

INGATESTONE DART LEAGUES RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

GOVERNING BODY

1. The league is governed by the following officials and a committee consisting of each teams registered secretary.
 - a. Chairman – Tim Roberts (Rose & Crown)
 - b. Vice Chairman – Vacant
 - c. Secretary & Treasurer – Kevin Stammers (Bentley Allstars)
 - d. Assistant Secretary – Damian Partis (Bentley Allstars)
 - e. Competition Secretary – Chris Boret (CSC Wellies)

REGISTRATION

1. Winter Season Only = £70 (£60 registration and £10 Raffle) and must be paid in full at A.G.M.
2. Summer Season Only = £45 (£35 registration and £10 Raffle) for new teams; £35 for existing and must be paid by date stipulated by league.
3. Winter & Summer Season's = £105 (£95 registration and £10 Raffle) and must be paid in full at A.G.M.
4. Bank Transfer to "IDDL SAVE" Sort Code: ??????? Account Number: ??????? or Cash; No Cheques permitted!
5. A team must fall within a 9-mile radius of Ingatestone to play in the league.
6. Any team withdrawing after the fixtures are issued will be fined £50 when they wish to enter within three years. Any team withdrawing at the halfway stage will be fined £25 when they wish to enter within three years. The Landlord, Captain, Secretary cannot join another team within three years, unless all monies owed is paid; a Player owing money must pay their share of what's owed by previous team before registering for another team.
7. A team that's unable to complete the fixtures at their home venue can move to another venue at the discretion of the governing body.
8. a/ Teams must supply a players' pre-registration form at the Annual General Meeting when registering the team for the winter season with a minimum of 6 players listed.
b/ All teams will submit a registration form after the 4th fixture of the season, both winter & summer leagues. Failure to comply to will entail a fine of £25
c/ Extra player registrations are allowed with a payment of £3 per player. The league secretary must be notified before the player plays (via text or phone). Any player registering after the halfway stage of a season, can-not play in the Knockout Cups.
d/ Any unregistered player playing in the league: the team will lose the legs the player plays and be fined £15, which includes a £3 registration fee. In the cup, the team will lose the match and fined a £15 registration fee.
e/ No player can transfer to another team if they've played or owe money. The committee may consider a written request.
f/ No team can consist of more than 4 registered county players, and only 2 are permitted to play per match.
Note! Any player that was registered with the league prior to being selected by the county is excluded from this ruling.

FORMATS

1. All league and knockout competitions are played on a Thursday, and all games should start no later than 8:40 pm.
 - a. Home Captains are to ensure that the board and playing area is available to the away team no later than 8:10 pm.
 - b. The singles draw should take place at 8:25 pm for an 8:30 pm start.
 - c. The pairs draw takes place directly after the singles are completed.
 - d. A game can only be claimed at 9:05 pm if no contact is received from opponents; or 9:30 pm if a team has contacted the venue but still arrive late. In these circumstances, a game can be claimed every 15 minutes until 9:30 pm.
2. **League format:** 6 singles' 501 best of 3 leg's and 3 pairs' 601 best of 3 leg's straight start double finish.
 - i/ Team captains shall draw the Singles order of play & write the 6-players names on the result sheet in the order drawn. (Players to sign sheet once draw is complete)
 - ii/ Start of play is 8:30 pm, but no later than 8:40 pm (earlier if all players are present) with the away player starting the match. Each game alternates away/home player. (Away team games 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 – Home team games 2, 4, 6 & 8).
 - iii/ If a game is level at 1-1, then the player/pair winning the 2nd leg throws for bull first for the right of throw in the 3rd leg. Note! Either player in a winning pair can throw for the Bull.
 - iv/ **Pairs:** After the Singles are complete, the team Captains shall draw the pairs order of play & write the 3-pairs names on the result sheet in the order drawn. (Players to sign the sheet once draw is complete if they didn't play in the singles)
Note! Players must play in the order drawn; any change must be agreed by the opposing player & both captains agree.
3. Each team can play a maximum of 12 players per match, and all matches **must** be played providing a minimum of 4 players are available.
4. The **"Bust"** rule shall apply; i.e.: if a player scores more than the number required then that score shall not count, and the player shall revert to the score the player required prior to the opponent's last throw.
5. i/ each team have the option to play **"Wildcards"** during the season if unable to field a team of six players.
 - ii/ **a team with only 5-players:** all 5 names go back into the draw for 1 to be drawn to play the 6th game and therefore using one of the **Wildcards**. The 3rd Pair is the player who's not played plus one of the other 4 which is drawn.
 - iii/ **a team with only 4-players:** all 4 names go back into the draw for 2 to be drawn to play the 5th & 6th games and therefore using one of the **Wildcards**. The 3rd Pair is all 4 players into draw for two to be drawn.
 - iv/ This option can only be used twice per season, one in each half, the box on the result sheet must be ticked!

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v/ If a team is short of players and have already played their “Wildcards”; then the procedure is the same, but the drawn players tons & finishes only count. The non-offending team is awarded the actual game point.

vi in the **pairs**, a team with 5-players play the last pair with 1-player missing a throw; a team with 4-players forfeit the last pair.

POSTPONEMENTS

- 48 hours notice must be given to the opposing team when postponing a match.
 - A fine of £10 is payable for postponing a match.
 - If unable to rearrange before last fixture, the match is declared void.
 - However, if teams wish to play a double header, then the team defaulting must play this double header at the non-defaulting venue (if possible) NOT VOTED ON AT AGM 2025; will come into effect 2026 onwards...
 - A 9-0 win is awarded to non-offending team if promotion/relegation involved.
- If less than 48 hours notice is given, the non-offending team will be awarded a 9-0 win automatically and the offending team will receive a £20 fine. Please note an additional £10 is payable to a non-offending team if postponed on the evening of the match to pay for food, which must be claimed by the non-offending team, if not claimed will go in to charity fund.
- The league secretary must be notified immediately of any postponement.
- Exceptions to the rule are Bad Weather Conditions, Accidents or Transport Breakdowns on route.
- Any team postponing more than 2 games will be eliminated from the league & all competitions.
- No match can be postponed because of another event happening at a venue; the team must find an alternative venue or reverse the fixture.

MEETINGS

- All teams are required to send a representative, preferably the team Secretary.
- Meetings may be held on a Thursday, normally prior to a competition.
- It may be necessary to hold some meetings on a Monday, if this happens; the secretaries only must attend if any outstanding forms or monies aren't received prior to the meeting.
- Failure to attend a called meeting if owing Monies or Paperwork will entail a £10 fine.

RESULTS & RESULT SHEETS

- League:** Home Team must ensure that the appropriate result sheets are available each match; it is the responsibility of the Home Team to relay the match result to the league secretary via photo to be texted or e-mailed after each match. Away team must take a photo of result sheet!
 - Fines for late results are as follows: 4-points is deducted from league table & a £10 fine for each late result sheet; points are only returned if fine is paid within 28 days of the match.
 - Any result sheet not received by the Saturday after the match, the home team will be fined £10; and the away team contacted to either e-mail or post their copy, failure will invoke a £10 fine, and the result declared null & void. Recommend away team take a picture of result sheet.
- Knockout Cup:** the Home Team must ensure that the appropriate result sheet is available. The Winning Team is responsible for relaying the match result to the league secretary no later than Noon on the Friday after each match and e-mail photo of results sheet. Fine for late or no result is £10.
- Result sheets must be independently signed by both captains.
- All players must have signed the result sheet to play each match no later than 9 pm; it's between the captains to agree whether late arrivals are permitted to play or be entered into a draw.
- Any team claiming a game due too a late postponement or a non-arrival of a team, must send in a completed result sheet showing players attendance & signed.

COMPETITIONS: GENERAL

- Do not enter any competition if unavailable to attend the next stage or finals night, a £2 fine may be imposed the following season if entering the same competition.
- Any player entering a competition and fails to inform the league or venue of non-attendance may be fined £2 before being permitted to enter the following season.
- Team knockout competitions must be played as per fixture list and finals will be played on neutral boards. If teams sharing a venue are drawn at home, the team drawn 2nd will play away unless a suitable separate playing area is available.
- Most competitions are entered on the night; usually by 8:20 pm for a 8:30 pm Start.
- Players must be at the venue no later than the stipulated time to be entered into the draw / or start; otherwise, they will be eliminated, unless they've contact the controller or venue explaining there'll be arriving late.
- All competitions will use the bracket / ladder system.
- There are awards for **Maximums (171, 174, 177 & 180), Highest Finish (100+) & Best Leg (16-darts or less)**.
- Any player scoring a maximum must identify on the result sheet, by ticking the box, if the player requires a medal or key ring. Note! Players will receive a medal automatically if two or more maximums are recorded during the season unless the league secretary is informed.

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9. The player with the most improved average over the previous season shall be recognised by the league as the "**Most Improved Player**". There is a male & female award. Qualifying stipulation is that the player plays in the same division or same team as the previous season. **Currently Not Awarded!**
10. The **Wooden Spoon** is awarded to the team that finishes last in the lowest division.
11. Any lady entering an Open Singles competition cannot enter a Ladies Only Singles for two seasons.
12. All competitions carry an entry fee of £2 per player unless stated otherwise. Singles = £2; Pairs = £4; Triples = £6; etc...
13. Finals Night: There is no need to hold a Finals Night when all competitions are completed on the night. A Finals night will only be required if a venue with 6 to 8 boards isn't available to the league to complete a competition. Otherwise, competitions will be drawn into groups of 4, 8 or 16 groups with each group winner qualifying for Finals Night.

COMPETITIONS: TEAM

1. **Fargo Cup**: Knockout Cup for division 1 teams during the winter season.
NOTE! If a Bye League is in operation in other divisions; each round including the final will be played over 2-legs. The 1st leg to consist of 12-legs and the 2nd leg to consist of 12-legs and if legs are equal over the 2-legs, the Six Aside decider is played.
2. **Royal British Legion Cup**: Knockout Cup for division 2 teams during the winter season (previously the Hatcher cup). If there is only 1 division, then this cup reverts to the first round losers of the Fargo cup.
3. **Bentley Cup**: Summer or Winter Knockout Cup for all divisions the summer season May be played on one-night!
4. All Knockout Cups (Fargo, Royal British Legion & Bentley) format: 1 Six-Aside 1001; 2 Triples 701; 3 Pairs 601; 6 Singles 501, all 1 leg. If the score is tied at 6-6, then a deciding Six-Aside 1001 takes place. May be played over 2-legs.
5. If any of the above KO Cup's are played over 1-Night; the format is 4 Singles 501 best of 3-legs, 1x Pair 601 best of 3-legs, played simultaneously over 5-boards. Alternative format would be 2x Triples & 1x Six.
6. Additional knockout competitions or mini leagues maybe included if divisions are uneven.
7. A **Bye League** may be played if the league structure allows. Format will vary depending which divisions are involved. Note! Division 1 teams will not be invited to take part in any bye league. **(Only played if weeks allow)**
8. **Inter League vs. Wickford & District**: To be played annually on a home & away basis over two-years. The match to be played on 3-boards during the evening, with 2-singles & a pair being played simultaneously; 20-singles 501 best of 3 legs & 10 Pairs 501 best of 3 legs games to be played. The league committee will select the leagues strongest team using the player tables as a guide. IDDL will be away at WDDL in 2026.

WINTER COMPETITIONS: PLAYER KNOCKOUTS

1. **Governors Cup**: The licensee only can enter the Governors Cup; Format is 501 best of 3 leg's all rounds. **(Only to be played when a minimum of 4-landlords/governors enter)**
2. **Captain & Secretary KO Cups**: Only the registered Captain and Secretary are permitted to enter the Captain and Secretaries KO Cup; Format is 501 best of 5 legs all rounds. Captain vs Captain; Secretary vs Secretary; Pairs; Captain vs Secretary or Secretary vs Captain. Note! In the 4th leg, when necessary, the pairings that are losing 1-2 can chose whether it's the Captain or Secretary plays next. Note! If there is only 1 division, then this competition may take the form of a league.
3. **Honeyball Cup**: Top two players from players table shall qualify; Format is 501 best of 3 legs all rounds.
4. **Whitbread Rosebowl**: All registered females shall be invited to attend this competition; depending on entries will determine format; maybe played as a round robin.
5. **Alfred Candler Memorial Cup**: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £3. Format is 501 best of 3 or 5 legs depending on entries, grand final best of 5 or 7 legs. All first game losers will have the option to enter a Plate KO to be held the same evening with an entry fee of £1.
6. **Ron Wood Memorial Cup**: Open to all registered female players with an entry fee of £3. Format is 501 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs. All first game losers will have the option to enter a Plate KO to be held the same evening.
7. **Memorial Plate Competition**: Open to all players who lose in either the preliminary or first round of both the Alfred Candler and Ron Wood Knockouts with an entry fee of £1. Format is 301 best of 3 legs, including the final. Draw to take place after last person legible player is eliminated from the 1st round in the memorial competitions.
8. **Harry Knight Pairs Cup**: Open to all registered players in Division 1 only, with an entry fee of £5 per pair. Format is 601 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.
9. **Stammers Pairs Shield**: Open to all registered players in Division's 2 and 3, with an entry fee of £5 per pair. Format is 601 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.

SUMMER COMPETITIONS: PLAYER KNOCKOUTS

1. **Divisional Singles**: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £2. Format is 501 best of 3 or 5 legs, grand final best of 5 legs. **(Only played if weeks allow)**
2. **Mixed Pairs Cup**: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £4 per pair. Format is 601 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs. **(Only played if weeks allow)**
3. **Mixed Triples Shield**: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £6 per triple. Format is 701 best of 5 legs. **(Only played if weeks allow)**

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OTHER PLAYER COMPETITIONS

- **Individual Player of the Year Award** is awarded to the player with the most points achieved from league Single Games; 3-points for 2-0 win; 2 –points for 2-1 win; 1-point for 1-2 loss. Winner only trophy in each.
- **The Ton's Scored Award** is awarded to the player with the best tons scored per leg ratio in league games only. This is split divisionally and into male & female categories, winner only trophy in each.
- **Player of the Year Award** is awarded to the player with the most points achieved from league Single & Pairs Games; 3-points for 2-0 win; 2 –points for 2-1 win; 1-point for 1-2 loss.
- **Top Player Award** is awarded to the player with the most points achieved from their position in 3-tables (Individual, Tons & Individual Pairs Tables). 1st place = 10 point; 2nd place = 9 pt; etc... 10th place = 1 point. (No Trophies Awarded while pairs is picked).
- **Champion of Champions:** A knockout competition that is open to all winners of winter and summer competitions. Qualifying competitions: Alfred Candler Memorial; Honeyball; Whitbread; Ron Wood Memorial; Pairs KO's; Divisional Single KO's; Mixed Pairs; Mixed Triples; Governors; Captain and Secretaries; Reg Atkins Memorial; all divisional players tables (Individual & Tons). (Potentially 34 entries)... Competition is 501 best of 7-legs until quarterfinals, when format becomes 501 best of 5-sets, 3-legs per set. Note Ladies will play in main competition if less than 4-qualify. **(Only played if weeks allow)**
- **Invitation Knockout:** All players that score 5 or more maximum's; and all players that finish a leg on 121 and above; and all players that have finished a single leg in 12-darts or less; will be invited to enter a free knockout competition at the end of the season (winter & summer league). Format will be 501 best of 3-legs. Gold, Silver & Bronze medals to be awarded. This will run on the same night as the Champion of Champions; therefore, players who qualify for the Champion of Champions can't enter this competition! **(Only played if weeks allow)**
- **The Reg Atkins Memorial** is to be held once a year and is open to a maximum of 50 players (20 minimum), first come first served basis; the pre-entry fee is £2 per player. Note! This competition starts at 8.30 pm and is played on five different dartboards (Five's, Quadro, Yorkshire, Green Zone and Dot Board). Entry on the night is £3 per player. **(Only played if weeks allow, Tuesday night may be used as an option)**
- **401 Double-in No Bust KO** is to be held once a year if the league fixtures allow. Format is 401 best of 3 legs, Double-In Double-Out and No Bust rule applies. £2 entry fee required. **(Only played if weeks allow)**

GENERAL

1. Any player or team failing to comply with any rules during a match or event shall be liable to disqualification or expulsion.
2. The league provides trophies to teams that win or finish runners-up in a division or in a team knockout competition. The number of trophies per team is dependant on the number of players playing or attending 50% of singles games. All other requirements are to be ordered prior to presentation night. Any team not wanting any trophies must inform the league secretary and the cash equivalent will be donated to the leagues chosen charity fund.
3. Failure to attend presentation to receive trophies will result in being charged for all keepsakes, including medals or be banned from receiving any keepsake in the future.
4. The league shall consist of winter and summer seasons, and therefore the maximum size of a division is 10 teams in the winter and a minimum of 6 teams in the summer.
5. Each season 2 teams are automatically relegated, and any number of teams is promoted to balance the divisions. The governing body has the authority to relegate and demote teams that have weakened or; promote teams that have strengthened between seasons.
6. Teams moving venues are not classed as new teams, and any venue putting in a new team that has 50% of the previous team shall not be classed as a new team therefore the team changing venues will be.
7. If a venue is unable to provide food, the opposition must be informed prior the match, preferably at the beginning of each season.
8. The best quality dartboards are expected to be used for league and cup matches. Venues that host competitions are required to have the best possible dartboards available or risk the chance of not holding competitions. (Winmau Blade 6 or equivalent recommended).
9. Any player officially reported for violent or threatening behaviour, or provoking such action will be expelled from the league for a period decided upon by the committee.
10. Noise levels of Jukeboxes, Fruit Machines, Game Consoles, Television, etc... that are adjacent to the playing area are to be at an acceptable level too both teams.
11. Electronic scoreboards can be used; however, the following procedure must be followed if the scoreboard is accidentally cleared, a power cut or surge wipes out the scores. If the caller / referee and scorer remember the scores then the game continues, however any disagreement the leg is void and is to be restarted.
12. A raised oche should be used if it's safe to do so, otherwise a well-defined line must be marked.
13. The AGM will take place in August on a Thursday evening. The AGM agenda is to be published a minimum of 21 days prior.
14. It's been noticed that players are going straight out for a smoke after playing their games, this holds up the competition for two reasons... 1/ in the later stages; players are required to go straight back on after completing a match; and 2/ if they are required to chalk the next game on immediately. Please refrain from taking longer than 5 minutes between games for smoking, going to bar or the toilet.
15. The league governing body & committee members will adjudicate any other matters arising.

Rules for the 2025/26 Winter Season and 2026 Summer Season, as agreed at the AGM 28th August 2025)

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16. Any complaints or incidents must be reported to the league secretary within 7-days in writing for an investigation to take place.

COMPETITIONS THAT ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE LEAGUE & WILL ONLY BE RE-INSTATED IF TEAMS ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT!

1. Charity Beach Hut Fours: A four aside competition played in teams of 4-players 801 beat of 3-legs, best of 5-leg final. All entry fees were donated to the "Essex Beach Hut Fund".
2. Blind Draw Pairs: Each team to provide 2-players at £2 each. The top teams' players from each division will be placed in Pot 'A' and the bottom half players from each division will be placed in Pot 'B'... An open draw takes place prior to competition at 8:20 pm. Format is Players A vs Player A; Player B vs Player B; Pair; Player A vs Player B or Player B vs Player A. Note! In the 4th leg, when necessary, the pairings that are losing 1-2 can chose whether it's the Player A or Player B that plays next.
3. Poppy Appeal 4's: Poppy Appeal 4's Shield is an Open knockout competition, with an entry fee of £5 per team of four players. Format is 1 x Four 801, 2 Pairs 601 and 2 x Singles 501, all 1 leg. Note! All proceeds to be donated to the RBL (Chelmsford). [Now run by Chelmsford SC.](#)
4. The Pentathlon may be held once a year and is open to a maximum of 20 players (16 minimum), first come first served basis; the entry fee is £5 per player. Note! This competition is to be played on a Saturday, starting at 12:30 pm too completion in the evening around 7:00 pm. A Mini-Pentathlon of 8-players is possible!
5. The Officials League (when possible – must have minimum of 4 Officials): The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the League Secretary/Treasurer and the Assistant League Secretary will meet on three occasions during the year to play each other in a 501 x 1 leg equal darts challenge. Three competition night dates will be identified. The points awarded will be the opponents scored left (i.e.: if a player is left on 32, then that's how many points the winner receives). Note! If both players finish in the same number of darts, then both players receive 50-points. (Only played if all 4 Officials are available)
6. Terri Warwick Memorial Competition: Terri Warwick Memorial Competition: Invite female players (up to a maximum of 16) from the IDDL league & if required, another local league, to donate £1 to pre-enter a mixed pairs' type competition. 16 male players from the IDDL are required paying £2 to pre-enter. A draw will take place to pick 16 mixed pairs who will play 1 round of 601 2-legs collecting points for legs won tons scored & doubles hit. For round 2, all male players are rotated to play with a different female and play again, and this continues for as many rounds until 11 pm (starting at 8:30 pm). The lady with the most points currently wins the competition. The men only score 1 point if they hit a winning double or a 116+; top man gets an entry into the Champion of Champions. This competition is pre-entered and will only be organised if 16-players of each sex are registered and paid (will be the last fixture of winter league). (Only played if weeks allow)
7. Charity Night is to be held once a year if the league fixtures allow. Will be played on various novelty dartboards with an entry fee (TBD); 50% going into a prize fund and 50% to the Charity Fund (currently the Reginald Atkins Fund). (Only played if weeks allow)
8. Bullseye KO is to be held once a year if the league fixtures allow. Format is 15-Darts per leg, best of 5-legs. Only semi bull and bull count as 25 & 50 respectively. The player with the highest score after 15-darts wins the leg. If equal, then a further 3-darts are thrown until the leg is won. (Only played if weeks allow)