

Women's Invitational Dartball League *(W.I.D.L.)*



2019 – 2020 CONSTITUTION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this group is to promote the game of dartball among women in the Toledo area in a **friendly**, competitive manner.

NAME

The name of this league shall be the WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL DARTBALL LEAGUE and may be referred to as the W.I.D.L.

AGE LIMIT

Per the existing State of Ohio Liquor Laws, all women and umpires participating in the 2018-2019 season shall be age twenty-one (21) or older. The age limit in subsequent years may be lowered or raised to comply with the current State of Ohio Liquor Laws.

SIZE

The number of teams participating in any one season shall not exceed twenty (20). All teams participating in a prior season must commit themselves to play in the upcoming season by the kick-off meeting in August. Any voids in the schedule, after that date, may be filled by new teams who have expressed a desire to join in the league and who have met the established criteria for admission to the league.

NEW TEAMS

Any team wishing to join the W.I.D.L. should e-mail the W.I.D.L. website after the end of the current season. The waiting list will be determined by e-mail date. After the kick-off meeting the officers will contact people on the list in order to fill the open spot. The list will reset every year and any team not getting in will have to re-request via the website. Each team already participating in the league, along with the league officers, shall send a representative, (captain, co-captain, etc.) to visit the new team's house on a designated date and time, to verify that playing conditions are safe and that proper lighting and equipment exists. Upon the house approval, admission to the league shall be decided by those present.

Addendum: A team is not owned by any bar; it is owned by its players. If a team should want to leave their bar and keep their spot in the WIDL to move to another bar, they may do so as long as they retain and move more than half of their previous season's roster with them to the new bar. They also must have a reasonable expectation of filling the rest of their roster before the next season begins. If any of these requirements are not met, the team cannot move from the old bar and keep their spot in the league.

ENTRY FEE

The yearly league entry fee is **\$100.00** and shall be **paid on or before the first Wednesday in October**. Any entry fee not received by the said date shall mean **immediate expulsion** of the team from the league. A bye shall be inserted for that team's number. Any games played shall be declared null and void.

DUES

Team dues shall be **\$100.00** per month, **per team**. The dues shall be **received** by the league Treasurer by the **1st of every month**, starting in October and ending in April. Dues can be paid by check or money order and should be made payable to the **Women's Invitational Dartball League or W.I.D.L. Dues must be paid for all bye weeks as well**. Any delinquent dues will incur a \$25 fine.

If a team bounces a check and the bank charges a fee, the league shall also charge an additional fee of \$10.00.

At the end of the season, any team(s) owing monies to the league for any reason whatsoever shall not receive their full cut of the prize money. Outstanding monies will be deducted. Should the monies owed exceed prize money, the owing team shall pay outstanding differences or be considered in default and not be allowed to participate again until said money is paid in full. Each individual player will be held responsible and accountable for her portion. Should a team drop out of the league or end the regular season owing money to the league, any girl whose name appears on the team's roster will not be allowed to participate in the W.I.D.L. until such time as she pays a percentage of the outstanding monies owed. Said percentage will be determined by taking the amount of monies owed and dividing it by the girls on the team's roster at time they dropped from the league or at the end of the season (I.E., a team leaves owing \$120.00 and there were 12 girls on the roster, each girl who wished to again participate in the W.I.D.L. would have to pay \$10.00 **before** she could be signed with a team in good standing.

Any teams dropping out of the league shall forfeit any monies paid into the league.

FORFEITS

There will be a fine of **\$5.00 per game** for **each** game forfeited due to lack of players or no show, not \$5.00 for a three game series. **The first time all three games are forfeited in a night, a \$25.00 forfeit fine is due. The second time all three games are forfeited in a night, a \$50.00 forfeit fine is due. The third time all three games are forfeited a night, the team is out of the league.**

ROSTER

A team's roster will consist of no less than nine (9) and no more than fifteen (15) players. A complete, signed, official roster of players for each team shall be turned in to the league secretary within the first two (2) weeks after the start of the season. The roster will serve as the player's contract. The names shall be typed or printed legibly on the left side of the roster and the player shall sign on the right side across from her name. Please remember to mark all rookies clearly.

Any signed member of any team participating with a team for the first four (4) weeks or more must have signed release forms from their Captain in order to be eligible to play with any other team in the league. Release forms are available from the league secretary and are to be turned in to the league immediately. An officer must be notified 24 hours prior to play that a player has been released or re-signed.

No new player may be signed after the third (3rd) Wednesday in December unless the team roster drops below the number of twelve (12). No new players may be signed the last four (4) weeks of the season.

ESTABLISHING GAME SCHEDULE CRITERIA FOR PLAYOFFS

The teams participating in the league will be divided into two (2) equal divisions with byes being inserted as needed. One division shall be called the **National League** and the other division, the **American League**. Teams will be plugged into the divisions by means of a blind draw at the season's kick-off meeting, which will take place in August at the house of the league President. Any house sponsoring two (2) teams must draw such that one will play in the American League and one in the National League.

Any time there are twelve (12) or fewer teams participating in any given season, the schedule shall be set up so that each team will play all remaining teams twice, once at home and once away. Any time there are thirteen (13) or more teams participating in any given season, the two (2) existing divisions shall be subdivided into two (2) parts and shall be referred to as **American League East, American League West, National League East** and **National League West**. The schedule will be set up so that each team will play every team once.

Playoffs for twelve (12) or fewer teams shall run over a three (3) week period and take place as follows:

1st Place American
Winner American
2nd Place American

CHAMPIONS

1st Place National
Winner National
2nd Place National

First leg of playoffs:

1st place team in each division vs. 2nd place team in each division. Best of five (5) series. Playoffs will take place at home of 1st place team.

If records are identical:

Playoffs will take place at home of team with **best win/loss record over opponent** during regular season play (i.e., team 2 won 4 of 6 games from team 1 during regular season play - playoffs take place at team 2's house). **Home advantage rotates. If records are identical**, the playoff house is determined by a toss of a coin. **Home advantage rotates.**

Second Leg of Playoffs:

Winner of American League vs. Winner of National League. Best of seven (7) series played over a two (2) week period. Advantage to be determined by a coin toss with winner deciding to play either first three (3) games or last four (4) games at home.

Playoffs for thirteen or more teams shall run over a five (5) week period and take place as follows:

First Leg of Playoffs:

The division winner of each bracket receives a first round bye.

1st Place Amer. E. - Bye
1st Place Amer. W. - Bye
1st Place Nat'l. E. - Bye
1st Place Nat'l. W. - Bye

The next four best records in each league play the first round best of five (5) series as follows:

3rd Best record in Amer. League vs. 6th Best record in Amer. League

4th Best record in Amer. League vs. 5th Best record in Amer. League

3rd Best record in Nat'l. League vs. 6th Best record in Nat'l. League

4th Best record in Nat'l. League vs. 5th Best record in Nat'l. League
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House advantage goes to the team with the best win/loss record. Home batting advantage rotates. If records are identical: Advantage goes to team with best win/loss record over opponent during regular season play. (i.e. team 2 won 4 games from team 1 during regular season play - team two has home advantage). If records are identical again (i.e. both teams won 3 games), seeding will be determined by team average. When 3 or more teams have identical records, seeding will be determined first by head to head win/loss record then by team average.

Second Leg of Playoffs:

If the 6th Best record beats the 3rd best record, the second round is played as best of five (5) series as follows:

6th Best record in Amer. League vs. 1st Best record of Amer. League division winners.

Winner of 4th and 5th Best record in Amer. League plays the 2nd Best record of Amer. League division winners.

6th Best record in Nat'l. League vs. 1st Best record of Nat'l. League division winners.

Winner of 4th and 5th Best record in Nat'l. League plays the 2nd Best record of Nat'l. League division winners.

If the 3rd Best record beats the 6th best record, the second round is played as best of five (5) series as follows:

Winner of 4th and 5th Best record in Amer. League vs. 1st Best record of Amer. League division winners.

3rd Best record in Amer. League plays the 2nd Best record of Amer. League division winners.

Winner of 4th and 5th Best record in Nat'l. League vs. 1st Best record of Nat'l. League division winners.

3rd Best record in Nat'l. League plays the 2nd Best record of Nat'l. League division winners.

House advantage goes to the team that won their division regardless of record. Home batting advantage rotates. If records are identical: Advantage goes to team that won their division. If records are identical again, advantage goes to team with best win/loss record over opponent during regular season play. (i.e. team 2 won 4 games from team 1 during regular season play - team two has home advantage) If records are identical again, (i.e. both teams won 3 games), the advantage is determined by a coin toss.

Third Leg of Playoffs:

In the third round of playoffs, the two remaining American league teams play each other and the two remaining National league teams play each other in a best of five (5) series to determine the league champions.

House advantage goes to the team with the best win/loss record. Home batting advantage rotates. If records are identical: Advantage goes to team with best win/loss record over opponent during regular season play. (i.e. team 2 won 4 games from team 1 during regular season play - team two has home advantage). **If records are identical again** (i.e. both teams won 3 games), the advantage is determined by a coin toss.

Fourth Leg of Playoffs:

American league vs. National league. Best of seven (7) series.

House advantage to be determined by a coin toss with the winner deciding to play either first three (3) or last four (4) games at home. Home batting advantage is all three (3) or four (4) games. No rotation.

Any time two (2) teams playing out of the same house are involved in playoffs and both teams have home advantage; the team with the best regular season win/loss record will have their choice to play their best of five (5) series on Wednesday or Thursday night. If records are identical, a coin toss will determine which team plays Wednesday and which plays Thursday. All playoff series will

begin at 7:30 p.m. promptly. Any change in starting time will be by mutual agreement of both team captains and league officers.

All league playoffs shall be umpired by league officers. If for any reason, officers are not available to umpire, an impartial party will be appointed by the league officers to serve in this capacity. League officers will also serve as scorekeepers with the same stipulations applying if for any reason they are not available.

THE USE OF SUBS IS PROHIBITED IN THE PLAYOFF GAMES.

SCORE SHEETS

Score sheets can be mailed, scanned and emailed, or sent via photo text to the secretary. Mailed score sheet must be postmarked by midnight on the Thursday following the match. The home team is responsible for sending the score sheets to the secretary.

The secretary must receive score sheets by **12:00-NOON** the Saturday following the games. If mailed score sheets are not postmarked by Thursday, and if emailed or texted score sheets are not received by the Saturday following the games, a **\$10.00 fine** will be levied against the team at fault and will be noted on the stat sheets of the following week. If the sheets are not received by the following Saturday, the team at fault will forfeit all games for the weeks the score sheets have not been received:

EXAMPLE: Three (3) games played on the 16th
 Sheets are not in by the 19th - \$10.00 fine levied
 Three (3) games played on the 23rd - fine noted on stat sheets
 Sheets still not received by the 26th, games played on the 16th will
 be forfeited and so on...

The \$10.00 fine is due and payable within fourteen (14) days of notation on the stat sheets. The fine will be increased \$10.00 per week for each week thereafter that score sheets are not received.

Stats will be uploaded to the website on Mondays by 7:00 p.m.

DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAINS

Any items covered in the league rules apply the same as if they were written out in their entirety.

Make out line up for games and see that it is recorded on official game score sheets in a timely fashion. When playing at home, mail original copy of all score sheets and dues checks for both teams. Attend any and all meetings called by the league or protest board. If captain is not personally available to attend said meetings, she is to appoint another player from her team to represent her at the meeting. Verify that stats released by league secretary at the end of the month, agree with their team's records.

Report any discrepancies to the league secretary within two (2) weeks' time. The league secretary's books will be closed at the end of the regular season and her records will be considered the true and official stats for the said season after that time.

Captains, co-captains and/or designated substitutes are responsible for controlling their team players on dartball night, which includes before, during, and after the games. Foul and/or abusive language, fighting, obscene gestures, and racial slurs will not be tolerated. Any players that are involved in unruly behavior should be asked to leave the premises immediately. Any altercations will be brought before the league officers for review. The captain or co-captains from each team involved will be present to discuss the issue. Any infraction of these rules will result in disciplinary action. The first offense will result in a two-week suspension and a second offense will result in a suspension from the league for the remainder of the season (if the infraction occurs during playoffs, the suspension will take place during the following season). The third infraction will result in expulsion from the league. During league play, the use of illegal substances (drugs) within the confines of the house will not be tolerated.

PROPER THROWING OF DARTS

Players must stand facing forward while in the box and throwing darts, no throwing darts between legs, behind back, backwards and/or under legs. All players must abide by the rules set forth and play safely.

CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

The protest board is made up of league officers.

A protest must be made at the time of the infraction. A protest shall be phoned into the league Vice President within 24 hours of protest. Failure to do so will negate the protest.

The protest must then be received in writing within 48 hours (by 10:00 p.m. Friday) to the league Vice President. Failure to do so will negate the protest.

Written protest shall be submitted on standard form and opposing team captain will have 48 hours to submit a written rebuttal upon notification that a protest has been lodged against her team.

Any protest lodged is subject to review by the league officers to determine if an infraction has occurred. If the protest warrants a meeting with the officers and the offending parties, said meeting will be scheduled by the league Vice President.

Both sides of the issue will be presented to the board and time will be allotted for them to ask questions. The decision will be made that night as well as punishment if necessary.

A team filing a protest will have to post a retaining fee of **\$20.00**. This fee must be submitted with the written protest. Failure to post fee within 48 hours will negate protest. If the team wins the protest, the **\$20.00** fee will be returned and the team losing the protest will be required to pay the **\$20.00** fee. Either way, the **\$20.00** goes into the league treasury.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from the body of the league.

Nominations for officers will be accepted during the month of February and will be submitted on the form provided by the league Secretary. Election of officers will take place the night of the season end meeting by means of written ballots. A simple majority is needed to be elected to an office. All election sheets are to be mailed in with the score sheets from the final regular season night of dartball. Failure to mail in election sheets will result in a \$20 fine. Tie votes will be handled by the toss of a coin.

The captains will receive ballots to coincide with the number of girls on their roster sheets. The Vice President will select a committee to count the ballots at the end of the year meeting.

All ballots shall be retained by the league Vice President for a period of three (3) months. After that time, they will be destroyed. Absentee ballots will be available upon request from the league Vice President.

OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITIES

President: She is the main organizer of the league. She will make the initial contact with any new teams interested in joining the league, contact existing teams regarding participating in the coming season, organize kick-off meeting to start new season, work with other officers to set up game schedule and play offs, organize and preside over any league meetings, officers meetings, and protest board meetings, be available to answer any questions and resolve any problems that arise and assist in obtaining trophies and the figuring of individual awards.

Vice President: Be available to preside at meetings when President is unable, accept protests and confer with other officers on whether meeting is warranted, contact protest board members and teams involved to set up meeting, handle nomination of officers and voting tabulations, work with President in obtaining trophies and the figuring of individual awards. Update any website changes in the beginning of the year. Handle all information on the website's Home page.

Secretary: Keeps the official team standings and individual batting averages. Posts weekly stats on line at widldartball.com . Teams have a maximum of two(2) weeks to verify stats. Keeps track of players eligible for individual cash awards at the end of the regular playing season. Posts top five(5) contenders for all awards every two(2) months. Keeps team rosters updated according to information given by team captains. Sends out nomination forms for new officers in February. Keeps captains and teams posted on any and all pertinent information that needs to be passed along during the course of the season. All news will be posted online on the news page on the league web site.

Treasurer - SHALL BE BONDED: Maintains records for all entry fees, weekly dues and fines paid by each individual team. Makes sure all payments are made on time. Issues all checks for payment of league business, printing of score sheets, trophies, etc. Compiles financial statement each month for review by league. Compiles financial statement at the end of the year for release to each team at season end meeting. Retains all financial statements for all seasons, past and present, until such time as the league dissolves. Retains all receipts for a period of one (1) year from date of payment. Update the What's Up page on the website.

OFFICERS PAY: The league President and Vice President shall each receive a nominal fee of \$150.00. The league Secretary and Treasurer will be paid on a sliding scale based on the number of teams participating at the start of each season. The scale is as follows:

<u>Number of Teams</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
18 - 20	\$600.00	\$300.00
15 - 17	350.00	175.00
12 - 14	300.00	150.00
9 - 11	250.00	150.00
8 or less	200.00	150.00

Any league officer incurring expenses for postage, supplies, or other matters pertinent to running the league shall be reimbursed upon presentation of proper receipts.

VOTING AT MEETINGS

At regular league meetings, for voting purposes, a quorum will be made up of all team captains only in attendance. A simple majority will rule. Unless requested otherwise or determined by league officers, voting will be done by the count of hands rather than written vote. Only team captains or their designated representative are permitted to vote on the issues. Any tie votes will be broken by the flip of a coin.

POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

Games may only be postponed for extremely bad weather, uncontrollable circumstances or inability to play at either house. Except in an emergency, there shall be 24 hour's notice for a postponed game. Postponement of a game must be agreed upon by both captains and Okayed by the league president. The league secretary must be immediately notified that a scheduled game has been postponed. **A postponed game must be made up within four (4) weeks or 4 weeks prior to the end of the season, whichever comes first.** If the postponing team fails to play after (4) weeks, they forfeit three (3) games. Forfeit fines are also levied. In the case of extremely bad weather, there is a 4:00 p.m. cut off time for calling in concerns related to rescheduling.

It will be left up to the officers' discretion to cancel by 5:00 pm if the weather continues to get worse. If the league officers do not reschedule the league as a whole by that time, it shall be up to individual team captains if they so choose and agree, to postpone and reschedule. This must be done one hour prior to game time. If both captains cannot agree, the league officers shall make the decision based on the locations of both teams and where the players are traveling to and from.

If there is a Level II Snow Emergency in Lucas County at 4:00 pm, darts for that evening will be cancelled and will be made up by adding an extra week to the season.

SEASON END MEETING

There will be a season end meeting to be held on Wednesday, two (2) weeks after the finish of the play offs. The meeting will take place at the home of the league champion. The meeting is scheduled mainly to pass out trophies, individual awards, make team payoffs and tabulate and announce

results of voting for upcoming year's officers. League business will be kept to a minimum as this is an awards meeting and not a business meeting. All team captains or their designated representative **MUST** be in attendance at this meeting. It is hoped that anyone receiving awards as well as playoff teams would also be in attendance to receive their awards.

PAY OFF

All monies remaining in the league treasury, after officers are paid and expenses incurred for running the league are settled, will be divided up and paid back to the teams involved in the league. Monies shall be rolled over at the end of each season in order to kick-off the upcoming season. The amount of roll over shall be no less than \$100.00 and no more than \$250.00. A financial statement will be provided to each team captain at the season end meeting.

Awards to be presented at the season end meeting are as follows:

TEAM AWARDS:

Playoff Prize Money & Trophies

1st Place	Traveling Plaque* (*To be returned at the end of the following season) \$300.00 Cash
2nd Place	\$200.00 Cash
3rd Place	\$100.00 Cash
4th Place	\$ 50.00 Cash

1st through 20th place - end of regular season

**Cash Accordingly

**The above cash will be paid with a base rate of approximately \$425.00 and will be paid in increments of approximately \$15.00. This is determined by the amount of money collected during the season. Places 1 through 20 will be determined by win/loss record.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Rookie of the Year - One award will be given to one girl in each league, the American and National leagues, who has **never played in organized dartball before**. Players must have 2/3rds total at bats or a total of at least 168 at bats, averaging 3 at bats per game, to be eligible for said award.

High Average - You must have 2/3rds of the total at bats, averaging four (4) per game, to be eligible for this award.

Most RBI's - You must play 2/3rds of the season to be eligible for these awards.

Most Singles
Most Doubles
Most Triples

Awards will go to the first and second place people earning them regardless of whether they have more than one award. The amount of cash to be awarded on individual awards will be by determination of league officers.

MEMORIALS

Flowers from the league will be sent out for any member's death. Captains are responsible for notifying the league officers.

SEASON SCHEDULE FOR PAST CHAMPIONS

The two (2) teams that were involved in the first place playoffs the prior year, will be placed in opposite leagues in the next season's scheduling.