

# Howard County Dart Association

## Darts in Howard County Maryland

“What HCDA is All About”

The objective of the Howard County Dart Association shall be to promote competitive darts and to coordinate dart functions and activities in and around Howard County, Maryland. We sanction league play according to the ADO rules of play and establish friendly relationships with other darts organizations, both local and National.

The Howard County Dart Association (HCDA) is a not-for-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization. We welcome anyone who wants to participate in the game of darts in a sportsmanlike atmosphere and enjoys the friendships and social environment that come along with membership in our organization.

We (HCDA) do charge an annual membership fee of \$12.00 per player. This fee is due upon joining HCDA and is renewable each year at sign-ups for the upcoming fall season. The fee is for the purpose of our ADO sanctioning and ADO related awards and recognition. In addition, there is a \$24.00 per person fee that is due at the beginning of each season. This fee is used for team and individual awards and our end of season parties. As a paid HCDA member, you are entitled to attend the end of season party, which generally will include food and beer/soda, luck of the draw and 50/50 raffle. At the end of the spring and summer seasons, we have outdoor barbecues that are family oriented and include the above activities. At the end of our fall season, we have our party at a public establishment. Family members and friends are also welcome to attend for a reasonable fee.

Teams consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players. Each team has a “Home Bar”. Teams are placed in a division which most matches the skill level of the team members. We also welcome individual players who are in search of joining an established team. We will do our best to match individuals with teams based on similar skill levels. We have a seasonal “Sub List” for players that cannot commit to a weekly schedule, but still want to be involved in HCDA. We currently have three divisions. “AA Division” is our most competitive division. This division is for experienced players. “A Division” is for players who enjoy a little more of a relaxed level of competition while still playing with a high level of skill and knowledge of the game. “BB Division” is for players who range from novice skills to players that have more experience and knowledge of the game. This division can have a diverse range of skilled players and can provide a good environment to learn the game from the more experienced players. Building skills and knowledge of the game can eventually lead to advancing to the next level of competition.

Team captains are chosen by members of each team and are responsible for team conduct and sportsmanship, keeping up the pace of play and filing weekly score sheets with the scorekeeper. The team captain is required to attend the captains meeting at the beginning of each season where they will receive the season packet containing rules, score sheets and other information pertaining to the upcoming season.

HCDA matches are played on Wednesday nights, beginning at 7:30 pm. Players are expected to arrive on time for their match. Matches are usually concluded between 10:30 and 11:00 pm. The format is as follows:

- Four (4) "301" singles matches, each double in, double out, with a best 2 of 3 games scored.
- Four (4) "Cricket" singles matches with a best 2 of 3 games scored.
- Two (2) "501" doubles matches, each straight in, double out, best 2 of 3 games scored.
- Two (2) "Cricket" doubles matches, each best 2 of 3 games scored.
- One (1) "701" team match where a minimum of 4 players from each team play to a single in, double out single game.

The HCDA schedule generally includes home and away matches alternating as many times as the schedule allows. This is based on the number of teams in each division per season.

HCDA Bars: Currently we play at the following bars in and around Howard County, MD...

- **Bippy's Pub**  
10194 Baltimore National Pike #7 (Rt. 40 West)  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042  
(410) 465-3633  
**(2 Boards)**
- **Golden Sports Bar & Grill**  
8801 Baltimore National Pike (Rt. 40 East)  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043  
(410) 480-2994  
e-mail: [contact@goldensportsbar.com](mailto:contact@goldensportsbar.com)  
**(4 Boards)**
- **Lapalapa Grill & Cantina**  
8307 Main Street  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043  
(410) 465-0070  
**(2 Boards)**
- **Main St. Sports Grille**  
531 Main St.  
Laurel, MD 20707  
(301) 490-9200  
**(4 Boards)**
- **Triple Nines Bar and Billiards**  
7450 Washington Blvd.  
Elkridge, MD 21075  
(410) 799-1818  
E-mail:  
**(2 Boards)**

- **Nuzback's Bar**  
14405 Baltimore Ave  
Laurel, MD 20707  
(301) 725-9820  
**(4 Boards)**  
**\*\*CASH ONLY ESTABLISHMENT!\*\***
- **Ram's Head Tavern**  
8600 Foundry St.  
Savage, Maryland 20763-9512  
(301) 604-3454  
**(2 Boards)**

If you are interested in HCDA, please come out and join us on any Wednesday evening to see what we are all about. Introduce yourself to any of our members and don't hesitate to ask questions, join our email list and gather information on joining HCDA.

For information on joining our HCDA family, please feel free to contact:  
Kendra Weikel (League Treasurer) at (301) 252-9980 or [kweikel7@comcast.net](mailto:kweikel7@comcast.net) or  
Scott Nelson (Webmaster) at (443) 812-6934 or [snelson@fm.umd.edu](mailto:snelson@fm.umd.edu) for further assistance.  
Visit our website [www.hcdadarts.com](http://www.hcdadarts.com) for events, updated information and league announcements. We also have links and information on league play, rules, dart equipment and links to other darts organizations in our area and around the country. We hope to hear from you soon!

