

INGATESTONE & DISTRICT DARTS LEAGUE  
**RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE 2007/8 SEASONS**

**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 = £100 (£75 registration, £15 Presentation and £10 Raffle).
4. All fees can be paid in £25 instalments at AGM, January, March and June Meetings.
5. If paying for both Winter & Summer in full at AGM or before start of season = £95.
6. The presentation night fee of £15 will be returned to teams represented, paid back at January meeting.
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 or any Player owing money cannot join another team within three years, unless their share is paid off.
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. All players must sign a registration form each season.
11. Players are only required to sign summer registration forms if they didn't register during the winter or have changed teams.
12. A player registration form must be sent to the league secretary by the date stipulated on the form, or be fined £25.
13. 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).
14. Any unregistered player playing in: League - the team will lose the legs the player plays and be fined £12.50, which includes a £2.50 registration fee. Cup - the team will lose the match and fined £2.50.
15. No player can transfer to another team if they've played or owe money. The committee may consider a written request.
16. No team can consist of more than 4 registered county players, and only 2 are permitted to play per match.

**FORMATS**

1. All league and knockout competitions are played on a Thursday and all games should start no later than 8:45 pm.
  - a. Home Captains are to ensure that the board and playing area is available to the away team no later than 8:35 pm.
  - b. The match should start at 8:45 pm if the minimum number of players is available, but allowing until 9 pm for the full team to arrive.
  - c. A game can be claimed at 9:05 pm if no contact received; 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. Winter format: 3 pairs 501 best of 3 leg's and 6 singles 501 best of 3 leg's straight start double finish. Note! Division 3 play 401 in Singles. Each team receives a point per set; the winning team receive a bonus point.
3. Summer format: 6 singles 501 best of 3 leg's and 3 pairs 501 best of 3 leg's straight start double finish. Note! Divisions 3 & 4 play 401 in Singles. Each team receives a point per set; the winning team receive a bonus point.
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.

**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.
3. The league must be notified immediately of any postponement.
4. Exceptions to the rule are Bad Weather Conditions, Accidents or 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 will 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 are received prior to the meeting.
4. Failure to attend a called meeting will entail a £10 fine.

## RESULTS & RESULT SHEETS

1. League: the home team must ensure that the appropriate result sheet is available and are responsible for relaying the match result to the league secretary no later than Noon on the Saturday after each match, and are responsible for posting the sheet to the league secretary using the envelope provided on the Friday after the each match, 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp expected.
  - a. Fines for late results are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> late result is 4 points deducted from league table and a £5 fine, the 4 points are returned when fine paid; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 £10; all further late results are £25.
  - b. Result sheets are declared lost if not received within 10 days of the match, and unless a copy can be produced that both teams agree on, the offending team may be fined up to £25 (£5 per day after the 10 days to a maximum of £25).
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 have the responsibility of posting the sheet to the league secretary, using the envelope provided, on the Friday after the each match, 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp expected.
  - a. Fine for late result is £10.
  - b. Lost result sheets are the same fine as lost league sheets.
3. Result sheets must be completed by each Captain, all names and signings must be in ink.
4. All players must be registered to play each match no later than 9 pm; it's between the captains to agree whether late arrivals are permitted to play.
5. The Captain's alternately chose which player or players are to play each game, home Captain legs 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9; away Captain legs 2, 4, 6 & 8.
6. Any team claiming a game due to late postponement or non-arrival must send in a completed result sheet showing players order of play.

## COMPETITIONS: GENERAL

1. Do not enter any competition if unavailable to attend the next stage or finals night.
2. Team knockout competitions must be played as per fixture list and finals will be played on neutral boards. If both teams sharing a venue are drawn at home, the team drawn 2<sup>nd</sup> will play away unless a suitable separate playing area is available.
3. Most competitions are to be pre-entered on entry forms, which must be returned with fees on the dates stipulated.
4. Each venue will have two controllers identified to make a draw; it's the player's responsibility that the result sheet is correctly completed and the winner posts all sheets to the league secretary.
5. Players must be at the venue no later than the stipulated time to be entered into the draw, unless they've contact the controller or venue explaining there'll be arriving late, they will be eliminated.
6. All competitions will be drawn using the bracket / ladder system, which is provided.
7. Each season has Maximums, Highest Finish and Best Leg awards to be played for.
8. Any player scoring a maximum must identify on the result sheet if a medal is required, players receive a medal if two or more maximums are recorded.
9. Each Season a-team will be awarded the Presidents Award for outstanding contributions in supporting the league 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.
10. The player with the most improved average over the previous season shall be recognised by the league as the Most Improved Player. Male & female awards. Qualifying stipulation being that the player plays in the same division or team as the previous season.
11. The Wooden Spoon is awarded to the team that finishes last in the lowest division.
12. Any lady entering an Open Singles competition cannot enter a Ladies Only Singles within two seasons.

## **COMPETITIONS: TEAM**

1. Fargo Cup: Knockout Cup for division 1 teams during the winter season.
2. Hatcher Cup: Knockout Cup for division 2 teams during the winter season.
3. Bentley Cup: Knockout Cup for division 3 teams during the winter season
4. Knockout Cups (Fargo, Hatcher & 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.
5. Additional knockout competitions or mini-leagues maybe included if divisions are uneven.
6. A Divisional Six-Aside Knockout held during the summer season. 1001 best of 3 legs divisions' 1 and 2, 801 beat of 3 legs divisions' 3 and 4.
7. A Bye League may be played if the league structure allows. Format will vary depending which divisions are involved.

## **COMPETITIONS: LEAGUE & KNOCKOUT CUP**

1. The Player of the Year award is awarded to the player with the best win average each season based on the singles and pairs played in league and team knockout competitions. A player must participate in at least 75% of their teams games, and 50% of those games must be singles. The average is calculated by dividing the players' points achieved by the possible points achievable. 3 points awarded for a 2-0 win, 2 points awarded for a 2-1 win, etc... This award is only conducted by Kevin Stammers as league secretary.
2. The Individual Singles Award is awarded to the player who has accumulated the most points in league singles matches only. 3 points awarded for a 2-0 win, 2 points awarded for a 2-1 win, etc...
3. The Ton's Scored Award is awarded to the player with the best tons scored per leg ratio in league games only.
4. All the above awards are split divisionally and into male & female categories, winner and runner-up in each.

## **WINTER COMPETITIONS: PLAYER KNOCKOUTS**

1. The licensee only can enter the Governors Cup; Format is 401 best of 3 leg's all rounds.
2. The registered Captain can enter the Captains Cup; Format is 501 best of 3 leg's all rounds.
3. The registered Secretary can enter the Secretaries Cup; Format is 501 best of 3 leg's all rounds.
4. Honeyball Cup: One player from each team can be nominated to enter; Format is 501 best of 3 leg's all rounds. No registered county players can enter this competition.
5. Whitbread Rosebowl: One female player from each team can be nominated to enter; Format is 401 best of 3 leg's all rounds. No registered county players can enter this competition.
6. Alfred Candler Memorial Cup: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £2. Drawn into groups of 4, 8 or 16 groups, with each group winner qualifying for finals night. Format is 501 best of 3 or 5 legs depending on group size.
7. 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.
8. Harry Knight All-In-Pairs Cup: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £4 per pair. Drawn into groups with each group winner qualifying for finals night. Format is 501 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs. The furthest all Female or Mixed pair will receive the Stammers Shield; a play-off may be required (a round robin if more than 2 pairs qualify).
9. 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.
10. Royal British Legion Cup: Open to any three players from divisions 2 & 3 that have fewer than 50% average in the Player of the Year tables. The league secretary will issue a list of players qualifying. Format is 1 treble 601 1 leg; 1 pair 501 1 leg; and 3 singles 401 1 leg.
11. Three-Man Team Knockout: Open to any three players from division 1 that have fewer than 60% average in the Player of the Year table. Also open to teams from divisions 2 & 3 who don't qualify for the Royal British Legion Cup. The league secretary will issue a list of players qualifying. Format is 3 singles 1001 1 leg played simultaneously on 3-boards.
12. Champion of Champions: A knockout or round robin tournament played between each divisional individual singles winners and knockout singles winners. Format is 501 best of 3 sets, 3 legs per set (if knockout); Format is 3 legs of 501 (if round robin).

## **SUMMER COMPETITIONS: PLAYER KNOCKOUTS**

1. Divisional Singles: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £2. Drawn into 2 or 4 groups per division, each group winner qualifying for finals night. Format is 501 (divisions 1 & 2) 401 (divisions 3 & 4) 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. Drawn into groups with each group winner qualifying for finals night. Format is 501 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.
3. Mixed Triples Cup: Open to all registered players with an entry fee of £5 per triple. Drawn into groups with each group winner qualifying for finals night. Format is 601 best of 3 legs, grand final best of 5 legs.

4. Champion of Champions: A knockout or round robin tournament played between each divisional individual singles winners and knockout singles winners. Format is 501 best of 3 sets, 3 legs per set (if knockout); Format is 3 legs of 501 (if round robin).

**EXTRA COMPETITIONS – Only played if sufficient numbers enter prior to date...**

1. A Pentathlon is held once a year that is open to a maximum of 20 players (16 minimum), the entry fee is £10 per player and all proceeds go forward to the Belgium travelling fund.
2. A Quadro Board Pairs Knockout is held once a year and is open to anyone, the entry fee is £3 prior to the competition or £5 on the night, format is 801 best of 3 legs and all proceeds go forward to the Belgium travelling fund.
3. Charity Fours is held once a year and is open to anyone, the entry fee is £6 per team of 4, format is 1001 beat of 3 legs all proceeds go the Beach Hut Appeal and Heart of Darts.

**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 wins or finishes runner-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 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 "Heart of Darts".
3. The league shall consist of winter and summer seasons, and therefore the maximum size of a division is 12 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 either 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.
7. Any player 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. A raised oche should be used if it's safe to do so, otherwise a well-defined line must be marked.
11. The AGM will take place in August on a Thursday evening. The AGM agenda is to be published a minimum of 21 days prior.
12. The league governing body & committee members will adjudicate any other matters arising.
13. Any complaints or incidents must be reported to the league secretary within 7-days in writing for an investigation to take place.

**ADDITIONAL TO 2007/8 WINTER SEASON:**

1. Player of the year competition is suspended for 2007/8 winter & 2008 summer seasons.
2. Divisions' 2 & 3 will have their own Bye league running... Teams have the option to opt out if they don't wish to take part. The Bye league involves playing 4 games (2 home 2 away). Format this season is 9 Singles 401 all 3-legs played. Teams require a maximum of 9 players and a minimum of 5 players. Teams with less than 9 players, have all available players placed into a blind draw for the opposing captain to draw names. Until a blind draw is used, the captains pick players as normal.
3. Secretaries 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Competition will be by invitation only
4. All teams are invited to take part in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Competition (see orange entry form for details)
5. Quiz\*Dart evening to be confirmed for 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008
6. A Charity Shield to be introduced and will be awarded to the team and/or player raising the most funds during the year... from October 2007 to September 2008

**Rules for the 2007/8 Winter Season and 2008 Summer Season, as agreed at the AGM (9<sup>th</sup> August 2007)**