

### **Loaner Scope Agreement with the Hamilton Amateur Astronomers (original)**

The following terms and conditions are applicable to every Hamilton Amateur Astronomers (HAA) member borrowing one of the club's telescopes (unless otherwise specified at the time of signing this agreement):

1. The person borrowing the telescope is a current, paid up member of the HAA.
2. The duration of the period which the HAA member may borrow the telescope is limited to one month (30 days) from the date of signing this agreement.
3. The HAA member agrees to return the telescope in good working condition at the end of the one month period.
4. Small nicks, scratches and dents are considered normal wear and tear and will not be charged for.
5. There is no rental fee to borrow equipment. However the borrower is responsible for all equipment and accessories as specified by the equipment checklist accompanying the telescope. The member will be charged for replacements if any item is lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair while the equipment is in their possession, even if caused by another person. In the event that a complete telescope is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair, the borrower will be charged a replacement cost which will not exceed \$1500.00 - this will be determined by individual telescope.
6. Major repair costs such as replacement of the optical tube, mirrors, and mount are the responsibility of the person who has borrowed the telescope and will be mutually agreed upon between the borrower and the HAA Executive prior to making the repair. *The member is not to attempt any repairs.*
7. Purchase and replacement of batteries for equipment requiring batteries will be the responsibility of the person borrowing the equipment.
8. Disputes regarding any of the above items will be juried by the HAA's Executive. Their decision shall be binding on all parties involved.
9. The borrower will not loan the telescope or any of its accessories to another person.
10. The borrower's responsibility includes keeping the telescope and all accessories in a safe, dry and secure location when not being used. This means covered in a locked car or garage or inside the house/ apartment.
11. The borrower is solely responsible for the safe usage of the loaned equipment while it is in their possession. (If uncertain about anything – ask!) The borrower agrees not to hold the HAA, its officers or its directors liable for any losses, damages, expenses or liabilities that may arise from the use, misuse or non-use of the borrowed equipment.

**Warning: Never look directly at the sun through binoculars, telescopes or finder scopes – even for an instant, as permanent eye damage can result.**

HAA Member's:

Signature of agreement \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Loan \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_