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*City of Christchurch, New Zealand*

# **CANTERBURY**

***COMBINED***

***CHARTERED CLUBS***

***DARTS ASSOCIATION (Inc.)***

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DARTS ASSOCIATION (Incorporated)**

**2013**

**RULES, CONSTITUTION, AND REGULATIONS**

**1. Title:-**

The Title of the Association shall be: - "Canterbury Combined Chartered Clubs Darts Association (Incorporated)" (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:-**

- (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 Clubs NZ Darts Association (Inc) and Clubs NZ (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 elected 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 Canterbury New Zealand that are affiliated to Clubs NZ (Incorporated).
- (c) Clubs considered eligible shall be as defined from time to time by the Executive in consort with Clubs NZ Darts Association (Inc) and Clubs NZ (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)).

- (b) Any two (2) Executive members, in consultation, shall have the power to temporarily suspend a member from activities for misconduct or any willful infringement of the Association's rules or any by-laws made by the Committee. Where such temporary suspension is made the Executive members shall call for a Meeting of the Disciplinary Committee 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.
- (d) If a vacancy occurs for an ordinary member to the Disciplinary Committee prior to the AGM, then a temporary appointment shall be made by 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 annually by ballot and the other two (2) members shall be Executive nominees and shall be members of the Board as of right.
- (c) (i) No member of the Executive shall be eligible for election, or appointment, to the Board of Appeal.  
The ballot for the three (3) members shall take place at the AGM and nominations shall be called from the floor of the meeting.  
(ii) If nominations do not exceed the number of vacancies the Secretary, who shall be the Returning Officer, will declare those nominated elected.  
(iii) If nominations exceed the number of vacancies, two (2) scrutineers shall be elected and a ballot taken.  
(iv) 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 and shall be notified to the next Committee meeting of the Association.
- (e) A candidate for the three (3) AGM elected positions to the Board of Appeal must have been a financial member of a Member Club for at least three (3) years immediately prior to nomination.
- (f) If a vacancy occurs in the Board of Appeal, prior to the AGM, then a temporary appointment shall be made by the Executive.
- (g) The Board of appeal shall make its own rules as to procedure. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall reverse, 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.
- (h) The Secretary shall, within forty-eight (48) hours 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.
- (i) 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.
- (j) 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.
- (k) 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 Clubs NZ Darts Association (Inc.) or Clubs NZ (Inc.), as provided for under their constitutions, or proceeding with legal action in the court of the land.
- (l) The appellant(s) may submit written legal argument to the Board but may not be represented by legal counsel at the meeting.
- (i) Pending the hearing of any appeal, by the Board of Appeal (or court, or Clubs NZ Darts Association, or Clubs NZ), the Executive's decision shall remain in force.
- (m) The parent Club of any member who is suspended or expelled shall be notified, in writing, of the fact.
- (n) 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.
- (o) 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 Committee on a case-by-case basis. Recommendations may be made by the Board of Appeal to the Committee for the apportionment of costs. Decisions by the Committee on apportionment of costs under this provision shall be final and without appeal.

- (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) A Patron shall be appointed.
- (b) The Executive shall comprise of:-  
President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Games Convener  
The Committee shall comprise of:-  
All Executive Members as ex officio  
Two Delegates from each member club
- (d) The Appeals Committee shall comprise of three (3) elected members and two (2) Executive nominees
- (e) The Games Committee shall comprise of a maximum of four (4) elected members in addition to the Games Convener.
- (f) The Selectors shall comprise a maximum of three (3) members one of whom shall be appointed the Convener.
- (g) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be appointed Trustees.
- (h) The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise of 2 members of the Executive and 3 ordinary members.

### 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 Committee or 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) Committee meetings will be held regularly at a time and place as shall be decided from time to time by Committee or General meeting, notwithstanding that the Executive may make changes to cater for unforeseen circumstances. Such changes shall be advised to clubs as soon as practical to allow for maximum attendance.
  - (iii) Meetings – Committee meetings should, as a general principle, be held monthly with the exception of the month of December.

### 7. Discipline:-

- (a) The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel, from Association activities, any member of the Association for misconduct or any willful infringement of the Association's rules or any by-laws made by the Committee. 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 Disciplinary Committee 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 five (5) clear days before the date of the Meeting of the Disciplinary Committee. The member shall be entitled to appear before such Meeting of the Disciplinary Committee and to be informed of any complaint or charge against him. He may then put forward any explanation or defence he may wish to make and the Disciplinary Committee may then decide either to suspend, expel, or reinstate the member. If the member fails to attend the Meeting the Disciplinary Committee, 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 Disciplinary Committee present at the Meeting vote in favour of suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement.
- (i) Three (3) members shall form a quorum of the Disciplinary Committee for such disciplinary meetings.
- (ii) The ballot for the three (3) ordinary members of the Disciplinary Committee shall take place at the AGM and nominations shall be called from the floor of the meeting.
- (iii) No member of the Board of Appeal may be elected to the Disciplinary Committee. Nor may any member of the Executive be elected as an ordinary member of the Disciplinary Committee.

19. All accounts are to be accepted and approved by the Committee before being recognised. To assist, with the smooth function of the Association, the Trustees are empowered to pay day-to-day accounts.
20. The Committee shall decide the level and style of subsidy for representative teams.
21. The style and level of expenses for the Executive will be decided by the Committee from time to time.
22. With the consent of Special or Annual General Meetings The Executive, on behalf of the Association, may borrow money to further its' interests.
- INVESTMENT OF FUNDS**
23. Such funds as may not be required for working expenses, interest on mortgages, or debentures of building and amenities funds may, with the consent of the Committee or a General Meeting of members, be invested in the name of the Association in any Savings Bank constituted under the Savings Bank Act 1908 or Trading Bank carrying on business in New Zealand, or debentures guaranteed or offered by such Banks.
- FINANCIAL GRANTS**
24. The Committee may provide financial grants to a limit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in each and every grant to any financial member in time of sickness or distress.
- LEGAL AFFAIRS**
25. 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 consultation of, and appointments are made, an estimate of costs involved should be obtained and presented to a Committee Meeting. Appointments should only be approved after a full appraisal of costs and likely effects.
- LIFE MEMBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS**
26. 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 to the Association.
- (d) Life Members may attend General and Executive and Committee 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 committee and General Meetings.
27. The Association at an AGM or a Committee Meeting may elect Honorary members. Honorary members shall not be eligible to act as voting delegates at an AGM or a General Meeting or a Committee Meeting, neither shall they have voting power on the Executive. They may attend these meetings but shall not be eligible to hold office.
- (a) The procedures for the election or notification shall be that nominations must be presented to an Executive Meeting prior to the AGM, or Committee Meeting, and must be approved by the Executive.
- (b) Honorary Members shall only be liable to fees associated with playing activity within the association.
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
28. A quorum shall be representation from sixty per cent (60%) of the member clubs. 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

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 twenty (20) financial Members to apply to the Committee 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 Committee or 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 of members in General Meeting. Any funds or property remaining after settlement of just debts shall be passed to Clubs NZ Darts Association (Inc.), or Clubs NZ (Inc.) if Clubs NZ Darts Association is no longer in existence, 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 holding Association for the fostering and/or promotion of sport within that Association
12. **Claims to Property:-**  
No financial (other than a Life Member), 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 Canterbury Combined 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 or Committee. 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 30th day of September 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. Capitation fees on a per player per round basis for all weekly competition shall be paid to the Treasurer at his direction and shall be set at the AGM.
17. Tournament entry fees shall be set at the Annual General Meeting and shall apply to all tournaments with the exception of the Over Sixties and the Alf Franklin Memorial President's Invitation Tournaments (for which no fees are due), and shall be retained by the Association.
18. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, banking, and accounting of all monies, and shall annually present accounts for audit.  
(a) Association cheques must be signed by at least two (2) Trustees.  
(b) 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.

Executive.

29. The AGM should be held at the premises of a member club during the month of November at a time and place agreed to at the previous AGM. In the event that extraordinary circumstances prevent the holding of the AGM at a member club or in the month of November, the committee shall decide the venue and timing of the AGM at the earliest opportunity and will duly notify all eligible Clubs, provided that accidental omission from notification shall not invalidate the meeting.
30. 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) Declare the result of the ballot for the executive, games committee, and selectors for the ensuing year.
  - (e) Elect Life Members.
  - (f) Appoint a Patron.
  - (g) Elect three (3) members to the Board of Appeal. (refer to Rule 8).
  - (h) Elect three (3) ordinary members to the Disciplinary Committee. (refer to Rule 7).
  - (i) Appoint an Auditor.
  - (j) Amend and improve the rules where necessary.
  - (k) Present and consider Notices of Motion.
  - (l) Determine subscription, capitations, and entry fees.
  - (m) To discuss general business.
31. The President shall preside at all Annual General Meetings. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside. In the extraordinary circumstances that neither the President nor the Vice-President is present, a temporary Chairman shall be elected from nominations called for by the Secretary.

32. The Secretary shall circulate member clubs two months prior to the AGM calling for nominations for Executive, Games Committee, Selectors, and Notices of Motion.

33. Notices of Motion and nominations are to be in the hands of the Secretary one month before the AGM. These are to be circulated to all member clubs no later than three weeks prior to the AGM. Rules and Regulations may only be altered, deleted, or created, by a Notice of Motion.

(a) In the event that sufficient nominations to fill the positions available are not made, nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM for those positions in deficit.

34. Votes for Executive, Games Committee, and Selectors must be enclosed in an envelope, sealed and marked "VOTES", and cannot be opened until called for at the AGM

(a) The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected for two (2) year periods.

(i) The President and Secretary shall be elected in the same year.

(ii) The Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in the year following the President and Secretary.

(iii) In the event that an appointment is made to fill a mid-term vacancy, that appointment shall be for the remainder of the original elected term only.

35. Two scrutineers shall be appointed to count votes. In the event of a tie in the election of officers, 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).

36. 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 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.

37. Any qualifying member, or guest invited by the Executive, may attend an AGM.

38. 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

39. Notices of Motion shall be as provided for in rule 33) and the same time frames are to be observed if such Notices of Motion are for a Special General Meeting.

40. 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.

41. 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.

42. Alterations to, additions to, or deletions from the rules will only become valid after registration.

#### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

43. The Executive shall, at the request of not less than two (2) Member Clubs, or two (2) members of the Executive, 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 or by the Executive Members making the request.

(b) The date and time and place of such Special General Meeting shall be set by the Secretary, in consultation with the President.

44. The President shall preside at all Special General Meetings. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside. In the extraordinary circumstance that neither the President nor the Vice-President is present, a temporary Chairman shall be elected from nominations called for by the Secretary.

45. At a Special General Meeting no business, other than that for which the Meeting has been called, shall be discussed.

46. Rules 28, 33, 35, 36, 37, and 38, as set for the AGM shall apply at Special General Meetings.

#### MINUTES

47. 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).

48. The Minutes shall record all resolutions, elections, appointments, attendances, and outlines of general proceedings.

49. Minutes of Meetings of the Executive, Committee, and 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

50. The Association shall maintain a register of financial Member Clubs and maintain a register of individuals registered to represent those clubs. (refer to Rule 4).

51. Member Clubs must forward, to their Area Executive Member, by May 31st each year, names, addresses, and phone numbers (where applicable) of all clubs section, group, or adjunct members (whether registered to the Association or not). The Area Executive Member will in turn collate such information and retain the Area membership list on file as

part of the register for Clubs NZ Darts Association (Inc.).

#### BY-LAWS

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

#### EXTRAORDINARY VACANCIES

53. The Committee shall have the authority to make appointments to Executive and other positions where such positions fall vacant between AGMs.

54. At the AGM (or Special General Meeting called for the purpose) immediately following such appointment, an election to fill the vacancy must be carried out. Electoral processes as for the AGM shall be followed.

(a) Appointments made at such an election will fall due for re-election at the next annual 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, BUT NEVERTHELESS MUST STILL BE UPDATED BY REGISTRATION FROM TIME TO TIME.**

#### COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

55. Clubs registering players with the Association MUST ensure that those players are eligible within the terms of their own club Rules.

#### 56. Competitions:-

F.J. Queanard Trophy	Highest Division	Wednesday
President's Trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Division	Wednesday
Franklin Trophy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Highest Division	Wednesday
Asburton Trophy	4 <sup>th</sup> Highest Division	Wednesday
Kelvin Chapman Trophy	Highest Ladies Division	Wednesday
Vi Stokes Trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Ladies Division	Wednesday
Christchurch Trophy	Highest Division	Summer
John Archer Trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Division	Summer
Frank Queanard Memorial Trophy	Ladies Division	Summer
Long Bras Trophy	Mixed Division	Summer
Avis Cup	Highest percentage wins any Division	Wednesday (Winter only)

#### 57. Annual Tournaments :-

- Solway Special Mixed Pairs
- Mixed Pairs
- Married Couples
- Ladies Pairs
- Ladies Singles
- Ladies Lower Grade Singles
- Ladies Lower Grade Pairs
- Ladies Champion of Champions
- Mens Pairs
- Mens Singles
- Scott Special Pairs
- Richmond Cricket Cup (4 person team)
- Cricket Pairs
- Champion of Champions
- Lower Grade Champion of Champions
- Lower Grade Mens Pairs
- Lower Grade Mens Singles
- Lower Grade Mixed Pairs
- Alf Franklin Memorial President's Invitation Singles
- Over Sixties Tournament
- Area Executive Members Tournament
58. Annual Tournament Rules:-
- (a) Clubs and not sections, groups, or adjuncts are considered the applicants for annual tournaments. Applications to host these tournaments should be in writing and approved by the Club Executive (it is imperative that the Club Executive is aware of the application and that they approve).
- (b) In the event that numbers entered do not warrant the listed style of play, the Games Committee or Games Controller shall determine what style is to be used. Alterations to the length and number of legs and numbers of lives to be played can only be made prior to commencement of the tournament.
- (c) *Solway Special Mixed Pairs:-*  
To be played at the Woolston Club as first choice of venue. In the event that Woolston are unable or unwilling to host this event, then play will take place at an appointed club. Play shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a one (1) life knockout. Both players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club.
- (d) *Mixed Pairs:-*  
To be played at an appointed club and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a one (1) life knockout. Both players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club.
- (e) *Married Couples:-*  
To be played at an appointed club and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a one (1) life knockout. At least one player of each pair must be registered with the Association. For the purposes of this tournament a Married Couple shall be defined as a male and female. *(The reason for this ruling is to maintain the integrity of the original purpose of the tournament).*
- (f) *Ladies Singles:-*  
An open singles tournament incorporating all ladies regardless of divisional grading shall be held. Additionally, separate singles tournaments shall be held for each ladies grade below the highest division. These are to be played at appointed clubs and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a one (1) life knockout. Players must be registered with the Association. Games are to be played "Best of Three legs 501". Where time permits, the semi-finals may be played "Best of Five legs 501" and the finals as "Best of Seven legs 501".
- (g) *Ladies Pairs:-*  
To be played at an appointed club and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a one (1) life knockout. Both players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Games are to be played "Best of Three legs 501". Where time permits, the semi-finals may be played "Best of Five legs 501" and the finals as "Best of Seven legs 501".
- (h) *Mens Singles:-*  
An open singles tournament incorporating all men regardless of divisional grading shall be held. Additionally, separate singles tournaments shall be held for each mens grade below the highest division. These are to be played at appointed clubs and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a one (1) life knockout. Players must be registered with the Association. Games are to be played "Best of Three legs 501". Where time permits, the semi-finals may be played "Best of Five legs 501" and the finals as "Best of Seven legs 501".
- (i) *Mens Pairs:-*  
An open pairs tournament incorporating all men regardless of divisional grading shall be held. Additionally, separate pairs tournaments shall be held for each mens grade. To be played at appointed clubs and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify

to take part in a two (2) life knockout. Both players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Games are to be played "Best of Three legs 501". Where time permits, the semi-finals may be played "Best of Five legs 501" and the finals as "Best of Seven legs 501".

(i) **Scott Special Pairs:-**

To be played at an appointed club and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a two (2) life knockout. Where time precludes playing two lives a one (1) life knockout may be played. Both players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Games are to be played "Best of Three legs 501". Open to Mens Pairs and Ladies Pairs, not Mixed Pairs.

(k) **Richmond Cricket Cup:-**

To be played at The Richmond WMC & MSA, as first choice of venue. In the event that Richmond are unable or unwilling to host this event, then play will take place at an appointed club. Where possible play shall consist of a Full Round Robin. In the event that entry numbers are too great to allow completion of play in the available time, the format should revert to a knockout format. Teams shall consist of four (4) players. All players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Teams are permitted to change team members between matches but may not change players during a match. Games are to be played in accordance with the 'Cricket Rules'.

(l) **Cricket Pairs:-**

To be played annually at an appointed club, and shall consist of a Round Robin sectional elimination with three (3) wins to qualify to take part in a one (1) life knockout. Both players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Games are to be played in accordance with the 'Cricket Rules'.

(m) **Champion of Champions:-**

To be played at The Richmond WMC & MSA as first choice of venue. In the event that Richmond are unable or unwilling to host this event, then play will take place at an appointed club. Where possible play shall consist of a Full Round Robin. In the event that entry numbers are too great to allow completion of play in the available time, the format should revert to a knockout format. For the full Round Robin format games are to be played as three (3) legs of 701 scoring one (1) point for each leg won. The team with the most points at the completion of play shall be declared the winner. Where a knockout format is used games shall be the best of three (3) legs of 701. Teams shall consist of four (4) players playing a team game. A maximum of two (2) teams may be entered from any one club. All players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Teams are permitted to change team members between matches. Players may not swap from one club team to another and may not change players during a match. Teams may be mixed, Ladies and Men.

(n) **Lower Divisions Champion of Champions:-**

To be played at The Kaipoi WMC & MSA as first choice of venue. In the event that Kaipoi are unable or unwilling to host this event, then play will take place at an appointed club. This event is open to players from all grades below the highest grade. Where possible play shall consist of a Full Round Robin. In the event that entry numbers are too great to allow completion of play in the available time, the format should revert to a knockout format. For the full Round Robin format games are to be played as three (3) legs of 701 scoring one (1) point for each leg won. The team with the most points at the completion of play shall be declared the winner. Where a knockout format is used games shall be the best of three (3) legs of 701. Teams shall consist of four (4) players playing a team game. All players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Teams are permitted to change team members between matches. Players may not swap from one club team to another and may not change players during a match. Teams may be mixed, Ladies and Men.

(o) **Ladies Champion of Champions:-**

To be played at an appointed club. This event is open to female players. Where possible play shall consist of a Full Round Robin. In the event that entry numbers are too great to allow completion of play in the available time, the format should revert to a knockout format. For the full Round Robin format games are to be played as three (3) legs of 701 scoring one (1) point for each leg won. The team with the most points at the completion of play shall be declared the winner. Where a knockout format is used games shall be the best of three (3) legs of 701. Teams shall consist of four (4) players playing a team game. A maximum of two (2) teams may be entered from any one club. All players must be registered with the Association and members of the same club. Teams are permitted to change team members between matches. Players may not swap from one club team to another and may not change players during a match.

(p) **Sixties and Over:-**

To be played at an appointed club. This is a Pairs competition open to past and present members of the Association who have attained the age of sixty (60) years and over. The style of play will be determined by the Games Convenor and will take into account numbers entered and anticipated time frames. No entry fees are payable to the Association and catering in the form of afternoon tea is provided at the association's cost. Participants do not have to be current members or past members of the same club.

(q) **Aff Franklin Memorial President's Invitation Singles:-**

This event is a Presidents Invitation Tournament. From time to time the President may vary the basis of invitations issued and the style of play offered but with 32 players invited. Historically this event has been a variation of a two (2) life knockout playing the best of 3 - 501, the draw sheet of which is attached as 'APPENDIX A'. No fees are payable for this event and the previous years' winner does not have an automatic right to entry or invitation.

(r) **Area Executive Members Tournament:-**

This is a tournament played under the control of the Area Executive Member (AEM). The AEM shall invite 24 men and 12 ladies that are entered in the Clubs NZ Darts Association's South Island Tournament to participate. Separate competitions (ladies and men) shall be played and separate trophies are played for.

(i) Ladies - The style of play shall be a full round robin between the 12 players concerned and shall be played the best of 5 legs of 501.

(ii) Men - The style of play shall be section round robins playing the best of 5 legs of 501 with 4 players to qualify for the single life knockout to follow. The knockout shall be played as the best of 7 legs of 501 with the final to be played as the best of 9 legs of 501.

(s) Registration cards must be carried by members when playing any games which fall under the jurisdiction of the Association (Tournaments and Competitions) and must be produced on the request of an Executive Member or Games Committee Member. Onus of proof of membership rests with the individual.

(t) A game during which a player may qualify for a '180' badge must be played under the control of the Association.

(u) Association representative teams may be selected from time to time. Selection of such teams shall be the responsibility of the Executive who may sub-delegate this responsibility.

(v) **Entry Rules:-**

(i) Annual Tournament Title Holders are automatically eligible to defend their title except where the titleholder has been promoted to a grade higher than that allowed for under the specific trophy rules. Unless otherwise stated entry fees are payable.

(ii) Unless otherwise stated entries will close on the day of the event at a time deemed suitable by the Games Controller(s). A general guideline shall be a closing one (1) hour prior to commencement.

(iii) Entries must be on official entry forms and must be in the hands of the Games Convenor or his nominee on or before the closing date.

**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL FEE**

(w) **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, Committee or relevant Annual General Meeting immediately following the tournament concerned.

(i) Games Controller nominees shall include Executive Members of the Association for the purposes of this provision.

59. The following Annual Tournaments are also catered for on the Association Calendar.

**Clubs NZ Darts Association:-**

NZ Tournament  
South Island Tournament  
North versus South Tournament  
South Island Inter-Area Elimination Event

Dart Players NZ Ltd Open Tournaments

Hornby Open Threes

John Lochart Lower Division Pairs

60. **Wednesday Competitions:-**

(a) All Wednesday Competition teams shall comprise of four (4) players, plus emergencies, and are selected from within each member club.

(i) All teams must register no less than four (4) players.

(ii) All teams must comprise of players registered from within the one club.

(iii) Emergencies may be selected at two levels.

The first level is as a divisional floater emergency. A divisional floater emergency must be registered as such and is eligible to play for teams from their club both across the grade they are registered for and teams in a higher grade.

The second level is as a normal registered team member. A normal registered team member may be co-opted as an emergency for teams from their own club, but only in teams playing in a higher grade. A normally registered team member may not play for another team in that division.

**NO PLAYER CAN PLAY FOR A LOWER GRADE TEAM THAN THAT GRADE FOR WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED (See 61(b)(ii))**

**ANY EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE COMMENCING A GAME SHALL NOT BE REPLACED**

**AND MUST PLAY TO THE COMPLETION OF THE MATCH.**

**(b) Gratings:-**

Players are graded into grades.

The Games Committee may regrade a player on performance having regard to the games and teams played. The guideline for regrading assessment based on the Wednesday Competition shall be;

- 70% and over – promotion by one division,
- 30% and under – demotion by one division.

These percentages are to be used as a guide only and regrading should not threaten the ability of a club to field that team entered. Where a regraded player remains in a Lower Division team, that player will be classified as 'provisional' for that Lower Division Competition only.

(f) A player cannot play below his or her registered division except as a 'provisional' player as outlined above.

(c) Submission of teams for Wednesday Competitions should be accompanied by a request or recommendation for a particular grade. The final decision for the grading of a team rests with the Games Committee.

**(d) Formats**

- (i) The Highest Grade is played –  
501, best of 3 legs, round robin of pairs (played first)
- (ii) All other Grades are played –  
501, best of 5 legs, round robin of singles.  
501, best of 3 legs, round robin of pairs (the lowest grade may play singles before pairs)  
501, best of 3 legs, round robin of singles.

**(NO GAMES ARE TO BE STARTED AFTER 10:30 pm BUT GAMES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE STARTED UP AND UNTIL 10:15 pm)**

(Results ONLY FROM COMPLETED GAMES at the close of the premises are to submitted)

- (e) All matches must start at 7:30pm. By mutual agreement between the team captains concerned, the match may be played earlier.
- (f) It is the responsibility of the captain of the WINNING TEAM to forward the result in to the Games Convener within 24 hours.
- (g) If a team defaults but fails to notify the captain of the opposing team or the Association Secretary 24 hours in advance, it will be fined the sum of double the weekly capitation fee.
- (i) A team defaulting will still be liable for capitation fees.
- (ii) The opposing team shall be awarded fifteen (15) points and is still liable for capitation fees.
- (h) Nominated team members may not change teams except as allowed for under rule 60(a)(iii) as an emergency.
- (i) A request for a permanent change may be granted by the Games Committee but will only be granted in special circumstances.
- (f) A default of a player shall be called jointly by the two team captains once the game is in progress and shall be called only after a reasonable time has elapsed (i.e. following two (2) one minute calls).

**61. General:-**

- (a) Unless otherwise stated, all trophy engraving will be paid for by the Association.
- (b) **TROPHIES** - 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 Association prior to the next presentation ceremony.
- (c) Sponsorship shall be the sole prerogative of the Association. Clubs may not arrange sponsorship without full consultation and agreement from the Association.
- (d) Representative players will be asked to contribute to accommodation costs, as set from time to time, where these are to be incurred.

**PLAYING RULES**

**62. Board, Oche and Measurements:-**

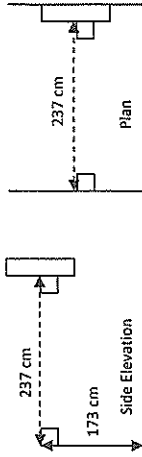
- (a) All games are to be played on a 'Standard' or 'London' board. The board must be made of the bristle type and must

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 oche level).

(d) The Oche shall be a neat, straight, raised strip parallel to the face of the board and not less than 90 centimetres in length. The raised oche shall be 50mm in height and must be fixed in a stable manner. Preferably the centre of the oche 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 oche (measured from the rear of the oche) shall be 237cm. This means that both feet (inclusive of footwear) must be behind, and not on, the line of the oche when throwing. All measurements shall be in the horizontal and vertical and right angles.



(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.

**63. Commencement of Play:-**

These rules shall apply to both Tournaments and competitions.

- (a) For the first leg (or commencement of Competition), 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. In Competitions the team winning the previous game 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 in Tournaments shall have the option of throwing first. The winner of the bull-up in Competitions shall throw 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.

**64. Scoring**

- (a) All games shall start and finish with a double, except cricket, special promotional, and international 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.
- (d) The method of scoring shall be by written subtraction as per the following example:

501	-	92	=	409
		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 70(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 Chalkier 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.

65. The Chalkier, 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 oche, 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 oche etc, etc...

66. A player's throw shall be deemed to be completed when the darts are retrieved.

67. The Chalkier, or Caller or Line Umpire, shall be appointed by the Games Controller or, where no Games Controller exists, by the respective Captains.

68. (a) Where possible a Caller or Chalkier 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 Chalkier 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 Chalkier 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.

69. The Caller or Chalkier 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.

70. ONCE A PLAYER, OR A MEMBER OF THE SAME TEAM, HAS PLAYED ON THEIR OWN SCORE, NO ALTERATION MAY BE MADE TO THAT SCORE.

71. 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.

72. If there is a dispute by a player against any decision made by the Caller, Chalkier, 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) or, where no Games Controller exists, by the respective Captains. The term 'absolute' shall be interpreted in this context as being applicable to the immediate duration of the game (see rule 58(v)).

73. 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.

74. The names of the competing players or clubs shall be shown on or about the scoring board prior to the commencement of play.

75. Where sectional play is directed, sections should 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 knockout part of the championship.

76. Ladies only events shall not be open to entry by men and similarly men only events not for ladies.

77. A game during which a player may qualify for a '180' badge must be played under the control of the Association.

## CRICKET RULES

78. The game shall be two innings of ten (10) 'wickets'

79. To start the game, captains will throw for the ball (in accordance with rule 65). The nearest to the ball will nominate whether his team will 'bat' or 'bowl'

80. The team that 'bowls' must throw first.

81. When 'batting' a player must hit more than 40 to score 'runs', i.e. 72 hit scores 32 'runs'.

82. When 'bowling', all darts should be aimed at the bulls-eye. Any dart landing outside the treble ring will count as a 'riding' score.

83. (a) If a player who is 'bowling' throws a dart off the scoring area of the board this will count as 25 'riding'. Darts that fail to lodge in the board do not constitute a 'riding' score.

(b) If, however, when 'bowling' a player throws the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dart and creates a 'riding' score, this score will be cancelled if a 'wicket' is taken with the remaining dart(s).

(c) If the next 'batsman' hits 40 or more the number 'riding' will be added to his score.

84. The inner bull counts as 2 'wickets' and the outer bull as 1 'wicket'.

N.B. - No count shall be made until three darts are thrown except in the case of a terminating shot.

85. Any 'batsman' hitting an outer or inner bull loses one (1) or two (2) 'wickets' but cannot score 25 or 50, i.e. bulls cannot be used for score - only 'wickets'.

86. Declarations, when scoring, will be left entirely to the discretion of the team captain.

87. If the team that 'bowls' first scores half or less than half of the opposing team in the first innings it must 'follow on'.

88. '180' badges may not be won at any cricket tournament, however, a badge may be won for six (6) wickets scored in one shot.

89. Miniature trophies shall be awarded for the team scoring the most runs in the first innings in the Richmond Cricket Cup and Cricket Pairs.

90. In the event of a tie at the completion of two (2) innings, the team leading at the end of the first innings shall be declared the winner.

## DRESS CODE/UNIFORMS

91. All Association Executive, Games Controllers, and Selectors, must wear uniforms whilst on duty. Uniform as follows; Black dress trousers, shorts, or skirt and black shoes. Shirt and/or jersey as supplied by the Association for each position.

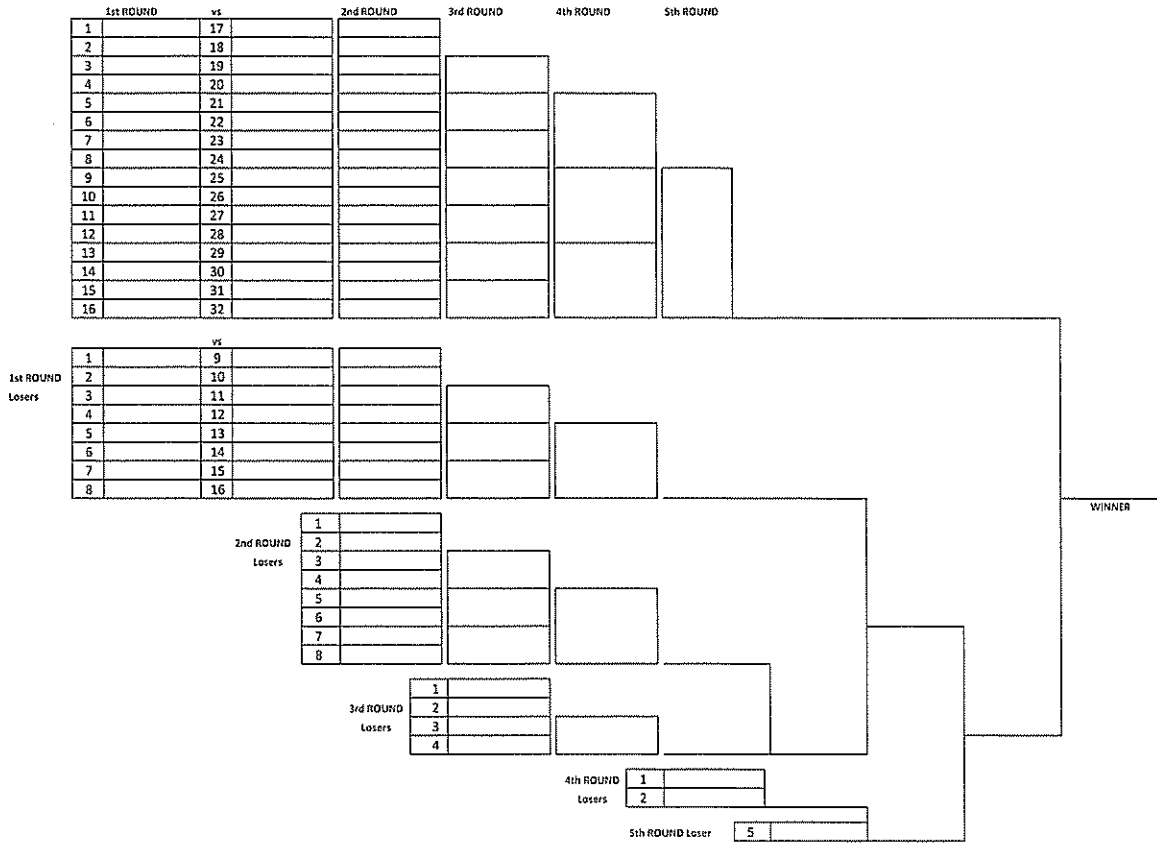
92. All Association Representative Teams will adhere to the following dress code; Black dress trousers, shorts, or skirt. Tidy shoes and Canterbury shirt supplied by the Association.

93. All Association member clubs are to have 'club' uniforms and all members are to wear their home club's uniform to all Association tournaments and Wednesday night competitions. Canterbury representative matches are excluded from this rule.

94. (a) Any member wishing to transfer from one club to another must fill out the appropriate transfer form. This must be completed and in the hands of the Association and approved before a transfer is complete.

(i) The club that the member is transferring from will be asked to affirm that the member transferring is

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financial with them and that no impediment exists to the transfer.  
 In general terms members playing in competitions shall only be able to transfer before competition entries are taken or following the completion of the competition, i.e. no transfers should take place part way through a competition. In special and extraordinary circumstances the Executive has the power to grant dispensation to this rule.

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