

Association of Clubs Darts League (East Surrey)

League Rules. (September 2011)

Nomenclature & Constitution

- 1a) The combination of teams shall be called the “Association of Clubs Darts League (East Surrey)” and shall consist of teams, all of which are affiliated to a recognised social club.

Entrance Fees : Subscription

- 2 a) The annual subscription shall be £20.00 per team. Each new team shall deposit £20.00 with the league as a guarantee/surety, which on withdrawal from the league shall be returned on application subject to fulfilment of all obligations & fines. Paid by 31st August.
- b) Any existing team withdrawing from the league after the A.G.M shall be liable for payment of their annual subscription.
- c) Applications by new teams for admission to the league should be made in writing to the League Secretary prior to the A.G.M, preceding the season in which they wish to be admitted. (subject to 7b)
- d) Annual subscriptions are payable on or before 31st August.

Management/Council

- 3 a) The league will consist of the following three officers proposed and elected at the A.G.M., these will be the positions of League Secretary, League Treasurer and League Fixtures Secretary.
- b) The elected officers will be paid an honorarium at the proposed value as agreed at the League A.G.M and paid at the end of the season (30th April) for duties performed.
- c) An Honorary Chairman shall be elected by the member clubs, at the A.G.M. (This being an honorary and unpaid position).
- d) The League Council/Committee will be formulated from as many members as proposed and accepted by the league members at the A.G.M.

Annual General Meeting

- 4 a) The league officers shall arrange and present on behalf of the league an Annual General Meeting to be held no later than the last Monday in July. This meeting to be attended by a representative from all member clubs. *Clubs in default to be fined £20.00*

Division/Format

- 5) a) The league will be formed of club representative teams registered prior to 31st July, and formed of 1 or more divisions as required to facilitate a league competition.
- b) The minimum number of players to a team is eight, registered as required under league rules 7 (a) – (i).

Conditions of Matchplay

- 6 a) The board will be 5’8” from the centre of the bull to the floor. The throw will be 7’9 ¼” from the plum line point, placed directly beneath the face of the board to a raised oche. 36” in width. A rubber mat to be placed on floor directly beneath dart board and extending to behind the oche. A player may throw from behind the oche within the 36” width limit, but not from further than 9’ from the face of the dart board.
- b) Bristle standard size boards to be used, and these must be in a good and match worthy condition.
- c) Matches will consist of games made up of 4 x pairs/601, 8 x singles/501, 2 x fours/801.
- d) A match will consist of play between two teams of eight players, with captains exchanging team lists prior to the start of play.
- e) Match order will be decided by a draw, all games to be a straight start, finishing with a double or bull. 1 point will be awarded for each game played/won. Maximum points obtainable 14.
- f) When a game is drawing to a finish, the caller is allowed to advise the player of the number required to finish, but not the manner in which it may be accomplished.
- g) Order of play shall proceed as drawn and played as such. Points being recorded on the match card as the match progresses.
- h) Match board to be made available to opponents from 8.30pm. Match to commence from 8.45pm.
- i) Once a team of 8 players has been declared, no further changes may be made (unless as per rule re:substitutes). Captains will toss a coin to decide which team “has the darts” they will then alternate through the remaining games.
- j) Where a team plays a man or men short, the players from the opposing team that draws a blank in the singles will be awarded the game shot, in the event of a pair drawing a blank game, the game shot will be similarly awarded to the team.
- k) Teams turning up with 6 or 7 players, the captain of the team to notify the opposing captain of his order of play, prior to the draw. If the absent member/s arrive/s he/they may not take part in any game in progress, but may take part in any subsequent games providing the current order of play is not changed. Clubs who have players on shift work to notify their opponents that they may have a late start.
- l) Where teams have 5 or less players, the match should not be played and the fixture re-arranged in accordance with rules 6(t/u) & 8(e).
- m) Up to 10 players can be declared by a team, eight players to be numbered 1 – 8, with S noted against up to two additional players. (Substitutes must be noted on match card)
- n) The draw should then be made for the pairs matches, with the match order of play proceeding as normal.
- o) Once the pairs matches have been completed as drawn the opportunity arises for a team to make either one or two substitutions. This must be done prior to the drawing of the singles matches.

- p) The draw for the singles matches should then be made and played as normal, in order of the draw.
- q) Once the singles matches have been completed as drawn the opportunity arises for a team to make further substitutions. This must as before be done prior to the drawing of the fours matches.
- r) A team may use a maximum of two substitute players throughout the evening.
- s) Substituted players shall take no further part in the evenings games.
- t) If through unavoidable circumstances, a team cannot fulfil a fixture the opposing team must be notified as soon as possible. The home team should complete a fixture card as normal and send to the fixtures secretary within 5 days (8e).
- u) Currently teams are due to play each other three times, during the course of the season and from the 2011/12 season the following rules will apply to cancelled matches.

If the 1st match between two clubs is cancelled, then the 2nd match will have the points won by each club/team doubled.
 If the 2nd match between two clubs is cancelled, then the 3rd match will have the points won by each club/team doubled.
 If the 3rd match between two clubs is cancelled then points will be awarded based on the average points won/lost in the previous two matches against each other.

If the 1st and 2nd matches are cancelled the 3rd scheduled match between the two clubs, will be played for treble points.
 Any club cancelling a match will be deducted 3 points, although these points may be reinstated on appeal to the committee.

Following the above rule change, cancelled matches will not be rescheduled.

- v) All complaints regarding late starting must be registered in writing, directly to the league secretary. This will then be presented to the league committee, whereupon sanctions may be applied.
- w) The use of electronic scoreboards is permitted with out right of exclusion, however in the event that an individual cannot see/view the display he may be assisted by a third party, so as to ascertain the status of play.

Registration/Qualification of players

- 7a) The team registration fee should be £20.00 with existing league teams confirming their intended registration no later than the 31st July/A.G.M prior to commencement of the following season.
- b) New teams may be accepted for entry up till 31st August.
- c) The registration fee per player shall be £5.00.
- d) Teams (which may not consist of less than eight players) must register their players/team using the required form/s. This to be sent to the league secretary no later than 31st August.
- e) New players/members are not eligible to play until confirmation is received from the League Secretary. (Receipt of counterfoil).
- f) All registered dart player must be a member of the club he plays for, with the exception of Club stewards.
- g) Suspension. A player suspended from his club, shall not be able to play in any matches for that club, either home or away, until his membership has been returned or suspension lifted.
- h) A player may transfer from his registered team to another team of his choice on withdrawal of his team, providing he has the approval of his captain and the League Secretary and fulfils the requirements as per Rule7(g). In the event of a conflict of interest in respect of the league secretary the transfer will be brought before the leagues committee for approval. This is subject to re-registration and will only apply up to 14th January.
- i) No additional players may be registered to a team after 14th January.

Match Results

- 8 a) Results shall be recorded on the match result card during order of play.
- b) Upon completion of the match, the match result as shown on the card should be confirmed as correct by both team captains, and signed as accurate and true.
- c) The home team to be responsible for the return of the match card to the fixtures secretary.
- d) The Results Secretary must receive match results within 5 days of the match being played. Failure to do so will result in teams being fined £4.00.
- e) In the event that a match is cancel then the league should be advised as follows : The match card should be returned to the League Fixtures Secretary as normal by Friday following the scheduled match., the card being returned with the word "cancelled" written across it. It is the responsibility of the home team to return the fixture card even if they were not responsible for the cancellation of the match.

Withdrawal of teams

- 9 a) Teams wishing to withdraw from the league during the season are required to advise the League Secretary in writing of their wish to withdraw.
- b) All results shall be expunged from the current seasons results.

c) Should a guarantee/surety have been paid to the league, it shall be returned in full. This is subject to all debts to the league being discharged in respect of registrations/competition entries/fines.

Protest/appeals

10 a) Any objection raised to be forwarded to the League Secretary together with £5.00 which will be refunded if the objection is found to be correct by the League Committee. Fines to be paid within 1 month of notification.

Misconduct of clubs, players.

11 a) The league hold the right of immediate suspension of a player upon receipt of a written complaint in respect of the following: Excessive abusive language, Violent behaviour to another player (own or opposing team).

Alteration of rules

12 a) Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules will be dealt with by the League committee.

b) The league will discharge it's duties at all times in the best interests of the league members and such decisions made will be accepted by the leagues members.

c) Finally proposal that amendments to league rule can be made at any meeting where more than half the leagues teams are represented, and that such rule changes /amendments have been proposed in writing no less than 7 days prior to the meeting.

Meetings

13 a) The league committee shall hold monthly meetings, with additional meetings as required. Minutes shall be taken of these meetings, for presentation upon request.

b) A secretaries meeting will be held three times during the season, with mandatory attendance by club secretaries. Failure to attend fined £5.00

Fines

14 a) Fines will be levied by the committee in line with league rules, or under disciplinary procedure. Notification will be by the fixture secretary, and will be shown on the league results form.

b) Payment is to be within 30 days of the date on the league results form.

c) Fines will be incremented by the amount of the original fine, for every 30-day non-payment period.

Rules regarding Competition Matchplay.

General Rules

Entry is restricted to players registered to play for league teams registered with the "Association of Darts League (East Surrey)", as specified in the league rules.

Entry is by submission of the appropriate competition form to the league secretary complete with players name/names with the required entry fee, by the teams appointed secretary.

Substitute players may be used in the event that an originally proposed player is unavailable. This being subject to the substitute player not having been previously proposed for entry to that particular competition by his/her club, and subsequently been drawn for the same competition by the league.(Substitutes are only permitted for first round matches)

Open Singles Competition

Entry Form: Singles competition form

Format: 3 games – 501, Knockout, normally to 2 x 1st round finalists per venue, who progresses to the "Single Finals Night"

Pairs Competition

Entry Form: Pairs competition form

Format: 3 games – 601, Knockout, normally to 1st round finalists (1x pair) per venue, who progresses to "Pairs Finals Night"

Triples Competition (Dave Wilson Memorial)

Entry Form: Triples competition form

Format: 3 games – 701, Knockout, normally to 1st round finalist (1x triple) per venue, followed by "Triples Finals Night"

Fours Competition

Entry Form : Fours competition form

Format : 3 games – 801, Knockout, normally 1st round finalist (1 x four) per venue, followed by " Fours Finals Night"

All in Eights Competition (Divisional)

Entry Form : None Required.

Format : 1 games – 1001, round robin competition, to winner on the night.

All player to be registered to the team they represent.

In the event of a draw the winner will be the decided on the result of the “head to head” match between the two teams.

All in Eights Competition (Divisional)

Entry Form : None Required.

Format : 3 games – 1001, Knockout to completion on the night.

Team Representatives Competition (Divisional)

Entry Form : None required.

Format : 3 games - 501 , Knockout, normally to winner on the night.

Secretary's Cup Competition

Entry Form : None required.

Format : 3 games - 501 , Knockout, normally to winner on the night.

Competition Night registration

All players to register their attendance no later than 20:15 hours, with the appointed match coordinator/official. If the match coordinator has drawn the order of play then inclusion for late arrival's is non compulsory, and the coordinator will have the full support of the league in the event of a complaint being registered.