



Mangers/Agents Meeting 7pm on 16th December 2015
Holiday Inn, Brent Cross, London NW2

1. On Wednesday 16th December 2015 the DRA held an open meeting for prospective Registered Agents at the Holiday Inn, Brent Cross, London. The Registered Agents regulations, declaration and process were discussed at length and the following points were agreed:
 - 1.1. That those present expressed 100% in support for there being a registration process for persons carrying out Agency Activity as defined by the Agents Regulations.
 - 1.2. That the DRA should amend its Articles of Association to include Registered Agents.
 - 1.3. The “Exempt Individual” status would be removed from the regulations as there was no legal basis for its inclusion and the meeting had strong views that all persons carrying out “Agency Activity” as defined by the Agents Regulations should be registered as an Agent.
 - 1.4. That the wording of the regulations would be changed to remove Honorary or non-playing PDPA Members from the exclusion from being able to be a Registered Agent. The new wording will be “.....PDPA employee or a PDPA member who plays in DRA sanctioned events or a member of the PDPA Board”.
 - 1.5. Concerns were expressed regarding the requirement to share contracts with players with the DRA as required by the regulations. It was suggested from those present that redacted copies of the contract would be sufficient and it was not necessary for the DRA to have the percentages and financial agreement aspect of the contracts. There was a lively debate on this point and the conclusion was that it was not accepted by the DRA, PDC and PDPA that redacted versions of Agents contracts with players would be sufficient. This was considered to be an essential element of the regulation process by the DRA, PDC and PDPA. It was stressed that the only contract that would need to be shared was that between the Registered Agent and the Player. Related commercial contracts with third parties would not be shared with the DRA unless they became the subject of an inquiry under section 9 of the Regulations and it was proportionate and relevant for them to be disclosed.
 - 1.6. The issue of the player agreeing to share their confidential contract with their agent with the DRA was raised. Put simply the player will be in breach of DRA Rules if they use an unregistered agent. For an agent to be registered; their contract with a player will need to be shared with the DRA. It was suggested that where there is a confidentiality clause in the contract, the player should consent in writing for the agent to release the document to the DRA. In future contracts it is suggested that the following wording should be inserted; “...the parties hereby declare that they accept that this Agreement can be disclosed in its entirety to the DRA in accordance with its disciplinary and regulatory functions.....”. If there

is another person on the contract with the player who performs “Agency Activity” as defined below, that person will also need to be licensed:

“Agency Activity’ acting in any way and at any time in the capacity of manager, agent, representative or adviser to a Player, either directly or indirectly, in any aspect of the negotiation, arrangement or execution of any kind of commercial arrangement including any sponsorship arrangement”.

- 1.7. The confidentiality of the contracts was agreed to be paramount and that they would not be shared with third parties or other members of the DRA aside from the Chairman and the Legal Advisor. Immediate steps will be taken to ensure that the role description for these posts ensure that the future post-holders will be independent and have no connection with professional darts.
- 1.8. It was agreed that any person who had a current contract with a player who does not meet the qualifying criteria under paragraphs 3.2.6 and 3.2.7 will be able to be a Registered Agent for the remaining duration of that contract providing they satisfy all the other qualifying criteria. If they do not meet all the qualifying criteria to be a Registered Agent when that contract is up for renewal they will not be able to renew the contract with the player and their status as a Registered Agent will cease.
- 1.9. It was made clear that the cost of the process is £500 plus vat for initial registration and £250 plus vat for annual renewals. It was explained that the DRA is a not for profit organisation. In the unlikely event that there was any surplus from the registration fees, after deducting the costs of the registration process and the costs of the running of the new regulations, they would be used towards DRA activities such as the conduct of disciplinary cases, anti-corruption and in connection with drug testing.
- 1.10. The powers conferred on the DRA in the Players Agent Declaration were discussed. It was agreed that the paragraphs in the declaration at paragraph 13 would be amended to include the wording “...where it is proportionate and relevant to an enquiry”. References to personal bank accounts in paragraph 13 ii. will be removed.
- 1.11. Under paragraph 14 Consent to publication; the sentences where it refers to; “..... any representations, submissions, evidence and documentation created in the course of proceedings” will be removed.
- 1.12. It was also agreed that the DRA, PDC and PDPA would discuss the issue of providing support for Youth Players and whether Players with a PDC Tour Card without a Registered Agent should themselves be registered.
- 1.13. There were mixed views in the meeting as to whether it would be possible to develop template contracts for players at different points in their careers. It was agreed that the DRA would look at this and, if it appeared a viable option, they would create drafts for consideration by Registered Agents, the PDC and the PDPA.

2. It was agreed that the amendments would be made to the regulations and declaration document by the DRA and be circulated before Christmas.
3. It was further agreed that the registration process would continue with applicants to be Registered Agents submitting their Disclosure Scotland forms, their application forms and the required fee so that the required checks can be conducted. The declaration form will be submitted once it has been amended to reflect the agreed changes. The DRA recognised this as a positive step forward and would help the administration of the process.

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