

INGATESTONE & DISTRICT DARTS LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE 2011/12 SEASON

GOVERNING BODY

1. The league is governed by the following officials and a committee consisting of each teams registered secretary.
 - a. Chairman – Matt Doe (Chelmsford SC A) 07787 405915
 - b. Vice Chairman – Senan Corry (Chelmsford SC B) 07973 628765
 - c. Secretary & Treasurer – Kevin Stammers (Bentley Allstars) 07803 771898 or 01277 228103
 - d. Assistant Secretary – Gary Holland (Cock Tavern) 07920 800209
 - e. Competition Controllers – Andy Hills, Ray & Lynne Wood (+ a, b, c & d)
 - f. Presentation Night Assistants – Dave Elliott, Derek Lodge, Keith & Julia Hemsworth, Ray & Lynne Wood
 - g. Note! a. & c. & d. all are signatories and have access to the account.

REGISTRATION

1. Winter Season Only = £75 (£50 registration, £15 Presentation and £10 Raffle).
2. Summer Season Only = £50 (£25 registration, £15 Presentation and £10 Raffle).
3. Winter & Summer Season's = £100 (£75 registration, £15 Presentation and £10 Raffle).
4. All fees can be paid in £25 instalments at AGM, January 5th, February 23rd and May 3rd Competitions.
5. If paying for both winter & summer in full at AGM or before start of season = £95.
6. The presentation night fee of £15 maybe returned to teams represented; this may be paid back at the January meeting or paid into the league's chosen charity fund.
7. A team must fall within a 9-mile radius of Ingatestone to play in the league.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. i/ Teams must supply a players' registration form at the Annual General Meeting when registering the team for the winter season with a minimum of 6 players signed-on (with £25 minimum payment).
ii/ this registration sheet will be returned to the team in the "Information pack", to allow teams to continue to register players up until and including the 4th fixture of the season. Failure to adhere will entail a £25 fine.
iii/ all teams will resubmit a registration form for the summer season, only new players or transferred players are required to sign the summer registration sheet.
11. Extra player registrations are allowed with a payment of £2.50 per player up until the halfway stage of a season, the league secretary must be notified before the player plays (via text or phone).
12. Any unregistered player playing in the league: the team will lose the legs the player plays and be fined £12.50, which includes a £2.50 registration fee. In the cup, the team will lose the match and fined a £2.50 registration fee.
13. No player can transfer to another team if they've played or owe money. The committee may consider a written request.
14. 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 8:15 pm.
 - b. The singles draw should take place at 8:25 pm for an 8:30 pm start.
 - c. 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' 501 best of 3 leg's straight start double finish.
3. 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 winning the 2nd leg throws for bull first for the right of throw in the 3rd leg.
iv/ Pairs: The away captain selects the 1st pair & hands the completed sheet to the home captain who selects their pairing – Play Game... The home captain selects the 2nd pair & hands the completed sheet to the away captain who selects their pairing – Play Game... The away captain selects the 3rd pair & hands the completed sheet to the home captain who selects their pairing – Play Game.
4. 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.
5. 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 back to the score the player required prior to the opponent's last throw.
6. i/ each team have the option to play one or two **"Bully-Jokers"** 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 **Bully-Jokers**. The 3rd Pair is the player who's not played plus one of the other 4 which is drawn.

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- 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 **Bully-Jokers**. 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 (Bully 1st half & Joker 2nd half).**
- 7. i/ If a team is short of players and have already played their “**Bully-Joker**”; then 1 or 2 players are drawn to play the final 1 or 2 singles for ton & scoring purposes. The Team is awarded the actual game point, but the opposing player is awarded their gained points.
- ii/ 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

1. 48 hours notice must be given to the opposing team when postponing a match.
 - o A fine of £5 is payable for postponing a match.
 - o If unable to rearrange, the match is declared void.
 - o A 5-0 win is awarded to non-offending team if promotion/relegation involved.
2. If less than 48 hours notice is given, the non-offending team will be awarded a 5-0 win automatically and the offending team will receive a £20 fine. Please note that £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.
3. The league secretary must be notified immediately of any postponement.
4. Exceptions to the rule are Bad Weather Conditions, Accidents or Transport Breakdowns on route.
5. Any team postponing more than 2 games will be eliminated from the league & all competitions.
6. 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

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

RESULTS & RESULT SHEETS

1. **League:** Home Team must ensure that the appropriate result sheets are available each match, including the **Away Team Copy**; it is the responsibility of the Home Team to relay the match result to the league secretary via text or phone after each match, and to post the sheet to the league secretary on the Friday morning after the each match, using a 1st class stamp. Sheet should arrive in Saturday's post (Monday latest before team is fined if post-dated Friday).
 - a. Fines for late results are as follows: 1st late result is 4 points deducted from league table and a £5 fine; the 4 points are returned when fine paid; 2nd late result is a further 4 points deducted from league table and a £5 fine, the 4 points can be bought back by paying a further £5; 3rd late result is another 4 points deducted from league table and a £10 fine, the 4 points can be bought back by paying a further £5; all further late results are £25.
 - b. Result sheets are declared lost if not received within 5 days of the match, and the league secretary will contact the opposing team for their copy, the offending teams may be fined up to £25 (£5 per day after the 5 days to a maximum of £25); the opposing team will be fined £10 if a copy can't be produced.
2. **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 Saturday after each match and has the responsibility of posting the sheet to the league secretary on the Friday morning after the each match, 1st class stamp expected. Fine for late or no result is £10.
3. Both the Home Team and the **Away Team** must produce result sheets and must be independently signed by both captains. If using carbon paper to produce the away copy; the copy must be legible and signed separately by both captains. Only the Home Team (original sheet) are required to post sheets.
4. 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.
5. 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.

COMPETITIONS: GENERAL

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Most competitions are to be pre-entered on entry forms, which must be returned with fees on the dates stipulated.
Venue or Competition draws will take-place via an Excel-Random Sort Function (Witnesses invited).

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- Each venue will have two controllers identified to make a draw, but mainly to check attendance; however, it is each player's responsibility that the result sheet is correctly completed and the **Winner** posts all sheets to the league secretary.
- 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.
- Each season a team will be awarded the **Presidents Award** for outstanding contributions in supporting the league and league secretary in various ways. This award entitles the winning team to enter the following season at half the registration fee; the runner-up has a £5 reduction. Awards must be claimed when registering at the AGM.
- 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.
- The **Wooden Spoon** is awarded to the team that finishes last in the lowest division.
- Any lady entering an Open Singles competition cannot enter a Ladies Only Singles for two seasons.
- All competitions carry an entry fee of £2 per player unless stated otherwise. Singles = £2; Pairs = £4; Triples = £6; etc... For every £2 accepted as entry, £1 to be transferred to the Charity Fund (currently the Reginald Atkins Fund).
- 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

- 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.
- Royal British Legion Cup**: Knockout Cup for division 2 teams during the winter season (previously the Hatcher cup).
- Bentley Cup**: Knockout Cup for division 3 teams during the winter season. Note! If only two divisions are being played, the Bentley Cup may be played for by teams who are knocked out of round 1 (preliminary).
- 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.
- Additional knockout competitions or mini-leagues maybe included if divisions are uneven.
- 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.
- Grand Prix**: A table will be produced from the points scored in **Game 4** of every league match. The points are: 1 point per leg won (2-0 wins = 3 pts; 2-1 wins = 2 pts; 1-2 loss = 1 pts; and 0-2 loss = 0 pts); 1 point for every 116+ ton scored; and 2 points for a maximum & 170 finish. The winning team's receives a £10 reduction in their registration fee the following season. This reduction is divisional.
- 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. 2012 WDDL home; 2013 IDDL home; etc... The match will be played for charity; with each team paying £2 per leg lost into Charity Fund (currently the Reginald Atkins Fund).

WINTER COMPETITIONS: PLAYER KNOCKOUTS

- Governors Cup**: The licensee only can enter the Governors Cup; Format is 501 best of 3 leg's all rounds.
- 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 pairing that are losing 1-2 can chose whether it's the Captain or Secretary plays next.
- Honeyball Cup**: One player from each team may enter providing they have qualified via an In-House Knockout and the knockout draw ladder is sent to the league secretary prior to the competition; Format is 501 best of 3 legs all rounds.
- Whitbread Rosebowl**: One female player from each team may enter providing they have qualified from an In-House Knockout and the knockout draw ladder is sent to the league secretary prior to the competition; Format is 501 best of 3 legs all rounds. Free Entry. NOTE! An In-house KO is only required if the team has more than 2-Female players registered; also can be played as part of the Honeyball qualifying competition, with last lady remaining the qualifier.
- Alfred Candler Memorial Cup**: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £2. Format is 501 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.
- Ron Wood Memorial Cup**: Open to all registered female players with an entry fee of £2. Format is 501 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.
- Harry Knight Pairs Cup**: Open to all registered players in Division 1 only, with an entry fee of £4 per pair. Format is 501 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.

Rules for the 2011/12 Winter Season and 2012 Summer Season, as agreed at the AGM (4th August 2011)

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8. **Stammers Pairs Shield:** Open to all registered players in Division's 2 and 3, with an entry fee of £4 per pair. Format is 501 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 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.
2. **Mixed Pairs Cup:** Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £4 per pair. Format is 501 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.
3. **Mixed Triples Shield:** Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £6 per triple. Format is 601 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.

OTHER PLAYER COMPETITIONS

- o **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.
- o **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 and runner-up in each.
- o **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. (No Trophies Awarded).
- o **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.
- o **Players Table:** this award is for the previous seasons' top placed player to win points for winning games, legs and scoring tons. The winning player per division will receive a Cash Prize of £10.
- o **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 5-legs until semi-final, when format becomes 501 best of 3-sets, 3-legs per set. Note Ladies will play in main competition if less than 4-qualify.
- o **Terri Warwick Memorial Competition:** Invite all the female players (up to a maximum of 32) from the IDDL league & local leagues, to donate £1 to pre-enter a mixed pairs' type competition. Then 32 men (or equivalent to ladies entry) are required paying £2 to pre-enter. A draw will take place to pick 32 mixed pairs who will play 1 round of 601 2-legs collecting points for legs won, tons scored & doubles hit (ladies only). For round 2, all players are redrawn and play again, and this continues for as many rounds until 11 pm (starting at 8:30 pm). The lady with the most points at this time wins the competition. The men only score 1 point per ton & doubles hit; top man gets an entry into the Champion of Champions. Entry on the night is £3 per player.
- o **The Reg Atkins Memorial** is to be held once a year and is open to a maximum of 40 players (20 minimum), first come first served basis; the pre-entry fee is £3 per player. Note! This competition starts at 8 pm and is timed and played on four different dartboards (Five's, Quadro, Yorkshire and Champions Choice). Entry on the night is £5 per player.
- o **Charity Night** is to be held once a year if the league fixtures allow. Will be played on various novelty dartboards at an entry fee (TBD), with 50% going into a prize fund and 50% to the Charity Fund (currently the Reginald Atkins Fund).
- o **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.

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. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. All home venues are expected to provide food for the away team for all league and team knockout competitions. However, if a venue is unable to provide food, the opposition must be informed prior the match, preferably at the beginning of each season.
7. 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 4 or equivalent recommended).

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8. Any player officially reported for violent or threatening behaviour, or provoking such action will be expelled from the league for a time period decided upon by the committee.
9. 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.
10. 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 remembers the scores then the game continues, however any disagreement the leg is void and is to be restarted.
11. A raised oche should be used if it's safe to do so, otherwise a well-defined line must be marked.
12. The AGM will take place in August on a Thursday evening. The AGM agenda is to be published a minimum of 21 days prior.
13. The league governing body & committee members will adjudicate any other matters arising.
14. 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 fee 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 Player 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 pairing that are losing 1-2 can chose whether it's the Player A or Player B that plays next. The qualifiers from the Honeyball Cup and the Whitbread Rosebowl are not permitted to play when run on the same night.
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).
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.