

THE DALES DARTS LEAGUE RULES

1. The League shall be named the Dales Darts League (hereinafter referred to as The League) and membership shall be for any Public House or Licensed Club (hereinafter referred to as a Club), that are accepted by the Clubs which are members of The League. Only one team per Club.
2. (a) A Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall be formed consisting of two representatives of each Club, plus elected Officers.
(b) Each club will have one vote on every issue.
3. Players must be registered with the League Secretary before they are eligible to compete in any of The League's competitions. Registrations may be made by telephone but must be confirmed in writing within 7 (seven) days, enclosing fee.
4. All registered players shall be signed up by 30th November.
5. All registrations shall be vetted by the Committee.
6. (a) Where an individual is convicted by Law of "assault on a landlord", then The League will have no option but to uphold the Law in respect of the individual being barred from Public Houses within the L.V.A.
(b) If an individual be barred from a particular Club, then it is up to the Landlord as to whether he/she wishes to allow the individual onto the premises to compete in any of the League's competitions, or not.
7. On paying the appropriate subscription fee, a player will receive a fixture card, which shall be the player's League Membership Card.
8. The Dart Board shall be standard, with Doubles only, bristle type, and be fixed at 5ft.6ins. from ground level to the Bull, and 9ft. from the Bull to the back-edge of the fixed throwing line.
9. Dart boards must have adequate spot-lighting at the landlord's discretion.
10. (a) Each team shall comprise of nine players.
(b) All matches shall commence at **8.45pm**.
(c) Games to be played in rotation of draw.
(d) No player shall play more than one game in a fixture.
(e) Scratching time in all competitions shall be **9.00pm**. At that time reserves must be placed in the teams for any absentee.
(f) In the event of a Club not having a full team, the offending Club shall forfeit the following:-
 - (i) League – 1 League point per absentee
 - (ii) Knock-Out – 501 Scoring Points per absentee.
11. All games in all competitions shall be 501 up, straight off, finish on a double. In the event of a player reducing his/her score, "bursts" his/her score with a later dart, then the reduced score will be recorded. Bull will count 50 in all competitions.
12. (a) Visiting Clubs will throw the first darts in each League game.
(b) The first throw for the Knock-Out shall be decided by the Captains who will throw for the Bull. The winning Captain's Club will then have the choice of throwing first or second for the Bull. The player whose dart is nearest will have the first throw in the game.
13. Each Club shall provide a Book Scorer and the Home Club shall provide a Board Checker. The latter shall ensure that the player does not encroach the playing area, and has the authority to take the appropriate action.
14. Scoring shall be for the League fixtures; 1 point per game. For the Knock-Out, the aggregate of the scoring points will determine the winning Club.
15. In the event of a tie in the Knock-Out Competition, there shall be a play-off on a neutral board at a Club most convenient to the Clubs concerned.
16. Match results to be telephoned into the League Secretary on the Tuesday played, followed by a results card to be received by the Saturday following, or the Home Club will be fined £10.00. The results card to be signed by both Captains.
17. To be eligible to play in the Knock-Out Competitions you must have been registered with The League for the previous season, or new league members must have played three out of the first seven league games.
18. Pairs Competition – If the match goes to the third and deciding leg, the two players who didn't throw to start the match will throw to the Bull.
19. The League will have a maximum of 14 teams.
20. Any matter whatsoever not covered in the foregoing rules will be considered by the Committee, whose decisions will be final and binding.