

## **Fees**

- A)** All teams will pay to register at the May meeting. ( Amount to be determined ).
- B)** All players will pay £10 to register.
- C)** There are no fees to enter other Competitions.

## **Games Format**

- A)** League matches are to be played for 15 Points.
  - 2 Fours of 801,
  - 4 Pairs of 601,
  - 8 Singles of 501,
  - 1 Eight of 1001.
- B)** K.O. Cup & Divisional Cups will be played for as above. The first team to reach 8 Points will win. 1 game of Eight will be played if necessary.

## **League & Competitions**

**A)**

Singles to play – 501  
Ladies Cup to play – 501  
Fours to play – 801  
Pairs to play – 601  
Eights to play – 1001  
Captain & Secretary to play – 601

**B)** All games are straight start and double finish.

**C)** The throw shall be 7' 9.25.

**D)** The height of the centre of the board is to be 5' 8.

**E)** Optional board of elm or bristle.

**F)** Raised Oche must be provided.

**G)** All boards must be fixed. No freestanding boards are permitted.**H)** Open board at 7.45pm for 8.45pm start in the League / K.O. Cup / Divisional Cup / League Cup.

- I)** The initial and surname of all players must be on the board before the start.
- J)** Any player arriving no later than 9.15pm, will be eligible to play providing the opposing captain is notified before the start of play. ( In League / K.O. Cup / Divisional Cups ).
- K)** In the event of a tie at the end of the season, for any relevant placing in the league, there will be a play off for the relevant placing.
- L)** A draw shall be made for the Fours / Pairs / Singles, in the League / K.O. Cup / Divisional Cups.
- M)** The away team shall throw first, games are then alternate.
- N)** When a player is on the oche no coaching or calling out instructions from players on the side-lines.
- O)** Teams cannot play with less than 6 Players. Teams with 6 or 7 players, will miss the relevant throws.
- P)** If a team has more than 8 or more players, only 8 selected players from that team can be placed in the draw.
- Q)** Away team to supply a caller, if one is required.
- R)** In the event of two teams playing with 7 Players, and the BYE drawing the BYE, this leg will be played for by the captains. ( Or Vice-Captain if the Captain is not present ).
- S)** This is a Wednesday Night League, therefore all matches are to be played on Wednesday Nights only.

## **Competitions**

- A)** Once the forms for the Singles / Pairs and Fours competitions have been submitted to the Competition Secretary, NO alterations will be allowed. Female players can enter the Ladies Cup or the Singles competition, not both competitions.
- B)** All games are the best of Three Legs, up to the Semi-Final & Final, which are the best of Five Legs. The toss of a coin is made to decide who will throw first in the first and final legs. If the score reaches 1-1 or 2-2, there will be another toss of a coin to decide the the final leg.
- C)** Any player arriving after the draw is made, will not be allowed to play.
- D)** In the pairs competition, only 2 players can play. To be eligible to play, all players must sign in before 8.30. In the 1st round, one player cannot play on their own. However in the final one player can play on their own.
- E)** In the fours, any four from six can play, with the minimum being three.

- F)** No player shall be substituted or altered after the draw is made, except in the fours when players can be changed after each leg of a game.
- G)** The Captain & Secretaries Cup will be played for by the Captain & Secretary only, any 2 from 3 can start, unless agreed by the committee.
- H)** When playing on a neutral board in the K.O. Cup / Divisional Cup / Play – Offs, there shall be a toss of a coin for the first throw. If the final is at the venue of one of the teams competing, it is not deemed a neutral board and the away team goes first.
- I)** The result of cup games are to be phoned / emailed by the winning team to the results secretary by 10PM on the Thursday following the game. If no call / email is received, a £5 fine on the winning team will be imposed.
- J)** All competition result cards to be brought to the next league meeting and the venue sheets are to be returned to the Results Secretary.
- K)** In cup competitions, any team found to have played an unregistered player will be looked at by the Committee under the complaints procedures.
- L)** Any team that fails to play in a Cup Final, will not be recognised as runners – up and therefore will not receive any trophies.
- N)** In the singles / pairs / fours / ladies singles and captain & secretaries, the losing player(s) will be expected to chalk the next game, or supply a chalker. Failure to do so will result in the player(s) concerned being excluded from the next seasons competition.
- O)** In the Eights competition, the team finishing top of the league wins a trophy, there will be no runners-up. If two teams finish with the same amount of wins and percentages there will be a play off, best of five, final to denote league position and winners.

## **Results**

- A)** A results card will be printed and signed by all players.
- B)** The result of the match to be signed for by both teams.
- C)** The winning team is responsible for bringing the card to the next league meeting, and telephoning the result over to the results secretary. Phone calls must be made before the following Thursday and cards received by the following meeting.
- D)** There are no cancellations. If a team fails to fulfil a fixture, the non – offending team will receive Ten Points, ( Which includes the Eight ). The offending team will not receive any points.
- E)** If there is no phone call or E-Mail sent to the results secretary, by 10.00PM on the Thursday following the game, the offending team will be deducted three points as a first offence. Subsequent offences will incur a five point penalty.

## **Registrations**

- A)** All players must be registered. All registration forms and monies to be given to the registration secretary or league secretary. Registrations will only be accepted on league registration forms.
- B)** All monies to be paid in at league meetings, and not posted through the letter boxes of committee members.
- C)** All registration forms and monies are to be paid in by the October meeting.
- D)** A players registration is neither refundable or transferable in any circumstances.
- E)** If a player drops out of the league, they can be de-registered and another player registered providing the total number of players, does not exceed 16.
- F)** No players can be registered after the February league meeting, without the permission of the committee.
- G)** If a team leaves the league before 31st December, players from that team may apply to the committee to play for another team.
- H)** New teams joining the league, to submit player registration forms by the August meeting, the Committee will vet, and allocate league position to join in either 1st or 2nd Division.

## **Unregistered Players**

- A)** Any team found to have played an unregistered player in the league or cup competitions, will be dealt with by the Committee under the complaints procedures.

## **Stewarding A Venue**

- A)** All stewards will be provided with a list of players and a draw sheet.
- B)** All players must sign the venue sheet.
- C)** Draw for the singles / pairs / fours / ladies singles to be made at 8.30PM. Anyone arriving after the draw has been made will not be allowed to play.
- D)** The time of the draw for the Captains & Secretaries Cup will be announced at the meeting before the competition. A list of eligible players will be given out.
- E)** Stewards must follow the draw sheet.

- F)** Once the draw has been made, there must not be any alterations.
- G)** Stewards must return completed venue sheets to the results secretary.
- H)** Stewards are appointed to officiate a venue, I.E. to check that players sign – in, do the draw and return the result. Stewards are not appointed as chalkers and are not expected to chalk.

## **Complaints**

- A)** Complaints can be made to any member of the committee within 48 hours of the incident. A follow up letter must be sent to the League Secretary within 10 days for the complaint to be investigated.
- B)** The committee reserves the right to call all parties to a meeting in the case of a complaint.
- C)** The Committee of the league shall be the sole arbitrators and make any decision it sees fit. After a review of the circumstances of the complaint.

## **Cancellations**

- A)** There are no cancellations or re-arranged games for any reason. If a team is unable to fulfill a fixture, they should notify the league secretary.

If the call is 24 hours in advance there will be no fine.

If notification is on the day of the game, there will be a £5 fine for a call before 2pm.

If notification is received after 2pm, then there will be a £10 fine.

## **General**

- A)** If a player wins through to a final and his team then leaves the league, that player has two weeks to apply to the committee to play in the final.
- B)** Chalking the number scored as well as the number required must be shown. Electronic scoreboards are not allowed.
- C)** Rules can only be changed at the A.G.M., or a special meeting called by the committee.

**D)** If there is an intimidating atmosphere at a venue, the two captains need to discuss the situation, and speak to the landlord / landlady of the premises to see if he / she can resolve the situation. If this does not work and there is no improvement they can then abandon the game. They must inform the league secretary and then the committee will look at and progress the problem.

**E)** The committee expects all players to moderate their language and behaviour at all times when playing in the league. Any complaints regarding bad language and / or bad behaviour will be dealt with severely by the committee.

**F)** No team is allowed to sign on more than Four Super League or above players. Penalty for the first player over the allowance will be Five Points, one of which will be the eights. Subsequent players over the stated allowance will impose a further one point penalty. In cup competitions, teams playing more than the allowance will be dismissed from that competition for that season. This rule applies, regardless of the amount of super league or above games the players in question have played.

**G)** Teams will be held responsible for the actions of their captain and secretary.

**H)** Fines will be imposed for the following :-

Non attendance of the league meetings . . . . £5

Non attendance of the league meetings with phone call to league secretary . . . . £3

**I)** Although we use B.D.O. Rules as a guideline, you are not allowed to quote these rules without written permission from the B.D.O.

**J)** All teams will receive a balance sheet at the meeting after the presentation.

**K)** For teams that are owed trophies at the presentation. If no – one from that team attends the presentation, all trophies will be returned to the supplier. Trophies will not be able to be collected at a later date.

**L)** If any committee members are threatened with legal action because of work they are doing for the league, league funds will be used to cover any legal costs that are incurred by the committee.

**M)** At the Captain & Secretaries Cup, teams are expected to bring a raffle prize for the raffle, which helps fund the league. Failure to bring a raffle prize will exclude that team from the competition for that year.

**N)** The minimum age for players in the league is 14. However some venues within the league will not allow these players in their premises. It is up to the licensee / club steward whether they allow these players. If they can play, the rest of the team will be held responsible for them. If they can't play, teams will play with other players only, as there are no cancellations or re – arranged games.

- O)** The Chalker is not allowed to touch or remove the darts from the board.
- P)** The darts must not be removed from the board, until the score has been verified by the chalker and the opposing team.
- Q)** If the chalker makes a mistake, and tells the player the wrong score left, if the player hits that score, then it must stand.
- R)** If there is a hold up during the game due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. damage to darts or canes), there is no practice to be taken place on the live board. Wait for the situation to be resolved and the live game concluded.
- S)** Any change in Captain, Secretary or Vice-Captain of a team, to be reported to the Registrations Secretary in writing through the season, to enable website and records to be kept up to date. Last date for change is the February league meeting.
- T)** All players signed on by teams, to have their names listed on the website under their team names, and have Super League or County marked against their name.
- U)** To qualify and to be eligible to play in the Singles, Pairs, Fours and Ladies Cup, team members will need to have played 38% of League or Team Cup Competitions before the January league meeting. Players signing on after the season has already started it will need to play 38% of the games available between the start date and the January meeting. It will be the responsibility of the teams secretary, captain or vice-captain to ensure players put forward for any of the competitions are eligible to play. When we check eligibility of all the players if a player is not eligible they will be excluded from that competition, which could cost you a pair not playing or fours playing short. Players who have extenuating circumstances (i.e. illness or hospitalisation) will need to put in writing to the committee by the January league meeting for a consideration of an exception to the rule. The committees decision will be final.