

WESTERHAM DART LEAGUE

RULES (Issued 01-09-2013)

(Amended at AGM 2008)

Nomenclature and Constitution.

- 1 This Combination of Teams shall be designated the Westerham Dart League and shall consist of not more than 48 Teams who shall be full member Teams. All such Teams shall have their Home board situated within a seven mile radius of the centre of Westerham. The constituent teams shall be grouped in Divisions, not exceeding 12 teams in each Division.

Application for Membership, Subscription.

- 2 Application to join the League shall be on the Application Form as supplied by the League Secretary and completed in full and returned to the League Secretary together with the Entrance fee, which shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting each year.

The Annual Subscription is **£30.00** per team and shall be paid by the 31st August each year. The entrance fees for all Knock Out Competitions shall be payable on application for entry. No entry shall be accepted unless the entrance fee is paid.

Officers, Management, Nomination, Election.

- 3 (1) The Officers of the League shall be the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) The League shall be governed in accordance with the Rules of the Westerham Dart League by a Council to be called the League Council and consisting of one delegate from each constituent member Team.
- (3) Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers shall be nominated in writing by two members to the Secretary not later than the 30th April in each year. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nominations in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) The Council shall meet as often as is necessary.
- (5) Except where otherwise mentioned, all communication shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the League and keep a record of its proceedings.
- (6) The Council may appoint an Emergency Committee and/or such other sub-committee as they may consider necessary and may delegate all or any of their powers to such committee.

Annual General Meeting.

- 3 The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 10th July in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted:
- (1) The Minutes of the preceding A.G.M. confirmed and business arising therefrom dealt with.
 - (2) Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
 - (3) Election of Officers.
 - (4) Constitution of the League for the ensuing season.
 - (5) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
 - (6) Fix dates of playing season.
 - (7) Fix Annual Subscription and entrance fees to K.O.Competitions.
 - (8) Any other business.
 - (9) A Council Meeting shall immediately follow the A.G.M. and the following business shall be transacted
 - (1) Election of Sub Committee (Management Committee)
 - (2) Delegation of powers.
 - (10) A copy of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Team at least seven days prior to the meeting.
 - (11) Each full member Club shall be empowered to send one delegate per team to all General Meetings. Each Team shall be entitled to one vote per team.

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- (12) Teams who are not continuing membership of the League shall be entitled to attend, but shall only vote on matters relating to the season being concluded.
- (13) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands, unless a ballot be demanded by at least one third of the delegates present or the Chairman so decides.
- (14) Any continuing member Team failing to be represented at the A.G.M. shall be fined a minimum of £2 per Team not represented.
- (15) Officers shall be entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings.

Qualification of Players

- 5 (1) Any bona-fide member of a team shall be eligible to play for that team in this League provided he has not, in the current season, played for another team in the League, or previously signed for, or been registered for another team in the League.
- (2) For the purpose of this competition a bona-fide playing member of a team is one who being in all other respects eligible, has signed a fully and correctly completed League registration form in ink, witness by the Team Secretary and who has been registered with the League Secretary two days prior to playing. In the case of an emergency, one player may be registered by a team prior to the start of a match on the Extra Registration Form that is supplied to all teams at the start of the season. This form must be returned with the Result Form of the match in which the new signing played. These forms may also be used to register new players, but must be registered with the League Secretary two days before they are required to play.
- (3) Registration forms shall be obtained from the League Secretary.
- (4) The Council shall have power to accept the registration of any player and to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player they consider guilty of registration irregularities or of conduct they deem undesirable and to disqualify the player in question from participation in any or all games in the League.
- (5) A player may not be registered for a team after the 28th February except by special permission of the Council.
- (6) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall have the points for the games in which the player or players took part deducted from the score and may be fined and / or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Council. In the event of points being deducted from a teams score as the outcome of a report or protest, only such points as are associated with the match under report or protest shall be deducted.

Playing Season, Conditions of Play , Starting Time.

- 6 The Annual General Meeting shall fix the dates for the following playing season. Original Fixtures shall be arranged by the League Secretary. The normal day for League matches shall be Friday.

All matches shall be played in accordance with the following conditions:-

- (1) Minimum throw 7ft 9¼ ins to be marked.
- (2) Height of Treble Board shall be 5ft 8 ins from centre of board to floor in a perpendicular straight line.
- (3) The Home team shall be responsible for ensuring that a suitable match board is available for matches.
- (4) Teams shall consist of **SIX** players plus up to **Four substitutes** if they so wish.
- (5) A match shall consist of eleven games, Two Triples 701 up, Three Pairs 601 up and Six Singles best of 3 legs 501 up for one point per game.
- (6) All games shall be straight in, double finish (Bull to count as a double).
- (7) The **NO BUST RULE** shall apply in all games.
- (8) Matches shall be started by the **AWAY TEAM** in first game, alternating thereafter.
- (9) The time of starting shall be 8.30pm. In the event of a team arriving with less than Six but more than Three players the match must start at the appointed time. Missing players may not join a game in progress but may join later games. Any Triple or Pair may play short provided that the throw(s) of the missing player(s) is/are forfeited each time. In the event of a match not starting by 9.00pm., the aggrieved team shall have the option of applying to the League Council for the match to be discussed as a cancelled match under Rule 8 and 9 below. If a match is started after 8.30pm and is not finished by 11.00pm, the points for the games not played shall be awarded to the aggrieved team.

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- (10) Captains to mark teams players on the Match Board and Result Sheet before play commences. Home team first.
 - (11) No player other than those stated on the Match Board are allowed to play in the match.
 - (12) The first Six named players shall play the Triples games in the order stated on the match board, Before the draw for the pairs the Captains may if they wish substitute any of their players named on the match board to play in the Pairs games, Before the draw for the singles the Captains may if they wish substitute any of their players named on the match board to play in the singles games. (Note: Singles, In the event of both teams playing short and having the same number of players, ONLY that number shall be drawn so as to prevent byes.)
 - (13) The **Home** team shall be responsible for providing the marker and the **Away** team the caller. The caller shall be responsible for ensuring that the running total is correct after each throw.
 - (14) **Open board shall be declared from 8.15pm at all matches.**
- 7 All matches should be played on the date originally fixed. Teams may bring forward a match with the consent of all interested parties and the League Secretary.
- 8 Should a team wish to postpone a match, permission should be obtained in advance from the League Council and will only be given in very exceptional circumstances. Should a team otherwise fail to keep its engagement, notice of cancellation must be given without delay (by personal service or telephone) by the team cancelling to the League Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing team. In the event of a team failing to keep its engagement, or arriving with less than four players, or failing to start the match by 9.00pm without the consent of the opposing Captain, both teams shall write to the League Secretary within three days to state in full the circumstances of the cancellation. The aggrieved team should also indicate whether or not they would prefer to play the match at a later date and include any claim for expenses incurred.
- 9 All postponed and cancelled matches shall be discussed by the League Council who shall have power to award points to opponents, inflict a fine, decide the conditions of a rearrangement of the match, order the defaulting team to pay any expenses incurred by opponents or otherwise deal with the situation at their discretion. The League Council shall take into consideration when making their decision any infringement by the defaulting team of the above procedure and the wishes of the aggrieved team.
- 10 Home and Away matches shall be played. The League Council shall have the power, however, to order a match to be played on a neutral board or an opponents board if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

Result Forms

- 11 The **Home** team is required to return the **Result Form** after each League Match to the League Secretary in the addressed envelopes provided within three days of the date played. Each result form should include the Initials and Surname of all the players (In Block Letters), in the event of more than one players having the same initials and Surname, please write first names in full. Mark in the appropriate box against each player who finishes a game. Default of this Rule shall result in a minimum fine of £1.
- 12 The result form correctly completed shall be signed by the Captains of each team at the end of the match as to the details shown are correct. The League Council shall have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a team who submit a Result Form that is incorrect.

Promotion and Relegation.

- 13 The Competition shall be decided by points, the team gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. One point to be given for each game, making a total of eleven per match. In the event of two or more teams being equal on points for the top two or bottom two places in any of the League tables at the close of the Competition a deciding match shall be played under conditions arranged by the League Council.
- 14 Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first two and last two teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder:
- 1 Should more than two teams withdraw from any one Division after fixtures have commenced, no team in that Division shall be automatically relegated.

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- 2 Additional vacancies, caused by the retirement of a team or by the withdrawal of a team from the Competition, shall be filled by election.
- 3 At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the Constitutions of the divisions at their discretion.
- 4 In the event of the number of teams in a Division becoming unbalanced due to teams withdrawing or entering after the A.G.M. the Council shall have the power to re-adjust the constitutions of the Divisions prior to the start of the season, providing no teams accepted into membership at the A.G.M. is moved from one Division to another without their consent.

- 15 In the event of a team not completing its fixtures for the season, all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the League table.

- 16 Each Team shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decision of the League Council which shall be final.

Subsidiary Competitions.

The following subsidiary, Knock-out Competitions shall be held each year:

(1) League Competitions.

Singles. 501 up.

Pairs. 601 up.

ONLY players registered for member Teams in the Westerham Dart League are permitted in League Competitions.

- (1) Teams may submit as many entries as they wish for each Competition. The closing date for entries shall be fixed each year. At the time of application for entry, competitors must be registered with the League Secretary on a fully and correctly completed Registration Form.
- (2) The draw shall be made by the Council who shall fix the date and venues for each round. Matches MUST be played on the date fixed. The normal day for Competitions shall be Friday for the League the Council have the option to play a competition out on the night.) Finals will be held on Finals and Presentation Night which will be a Friday.
- (3) A match shall consist of the best of 3 legs up to the Semi-final, Semi-finals and Finals are best of 5 legs.
The **NO BUST RULE** shall apply in all games, Toss of a coin for first in and again for last game if required.
- (4) Substitute players/reserves are permitted under the Rules of registration prior to the start of a competition, and allowed subsequently as follows:
Singles, Pairs Competitions:
No substitute/reserve players will be allowed except with the prior permission of the Council, which will only be given in very exceptional circumstances.
- (5) Any team playing unregistered players or otherwise ineligible player or player's in any Competition shall have that entry disqualified from the Competition and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Council..
- (6) Matches MUST start at 8.30pm . Any player or team who is not present when called upon to play their first game will automatically be disqualified.