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**SIERRA VISTA DART ASSOCIATION  
BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

As amended in June 2003, June 2004, August 2005, December 2005 and April 2007.

**ARTICLE 1 – OBJECTIVES**

The SVDA is established to (1) promote darts as a sport; (2) sponsor leagues; (3) sponsor tournaments; (4) sponsor a traveling team to represent the SVDA; (5) sponsor representatives to AFDA play-offs.

**ARTICLE II – FEES**

**SEC 1** – A fee of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid by each member not later than the first night of each season. Any member joining at the halfway point or later shall pay Twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) for the remainder of the season.

**SEC 2 – a)** A fee of one dollar (\$1.00) 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 ARTICLE II SEC 1 above regardless of any previous moneys paid. In the event that there is an emergency which will require a player to leave the team permanently, money will be refunded after deducting one dollar (\$1.00) for each remaining week of the season, not to exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00). These refunds must be requested at or before the member's departure in all cases.

b) Military members who are only able to play ½ season only have to pay \$12.50. In this case those members will receive any pins earned but will not receive a trophy.

**SEC 3** – The home team captain is responsible for collecting the money for subs on both teams. Sub fees, name, and phone number must be noted on the score sheet. Sub fees must be turned in to the treasurer by the home team captain.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP/SUBSTITUTES**

**SEC 1** – There will be a minimum of 4 players, three of which must be regular team members, for a legal line-up, as per SEC 2, 5, and 6 of the ARTICLE.

**SEC 2** – A person may sub as many times as they wish during the season, but females may not sub more than 4 times for the same team and males may not sub more than 3 times for the same team. If a female subs more than 4 times and a male subs more than 3 times for the same team, they must either become a paid member or forfeit all points thus earned. Captains must list whom the sub is subbing for at the bottom of the score sheet.

**SEC 3** – A fee of one dollar (\$1.00) must be paid for all subs per night as stated in ARTICLE II SEC 2 on the night of play. **All sub's names and telephone numbers will be added to the "sub's list".**

**SEC 4** – There can be no new members or new subs added to a team during the last 3 weeks of the season (CAN USE SUBS FROM CURRENT SUB LIST).

**SEC 5** – Subs can only be used to bring the number of players on the team to a minimum line up.

**SEC 6** – Every team must have at least 1 member of the opposite sex on their roster starting the first week of the season and they must shoot at least 2 separate matches other than the team game (i.e.: two women shooting the same 501 doubles match does not suffice, one of them must shoot another match). If an emergency prevents a team from being mixed during play, the match will be made up within 2 weeks of the original date.

**SEC 7** – Any member who becomes involved in physical violence or illegal activities will be immediately suspended pending board action.

**SEC 8** – Membership definitions:

a) Active Membership – Individual is paid up for the current SVDA season and active in a sponsored league. Fee for the membership is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per season. The member has all rights and privileges in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

b) Inactive Membership – Individual is paid up for the current SVDA season, but not registered in an active league. Fee for this membership is ten dollars (\$10.00). **This does not include the end of the season banquet.** Member has voting privileges only on general issues.

c) Sponsor Membership – An establishment owner who sponsors or has sponsored a league team of SVDA activity during the season. Fee for this membership is Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per team. The sponsor has all rights and privileges in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

d) Honorary Membership – An honorary member is an individual who has been recognized by the SVDA. This membership **holds no rights** or privileges in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

**ARTICLE IV – FORMAT/POINTS**

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

<b>GAME</b>	<b>MATCHES PLAYED</b>	<b>POINT VALUE</b>
TEAM GAME 1001	ONE (1)	1 point
301 (SINGLES)	TWO (2)	1 point each leg, 3 points per match. Total of six (6) points.
CRICKET (SINGLES)	TWO (2)	1 point each leg, 3 points per match. Total of six (6) points
501 (DOUBLES)	TWO (2)	1 point each leg, 3 points per

		match. Total of six (6) points
CRICKET (DOUBLES)	TWO (2)	1 point each leg, 3 points per match. Total of six (6) points

**SEC 2** – All three legs of a match will be played. All three legs of a match will be corked to decide who starts the leg. There will be a coin flip by the home team player, with the winner having the option to cork first or let the opponent cork first. The second leg, the loser of the first leg has the option on the cork and the loser of the coin flip has the option on the third leg.

**SEC 3** – The same person cannot play two singles matches on the same night. Nor can one person play two doubles of the same type in one night. (Ex: One player can not play both 501 doubles matches.)

**SEC 4** – The team game is one leg.

**SEC 5** – Team game – A legal line-up is 4 players, but you may play with more players per team (the teams do not have to be equally numbered). The players will alternate even if the teams do not have the same number of players.

**SEC 6** – The matches start at 7:00 PM. The first dart must be thrown by 7:15 PM or the team responsible for the delay must forfeit the game, unless the team captains come to an agreement to play or reschedule. On captains meeting nights the matches start at 7:30.

**SEC 7** – 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. If rescheduling is due to lack of opposite sex player and they are not there for the re-shoot then female/male matches (doubles) will be shot 2 against 1. 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 president. The league president will make a decision.

**ARTICLE V – SCORING/SCOREKEEPER**

**SEC 1** – Toe line (oche) will be established, whether front or back of the tape, before each 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. They should also face the board, NOT THE SHOOTER! When a team only has four players, the scorekeeper may talk to his/her partner.

**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 judgement.

**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** – If for any reason a player throws more darts after they have hit the winning dart, the winning dart stands as if no other darts have been thrown and the leg is won.

**SEC 7** – If a thrown dart hits and sticks in any of the two or three breaks in the wire, the higher value of the two wedges involved will be scored.

**SEC 8** – Home team captains are responsible for writing down clearly the high fliers and cricket marks on the score sheet. If the secretary cannot read it, IT DOES NOT COUNT! The secretary keeps track of points earned. You must be a member of the team for at least 9 weeks to be eligible for highflier awards. The point values of highfliers are as follows:

<b>301, 501, 1001</b>	<b>CRICKER (all usable)</b>
95-119 = 1 POINT	5 MARK = 1 POINT
120-149 = 2 POINTS	4 BULLS OR 6 MARK = 2 POINTS
150-169 = 3 POINTS	7 MARK = 3 POINTS
170-177 = 4 POINTS	5 BULLS OR 8 MARK = 4 POINTS
180 = 5 POINTS	6 BULLS OR 9 MARK = 5 POINTS

(Ex: If John Doe scores a 99, 2T1 and a 6 mark, he earns 5 points on the highflier points. All standings are by average of matches thrown.)

## **ARTICLE VI – MISCELLANEOUS**

**SEC 1** – Score sheets must be turned in at the end of the nights shoot. There will be a penalty of 1 point per home team for late turn-ins. 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.

**SEC 2** – When a captains meeting has been called, the captain or representative from the team must attend. Five (5) points will be deducted from the team’s standing if they have no representative present. A Captains’ meeting will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at a location designated by the president.

**SEC 3** – When the team captains sign 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 4** – Illegal gambling is neither sanctioned nor authorized by the SVDA.

**ARTICLE VI – TEAMS OR MEMBERS WITHDRAWING**

**SEC 1** – A team/member shall be considered withdrawn from the association as of the date of receipt of written notice by the secretary.

**SEC 2** – A team shall be automatically withdrawn from the association if **they forfeit 2 consecutive matches.**

**SEC 3** – All money paid by withdrawn teams or members shall be retained by the SVDA except as covered in ARTICLE 2 SEC 2.

**SEC 4** – 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.

**SEC 5** – 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.

**ARTICLE VII – 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, or procedures.

**SEC 2** – Protest must be initiated in writing. Such protests may be either stated on the back of the score sheet or in a letter, submitted or mailed to the secretary. Do not approach a board member during league play. The mailing address of the SVDA is: SVDA PO Box 3675 Sierra Vista, AZ. 85636-3675

**SEC 3** – Details must be submitted in writing to the secretary 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, which 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 VIII – GENERAL**

**SEC 1** – Good sportsmanship WILL be the prevailing attitude during all competitions.

**SEC 2** – Actions physical or verbal, which distract an opponent while he/she is throwing, will not be tolerated. Complaints may result in the board taking disciplinary action.

**SEC 3** – Gross profanity and obscene actions will not be tolerated. Disciplinary actions will be handled by the board. Examples:

- a) Destruction or damage to property (sponsor or personal),
- b) Possible revenue loss to sponsor from such actions,
- c) Continuous use of profanity and foul language or actions.

**SEC 4** – All suspensions and bars will be handled by the board on a case by case basis depending on the seriousness and frequency of alleged infractions.

**SEC 5** - At any given time when a majority of 51% of the members 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 at least one (1) year. In order for the member to rejoin the SVDA, the member would need a majority of signatures of the current SVDA members in good standing and reapply to the league.

#### **ARTICLE IX – TROPHIES/CERTIFICATES**

**SEC 1**---Awards and Trophies will be as follows:

1) Teams/Sponsors trophies will be given for each division for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, based on a 1:3 ratio. (Maximum of 6 trophies per team)

2) High flier awards (pins) shall be given for:

- a) 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 marks
- b) White horse
- c) Score of 100 or more
- d) A score of 140
- e) A score of 171
- f) A score of 180
- g) 4, 5 and 6 Bulls

3) A sportsmanship award will be given to the best sport male and female.

**SEC 2**---1a) A High Flyer King and High Flyer Queen trophy will be based on the total number of points recorded on the final standing sheet posted by the secretary. Award Certificates will be presented to the High On and High Off for Male and Female. In case of a tie, more than one award will be given.

1b) Award (trophy) for the most singles won, both male and female. To qualify for this award, individuals must shoot at least 70% of the scheduled single matches for the season.

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1c) Award (Trophy) will be awarded for the "Most Improved" player both male and female. Procedure for this award is:

The Secretary/Statistician will announce at the "End of the Season Banquet", the top five male & female finalists based on the winning percentages of their singles matches between the first half of the season and the final postage percentage. A silent ballot vote will be taken and the male and female with the most votes will be declared the winners.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Sierra Vista Dart Association adopted by the General Membership on

15 DAY of April 2007

//Original Signed// \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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President