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**SIERRA VISTA DART ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION**

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

**ARTICLE I---NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the **SIERRA VISTA DART ASSOCIATION**. Here after referred to as **SVDA**.

**ARTICLE II---DEFINITIONS**

**SEC 1---**Whenever the words EXECUTIVE BOARD are used, it shall mean the offices described in Article VI, Sec. 1.

**SEC 2---**Whenever the term Senior Board Member is used, it shall mean the most senior Board Member present in terms of continuous service.

**SEC 3---**Whenever the word Neutral is used, it shall mean a person not involved in the team or location under discussion.

**ARTICLE III---OBJECTIVES**

**SEC 1---**The objectives of the SVDA 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 SVDA shall be a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian, membership association.

**SEC 3---**Promote the development competitive darts for youths to compete at local and national amateur sports competitions and to foster a positive sportsmanship.

**ARTICLE IV---FEES/FUNDING**

**SEC 1---**Individual and sponsor fees shall be established by a TWO-THIRD majority vote at a general membership meeting.

**SEC 2---**Social and tournament fees as well as raffle fees and prizes shall be established by the board.

**SEC 3---**Membership fees shall be applicable to each season. An applicant shall be considered to be properly registered when, within current policies, their application and appropriate fees have been received by the Treasure.

**SEC 4---**Team sponsor fees shall be applicable each season. Team sponsors failing to submit their fees on or before the announced time of registration deadline will not be scheduled. Sponsor fees are non-refundable.

**SEC 5---**Funding of the SVDA will include income and donations.

**SEC 6---**Expenses will be approved by the Executive Board before being made.

**SEC 7---**Fees for SVDA membership and sponsorship will be collected by the Team Captain and given to the Treasurer who will in turn give them a receipt.

**SEC 8---**Spending shall be capped at \$250.00 (except for awards, banquet and the TMO). Expenditures exceeding \$250.00, except as noted herein must be approved by vote of the general membership. Expenditures are further defined as any monies spent by the SVDA for day-to-day operation of the Association, donations to Charity, ECT.

**SEC 9---**All checks issued by the SVDA must be Co-signed by the Treasurer and one other Executive Board Member.

**SEC 10---**The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be authorized signatories to the SVDA checking account.

**SEC 11---** The Secretary/Statistician will be paid a stipend based on the number of teams participating during any season with the minimum stipend of \$120.00 (6 teams). If there are more teams, the stipend would go up accordingly at the rate of \$20.00 per team, per season.

## **ARTICLE V---MEMBERSHIP**

**SEC 1---**Membership is open to anyone 21 years of age or older 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.

**SEC 2---**Membership will not be limited because of race, creed, gender, national origin, or physical handicap. All references to "HE" in the By-laws and Rules shall apply to "SHE" as well.

**SEC 3---** A membership may be terminated or restricted, at any time during the calendar year/season, by a majority of the 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 4**---Any member who becomes involved in physical violence or illegal activities while at a SVDA function will automatically be suspended immediately pending board action.

**SEC 5**---No monetary fines shall ever be levied against members or sponsors of the SVDA.

**SEC 6**---Paid membership will include a receipt to prove membership in the SVDA.

#### **ARTICLE VI---THE BOARD**

**SEC 1**---The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, and SVDA Representative to total six (6) Board Members. No joint offices may be held. The Secretary, in order of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, and SVDA Representative shall do balloting for each office separately. The vote shall be by secret ballot and the tally shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**SEC 2**---When a Board vacancy occurs, sufficient additions shall be made in accordance with SEC 4 of the Article to bring Board membership to the required total of six (6). Such additions must be made no later than the second regular monthly Board Meeting following the creation of the vacancy.

**SEC 3**---At the General Election Meeting, three Board Members shall be elected for two-year (2) terms and such additional Board Members shall be elected to the unexpired portion of vacated terms as described in Sec. 2 of the Article. Board Members shall take office no later than one week after the General Election.

**SEC 4**---Board Vacancies may be filled by the President provided:

- The proposed member was eligible for office at the preceding election.
- A majority of the board approves the appointment.
- Volunteers are called for at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the board meeting at which such additions are to be made.
- The names of all applicants are submitted to the board.
- The vacancies in question were not the result of Recall proceedings authorized under Article XIII.

**SEC 5**---A Board Member automatically resign when, without sufficient cause, they fail to appear at three (3) consecutive meetings, provided such meetings are not scheduled within a period of 30 calendar days. Board and General Meetings scheduled for the same day shall be considered one (1) meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VII---BOARD DUTIES/QUORUM**

**SEC 1**---The Board must meet at least once a month. The President shall determine meeting dates. Notice of the meeting must be received at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

**SEC 2**---Three (3) Board Members in attendance shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the President, and Vice President, the Senior Board Member shall assume the chair.

**SEC 3**---Should two (2) consecutive board meetings, scheduled as per SEC 1, fail to produce a quorum the board shall be considered dissolved. It shall be the responsibility of those members attending the second such meeting to arrange and call for an election meeting, which shall be a General Meeting, within thirty (30) days. Should the dissolution of the board take place less than thirty (30) days prior to a season's end, social event, or tournament, those members in attendance must take appropriate action to ensure the success and continuity of such an event or tournament. In addition they must call for an election meeting no later than five (5) days after the aforementioned event. The notice of provisions set forth in Article IX shall be waived if the election meeting's time and location are announced at the aforementioned event. Article X, SEC 5 shall not apply to elections held due to conditions described in this section.

## **ARTICLES VIII---DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SEC 1**---PRESIDENT: The President shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the SVDA in accordance with the Rules, By-laws and Regulations and shall preside at all meetings. The President may vote only to break a tie, except for the election of an officer.

**SEC 2**---VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall assist the President in maintaining the efficiency of the administration. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties normally performed by the President.

Should both the President and the Vice President take leave of office, the Senior Board Member shall assume the duties of the President with the provision that the Senior Board Member call an election meeting within thirty (30) days of their leaving office.

**SEC 3**---SECRETARY: The secretary 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 4**---TREASURER: The Treasurer will have custody of all SVDA funds and shall see that all moneys received are promptly deposited. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of fees and will be required to submit a monthly-itemized cash statement to the board and to prepare summarized seasonal and annual financial

statements for the membership. The Treasurer shall submit the books for a seasonal audit at the end of each season.

**SEC 5---TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** The Tournament Director will be responsible for the organization of all regular scheduled and special tournaments or play-offs during their term of office, 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 Tournament Director.

**SEC 6---SVDA REPRESENTATIVE:** The SVDA REPRESENTATIVE is responsible for attending meetings to represent the SVDA in external organizations and the AFDA and to disseminate all information at the next monthly Captains meeting.

**SEC 7---NO VOTE PROVISIO:** No Board Member may vote on operational procedures or protests taking place in the team or sponsoring establishment in which the board member plays. Should the proviso deplete the board below quorum level, it shall be the responsibility of the Senior Neutral Board Member to assemble a quorum from the list of all Neutral Captains.

#### **ARTICLE IX---MEETINGS**

**SEC 1---Board meetings:** Such meetings shall be comprised of board members only; no non-board members shall be present, subject to the provisions set forth in Article VII. Unless determined by the board, the president shall determine the location of such meetings.

**SEC 2---PROTEST MEETINGS:** Such meetings shall be subject to the provisions set forth in those rules currently in effect.

**SEC 3---CAPTAINS MEETINGS:** Such meetings shall be comprised of a committee from the board and the captain or authorized representative from each registered team. At least one such meeting shall be scheduled prior to the beginning of each season and other such meetings are scheduled as deemed appropriate by the board. A quorum shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the captains or authorized team representatives and fifty percent (50%) of the board. Each team not represented will be assessed a five (5) point deduction from the standings. Team captains are responsible for keeping their team up to date and representing their views.

**SEC 4---GENERAL MEETINGS:** A minimum of two (2) General meetings annually will be mandatory. Any SVDA member in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting. One such meeting shall be for the purpose of elections. General meetings must be announced by direct mail or hand delivered to all sponsoring establishments and a phone call to each captain at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. It is the responsibility of each team captain to inform their team members of

such meetings. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the then current general membership. It is unreasonable to expect a general meeting for everything that might happen.

**SEC 5---RECALL MEETINGS:** Such meetings shall be held subject to the provisions set forth in Article XIII.

**SEC 6---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 25% of the current membership in good standing. No other business will be discussed at such a meeting. The board must announce the time and place for such a meeting no later than twenty- (20) days from the date of receipt of the petition by the secretary to the general membership. Such meetings will be comprised of a committee from the board and the captain or authorized representative from each registered team. Interested members in good standing may attend and participate in the discussion. Voting, however, is restricted to one captain or authorized representative from each registered team. The NO VOTE PROVISIO as described in Article VIII, Sec 7, shall apply to those captains or authorized representatives attending a special meeting. A quorum shall be the same as for captains meetings.

**SEC 7---Unless otherwise specified, all meetings shall be called at the discretion of the board and shall be held at locations designated by the board.**

**SEC 8---Unless otherwise specified, meeting announcements must be delivered to the sponsoring establishments or team captains at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. Team captains are responsible to inform team members.**

**SEC 9---It is the responsibility of the individual to maintain a current and valid address & phone number with the secretary.**

## **ARTICLE X---ELECTIONS**

**SEC 1---Elections shall take place at the end of each season/calendar year at a general membership meeting.**

**SEC 2---All elections shall be by secret ballot and monitored by the membership. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to construct such a ballot.**

**SEC 3---Elections for the offices of president, secretary, and tournament director will be held in even years. Elections for the offices of vice president, treasurer, and SVDA representative will be held in odd years.**

**SEC 4---Nominations for board members shall require a minimum of two (2) candidates for two-year terms and such number as required to fill any vacated terms. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In case of a tie, a runoff election shall be held between the candidates involved in the tie.**

**SEC 5**---No member may vote more than one time, per candidate, per office.

**ARTICLE XI---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.

**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.

**SEC 4**---A two-thirds majority vote of board members may request a recall vote of another board member.

**SEC 5**---Any board member who is recalled will not be eligible for an office for a period of three (3) calendar years, from date of recall.

**ARTICLE XII---GENERAL**

**SEC 1**---This constitution may be amended at a general membership meeting. A two-thirds majority of attending membership votes shall be required to change the constitution.

**SEC 2**---Bylaws, Rule and Regulations to supplement this constitution shall be 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**---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) Continued 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.

**ARTICLE XIII---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)

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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.

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 Constitution of the Sierra Vista Dart Association adopted by the General Membership on this

15 DAY of April 2007

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Secretary

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President