

## BERKSHIRE SUPER LEAGUE RULES

### 1. GENERAL

- a) The name of the League shall be the Berkshire Super Darts League and it shall be administered by the Berkshire Darts Organisation.
- b) It shall be the declared purpose of the League to provide means whereby the best players in the Berkshire County can compete with and against each other.
- c) The Berkshire D.O. Inter Counties League side will be selected only from players competing in this league, so obviously, players available to play in the Inter Counties side, if required, must be registered members.  
Before being considered for selection to play County, a player should have played 50% of the Super League games played.
- d) Membership of the Berkshire League will be by agreement of the Officers of the League.
- e) The League shall act through the Executive Council.
- f) There will be regular meetings, the dates to be decided by the Executive Council, and each team must send one representative to these meetings. Failure to attend the meetings will incur an automatic fine of £20. **NO EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- g) The normal rules of conduct will be observed at these meetings and the decision of the Officers towards interpretation of the rules shall be final.

### 2. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Each club shall pay in respect of it's entry to the League a goodwill bond plus a registration fee for each player that plays for the team as follows:-

The goodwill bond is only returnable if a team drops out of the League and owes no money to the League.

The Registration fees are payable at the start of each and every season.

#### MEN

Goodwill bond - £20.00

Registration Fee - £34 up to 10 players then £2 per player thereafter plus £10 per season for England D O

#### LADIES:

Goodwill bond - £10.00

Registration Fee - £26 up to 8 players, then £2 per player thereafter plus £10 per season for England D O

- b) Fees shall be payable by all teams on behalf of their entrants in respect of entries in the League knock-out competitions as follows:-

#### MEN

501 Singles - £3.00 per entrant

1001 Singles - £3.00 per entrant

Pairs - £6.00 per team

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501 Singles	-	£3.00 per entrant
601 Pairs	-	£3.00 per team
701 Triples	-	£9.00 per team

- c) Each club shall pay a match fee as follows, these amounts to be paid to the Treasurer At the following meeting.

MEN - £10.00 per team per match (£2 to County)

LADIES - £8.00 per team per match (£1 to County)

- d) The Treasurer of the League shall report every meeting on the financial state of the League.
- e) No club shall be more than two months behind with its match fees.

**Failure to comply with this rule will result in automatic suspension from the League and all rights to any money previously paid will be forfeited to the League.**

All monies will be used for the running of the League.

## 3. CONDUCT OF GAMES

- a) The League is open to all Pubs and Clubs in Berkshire. The playing area and the room in which it is situated to be vetted by two members of the Executive council and approved by the Council prior to commencement of the League.
- b) i. All games in the League competitions shall be played on the following nights:-
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| MEN | - | Friday | LADIES | - | Thursday |
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- ii. League games shall commence at 8:15pm prompt (boards open at 8:00pm)
- iii. The draw will be made for the latest 8.30pm start. Player not in attendance at the time their game is called will forfeit their game. If any match is not completed by the time the venue closes due to a late start then the offending team will forfeit the remaining games.
- iv. All games shall be played on a 1-20 treble clock board with the centre of the bullseye five feet eight inches from the floor. The Oche shall be raised at least one inch and be seven feet nine and a quarter inches from the face of the board.
- v. No player will deliver their darts from any other position than from completely behind the raised part of the Oche. Six darts only per player to be thrown prior to each game/set.
- c) League games will be decided as follows and legs will be taken into consideration should a tie in points result.
- MEN - Best of nine sets, 1 point per set, with a bonus point to the winning team.
- LADIES – Best of nine sets, 1 point per set, with a bonus point to the winning team.
- d) Method of play will be as follows:-
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| MEN | - | 4 sets, 1 leg x 701 |
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- Singles – 8 sets, best of 5 legs x 501 (scores to be recorded on

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sheets provided)

LADIES - Pairs – 3 sets, 1 leg x 601  
Singles – 6 sets, best of 5 legs x 501 (scores to be recorded on sheets provided)

All legs played in the format – straight start, finish on a double or bullseye. The visiting team will through first in the first set and then alternately. The person throwing first in the first leg will throw first in any deciding leg.

- e) Each team shall place a maximum number of names on the board before Commencement of the match as follows:-
- MEN - 8 Players plus any number of reserves
- LADIES - 6 Players plus any number of reserves.
- f) Any reserves who have not played in the first draw may be substituted before the Second draw.
- g) Once a player has been substituted he/she may not play again in the match.
- h) The home team will supply the chalker and checker unless teams decide to share these duties with the visitors. They will also be responsible for the general good order on the premises. These games should be enjoyed and should bring out the best in this class of players whilst the games are in progress.
- i) Games can only be re-arranged prior to the given date (except for the first half of the season to cover holidays when games can be played after the date but no later than the Christmas break of each season and if there are any problems with re-arranging these matches the committee will make the decision as to when these games must be played) and cannot be played after that date. Any team failing to fulfil a league fixture home or away will be fined as follows and will forfeit the match 12 – 0 (28 legs) MEN and 9 – 0 (21 legs) LADIES, and the non offending team will be awarded the 1 point for the match. If a team drops out of the league at any part of the season, all legs and points won against this team will be deducted from the teams they have played. Should a team drop out during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season, legs and points will only be deducted back to the halfway stage.
- FINES: MEN - £20.00 LADIES - £10.00
- j) If a team drops out of the league the match fees paid by the non-affected teams will Be refunded to them. No team to gain by default.
- k) A team can play with ONE PLAYER ONLY SHORT of a full team. They would lose one singles game and would play the pairs missing a throw.
- l) League knock out competitions shall be played as follows:-
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| MEN -    | Pairs   | Best of 5 legs x 601  |
|          | Singles | Best of 3 legs x 1001 |
|          | Singles | Best of 5 legs x 501  |
| LADIES - | Triples | Best of 5 legs x 701  |
|          | Pairs   | Best of 5 legs x 601  |
|          | Singles | Best of 5 legs x 501  |

All competition entries must be forwarded to the Treasurer, **with all money**, by the date on the entry form. **NO FEE – NO ENTRY**

Players will **NOT** be allowed to enter after the closing date. The only exception to this is to cover anyone joining a team after the closing date.

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The draw for all competitions will be done before the day. An allowance will be made when the draw takes place to enable late entries (new team members only) to be put in the draw.

- m) B.D.O. members only competitions shall be played as follows:-

### GOLD CUP

Ladies singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501
Mens singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501
Ladies pairs	-	Best of 5 legs x 501
Mens pairs	-	Best of 7 legs x 501

Pairs can be made up from any registered Berkshire Super League players

### WORLD MASTERS

Ladies singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501
Mens singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501 (Best of 3 sets, 3 legs x 501 per set in semis and final)

### BRITISH MASTERS SINGLES

Ladies singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501
Mens singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501

### WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ladies singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501
Mens singles	-	Best of 5 legs x 501 (Best of 3 sets, 3 legs x 501 per set in semis and final)

These competitions are open to any registered player from each team.

All games will be straight start etc. with a coin tossed only once to decide who throw first alternately. In the World Masters whoever starts first in the first set, starts first in the third set if required.

The decision of the appointed organiser to all matters appertaining to the competition will be as prescribed by the Executive Committee and all decisions taken by the appointed organiser on any matter will be adhered to.

**Should any player, after losing, not chalk the next game or get someone else to do it for them, a fine will be levied against the player (the amount to be decided by the Executive Committee).**

An entry fee of £5 per player for both Men and Ladies will be charged for all members only competitions. All monies received will be used for the entry fees into these competitions and to assist the winning players with their expenses to the finals.

- p) TRANSFERS - Players may obtain a transfer to another team providing all the following conditions are met:
- a) Transfer forms must be signed by the secretary of both the team the player is leaving and going to, and agreement is received from the Fixtures Secretary.
  - b) Only one transfer per player per season will be permitted.
  - c) Transfers are only permissible up to 31<sup>st</sup> October of the year the season commences, with the exception of players who have signed for a team but have not played in either a league game or competition for that team.

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- q) If any team withdraws from the League, those players wishing to re-register and play for another team may do so providing they settle their contributions of any money owing to the League.
- r) All competitions will be spread over the whole season, this to be implemented by the Fixtures Secretary.

## 4. REGISTRATIONS AND RESULTS

- a) All players must sign the registration forms of their own team and the individual Forms supplied by the British Darts Organisation, with no limit to the number of players to each team.
- b) Only players participating in the Berkshire Super League may be considered for the Inter Counties side.
- c) Team Managers will be eligible to play in the Inter Counties side, if listed in the top Thirty Super League averages.
- d) Any player selected and failing to turn up for an Inter Counties match without prior Permission will be fined £25.00
- e) Should a team find themselves short of the minimum number of players required to play a league match they may sign on one or more players on the night.
- f) **NO SIGNING ON OF PLAYERS AFTER THE 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL IN ANY SEASON**
- g) Score sheets **MUST** be signed by **ALL** members of the team and posted to the General Secretary to reach him/her no later than the following Tuesday for ladies and Wednesday for men after the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10. Results must be text to Fixtures Secretary immediately after the match. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5
- h) No ladies to play in Mens Super League and no men to play in Ladies Super League.
- i) No player may play for more than one team.
- j) TWO outside County players will be allowed in the Men's Teams and ONE outside County player will be allowed in the Ladies ' Teams

ANY MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED IN THESE RULES SHALL BE DECIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THEIR DECISION WILL BE FINAL

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