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## BYLAWS

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### 1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The Region of Halton Dart League, henceforth referred to as RHDL is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of friendly competition in the Town of Halton Hills.
- 1.2 The principal office of the RHDL is located at:  
636 Sellers Path  
Milton, Ontario  
L9T 0P4
- 1.3 The address of the principal office may be changed from time to time by the Executive committee.

### 2. MEMBERS

- 2.1 Membership of RHDL will be open to all residents of Halton Hills and surrounding area's providing they meet all eligibility requirements and upon paying the appropriate membership fees.
- 2.2 Up to four (4) more players (maximum **twelve (12)**) may be added by December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 2.3 Only if a team is in danger of folding may they apply to the Executive in writing ([rhdlinquiries@gmail.com](mailto:rhdlinquiries@gmail.com)) for additional players after the cut off date. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 2.4 Membership in RHDL is one complete playing season and renewable each year.
- 2.5 Members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.
- 2.6 Membership in RHDL may be terminated at the discretion of the Executive committee if a member violates the bylaws of the RHDL; refuses to abide by an Executive committee decision; acts in a manner likely to disgrace the RHDL.
- 2.7 Any member may resign by notifying their captain who will inform the Executive, but such resignation shall not entitle the member to any refund of dues.
- 2.8 Players must be a minimum age of nineteen (19) years.

### 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The Executive committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Statistician.
- 3.2 Term of Office is two years.
- 3.3 The Executive may appoint voting members at large to assist the committee.
- 3.4 The President and Executive shall have the authority to make a decision(s) pertaining to the welfare of the league.
- 3.5 The Executive shall be responsible for the setting of the dues and the ~~payment~~ collection of same. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

- 3.6** A quorum shall consist of **seventy-five (75)** percent of the Captains for the Captains' meetings. **(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**
- 3.7** Amendments to the constitution may be considered and proposed by the Executive but must be accepted by the **Captains or team representatives. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**
- 3.8** Election of Executive  
~~All elections shall be held at the Annual General Meeting at the end of each season~~
- 3.8.1** **All elections shall be held prior to the end of the playoffs in election years or if a special election is called due to an Executive member being unable to fulfill their duties. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**
- 3.8.2** Any member in good standing is entitled to vote.
- 3.8.3** Any member may nominate or be nominated for office **using the RHDL Executive Nomination Form. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**
- 3.8.4** Any member wishing to run for President must have played for **a minimum of two (2) complete years** in the REGION OF HALTON DART LEAGUE and be a member in good standing. **(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**

## **4. OFFICERS**

### **4.1 President**

- 4.1.1** Shall preside over all Executive and league meetings.
- 4.1.2** Shall always have a deciding vote in the event of a voting deadlock.
- 4.1.3** Shall not vote unless required.  
~~Represent the league at all Darts Ontario Meetings.~~
- 4.1.4** **Shall attend a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of the Captains and Executive Meetings.**
- 4.1.5** **Shall host/attend disciplinary meetings (zoom) should issues arise.**
- 4.1.6** **Shall remain professional at all times (representing the league).**
- 4.1.7** **Shall meet with all bar owners in the off season and confirm commitment for the RHDL to play in each establishment for the next season with a signed agreement between the league and each establishment.**
- 4.1.7.1** **President can delegate obtaining signed agreements to other members of the Executive.**
- 4.1.8** **Shall field calls, messages and emails from members and bar owners and deal with questions, comments or issues that arise and communicate these contacts with the Executives.**
- 4.1.9** **Shall maintain the Instagram account and have an active role as an administrator with the RHDL Facebook group and continue to promote positivity.**
- 4.1.10** **Shall organize and accept nominations for the Bob Downie award and present the nominations to the Executive to cast their vote.**

- 4.1.10.1** Organize with vendor to have the Bob Downie award winner engraved on the plaque.
- 4.1.11** Shall take an active role in recruiting new members.
- 4.1.12** Shall assist with organizing the year end banquet and consult with caterer and deejay.
- 4.1.13** Shall assist in purchasing prizes for the banquet.
- 4.1.14** Shall place order with vendor for banquet tickets and assist with the design.
- 4.1.15** ~~2.1.15~~ Shall order dart equipment from suppliers as needed. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

## **4.2 Vice President**

- 4.2.1** In the absence of the President, assumes all duties of the President.
- 4.2.2** Shall attend a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of the Captains and Executive Meetings.
- 4.2.3** Shall vote together with the other members of the Executive on league issues.
- 4.2.4** Shall host/attend disciplinary meetings (zoom) should issues arise.
- 4.2.5** Shall support other members of the Executive committee when needed and assist where required.
- 4.2.6** Shall assist in purchasing prizes for the banquet. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

## **4.3 Treasurer**

- 4.3.1** The treasurer shall be responsible for all the league's financial affairs.
- 4.3.2** Shall maintain an accurate record of all disbursements and present a regular financial report to the Executive committee.  
~~At the AGM, present an unaudited and unbiased financial statement to the league members.~~
- 4.3.3** Shall make available to the membership a full and complete financial statement for the year.  
~~The Treasurer's signature, together with the President and Vice President's approval, shall be the only authority for bank withdrawals.~~
- 4.3.4** The treasurer shall as sole signing authority, shall hold and balance the bank account and Petty Cash.
  - 4.3.4.1** Changed to a single signing authority to allow for e-transfers for registration and streamlining the incoming and outgoing monies.
- 4.3.5** Shall attend a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of the Captains and Executive Meetings.
- 4.3.6** Shall vote together with the other members of the Executive on league issues.
- 4.3.7** Shall host/attend disciplinary meetings (zoom) should issues arise.
- 4.3.8** Shall support other members of the Executive committee when needed and assist where required.
- 4.3.9** Shall assist in purchasing prizes for the banquet. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

#### 4.4 Secretary

- 4.4.1 Shall maintain a record of all minutes of Executive and Captains Meetings.
- 4.4.2 Shall maintain a master list of all teams and their registered players.
- 4.4.3 Shall post summary of meeting minutes on social media page.
- 4.4.4 Shall post reminder for Captain's Meetings at least 24 hours prior to meeting on social media.
- 4.4.5 Shall update and maintain Bar Agreements and assist with bar negotiations.
- 4.4.6 Shall be primary responder to the RHDL Inquiries email account ([rhdlinquiries@gmail.com](mailto:rhdlinquiries@gmail.com)) and will notify fellow Executive members of activity with this account.
- 4.4.7 Shall attend a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of the Captains and Executive Meetings.
- 4.4.8 Shall vote together with the other members of the Executive on league issues.
- 4.4.9 Shall host/attend disciplinary meetings (zoom) should issues arise.
- 4.4.10 Shall assist in the creation of other flyers/documentation needed for RHDL functions.
- 4.4.11 Shall support other members of the Executive committee when needed and assist where required.
- 4.4.12 Shall assist in purchasing prizes for the banquet. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

#### 4.5 Statistician

- 4.5.1 Shall record all team wins and losses on RHDL website.
- 4.5.2 Shall record all individual player's personal points on RHDL website.
- 4.5.3 Shall post above results weekly on website prior to the next week of play.
- 4.5.4 Shall keep a record of all final standings for the season.
- 4.5.5 Shall maintain electronic copy of all submitted match sheets.
- 4.5.6 Shall post league related announcements in News section on the RHDL website.
- 4.5.7 Shall upload documents located in Downloads section on RHDL website.
- 4.5.8 Shall attend a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of the Captains and Executive Meetings.
- 4.5.9 Shall vote together with the other members of the Executive on league issues.
- 4.5.10 Shall host/attend disciplinary meetings (zoom) should issues arise.
- 4.5.11 Shall support other members of the Executive committee when needed and assist where required.
- 4.5.12 Shall assist in purchasing prizes for the banquet. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

### 5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 The Executive committee may determine from time to time the amount of membership fees payable to RHDL.
- 5.2 Membership dues for pub and player are payable ~~at~~ prior to the beginning of each playing season and must be paid in full before participating in any competitive dart games. Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

**5.3** All membership dues are Non-Refundable.

**5.4** If any player bounces a cheque written to the Region of Halton Dart League, when it becomes ~~known~~ **known** to the Treasurer, ~~then~~ that player cannot play in the league or throw another dart until they have paid in cash to the Treasurer the fee for darts plus all bank charges. **The captain will be notified that the person concerned cannot play and why. If the player does play, the team will lose all personal and team points every night that player plays, until dues are paid in full. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**

## **6. MEETINGS**

**6.1** ~~Team captains' meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise specified)~~ **during the playing season at such frequency, time and place as may be determined by the Executive committee. A Captains' Meeting Schedule for each season will be created prior to the season and posted on the RHDL website and on RHDL Facebook page. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**

**6.2** Any member **in good standing** can attend these meetings but only the captain or the team representative can vote. **(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**

**6.3** Each team must have (1) one voting representative present, and signed in.

**6.4** Special meetings of the RHDL members may be called by the President, the Executive committee, or not less than one tenth of the RHDL members having voting rights.

**6.5** A quorum shall consist of minimum of three (3) officers for an Executive meeting, seventy-five (75) percent for a Captains' meeting and a minimum of ten (10) percent, of the total RHDL members entitled to vote, at all other meetings. **Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**

**6.6** Where RHDL officers or the Executive committee are to be elected by RHDL members, such elections may be conducted by email, video chat or in such a manner as determined by the Executive committee.

## **7. PROTESTS**

**7.1** All disputes will be conducted in an orderly manner between the team captains or co-captains.

**7.2** All point protests must be lodged by the team captain within two weeks of date games were played in writing to the Statistician ([rhdlweeklystats@gmail.com](mailto:rhdlweeklystats@gmail.com))..

## **8. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

**8.1** These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws adopted by a majority vote of the captains at monthly Captains' Meetings.

## **9. BOB DOWNIE AWARD**

**9.1** Bob Downie demonstrated extraordinary team play and spirit, both in his approach to the game and his attitude towards his teammates. Bob brought positivity and laughter

around with him wherever he went. Bob displayed honesty, integrity and was a real ambassador to our league.

**9.2** The recipient of the Bob Downie Award will be chosen each year by the Executive Committee after reviewing recommendations submitted by league players toward the end of the season.

**9.3** The recipient will retain possession of the Plaque until March of the following year.

**9.3.1** In the case of the recipient not returning to play in the RHDL the season after winning the award, the Plaque will be returned to a member of the Executive Committee prior to the start of the new season in September.

## **10. PLAY FORMAT**

**10.1** All teams will respect the individual host location's smoking policies. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

**10.2** Each team will be allowed to register (12) twelve players, of which all can play on any given night. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

**10.3** Who actually plays is up to the Team Captain.

**10.3.1** The Executive encourages all Team Captains to ensure their players are playing as an even number of games as much as possible. All players pay their league fees and should not have limited play due to any reason. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

**10.4** Starting time will be 7:00 p.m. No later than 7:15p.m. both teams must present their starting line-up. However, in unusual circumstances the team captains, if mutually agreed upon, may make other arrangements.

**10.5** If this has not been done and the first line up has not been presented by 7:15 p.m., then the game will be forfeited and (2) two points, will be awarded to the team present unless captains agree to move match down and begin with the second match. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

**10.6** In the case of inclement weather, if the league is not cancelled, the captains can reschedule their match if one location is adversely affected and both are agreeable.

**10.7** No player can play more than once in each format

**10.8** The order of play may vary if both captains agree, if not, then the normal format will be played which is Cricket, Singles and Doubles.

**10.9** A minimum of (5) five players must be present to avoid a forfeiture of (9) nine match points.

**10.10** All games must be as follows – (Best 2 of 3)

**10.10.1** Four doubles cricket (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

**10.10.2** Eight singles 501, straight in double out.

**10.10.3** Four doubles 601, straight in double out.

**10.11** All line-ups will be done by a blind draw. Players will be matched number for number on weekly game sheet.

~~The dummy score will be (25) twenty five until (100) One Hundred. At this point the team using the dummy score will lose a turn every time the dummy turn comes around.~~  
(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

- 10.12** Home team starts first game, Away team starts second game, third game will be started by the winner of a diddle for the bull with Home team deciding who throws at bull first.
- 10.13** All darts in the (25) twenty-five ring or bulls eye ~~will~~ **can** be pulled before the second player shoots. **It is the second player's choice. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**  
~~The first player in the team line up must go for the middle. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)~~
- 10.14** Three (3) darts in a bed count as actual score.
- 10.15** Player receives count for a dart if the point is touching the board. Dart count scores of point of entry.
- 10.16** Players may finish on a bulls eye if (50) fifty is required. The marker must observe N.D.F.C. Etiquette rules while chalking.
- 10.16.1** To help speed up the play at the end of the game, the 9 Dart Rule is in effect. Captains may agree to not comply to implement this rule. This agreement should be decided upon before the situation occurs and if captains are not in agreement the 9 Dart Rule will stand.
- 10.17** The 9 Dart Rule is: once the second player reaches double 1, the first player has 1 more throw. After which each player has 9 darts each at regular dart rules to obtain double 1. After which each player has 3 darts at double 1 where only the double 1 dart will count (no busting on the first 2 darts). This continues until double 1 is obtained.
- 10.17.1.1** Example
- 10.17.1.1.1** Player A reaches double 1. Several throws later player B reaches double 1. Player A has one more throw at double 1. Starting Player B (the second player to reach double 1) each player gets nine darts (3 at a time) to obtain double 1. Still not successful, Player B gets 3 darts to hit the double (say 1, 20 and a miss). Player A gets 3 darts (say 18, 1 and double 1). Since no busts can take place, Player A has won.
- 10.18** (1) One team point is awarded for every match won with (16) total match points available each night.
- 10.19** No player may be assisted while standing on the oche except by the chalker who may only announce what is scored or what is remaining. When a player feels assistance is needed (during either Cricket, Doubles or Singles), the player must step back from the oche before receiving any assistance. Any person may be asked to give assistance except the chalker.

## **11. CRICKET FORMAT**

- 11.1** No later than 7:15p.m. **Four (4) two-player teams** must be declared for the Cricket games. **(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)**

~~Four – 2 person teams.~~ (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

- 11.2** Only (1) one dummy can be used in the case of 5 or 7 players available on a team. If you have an even number of players, no dummy is to be used.
- 11.3** The game will be played as such:
- 11.3.1** 5 players and 1 Dummy for a total of 3 doubles and 1 forfeit.
  - 11.3.2** 7 players and 1 Dummy for a total of 4 doubles and no forfeits.
- 11.4** The dummy ~~is~~ **must be** placed last in the line-up. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 11.5** The Dummy's turn. When it is the turn for the Dummy, it will automatically achieve 1 hit for the highest number (20 to 15) that does not already have 3 hits for that team. When numbers 20 to 15 all have 3 hits, nothing will be hit. There will be no hits for the Bull and no scoring by the Dummy. For example, 1: 20's are closed, 19's are open for the Dummy's team, 18's are open for the opposing team and the opposing team has more points. The Dummy will be marked as hitting an 18. Example 2: the Dummy's team has except for Bulls, everything open or closed. The Dummy will lose a turn and no hits are marked.
- ~~**11.6** If a player comes in before it is their turn to shoot, they may do so. However, if they come in and their shot has gone by and a dummy is used for them, they cannot play in the set which consists of the best 2 games out of 3 games. depending how many are needed.~~ (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 11.7** Home team starts first game, Away team starts second game, third game will be started by the winner of a diddle for the bull with Home team deciding who throws at bull first.
- 11.8** Points – 2 points will be awarded to the individual winners.
- 11.9** Bonus points - 1 bonus point will be awarded for a 7 hit count, 2 bonus points for an 8 hit count and 3 bonus points for a 9 hit count. Also, 1 bonus point for 4 bulls, 2 bonus points for 5 bulls and 3 bonus points for 6 bulls. For example: 1 bonus point for T20, T19 and a single 18. 2 bonus points for T16, T16 and a double 16. 3 bonus points for 3 triples. When mixing bulls and other numbers, count single bulls as 2 hits and double bulls as 3 hits. For example: 1 bonus point for 2 double bulls and a single 20 (7 hits) and 2 single bulls and T20 (7 hits). 2 bonus points for a double bull, single bull and T20 (8 hits) and 3 bonus points for any combination of triples and double bulls when all hits count (9 hits).

## 12. SINGLES 501 FORMAT

- 12.1** Eight (8) players must be declared for singles.
- 12.2** Missing players must be placed at the bottom of the singles line-up.
- 12.3** Captains should have their players ready for their game or forfeit beyond a maximum of 5 minutes of being called. If a singles player has not arrived by the time of their singles game, then the game is forfeited and the win (1) One match point is awarded to the opposing team and (3) Three points to the opposing player.



Alternatively, captains can agree to move that match down in the sequence and begin with match 2. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

- 12.4** Home team starts first game, Away team starts second game, third game will be started by the winner of a diddle for the bull with Home team deciding who throws at bull first.
- 12.5** Points – 3 points will be awarded to the individual winners
- 12.6** High Score Bonus points – 1 bonus point will be awarded for scores of 121 – 139. 2 bonus points will be awarded for scores of 140 – 167. 3 bonus points will be awarded for scores of 180, 177, 174, 171 & 170. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 12.7** High Finish Bonus points – 1 bonus point will be awarded for a finish of 100 – 139. ~~2 bonus points will be awarded for a finish of 140 – 167. 3 bonus points will be awarded for a finish of 170 or more.~~ Note high finish of 100 or more on weekly game sheet in section provided. If a high finish is 121 or above, note that score in the appropriate section on game sheet. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

### 13. DOUBLES 601 FORMAT

- 13.1** Four (4) two-player teams must be declared for the Double 601 games. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 13.2** Only (1) one dummy can be used in the case of 5 or 7 players available on a team. If you have an even number of players, no dummy is to be used.
- 13.3** The game will be played as such:
- 13.3.1** 5 players and 1 Dummy for a total of 3 doubles and 1 forfeit.
- 13.3.2** 7 players and 1 Dummy for a total of 4 doubles and no forfeits.
- 13.4** The dummy must be placed last in the line-up. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 13.5** The dummy score will be (25) twenty-five until (100) One Hundred. At this point the team using the dummy score will lose a turn every time the dummy turn comes around. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 13.6** Home team starts first game, Away team starts second game, third game will be started by the winner of a diddle for the bull with Home team deciding who throws at bull first.
- 13.7** Points – 2 points will be awarded to the individual winners.
- 13.8** High Score Bonus points – 1 bonus point will be awarded for scores of 121 – 139. 2 bonus points will be awarded for scores of 140 – 167. 3 bonus points will be awarded for scores of 180, 177, 174, 171 & 170. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 13.9** High Finish Bonus points – 1 bonus point will be awarded for a finish of 100 – 139. ~~2 bonus points will be awarded for a finish of 140 – 167. 3 bonus points will be awarded for a finish of 170 or more.~~ Note high finish of 100 or more on weekly game sheet in section provided. If a high finish is 121 or above, note that score in the appropriate section on game sheet. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 13.10** Dead Dart - No new dart match will begin past ~~11:29pm~~ 11:00pm. If a game is in process and surpasses the time, the game may be finished. If there are games not started past the ~~11:29pm~~ 11:00pm cut off time, these games will not be played and

zero points will be scored for the team and for the players assigned to games.  
(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

#### **14. INDIVIDUAL HIGH POINT AWARDS**

- 14.1** When finalizing individual high point awards at the end of the regular season, all points earned in matches against no-show opponents on other teams will be deducted when determining winners and runner-up awards for Men's and Ladies High Points.  
(Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

#### **15. PLAYOFFS – ELIGIBILITY**

- 15.1** If a player has not played a minimum of one third (33%) of a regular season, they are ineligible to play in that season's playoffs. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 15.2** An email will be sent to all captains with list of ineligible players for the playoffs based on criteria established above. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

#### **16. PLAYOFFS – DIVISIONS**

- 16.1** The Executive will, at its discretion, decide when, or if the league will be split into different divisions such as Pool A, Pool B, etc. for the playoffs. This can be done at the halfway mark of the regular season or at the end of the regular season using overall team points standings. ~~At the halfway mark of the regular season, there will be a review of the team points standings.~~
- 16.2** ~~For two Pools~~, the top 50% of the league based on regular season team points will be designated as Pool A ~~and the remaining teams will be designated as Pool B.~~
- 16.3** ~~For three Pools~~, the top third of the league based on regular season team points will be designated as Pool A, the middle third will be designated as Pool B and the bottom third will be designated as Pool C.
- 16.3.1** If teams are tied for points, the tiebreaker ~~(if required)~~ will be based on the winner of the head-to-head meeting(s) ~~in first part of~~ during regular season.
- 16.4** ~~If teams are split into Pool A and Pool B at the end of the regular season, teams in Pool A will play against Pool A teams and Pool B will play against Pool B teams, etc.~~
- 16.5** Additional Pool(s) may be added at the Executive's discretion based on the total number of active Teams in each season. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

#### **17. PLAYOFFS – ROUND ROBIN**

- 17.1** ~~There may be a Round Robin in the playoffs and if so, teams in Pool A will play against fellow teams in Pool A, Pool B will play against fellow teams in Pool B and if required, teams in Pool C will play against fellow teams in Pool C. in the Round Robin portion of the Playoffs.~~ (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 17.2** Game format played in the Round Robin ~~(if required)~~ shall be the same as the regular season. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 17.3** The top four teams in each Pool will advance to ~~that Pool's~~ Semi-Finals.

- 17.3.1** Depending on number of teams in the Pools, this can be changed to have a round of the Top Eight prior to the Semi-Finals. (Amended Sept. 2024 minutes)
- 17.4** The winning team for each Pool will host the last-place finisher in Round Robin (if played). The second-place team for each Pool will host the next to last place finisher. (Amended Sept. 2024 minutes)
- ~~The winning team for each Pool will host the fourth-place finisher.~~
- ~~**17.5** The second-place team for each Pool will host the third-place finisher.~~
- In case of a tie, the first tie breaker is the winner of the head-to-head match in the Round Robin.
- 17.5.1** If the tie-breaker was also a tie, the second tiebreaker will be based on the winner of total team points scored in the head-to-head meetings during the regular season.

## **18. PLAYOFFS – QUARTER-FINALS, SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS** (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

- 18.1** Games played in the Quarter-Finals (if required), Semi-Finals and Finals are the same as the regular season. The match is over when the first team reaches 9 (nine) points. The winners of the Semi-Finals will meet in the Finals for each Pool. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 18.1.1** In the event of a tie of 8-8 after all games are played, there will be one game of 1001 SIDO (straight in and double-out) played in three versus three format.
- 18.1.2** Diddle for bull to determine who starts the game with home team deciding who throws first.
- 18.2** The host of the Finals match for each Pool will be the highest point finisher in the Round Robin (if played) or the highest point finisher in the regular season. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 18.3** If the highest finisher in both Pool A and Pool B different Pools play at the same home bar with only two boards, the team with the highest number of points in their respective Round Robins (if played) or the regular season, will have choice to play at their home bar or to choose an alternate location. (Amended Sept. 2024 minutes)
- 18.4** If the tie-breaker is also a tie, the second tiebreaker will be based on the winner of total team points scored in the head-to-head meetings during the regular season.

## **19. PLAYOFFS – PLAYER PERFORMANCE**

- 19.1** On game sheets, for Cricket games, record all 6 Bulls and 9 Counts thrown. For 601 & 501 games, record all high scores of 170, 171, 174 177 & 180 and high finishes of 121+. These accomplishments will be recognized at the year-end RHDL Banquet. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

## **20. CODE OF ETHICS**

A player who registers for, and or participates in, any Region of Halton Dart League sanctioned activity accepts and agrees to abide by the Region of Halton Dart League

(RHDL) Code of Ethics and agrees to accept the consequences for failing to uphold these standards.

## **20.1 Our Goal**

- 20.1.1** The Region of Halton Dart League (RHDL), its member dart bodies, associates and Executive aim to promote the highest possible ethical values within darts.
- 20.1.2** The RHDL is fully committed to the fundamental values and principles of good sportsmanship.
- 20.1.3** The RHDL Executive have adopted this Code of Ethics based on the values, principles and rules expected when engaged in competitive sport.
- 20.1.4** This Code of Ethics applies to all members including Executive, its participants, establishment staff or other guests within the facility or any other persons attending weekly events.

## **20.2 Equality and Dignity**

- 20.2.1** Under no circumstance shall there be any discrimination between the participants based on their race, gender, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinion, marital status, sexual orientation, mental or physical injuries or illnesses.
- 20.2.2** Any form of harassment towards members, guests, patrons or employees at a darts event, be it verbal, physical, sexual, is strictly prohibited and may be subject to disciplinary action and or termination of the member.
- 20.2.3** Being an RHDL member goes beyond physically playing in weekly league games, meetings, tournaments, or outside sanctioned darting events. Being a member also includes interactions and discussions of any kind within the context of social media platforms, emails, text messages or any other kind of interaction.
- 20.2.4** All members of the RHDL shall always exhibit leadership and good sportsmanship and assist other members whenever possible. Any type of criticism, complaints or sarcasm will not be tolerated. Confrontational behaviour, whether it be verbal or physical, derogatory comments/actions or belittling a member will not be tolerated. Any member who exhibits any of these behaviours may be subject to disciplinary action and or termination of the member. All members of the RHDL shall be treated equally, fairly, and respectfully at all times.
- 20.2.5** The wearing of ear buds while playing darts. Out of respect for your fellow competitors, please note that playing in the RHDL is for fun and good sportsmanship. If anyone likes to wear ear buds, please limit use to one ear bud during all matches so a conversation with your opponent and/or teammates can take place. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)
- 20.2.6** If drinking alcohol or partaking of other substances, please enjoy responsibly. Know your limits. Any disruptive outbreaks, loss of emotional control or public

intoxication will not be tolerated. Intoxication will not be accepted as an excuse for inappropriate behaviour. (Amended 2024 Sept. minutes)

**20.2.7** During match play players must not use offensive language or “mouth” any offensive language or be seen to be making offensive gestures.

**20.2.8** Players must not recklessly throw their darts at any time.

**20.2.9** Every invited guest at a darts event is the responsibility of the respective member or player who may be held accountable for the guest’s behaviour regardless of whether the member or player is with the guest at the time of any inappropriate behaviour by the guest.

**20.2.10** Each player shall perform and compete to the best of their ability in each match and/or darts event in which they compete and will complete all matches. A player who concedes a match when it can still be won will be in breach of this rule.

### **20.3 Integrity**

**20.3.1** All members shall commit to eliminate all forms of cheating and shall continue to adhere all the necessary measures to ensure the integrity of the dart competitions.

**20.3.2** Each player shall participate in all darts events in a fair and sporting manner and shall cooperate with the RHDL and any other affiliated organisation or home bar to promote and develop the sport of darts.

**20.3.3** Players may not, before or during a darts event, make an agreement to produce a particular score or situation within a match or to share prize money between those players irrespective of the result.

**20.3.4** Where the behaviour of a player or guest who is taking part in a darts event breaches the RHDL rules or is disruptive to the running of a darts event, the captain may instruct the person to immediately vacate the premises and may advise the person when and if they might return. In such circumstances the player will be referred to the Executive for consideration as to any disciplinary action.

### **20.4 Implementation / RHDL Ethics Commission**

**20.4.1** The RHDL shall see to it that the principles and rules of the Code of Ethics are applied.

**20.4.2** To maintain the ethical standards set out in ~~this~~ **our** Code of Ethics, the RHDL will ~~appoint~~ request a volunteer to accept the role of a Player Liaison who will serve as the representative to communicate issues surrounding incidents.  
(Amended Sept. 2024 minutes)

**20.4.2.1** The Player Liaison is available to be contacted if a player for any reason desires assistance in bringing forward an issue to the Executive.

**20.4.2.2** The Player Liaison will acquire all the facts and to the best of their abilities clearly communicate the issue to the Executive.

**20.4.2.3** The Player Liaison to attend any meetings between the player and the Executive to assist in resolving the issue if the player requests them to do so. (Amended Sept. 2024 minutes)

**20.4.3** Every effort has been made to account for a variety of circumstances. However, situations could arise not covered in the Code of Conduct. Members must use their best judgment in all situations and adhere to the guidelines to the best of their ability.

**20.4.4** The RHDL may, from time-to-time, supplement, amend or vary these rules. Such changes shall be deemed to be effective and binding on each player as from the date of publication of the changes.