e should be marked, and where marked must be at right angles to the face of the board and in line with the centre of the bull. The distance from the plumb line to the centre of the och'e (measured from the rear of the och'e) shall be 237cm. This means that both feet (inclusive of footwear) must be behind, and not on, the line of the och'e when throwing. All measurements shall be in the horizontal and vertical and right angles.
  - (i) For games other than N.Z. Tournament, Island Tournaments, and

- 50. The Minutes shall record all resolutions, elections, appointments, attendances, and outlines of general proceedings.
- 51. Minutes of Meetings of the Executive and of the Association once confirmed by resolution of the next appropriate Meeting, and duly signed by the presiding Chairman of that Meeting, shall be receivable as prima facie evidence of the matters set out in such Minutes.

## **MEMBER CLUBS**

- 52. The Association shall maintain a register of financial Member Clubs.
- 53. Member Clubs must forward, to their Area Executive Member, by May 31st each year, names, addresses, and phone numbers (where applicable) of all darts section, group, or adjunct members. The Area Executive Member will in turn collate such information and retain the Area membership list on file as part of the register.

## **BY-LAWS**

- 54. The Association, by Executive or General Meeting resolutions, may make such by-laws as it considers appropriate for the smooth operation of its business. By-laws made at an Executive meeting may be over-ruled by the resolution of a General Meeting.

## **EXTRAORDINARY VACANCIES**

- 55. The Executive shall have the authority to make appointments to the positions of President and Vice-Presidents, where such positions fall vacant between AGM's.
- 56. At the AGM immediately following such appointment, an election to fill the vacancy must be carried out. Where time permits, electoral processes as for the AGM shall be followed. Where time precludes this action, as wide a publicity as is possible, that this election will take place, should be made.
  - (a) Appointments made at such an election will fall due for re-election at the next triennial elections.

## **THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS IN THE NORMAL MANNER WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE REGISTRAR OF INCORPORATED SOCIETIES**

### **ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS**

#### **57. New Zealand Tournament**

A national tournament will be held annually. It will be open to all Member Clubs and shall be held alternately in North and South Islands.

- (a) The venues for these tournaments will be selected two (2) years in advance at the AGM. Applicant clubs should be represented at the presentation of their bid by a senior member of their Executive e.g. President, Vice President, Secretary Manager.
- (b) The timing of this event is set as based on the 2nd Saturday in July. Daily starting times shall be as decided from time to time by the

Executive and/or General Meeting.

- (c) The daily commencing times shall be decided by the host club in consultation with the Area Executive Member for that club. In the event that the host club and Area Executive Member cannot mutually agree, the Area Executive Member shall have the final say, notwithstanding the power of the full Executive as allowed for in rule 61.

**58. North Island and South Island Tournaments**

Island tournaments will be held annually and shall be open to all Member Clubs in each of the relevant Islands including those on recognised offshore Islands.

- (a) The venues for these tournaments will be selected two (2) years in advance at the Island Annual General Meetings, held in the Clubs hosting these tournaments at 10 am on the day following the games, or at such time and place as is set by the Executive. Applicant clubs should be represented at the presentation of their bid by a senior member of their Executive e.g. President, Vice President, Secretary Manager.
- (b) The timing of these events are set as based on the 1st Saturday in March.
- (c) The daily commencing times shall be set according to criteria laid down by the appropriate Island AGM. In the event that no criteria exists, the host club in consultation with the Area Executive Member for that club shall determine start times. In the event that the host club and Area Executive Member cannot mutually agree, the Area Executive Member shall have the final say, notwithstanding the power of the full Executive as allowed for in rule 61.

**59. North versus South Match**

A North Island versus South Island teams event will be held annually and shall be held in conjunction with the N.Z. Tournament.

**60. Inter-Area Competition**

An Inter-Area Competition shall be held annually.

- (a) Separate North Island and South Island eliminations will be held.
- (b) The venues and dates for these eliminations will be selected at the respective Island AGM the year prior to the event.
- (c) Elimination starting times shall be as decided from time to time by the respective Island Executive.
- (d) The Inter-Area Competition Final between the two Island winners will be held at the N.Z. Tournament following the eliminations and be played in the same format as Island Elimination matches.
- (e) For the South Island elimination, Areas must confirm teams and members and Area accommodation requirements (if appropriate) to the host club's Area Executive Member not later than two (2) months prior to the event. The Area Executive Member will in turn notify the host club within one (1) week.

- (m) The trophy must be displayed in the holding Club and not removed from that Club.
- (n) Rule changes pertaining specifically to this trophy can only be made by South Island Clubs at the South Island Annual General Meeting and then ratified at the full AGM following, (notwithstanding reassessment under the following rule).
- (o) Should the trophy remain unchallenged for over two (2) South Island tournaments, it must be returned to the Tinwald Club (inc.) for restarting or reassessment by that Club in consultation with the Association.
- (p) **Format**
  - (i) Teams shall consist of eight (8) players,(four (4) men and four (4) ladies).
  - (ii) Games are to be played on four (4) boards with two (2) ladies games and two (2) men's games being played at the same time. The next set of four (4) games to commence at the completion of the previous set.
  - (iii) In the event of a draw at the conclusion of play, the trophy shall be deemed to have been retained by the defenders.
  - (iv) Association 180 badges qualify for these events.
  - (v) All games shall be the best of three (3) legs 501, double start, double finish, scoring one (1) point per game win. A total fifty six (56) games shall be played.
  - (vi) Each section (ladies and men) shall be a Round Robin of singles (32) games, a Round Robin of Pairs (8) games, a Round Robin of Mixed Pairs (16) games. A total of fifty six (56) games.

**77. Ron Ferguson Trophy**

- (a) The Ron Ferguson Trophy is open to challenges from North Island Clubs only.
- (b) All correspondence relating to challenges should be made to the Area Executive Member responsible for the holding club.
- (c) All games shall be played in accordance with Association rules and must be played on a Club's premises.
- (d) All challenges must be played within two (2) months of notification, by the Area Executive Member concerned, to both the challenger and holder.
  - (i) No challenges will be played between the first day of November and the last day of February following.
- (e) In the event that the challenger and holder cannot mutually agree on a date, the holder must offer three (3) separate dates within the time frame allowed. The challenger must accept one (1) of these offered dates or forfeit the challenge.

determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting of South Island Clubs, and shall be played under the general playing rules of the Controlling Body.

- (c) The trophy is open to challenges from South Island Clubs only.
- (d) The 'draw' for all games must be on the prescribed form.
- (e) Challenges shall be received in writing annually and shall close at the South Island Tournament Annual General Meeting with the Association Secretary or such other person acting as Secretary for that meeting.
- (f) From challenges received, a ballot shall be held at the South Island Annual General Meeting to determine the successful six (6) challengers in order of challenge.
- (g) Single challenges shall be played during the following months:  
April, June, August, October, December, and February (each named month shall be defined as to include two (2) Saturdays into the following month)  
The Area Executive Member for the defending Club shall consult with that Club and the challenging Clubs and arrange suitable dates for challenges.
- (h) In the event of challenger successfully uplifting the trophy, they must notify their Area Executive Member within seven (7) days of their success. The Area Executive Member shall then consult with that Club and the remaining challengers and arrange suitable dates for those remaining challenges. Challenging Clubs must be notified in writing of such changes within one (1) month.
- (i) Failure of Clubs to notify their Area Executive Member of the result of a successful challenge, within the prescribed time (7 days), shall result in the trophy automatically being forwarded to the next challenger who in turn shall notify their Area Executive Member etc..
- (j) If a Club successfully withstands three (3) challenges, (not counting the initial winning of the trophy), the trophy shall be recommitted at the South Island tournament following the third defence, (provided of course, that the defence continues successfully to that point in time).
- (k) Recommitting of the trophy shall take the form of a ballot from current challenging Clubs. The successful ballot winner shall be considered the holders of the trophy.
- (l) Engraving shall be the responsibility of the holding Club and shall be listed in order of the holders in calendar years showing the month of 1st winning,  
e.g. -1984  
Name of Club - Aug.  
(N.B. winners are entered on the trophy only when a change of holder occurs).

- (f) For the North Island elimination, Area Executive Members must confirm their Area's participation at the time of submitting Area entries for the North Island tournament. Team members are to be named the day before the elimination is scheduled to be played.
  - (g) Team size: Area teams are to consist of five (5) men and five (5) ladies. Any three (3) men and any three (3) ladies named in (e) or (f) as appropriate may play in any match.
  - (h) Matches:
    - (1) Each game is singles of one leg of 501 double start and double finish.
    - (2) To be played on six (6) consecutive boards
    - (3) Men versus men and ladies versus ladies
    - (4) Three (3) men's games and three (3) ladies games to be played in each set and at the same time.
    - (5) To be played as a round robin with the first team to record ten (10) wins is the winner of that match.
    - (6) In the event of a tied match the teams will play a team's game of 1001, double start and double finish. The order of play will be the same order as played the first round of that match, men followed by ladies.
    - (7) In the event the elimination tournament is a tied result, a rematch between the teams concerned is to be played.
    - (8) In the event there is still a tied result after (7), a single game of 1001, double start and double finish is to be played between the teams concerned.
  - (i) Following the Island elimination, the winning Area is to be notified to the Association Secretary along with the team members in (e) or (f) as appropriate.
  - (j) In the event of an Area being unable to field three (3) men and three (3) ladies of those named in (e) or (f) for the Inter Area Competition final, an explanation is to be submitted to the Association Secretary as soon as the situation arises. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer will consider and determine whether replacement players may be used.
61. The timing of the New Zealand Tournament or Island Tournaments may be adjusted by the Executive or at direction from an AGM or Special General Meeting. Such adjustments should only be made, where it is considered in the best interests of all parties, to avoid clashes with other events, and must not be permanent.  
Permanent changes should only be made by an amendment to the rules.
- (a) Where allocation of venues have been made, full prior consultation with the Clubs concerned must be held. The final decision will rest with the Association.
62. Clubs and not sections, groups, or adjuncts are considered the applicants for

annual tournaments. All applications to host these tournaments must be in the form of a letter of application from the Club Executive (it is imperative that the Club Executive is aware of the application and that they approve).

- (a) Applications to host NZ Tournaments, and Inter-Area eliminations, must be received by the Secretary three (3) months prior to the AGM each year. The Secretary should forward applications to the Area Executive Members at least six (6) weeks prior to the AGM, and they in turn to clubs at least one (1) month prior to the AGM.
  - (b) Applications to host Island Tournaments must be received by the Secretary three (3) months prior to the Island AGM each year. The Secretary should forward applications to Area Executive Members at least six (6) weeks prior to the Island AGM, and they in turn to clubs at least one (1) month prior to the Island AGM.
  - (c) The successful applicant Club will be notified in writing of their success as soon as possible, and no later than one (1) month from the Meeting at which the application was voted on.
  - (d) In the event that no applicant for venues are received in accordance with the rules the Executive shall have the power to make an appointment.
63. The Association will assume overall responsibility for the control of these tournaments provided that no responsibility will be taken for the conduct and general behaviour of individual members (see clause 67(c)) except that the Association may enact the disciplinary procedures as outlined in rules 7 and 8.
- (a) The responsibility for control and smooth conduct of the games for the N.Z. and Island tournaments is delegated to the Area Executive Member for the Club concerned. The Area Executive Member may sub-delegate tasks to any person or group of his/her choosing but the responsibility remains.
  - (b) The Executive groups in each Island collectively will assume responsibility for the conduct of games at the Inter-Area elimination events.
  - (c) The Area Executive Member shall have the power to remove an allocated tournament from a Club if he/she considers that the tournament will not be conducted in a suitable manner.
    - (i) In the unlikely event of this occurring, the President and Secretary of the Association must be notified immediately. The Area Executive Member, President, and Secretary will confer and decide on the best course of action.
64. Formats - The formats for each of these tournaments shall be as laid down from time to time by the Executive, or as by direction from an AGM or Special General Meeting.
65. Playing Rules - All games shall be played in accordance with the playing rules of the New Zealand Chartered Clubs Darts Association, as set out elsewhere in this document.

- (iii) Note - use of teams as the base of the calculation, rather than numbers of players, eliminates the anomaly created when titleholders are introduced.

## **CHALLENGE TROPHIES**

### **75. Leopard Trophy**

- (a) The Leopard Trophy is an inter-Area challenge trophy and is open to all geographically defined Areas as provided for by Executive decree.
- (b) Area teams shall comprise of eight (8) eligible members selected on any basis that the Area considers appropriate.
- (c) The match shall comprise of a Round Robin of pairs and two (2) singles games for each player.
  - (i) Games shall consist of the best of three (3) legs 501.
  - (ii) The format shall be that each team shall be divided in two (2) and half the pairs games shall be played, followed by half the singles games. The first half of the singles shall be against the same players as were played in the first half of the pairs. The second half of the pairs shall follow, followed by the second half of the singles.
- (iii) In the event of a draw at the completion of play, the trophy will be retained by the defender.
- (d) Challenges should be in writing and shall be arranged directly between the areas concerned. Defending areas shall not have the right to refuse a challenge and must accept and play challenges, in the order that they are received, in not greater than three (3) monthly periods and at a mutually agreed date.
  - (i) Where a challenge has been made and has not been accepted and played within the prescribed time limit, the challenge will be ruled as having been successful.
  - (ii) Where challenger and holder cannot agree on a date the holder shall offer two (2) alternative dates. The challenger must accept one (1) of these offered dates or forfeit the challenge.
  - (iii) The venues for these matches shall be decided by the holder.
  - (iv) Where the trophy changes hands the Area Secretary, for the winning team, must notify the Association Secretary of their success within twenty-one (21) days. The Association Secretary will notify all Areas of the change of holder. Where such notification is not given, the trophy will revert to the previous holder.

### **76. South Island Inter-Club Challenge Trophy**

- (a) The name of the trophy shall be, "South Island Inter-Club Challenge Trophy".
- (b) All games and challenges are to be under the control of the New Zealand Chartered Clubs Darts Association, or such body as

will lead to a smoother, faster, more efficient tournament.

- (g) A good quality public address system, including microphone, must be available and ready for use. It is preferred, if possible, that the microphone have an inbuilt on/off switch.
- (h) It is not a requirement that finals must be played on a staged area, however where possible it is encouraged. Where elevated facilities are provided, at least two (2) metres on either side and to the rear of the och'e must also be elevated.

#### 73. General

- (a) The Host Club is requested to provide a minimum of four (4) people to assist the Games Controllers for N.Z. and Island tournaments.
  - (i) These people will be used for general duties including running out board indicator cards, collecting results, etc..
- (b) Accommodation - Hosting Clubs are requested to make every effort to see that visiting Clubs are accommodated close to the Club in facilities of a reasonable standard and price.
- (c) The Host Club is granted the right, with the Area Executive Members approval, to promote the tournament in any way it considers appropriate (several Clubs have done this in the past with considerable success).
- (d) All trophy engraving will be paid for by the Association. For N.Z. and Island tournaments Clubs are requested to arrange engraving to be completed prior to the presentation.
- (e) Sponsorship shall be the sole prerogative of the Association. Clubs may not arrange sponsorship without full consultation and agreement from the Association.

#### 74. Aggregate Trophies

- (a) Aggregate trophies shall apply to the New Zealand tournament and each of the Island tournaments.
- (b) Only Clubs with a full compliment of entries are eligible for the aggregate trophies. A full compliment consists of the first 4 mens and ladies singles, 2 mens and ladies pairs and 4 mixed pairs.
  - (i) Where a Club has a defending titleholder, a full compliment will include that titleholder. If such a Club does not enter the titleholder or does not enter a full team in addition to the titleholder, it shall not be eligible for consideration.
- (c) The formula for the calculation shall be the total number of wins of an Eligible Club divided by the number of teams that that Club has entered.
  - (i) Note - a singles player counts as a team e.g. two (2) singles plus one (1) pair equals three (3) teams for the purpose of this calculation.
  - (ii) Normally most Clubs will have the same number of teams entered except where the compliment includes titleholders.

66. Games Disputes - The Games Controller for the tournament, or his/her nominee(s), shall have the immediate say in any unresolved games related dispute but shall be ultimately answerable to the Executive or relevant Annual General Meeting immediately following the tournament concerned.

- (a) Games Controller nominees shall include Executive Members of the Association for the purposes of this provision.
67. Entry Forms - Entry forms for N.Z. and Island tournaments will be forwarded to the Area Executive Members, who in turn will forward them to eligible Clubs in their Areas. All eligible Clubs should be sent entry forms and not just previous entrants to the tournaments. In the event that the number of entries received exceeds the ability of the host clubs to handle such numbers, those clubs having a history of entry within the previous two years will be given priority. The next order of priority will be determined by ballot.
- (a) Entries must be returned to the Area Executive Members by the agreed closing date and must include the names of all participating players. Failure to do so will render the entry null and void.
    - (i) Names are to be included to avoid Clubs shifting players after sighting the draw. Nothing in this provision will prevent a Club from elevating players in the event of having to call on reserve players
  - (b) Entry fees must accompany the entry. Failure to do so will render the entry null and void. Accommodation deposits should also accompany the entry. (**refer also Bylaw 5**)
  - (c) The following clause will be entered on the entry forms for all N.Z. and Island tournaments and must be signed by the entering Club's Secretary/Manager or other Executive person with the authority to accept such terms and conditions. Failure of the appropriate personnel to sign this acceptance will render the entry null and void:  
"ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARY/MANAGER - Please read the following carefully and fully). It is acknowledged that the events and associated social occasions shall be under the sole control of the Association which shall appoint a person to be responsible (hereinafter called "the responsible person") for the conduct and organisation of the events.  
In the event of any dispute arising as to the conduct of the events or as to the conduct of the individual members participating, then the responsible person shall be the arbiter of such dispute. Each Club shall be solely responsible for the conduct of its members and shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Association from any claims, howsoever arising, which might be brought against it or its individual Officers and whether arising out of any decision of the responsible person or any other way."
- (d) Titleholders - where appropriate, the entry form should include the entry and name(s) of the defending titleholder(s). Titleholders are not automatically entered to defend their title (past experience has shown

that titleholders do not always defend their titles)

- (i) Entry fees are not payable for titleholders.
- (ii) A Club's entry entitlement shall be in addition to defending titleholders, i.e. a full compliment may be entered in addition to defending titleholders.
- (e) Area Executive Members will check entries to ensure completeness, including names of players and supporters on accommodation lists. Only names on the actual accommodation list will be reserved accommodation.
- (f) Area Executive Members will forward entry forms, including accommodation lists, directly to the host club's Area Executive Member who shall be responsible to arrange the tournament draw, and pass that and accommodation lists to the host club.
  - (i) The tournament draw for N.Z. and Island tournaments and Inter-Regional eliminations will be done as a straight draw of Clubs' or Areas. Names may not be amended to avoid such things as, top players meeting each other earlier on, or Club members meeting earlier. Area teams playing order must be nominated prior to sighting opposition(s) team order.

#### 68. Programmes

- (a) Programmes shall be published for N.Z. and Island tournaments and are the responsibility of the host club. Clubs are free to adopt any format or style of programme they choose, however the following must be included:-
  - (i) The names of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association.
  - (ii) The names and areas of the Area Executive Members.
  - (iii) The name of the Games Controller for the tournament.
  - (iv) Official start times for all phases of the tournament, including opening addresses, games start, presentation, and AGM.
  - (v) Short introductions from the President of the Association and the host Area Executive Member.
  - (vi) Games draw.
  - (vii) Names of players, including Club and team representation.

#### 69. Venues

- (a) Tournaments must be held on the host Club's premises or such other Premises as are approved by the Executive. Neighbouring club's premises may be used for round robin eliminations where such use is approved by the Area Executive Member. Intention to use joint facilities should be indicated where possible at the time of original application.
- (b) For N.Z. and Island tournaments Liquor facilities should be available as soon as possible and for as long as possible.

- (i) Previously Clubs have taken advantage of the provisions of the licensing laws by altering their trading hours to open earlier and obtaining late permits for the evenings.
- (c) All eligible members must be allowed to attend all tournaments and partake of the facilities provided.
- (d) Clubs are requested to make every endeavour to provide adequate food facilities for patrons of the tournament (time is of the essence and often it is not practical to leave the premises for a meal).

#### 70. Transport

- (a) Clubs are requested to give serious consideration to well publicised transport facilities.
- (b) For the N.Z. tournament, Island Tournaments, and the Inter-Area Elimination the Host Club has the direct responsibility for provision of transport:-
  - (i) From point(s) of arrival, i.e. airport etc., to accommodation
  - (ii) From accommodation to venue and return each day of the tournament, or match.
  - (iii) To point(s) of departure at the conclusion of the proceedings.

#### 71. Presentation of Trophies

- (a) A presentation evening, dance, and social must be held on the evening of the day when play finishes and should, wherever possible, be held on the Host Club's premises.
- (b) A good quality public address system must be available for presentations.
  - (i) Experience has shown that a band's public address system is often inadequate and lacks the penetration necessary.

#### 72. Playing Facilities

- (a) The number of dart boards required for Association Tournaments shall be established by the Area Executive Member and the Island Vice President.
- (b) Six (6) dart boards are required for the Inter-Area Elimination.
- (c) All dart boards must be of competition standard and must be mounted in accordance with the Association rules and positioned so as to be accessible to players, spectators, and officials alike.
- (d) High dispersion (neon, fluorescent, etc.) or flood lighting on dart boards is considered superior to shadow causing spot lighting and accordingly is preferred.
- (e) The tournament area must be available until the completion of play on any given day. Every endeavour will be made to complete games as quickly as possible. The Association cannot allow a termination in the use of facilities and consequent abandonment of play.
- (f) The games control area should be on some form of elevated platform. This will assist in greater control over proceedings and consequently