

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.
- 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 its 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 - £5.00 per entrant

1001 Singles - £5.00 per entrant

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Pairs - £10.00 per team

LADIES

501 Singles - £5.00 per entrant

601 Pairs - £10.00 per team

701 Triples - £15.00 per team

Entries on the night:

MEN

501 Singles - £8.00 per entrant

1001 Singles - £8.00 per entrant

Pairs - £16.00 per team

LADIES

501 Singles - £8.00 per entrant

601 Pairs - £16.00 per team

701 Triples - £24.00 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: -

MEN - Friday LADIES - Thursday

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.

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Appropriate lighting should be of spotlight origin (more than one), not down lighters or fluorescent strips. Match boards to be Winmau Blade 3 or 4 or a British Darts Organisation approved match board. The throwing / oche area be clear with at least 2-foot free area behind the oche and 1 foot either side from the end of the oche. The length of the oche to be 2-foot minimum.

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.

vi.

Adequate sitting to be provided, so that home and away teams can sit and see the matches with the score recorders able to see the chalk board / electronic score recorder and also hear the caller. Music to be of a volume level so that the caller can be clearly heard and understood by the chalker and match recorders.

vii. Spectators **MUST NOT** call out scores, shot-outs etc. or distract players in any way. Should any team be frustrated/distracted by this they should submit a letter to the League Secretary and this will be addressed immediately. The caller is in control of the match and a player can ask what they have scored and have left, but not must be prompted by the caller or spectator(s) as to how they should get the required score.

- 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: -

MEN - Singles – 9 sets, best of 7 legs x 501 (scores to be recorded on 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 - 9 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) There will be no cancellation of matches, there will be a number of free weeks and a game may be brought forward to these dates, but both teams must notify the Fixtures

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Secretary at least 48 hours before the re-arranged match takes place. but if any team fails to fulfil a league fixture by its due date, they will be fined as per rules and will forfeit the match 5 – 0 (21 legs) for the Men and 5 – 0 (15 legs) for the Ladies and NO bonus point being awarded to the non-offending team.

In exceptional circumstances a game may be requested to be re-arranged after its fixture due date, this will need to be in writing and addressed to: Fixtures Secretary / League Secretary, where the committee will review the request and agreed or decline the request, such request must be made 48 hours before the intended date of the fixture if possible.

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:
Ladies - TWO PLAYERS SHORT – they could lose 2 singles and depending on the number of players missing, the draw for the pairs would mean a player in the pairs missing a throw. Men - THREE PLAYERS SHORT – they could lose 3 singles
League knock out competitions shall be played as follows: -

MEN	-	Pairs	Best of 5 legs x 601
		Singles	Best of 3 legs x 1001
		Singles	Best of 7 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**

The draw for all competitions will be done on the night of the competition.

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

GOLD CUP

Ladies singles	-	Best of 7 legs x 501
Men's singles	-	Best of 7 legs x 501
Ladies pairs	-	Best of 5 legs x 501
Men's 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
Men's singles	-	Best of 3 sets, 3 legs x 501

WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ladies singles	-	Best of 7 legs x 501
Men's singles	-	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 with 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

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in the third set if required. **PLEASE NOTE: in any play-offs for BDO competitions the person to throw first in the final leg will be decided by both players throwing for the bull.**

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 £8 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.

- m) 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 an 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 31st 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.
- n) 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.
- o) 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 1st 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

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- h) No ladies to play in Men's 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
