

Huachuca City Dart League BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS

SEC 1 --- All references to “HE” in the By-laws shall apply to both genders.

SEC 2 --- Whenever the word Neutral is used, it shall mean a person not involved on the team(s) or issue(s) under discussion.

SEC 3 --- Whenever the words EXECUTIVE BOARD are used, it shall mean the Three (3) Chairmen.

ARTICLE II – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the **Huachuca City Dart League** and may also be operated as the **Huachuca City Dart Association or Huachuca Dart League**. Here after referred to as **HCDL**.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

SEC 1 --- The objectives of the HCDL shall be to promote the development and enjoyment of competitive darts on local, national and international level, coordinate the functions and activities of darts, and conduct amateur league and youth competition and tournament play.

SEC 2 --- The HCDL shall be a **non-political** and **non-sectarian** membership association.

SEC 3 --- The HCDL will be a member of the American Dart Organization (ADO) and Arizona Federation of Dart Associations (AFDA).

SEC 4 --- The HCDL will sponsor a State Team to compete in the AFDA State Team challenge. The Executive Board will outline the qualification criteria for the state team each year.

ARTICLE IV – FINANCE

SEC 1 --- Individual fees shall be established by the Executive Board.

SEC 2 --- Expenses will be approved by the Executive Board before being made.

SEC 3 --- All checks issued by the HCDL must be Co-signed by the two of the three Executive Board Members.

SEC 4 --- The three (3) Executive Board members will be on the signature card for the HCDL.

SEC 5 --- Fees for membership in 2008 is ten dollars (\$10.00) per season or thirty dollars (\$30) for one calendar year (Jan to Dec). Active Duty Military fees are five dollars (\$5.00) per season or fifteen dollars (\$15) for one calendar year (Jan to Dec), Military ID card must be shown to receive this rate.

SEC 6 --- A fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per sub per night shall be paid on the night of play. The fee is the responsibility of the team captain for whom the sub plays. If a sub decides to join the team, they must pay fees specified in SEC 5 above regardless of any previous moneys paid. Sub fees and name must be noted on the score sheet to include who the person subbed for. Sub fees must be turned in to the First Co-Chairman by the home team captain.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

SEC 1 --- Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in the development and enjoyment of the sport of darts and who by personal character and behavior will be a positive influence for the sport of darts.

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SEC 2 --- Membership ***WILL NOT*** be limited because of race, creed, gender, national origin, or physical handicap.

SEC 3 --- Membership may be probationary, if an applicant has had a history of causing strife or discontent in other associations, they may be placed on probation. The length of the probation will be at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE VI - THE BOARD

SEC 1 --- The Board shall be comprised of three (3) elected members and the Executive Board.

SEC 2 --- When a Board member vacancy occurs the Captains will vote on a replacement.

SEC 3 --- At the Banquet/Preseason Draft Meeting, three members shall be elected for one-year term and such additional Board Members shall be elected to the unexpired portion of vacated term. Board Members shall take office no later than one week after the election.

SEC 4 --- A Board Member automatically resign when, without sufficient cause, they fail to appear at three (3) consecutive meetings. Board and Banquet/Preseason Draft Meeting scheduled for the same day shall be considered one (1) meeting.

SEC 5 --- Any Chairmen vacancy will be filled by appointment. The two (2) remaining chairmen will appoint the replacement.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM

SEC 1 --- The Board will meet at least once during the season.

SEC 2 --- One (1) Board Member and two (2) Executive Board members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

SEC 1--- BOARD MEETINGS: Such meetings shall be comprised of the Executive and Board Members and is open for members to observe, but non-board members can not interrupt the meeting.

SEC 2 --- BANQUET/PRESEASON DRAFT MEETING: There will be four (4) Banquet/Preseason Draft Meetings. The following dates are set for these meetings: First Thursday in January, April, July and October. If these dates fall on a holiday, the Executive Board will adjust the date in order to observe the Holiday.

SEC 3 --- PROTEST MEETINGS: Will consists of neutral captains and the Executive Board and is open to the membership for discussion. However, only Neutral Captains and the Board will vote on the protest.

SEC 4 --- SPECIAL MEETINGS: Such a meeting may be called for by any member for one or more specific purpose(s), must be in writing and witnessed by the signatures of at least 60% of the current membership in good standing. No other business will be discussed at such a meeting.

SEC 5 --- Unless otherwise specified, all meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Executive Board and shall be held at locations designated by the Executive Board.

SEC 6 --- Unless otherwise specified, meeting announcements must be delivered to the team captains at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. Team captains are responsible to inform team members.

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ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS

SEC 1 --- Elections for board members shall take place at the end of each year at a Banquet/Preseason Draft Meeting. Executive Board vacancy will be appointed by the remaining Executive Board Members.

SEC 2 --- All elections shall be by ballot and monitored by the membership. The ballots will be counted by one of the Executive Board with a witness from the membership.

SEC 3 --- Nominations will be delivered to the board in writing no later than the thirty (30) days prior to the elections. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the board positions.

SEC 4 --- No member may vote more for no more than three candidates listed on the ballot. Ballots will be handed out to current members by a board member only.

ARTICLE X - RESIGNATION/RECALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

SEC 1 --- Any board member may be recalled from office by a two-thirds majority vote at a special or general meeting. Members other than board members may institute a recall. **Executive Board (Chairmen) members are exempt from this rule.**

SEC 2 --- Recall voting shall be done by secret ballot and monitored by the general membership.

SEC 3 --- A recall election of a board member shall be immediately followed by an election to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

ARTICLE XI – GENERAL

SEC 1 --- These bylaws may be amended at a banquet/preseason draft meeting. A two-thirds majority of attending membership votes shall be required to change the Bylaws. The sections pertaining to the Executive Board can only be changed by the Executive Board.

SEC 2 --- Bylaws are devised for the purpose of clarity and uniformity. Additions and changes may be made according to the provisions set forth in Sec 1 above.

SEC 3 --- **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** will be the prevailing attitude during all competitions.

SEC 4 --- Actions physical or verbal, which distract an opponent while he/she is throwing, will not be tolerated. Complaints must be filed in writing. Emails will count as a written complaint. Complaints may result in the board taking disciplinary action.

SEC 5 --- Any member who becomes involved in physical violence or illegal activities will be immediately suspended pending board action.

SEC 6 --- Gross profanity and obscene actions will not be tolerated. Disciplinary actions will be handled by the board.

SEC 7 --- All suspensions from bars will be handled by the board on a case by case basis.

SEC 8 --- At any given time when a majority of the members (51%) feel that a member is causing strife or ill feelings to a majority of the members, said membership has the right to suspend the member from the league for a minimum of one (1) full season.

SEC 9 --- **NO VOTE PROVISIO:** No Board Member/Captain or Team Representative may vote on operational procedures or protests taking place in the team or sponsoring establishment in which the member plays. Should the proviso deplete the quorum requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to assemble a quorum from the membership.

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ARTICLES XII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SEC 1 --- Chairman: The Chairman shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the HCDL in accordance with the By-laws and shall preside at all meetings. The Chairman will record the minutes of all meetings and will be responsible for the compiling of weekly results, the filling and distribution of weekly standings; along with the handling of all correspondence and distribution of meeting and election notices.

SEC 2 --- First Co-Chairman: The First Co-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in maintaining the efficiency of the administration. The First Co-Chairman will have custody of all HCDL funds and shall see that all moneys received are promptly deposited. The First Co-Chairman shall be responsible for the collection of fees and will be required to submit a monthly-itemized cash statement to the board and captains also to prepare summarized seasonal and annual financial statements for the membership. The First Co-Chairman shall submit the books for a seasonal audit at the end of each season. In the absence of the Chairman, the First Co Chairman shall assume the duties normally performed by the Chairman.

SEC 3 --- Second Co-Chairman: The Second Co-Chairman will be responsible for the organization of the regular schedule and special tournaments, banquet activities and play-offs, to include securing the location, sponsorship, equipment and announcements. Written notice of all league events will be published not less than 30 days prior to the date of that event. Committees may be formed to assist the Second Co-Chairman. Second Co-Chairman is responsible for attending meetings to represent the HCDL in external organizations and the AFDA and to disseminate all information at the next monthly Captains meeting.

ARTICLE XIII – MEMBERSHIP/SUBSTITUTES

SEC 1 --- There must be a minimum of three (3) roster players.

SEC 2 --- Age restriction is in accordance with the playing location's rules.

SEC 3 --- There can be no new members or new subs added to a team during the last three (3) weeks of the season (YOU MAY USE SUBS FROM CURRENT SUB LIST).

SEC 4 --- A membership may be terminated or restricted, at any time during the calendar year/season, by a majority of the general membership/Board if a member creates disharmony or behaves in a manner which is prejudicial to order and discipline. The Board's decision in such a matter may be appealed by the member concerned to a committee comprised of at least five (5) Neutral Captains drawn by lot. Such appeals must be in writing and received by the Secretary no later than seven (7) days after the receipt of the Board's ruling. The Secretary shall arrange a location for a meeting of the Neutral Captains to hear the appeal. No further appeals will be considered.

SEC 5 --- No monetary fines shall ever be levied against members or sponsors of the HCDL. However member(s) will be responsible for any damages caused to a sponsor's establishment.

ARTICLE XIV – PROTEST PROCEDURES

SEC 1 --- Only captains or authorized representatives may file protest by notifying the secretary of the association. Protests shall involve such actions as discrepancy in scores, chalking, procedures or the conduct of a player.

SEC 2 --- Protest must be initiated in writing. Such protests may be stated on the back of the score sheet or in a letter, submitted or mailed to the Chairman. **DO NOT APPROACH A BOARD**

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MEMBER DURING LEAGUE PLAY UNLESS otherwise stated in the bylaws. The mailing address of the HCDL is: HCDL PO Box 5191 Huachuca City, AZ. 85616-5191

SEC 3 --- Protest details must be submitted the Chairman no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the alleged infraction took place or the protest will be considered invalid.

SEC 4 --- Protests shall be adjudicated by the board within seven (7) days. The board will notify both captains, in writing of its decision. Involved parties will have the opportunity to present their case before the board, before a decision.

ARTICLE XV – TEAMS OR MEMBERS WITHDRAWING/ RESCHEDULING

SEC 1 --- A team/member shall be considered withdrawn from the association as of the date of receipt of written notice by the secretary. Email is acceptable as a written notification.

SEC 2 --- A team shall be automatically withdrawn from the association if **they forfeit 3 consecutive matches.** Exceptions, (Military Duty, DOD personnel, family emergency) are up to captain's discretion and the Executive Board **WILL** be notified on all occurrences.

SEC 3 --- All matches played against a withdrawing team shall be considered null and void if the team withdraws during the first half of the season. If the team withdraws during the second half of the season, all matches played after the first half of the season will be null and void. If member quits, their resignation from team with a reason will be submitted to the board by that member or captain if that member can not be reached. All monies and awards are forfeited, still have privileged to attend end of season banquet and activities.

SEC 4 --- Any player in good standing from a withdrawing team can play for another team unless they withdraw in the last 3 weeks of the season. They cannot be added to the existing sub list.

SEC 5 --- If a team is unable to make one of the matches, the team captain is to call the opposing team captain no less than 24 hours prior to the match to reschedule. The make-up match must be held within 2 weeks of the original scheduled date. You may pre-shoot any match. The secretary must be notified of any changes. In case of an emergency, when 24-hour notice is not possible, contact the opposing team captain and the league Chairman. The league Chairman will make a decision. Exceptions of time can be agreed by captains; however the Executive Board must be notified of the agreement between captains for a date change.

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ARTICLE XVI – FORMAT/RATING

SEC 1 --- Following are the games played and their respective point value:

GAME	MATCHES PLAYED	POINT VALUE
301 (SINGLES)	Three (3)	1 each match Total of three (3) points
CRICKET (SINGLES)	Three (3)	1 each match Total of three (3) points
501 (DOUBLES)	Three (3)	1 each match Total of three (3) points

SEC 2 --- Each match is two out of three legs to earn the match point.

SEC 3 --- The matches start at 5:30 PM on Sunday. The first dart must be thrown by 5:45 PM or the team responsible for the delay must forfeit the game, unless the team captains come to an agreement to play or reschedule.

SEC 4 --- Players will be seated by ranking. Ranking will be computed by computing the square root of their 301 point per dart average multiplied by their 501 points per dart average. $\sqrt{(301 \text{ PPD}) * (501 \text{ PPD})} = \text{Rating}$. This rating will be used during the draft at the beginning of the season. **If a player does not have a rating, the Executive Board will assign the player a ranking using data from other sources (i.e. Stats from another league).** Cricket matches will not be used in the rating formula.

SEC 5 --- During each '01 game, every dart thrown will count. If a player takes three turns to get on in a 301 game, those 9 darts will count towards the total darts thrown. When closing an '01 game, each time a shooter bust, all three darts will count, even if the bust on the first dart thrown. Scorekeeper will keep track by using hash marks at the top of the score board for getting on and at the bottom when trying to close the game.

SEC 6 --- Rating will be divided up by the following:

- 1st – 13.51 or higher
- 2nd – 9.50 to 13.50
- 3rd – 9.49 or lower

SEC 7 --- Subs with a rating of 13.51 or higher can only sub for a person with a 13.51 rating or higher. A player with a rating below 13.51 can sub for any individual regardless of rating.

SEC 8 --- The order of shooters in the singles will be 1st rating, 2nd rating and then 3rd rating. This is done to have players of equal ability shoot against each other.

ARTICLE XVII– TEAM COMPOSITION/DIVISIONS

SEC 1 --- Teams will be composed of a minimum of three (3) players. Teams may have more members if desired. However, on a team with more than three (3) members, only one person with a 1st rating can play each week. However, if during the season, a 3-person team has more than one person achieve a 1st rating, the team can still have all three (3) members shoot, but the shooter with the higher rating will shoot first.

SEC 2 --- Team Captains will be the players with the highest ratings.

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SEC 3 --- Divisions will be limited to 6 teams. If more than 6 teams are signed up division will drawn to be equal as possible with no more than 6 teams per division. The separation of divisions have no indication of ability or skill, it is only used to keep the season to 10 or less weeks.

SEC 4 --- Draft will be done in the following order:

a) One division: 1st Round, team 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

2nd Round, team 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

b) Two divisions: 1st Round, Division 1 – team 1; Division 2, team 1; Division 2 team 2; Division 1, team 2; Division 1 – team 3; Division 2 – team 3; Division 2 – team 4; Division 1 – team 4; Division 1 – team 5; Division 2 – team 5; Division 2 – team 6; Division 1 – team 6. This order is reversed for the second round.

c) Three or more divisions: First Round - Team 1 from each division, Team 2 from each division; Team 3 from each division; Team 4 from each division; Team 5 from each division; Team 6 from each division. Second Round – Reverse Order.

SEC 5 --- Playoffs – the top two teams from each division will play in the playoffs for league champion. Teams will be seated by first by divisional finish and then by average team rating score in accordance with Art XVI. All first place teams will be seated and then the second place teams will be seated by average team rating score in accordance with Art XVI, with the lowest rating playing the highest rated first place team and ect.

ARTICLE XVIII– SCORING/SCOREKEEPER

SEC 1 --- Toe line (ouche) will be established, whether front or back of the tape, before each match. Any adjustment or measurements by captains must be performed 15 minutes prior to the start of scheduled match.

SEC 2 --- Score keepers must be impartial. If asked they may only say what has been thrown or what is left. They MAY NOT tell you what to shoot for. Scorekeepers must try to stand as still as possible to keep from interfering with the dart shooter. If a team is scoring their own game, the team members may talk to each other.

SEC 3 --- Darts MUST NOT BE TOUCHED by anyone and must stay in the dartboard until the scorekeeper has acknowledged the score. In a dispute over the score the SCOREKEEPER RULES!

SEC 4 --- No one can pull darts down or move darts in any way to decide the closest dart to the cork. The scorekeeper will make a decision, as best as possible, where the dart has entered the board. The hole made at point of entry is the key in the judgment. If the darts are moved, then the players will recork in the same order.

SEC 5 --- If a player shoots out of turn, they forfeit all three darts they have thrown. That player may still throw when their turn does arrive.

SEC 6 --- Home team captains are responsible for writing down clearly the high fliers and cricket marks on the score sheet. If the Chairman cannot read it, IT DOES NOT COUNT! You must be a member of the team to be eligible for highflier awards.

ARTICLE XIX – MISCELLANEOUS

SEC 1 --- The home team captain is responsible for turning in a copy of the score sheet. The score sheet and any fees collected during the match will be annotated on the score sheet and turned in along with the score sheet as stated above. A drop box will be located in one of the sponsor's locations (TBD).

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SEC 2 --- When the team captains signs the score sheet, everything on the sheet is final, unless there is a protest. All members should verify their scores before the score sheet is signed. If there are problems or disagreements during a match the team captain SHOULD; (1) Sign the score sheet, (2) list problems or protest on the back of the score sheet. All matches should be played to their conclusion if at all possible.

SEC 3 --- Illegal gambling is neither sanctioned nor authorized by the HCDL.

ARTICLE XX – TROPHIES/CERTIFICATES

Awards and Trophies will be as follows:

- a) Tournament playoff First Place team - each members receive trophies.
- b) High flier awards (pins) shall be given for:
 - 1) Round of nine (ADO Certificate)
 - 2) White horse
 - 3) 6, 7, 8, 9 Dart 301 Game
 - 4) A score of 180 (Pin and ADO Certificate)
 - 5) 6 Bulls (6 Bulls Pin and Dead-eye Certificate)
 - 6) 170 on or off
 - 7) 15 Dart or less 501 game

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the Bylaws.
5th DAY of December, 2007

// original signed//
Chairman

// original signed//
First Co-Chairman

// original signed//
Second Co-Chairman