

Darts League Rules 2009-10

1) LEAGUE NAME

i) The League shall be called the **Bournemouth Business Houses Darts League**

2) That it shall be governed by a Chairman and Committee of one member from each team and at an AGM the following shall be elected:

- Honouree Chairman
- Honouree Secretary
- Honouree Results Secretary/Minutes Secretary (responsible for all divisions)
- Six to form a Quorum

That an executive Committee be appointed annually, consisting of:-

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Results/Minutes Secretary
- One Representative from each Division
- Four to form a Quorum

3) LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

- That it shall comprise of two or more Divisions, with not more than 16 teams in each division, and not less than 6.
- Which shall be known as the Premier Division, Division 1, 2, etc.
- At the end of each season, the bottom team in the Premier Division and bottom 2 teams in all other divisions shall be relegated.
- At the end of each season, the top team in Division 1 and top 2 teams in all other Divisions shall be promoted.
- All clubs in the Premier Division shall play from a Members only Club. Teams failing to meet this will not be accepted into the Premier Division

4) GRIEVENCE

- The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any official, or member of a team, reported to have been guilty of any unseemly behaviour, by fine, suspension or otherwise as they may deem fit.
- The responsible officer for each team shall be deemed liable to the Executive for any claims, fines or other fees which may be made by the executive under the Rules of the League.

5) TEAM REGISTRATION

- The team registration fee shall be £42.00 per team, per year.
- Player registration is to be £6.00 per player signed to be paid to the Honouree Secretary at the first meeting of each season
- Player registration fee covers entry to all competitions (except Charity competitions).
- All teams to be registered at the first meeting after the AGM.
- Team secretaries or responsible representative to be present at this meeting.
- Team registration to be paid by first meeting of season.
- All teams must send one representative to each of the Committee Meetings.
- Teams will be allowed to send apologies for one meeting per season.

6) PLAYER REGISTRATION

- Player's registration forms to be returned at the meeting before the start of the season.
- A player shall not be entitled to play in the league competition unless his/her name is in the hands of the Results Secretary, **THREE CLEAR DAYS** for additional staff players, before their first game, unless signing on the night of a match before 31st January of the current season.
- No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team within the League, during the same season.
- Team Secretaries should ascertain that all lists are correctly filled in, before handing the forms to the Results Secretary.

7) QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- Teams shall be allowed to register only bona-fida full-time or retired members of staff of the Company/Firm with which they are connected.
- New teams wanting to join the League can go straight into the highest Division if the League Committee feels the strength of the team merits it.
- Each team can now consist of fully bone-fida members with the Club/Company or Firm.
- Players may be signed on the night with the correct paperwork.
- Any player whose registration is challenged at a Committee Meeting will have to appear with his/her team representative before the next Committee/Executive meeting, as will the challenger.
- Any team contravening rule 7 may be barred, as a team, from the League at the decision of the Committee. All players within the League are entitled to play for any other League in the Bournemouth and surrounding areas.
- Final date for qualification shall be the 31st January each year.

8) TIME OF PLAY / POSTPONEMENT

- The time of play shall be 8.15pm
- In the event of a team not able to arrive before 8.30pm, it is the duty of the team Secretary to inform the opposing Secretary, by telephone, of the circumstances. If owing to unavoidable circumstances, and both secretaries agree that a match cannot be played, it shall be deemed as postponed and shall be re-arranged to a later date.
- The new date must be agreed between the two teams and communicated to the Honouree Results Secretary (by phone or E-mail) before the date of the original postponed match. Failure to do so will result in a two-point deduction.
- Any team not turning up for a match without 24 hours notice shall be deemed liable for any expenses incurred (Food Only up to a maximum of £10.00)

9) PLAYERS

- i) Every team must endeavour to play a team of SIX players.
- ii) Any team constantly playing short will be reported to the Executive Committee.
- iii) If any team is unable to field a team, the captain should notify the opposing Team Secretary/Captain at least 24 hours before the match (sooner if possible). The defaulting team shall be responsible for re-arranging this fixture at the same venue. If, on the re-arranged date, the defaulting team still do not have a team of six players, this team shall be fined, not less than £1.00, at the discretion of the Committee, who will then re-arrange the fixture to suit both teams. Any such re-arrangements must be notified to the Hon. Results Secretary.
- iv) No team may scratch from a League fixture owing to players being in other outside League Competitions, or supporting any other sporting fixture in the area.
- v) If both teams are in agreement, then the fixture may be arranged on any other day within the same week, or at a later starting time agreed for the same day. The Hon. Results Secretary must be informed of any agreements within the week of the match.

10) THE DART BOARD

- i) The "Dart Board" is to be hung 5ft 8ins from the floor to the centre of the Bull and the throw to be 7ft 9¼ins minimum in a plumb line from the face of the board to the toe line.
- ii) Toe to be placed clearly behind the Oche, which must be fixed and raised.
- iii) All games to be started by competing players throwing for the Bull, closest to the Bull to throw first in the first leg and first if a third leg is required. Loser to start the second leg.
- iv) Players are not allowed to cross the Oche before their throw is complete. If they cross the Oche before the third dart is thrown, they will be deemed to have finished their throw.

11) LEAGUE FORMAT

- i) Teams to play 6 singles, 3 Pairs and 1 Gallon, (total of 10 games).
- ii) Singles and Pairs, 3 legs of 501, straight in, double out. Gallon 1001, 1 leg, straight in, double out. (The Bull to count as a double in all games).
- iii) All games to count for scoring purposes, including the Gallon.
- iv) Any number of registered players may play in a match.
- v) Scoring shall be done on a firmly fixed board (no electronic equipment allowed), clearly visible to all individuals playing the game. A player may appeal to the scorer for the number required to finish the game.
- vi) The scorer shall be provided by the "Home" team.
- vii) The home captain must ensure that he enters his players name on the result card before the opposing team. Names in full must be printed in legible BLOCK CAPITALS. Both names must be on the card before the game commences. It shall be the responsibility of the winning team's captain to forward the card to the Results Secretary by the Saturday after the match. Any team failing to send a card to the Result's Secretary by the required date shall be liable to a fine of £1.00 and a one-point deduction for each offence. Results cards to be posted with FIRST CLASS STAMPS. Matches shall be played on a Home/Away basis within the week listed on the fixture list.
- viii) Scoring within the League shall be as follows: One point per game played and the Gallon Leg to count towards final points total.
- ix) Any game that is not played shall be scored as follows, the team claiming the game shall be given an average of the remaining games and the defaulting team shall be awarded zero points.
- x) All results to be phoned or texted to the Results Secretary by 10.00 a.m. of the day following the match. Any team failing to do so will be fined £5.00 and deducted 4 points.

12) LEAGUE PLACINGS

- i) In the event of two or more teams being equal on points at the end of the season, the placing within the Division concerned will be based on individual legs won and lost.
- ii) If two teams are equal on points and leg aggregate, then a play-off shall take place.
- iii) The champion teams of the League shall be entitled to hold the League Trophies, which shall be presented as early as convenient after the end of the season.

13) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- i) The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) of the League shall be held no later than 31st July each year, at such time and place appointed by the Executive Committee.
- ii) At this meeting Officers shall be elected, the current accounts be submitted for adoption and any alterations to the League rules adopted and approved for the following season.

14) The League may, at the discretion of the Committee, present medals or other suitable memento's to the winning teams.

15) CHALLENGE TROPHIES

- i) On being presented with the Challenge Trophies, teams must give a written undertaking for their safekeeping to the Hon. Secretary of the league. All trophies must be insured for a total of not less than £175, except the Wooden Spoon which must be insured for £1000.
- ii) Details of such insurance must be given to the Hon. Secretary prior to presentation.
- iii) If prior notice is not received, the trophies are to be handed back immediately after being presented. Only on notification of insurance will the trophies be handed back.

16) COMPETITIONS

- i) Competitions are Men's Singles, Ladies Singles, Men's Pairs, Ladies Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples.
- ii) All registered team players of the league may enter these competitions from the same team except Mixed Pairs only one player has to be signed on. All entry forms to be sent to the Hon. Secretary in good time for the arrangements for the draw to be made.
- iii) LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- iv) All competitions shall be straight in and double finish.
- v) Entry fees for Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Triples are covered in the individual registration.

- vi) Entry fee for Blind Pairs and Blind Triples shall be £2.00 per player payable on or before the night of the competition and all proceeds shall go to Charity.
- vii) All competitions will be finished on the night of play.

17) CUP FORMAT

- i) All Finals played shall be the best of five (5) legs.
- ii) Each team at each event to provide a name to mark, three or four will be drawn to determine who marks the opening games. Losers of each game to mark the next game on the board they played.
- iii) *Men's Individual Divisional Championships*: Games to be 501 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double.
- iv) *Ladies Individual Championship*: Games to be 501 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double.
- v) *Men's Pairs Championship*: Games to be 501 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double.
- vi) *Ladies Pairs Championship*: Games to be 501 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double.
- vii) *Open Mixed Pairs*: Games to be 501 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double. One member must be a Registered League Player
- viii) *Triples Championship*: Games to be 601 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double.
- ix) *Fours Championship*: Games to be 701 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double.
- x) *Fives Championship*: Games to be 801 up, Best of three legs, in a round robin. Straight in and finish on a double.
- xi) *Secretaries Cup*: Games to be 501 up, Best of three legs, straight in and finish on a double. Presented to the League by Pearce Dairies. To be played on the same night that the Mixed-Pairs Competition. NO ENTRY FEE for this competition.

18) TEAM KOCOMPETITION

- i) All registered teams are entered for this Mandatory competition.
- ii) Games to be 1001 up, best of three legs, start and finish on a double.
- iii) Each team to consist of six players, throwing alternately with their opponents.
- iv) The first game to start with the toss of a coin, the team winning the toss to throw first. The losers of the original toss to start the second game. If a third game is required. it will be started with a further toss of a coin, the team winning the toss to throw first

19) CUP VENUES / RULES

- i) General league rules shall apply to all competitions.
- ii) The venues shall be decided by the Committee and shall, wherever possible, be distributed to all teams within the league.
- iii) The times of the competitions shall be :- Sign in – 7.30pm, Draw – 7.45pm, Start – 8.00pm

20) Gallon Cup. The team in each Division with the highest number of Gallon wins during the season will be presented with the Gallon Cup.

21) Complete General League Rules will be held by all team secretaries and all registered players are entitled to read them.

22) Any team making changes to their playing venue of day of play, after the fixture list is drawn up, shall be responsible for informing the League Secretary and the Results Secretary, by way of letter, 14 days prior to their first match. They must also inform every team within their division. All other League teams to be informed at next meeting.

23) Darts Night: Matches of all teams within League to be played on Wednesday nights.

24) Any team withdrawing from League after the presentation of Perpetual Trophies, shall return the same to the Hon. Secretary at the AGM prior to the start of the next season.

25) All penalties provided for in these rules will be applied automatically by the Committee, unless an appeal is lodged in person. All fines to be paid at the next meeting and all members of a team are collectively liable for the debts of a team. If any team leaves the League with outstanding debts, NO MEMBER OF THAT TEAM shall be eligible to play for any other team until the outstanding debt is cleared, or that member pays a portion of that debt.