

Leicestershire Darts Organisation

Super League Rules and Playing Format

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LEICESTERSHIRE SUPER LEAGUE - PLAYING RULES AND FORMAT

1. MEMBERSHIP

Any men's or women's darts team, operating within the confines of the geographical boundaries of the county of Leicestershire is eligible to enter a team into the Leicestershire County Super League. All will be accepted at the discretion of the committee. Super League teams can be entered from other counties at the discretion of the committee

1.01

This Rule Deleted.

1.02 Each application will be considered for acceptance at the LDO AGM and only those applicants which are represented at that meeting can be allowed to enter into the respective men's or women's Super League for the ensuing playing season

1.03 Upon acceptance at an LDO AGM and the subsequent payment of all financial requirements, then a Darts team will be accepted into the men's or women's section of the Leicestershire County Super League and any darts events that are organised under the jurisdiction of the Leicestershire Darts Organisation

1.04 New teams will be allocated to an appropriate playing division by the Super League secretary where necessary

2.0 SELECTION OF A SUPER LEAGUE TEAM

2.01 The number of players that can be selected for a representative team is unlimited, but each selected player, man or woman, can only represent one Super League darts team within the county of LEICESTERSHIRE. For the women, only one outside county player may play for one Super League team at any one match. If a player has ticked yes for another county side and no to Leicestershire then that player is an outside county player.

3.0 ENTRANCE FEES AND FINANCE

3.01 Each darts team that has been formally accepted at an LDO AGM is required to pay the following fees, as laid down by the LDO Executive Council, by a stipulated date, i.e. by the 3rd game of new season. All fees, fines and other monies that may be due are to be made payable to the LEICESTERSHIRE DARTS ORGANISATION and not to any individual

3.02 BONDS

NEW TEAMS. £50.00 TO BE PAID AT AGM £30.00 TO BE RETURNED IF FIXTURES ARE FULLFILLED AT END OF SEASON.

MENS TEAM £20 per team

WOMENS TEAM £10 per team

Bonds may be carried over from the previous season

3.02.01 An additional bond the equivalent of three team match fees will be paid at the beginning of the Super League season. The existing ruling is that: if a game is not played then both sides must pay their match fees. The new rule will state that if, for whatever reason a game is cancelled and the cancelling team refuses to play then their bond will be forfeited. This will in effect pay the match fees for both sides thereby replacing the aforementioned ruling. In the event of teams fulfilling all of their fixtures, the bond will be returned by way of no match fees for the last three

scheduled fixtures at the end of the season. An additional fine of £100 men's/£50 women's will also apply to any team that refuses to play a match. If a team does not pay this fine, they will be automatically debt suspended. For an individual player to be able to play in the future seasons they must pay a percentage of this fine. The above rule must also be read in conjunction with rule 7.01 and will become item (e) under that ruling

3.03 Entrance Fees

Men's Teams £22.50 per team per match

Women's teams £10.00 per team per match

3.04 Players Registration Fee

£10.00 per man

£8.00 per woman

The registration fee includes right of entry into the Leicestershire County playoffs with the Midland Region of the World Masters Championship for the men and the World Singles Championship for the women. Registration no later than 31st December in any one season

3.05 Super League Knock Out Cup Fee £10 per men's team £10 per women's team. The Super League Knock Out Cup entry fee is **COMPULSORY**

3.06 All financial commitments to the LDO must be settled within seven days of completion of fixtures of each Super League season.

3.07 THIS RULE WAS DELETED 4.9.05

4.0 PLAYING SEASON

4.01 The Leicestershire County Super League, both men' and women's sections shall be played on an annual basis with promotion and relegation for the respective two top placed and two bottom placed teams when necessary.

4.02 The playing season shall extend from a date designated at the LDO AGM in each championship year. The LDO Executive Council reserves the right to adjust the programme of scheduled fixtures in each playing season to ensure that all Super League matches can be played within the playing season

4.03 The starting date shall be as clause 4.02 and finish in May or June respectively

5.0 CLOSE SEASON

5.01 The close season shall extend from a date designated in clause 4.02

6.0 FIXTURES

6.1 All Leicestershire County Super League championship matches shall be played on the fixture dates, unless by mutual agreement and prior knowledge by the Super League Secretary **NO CANCELLATION** (re 7.00)

Women's Super League -----Saturday (main day) Over Weekend

Men's Super League -----Saturday (main day) Over Weekend

6.02 Each Super League team shall play every other team within its respective division on a home and away basis as allocated by the Super League Secretary where applicable.

6.03 All allocated fixtures must be played and each match shall count in the respective men's and women's Super League tables

6.04 All allocated fixtures shall be scheduled to avoid clashes with known UKDA major darts events during the playing season. However, to allow any variations a week's leeway either side of the allocated fixture date is permissible, always providing that there is mutual agreement between the host and the visiting teams and that the respective Super League secretary has been duly notified. The only exception to this clause being the last match of the playing season which must be played during the period ONE week prior to and including the allocated fixture date

6.05 Any Super League team failing to complete its scheduled championship matches due to a default adjudged to be of their own making shall be liable to a fine, to be determined by the Executive Committee, or that team may be called to forfeit the league bond fee

7.0 POSTPONEMENT OF FIXTURES

7.01 Any Super League team wishing to postpone a Super League fixture may do so providing that the following conditions are met in full

(a) ONE WEEK'S NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO THE OPPOSING TEAM MANAGER AND THE RESPECTIVE SUPER LEAGUE SECRETARY

(b) NOTICE OF INTENT CAN BE GIVEN BY TELEPHONE TO THE SAME MEMBERS NAMED ABOVE

(c) THE MATCH MUST BE PLAYED WITHIN ONE CALENDER MONTH (WEATHER PERMITTED)

(d) The condition for cancelling a Super League game, it is also required that a date for the re arranged fixture is agreed by both captains prior to the date of the original fixture or the fixture will be played on the original date

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN DEDUCTION OF POINTS:
MEN'S TEAMS 4 POINTS
WOMEN'S TEAM 2 POINTS

(e) An additional fine of £100 men's / £50 women's will also apply to any team that refuses to play a match. If a team does not pay this fine, they will be automatically debt suspended. For an individual player to be able to play in the future seasons they must pay a percentage of this fine

8.0 REGISTRATION OF SUPER LEAGUE PLAYERS

8.01 All selected payers subject to their 'Eligibility' must be registered in the Leicestershire County Super League and as such shall be deemed to be playing members of the LDO

8.02 Each selected player must sign the Super League Registration form, a duplicate of which will be held for record purposes by the Super League secretary

8.03 A registration fee of £10.00 per man and £8.00 per woman is payable to the LDO before commencement of the players first game and must be paid within 14 days of their appearance

8.04 Any player found guilty of attempting to play for more than ONE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SUPER LEAGUE TEAM shall be barred from registering for any Leicestershire Super League team for the remainder of that playing season by the Executive Council

8.05 Additional registrations of new players shall be accepted up until 31st December providing payment of the necessary fees has been observed. Thereafter all other additional players will require 7 days' notice to be given to the league secretary. New players must have played 30% of the games played by the team since their sign on date in order for them to be eligible for county selection. For entry into any of the Leicestershire Darts Organisation Competitions they must play or attend 30% of the games played by the team since their sign on date. An outside county player who has not played 50% of the games or attended them will not be eligible to play in any of the competitions

8.06 In the instance of a team disbanding with debts left outstanding during a playing season, any player from that team wishing to register for another team in a new playing season shall be allowed to do so always providing that the player repays an individual share of the debt determined under investigation by the LDO Executive Committee before registering

9.0 TRANSFER OF SUPER LEAGUE PLAYERS

9.01 A player may transfer from one Super League team to another providing that the following requirements have been met:

- (a) The player has not played in any match up to that stage in the season.
- (b) Executive Council approval has been given for the transfer
- (c) A re-registration fee of £2.00 is paid by the player
- (d) A transfer fee of £2.00 is paid by the Super League team to which the player wishes to transfer to
- (e) The fees listed in (c) and (d) to be paid in full before commencement of the first game that the said player participates in

10.0 TEAM MANAGERS

10.01 A Super League team manager shall be responsible for ensuring that all players sign the match result sheet and that the detailed information relating to a Super League match has been clearly and legibly recorded prior to start of the match.

10.02 A Super League team manager is entitled to request an opposing team manager to produce the team registration form to verify the eligibility of players selected to play in that particular Super League match

11.00 PLAYING RULES

11.01 All county Super League matches shall be played under the UKDA playing rules, a copy of which is held by the county general secretary for reference. Other copies can be found on the UKDA website for player's reference

11.02 All Super League matchboards must be the same as that specified by the UKDA in accordance with their rules. A fine of £50 will be applicable for any team found to be using an incorrect board.

12.0 PLAYING FORMAT

12.01 All Leicestershire County Super League matches shall be played with the same playing format as the UKDA National League A Team matches

12.02 Each men's Super League match shall consist of 9 singles, each set comprising 7 legs of 501 up, straight start with a double or bull finish

12.03 Each women's Super League match shall consist of 5 singles, each set comprising of 5 legs of 501 up, straight start with a double or bull finish

12.04 Each set won gains one match point with 2 bonus points per overall win, results being the best of 9 or 5 respectively

12.05 A draw shall be conducted to determine the order of play for the match. The away team shall throw first in the first leg of the first set and shall throw first in the second leg of the second set and so on.

12.06 Rule amended - there is no minimum players required to play a fixture.

12.07 Men, the draw shall take place at 1.00 p.m. with a 1.30 pm deadline. Women 1.30 with a 2.00 pm deadline

12.08 Once the two captains have completed the draw and the game has started, no alterations can be made

12.09 The use of electronic scoreboards is not allowed during a Super League Match, however the use of the Darts for Windows system is allowed for averages and computerised match scoring in line with the UKDA National League

12.10 The captain of a team may ask for a player to be left until the end of the draw due to their possible late arrival. However, if they are not at the venue by the 5th game (men's) or 3rd game (women's) then their game shall be forfeited automatically handing the win point to the opposing player who was present. A further point will be deducted from the team failing to provide an opponent by the regulated time.

13.0 PENALTIES

13.01 ANY COUNTY SUPER LEAGUE TEAM FOUND GUILTY OF INFRINGING ANY OF THE CONDITIONS GOVERNING MATCH PLAY AND THE REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS SHALL INCUR THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, BY THE SUPER LEAGUE SECRETARY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE LDO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

14.0 MATCH RESULT SHEETS

14.01 All men's and women's team match scores shall be recorded by the appointed scorers on the official LDO match result sheet in the manner laid down in appendix three of these playing rules or the use of a Darts for Windows classic score sheet

14.02 Both team managers shall return their own match sheets to the respective Super League secretary to arrive no later than Wednesday following the Super League match, having checked that all details are legible and correctly recorded

14.03 The late arrival of result sheets may incur a fine to be imposed by the Super League secretary and a deduction of 2 points

15.0 VENUES FOR SUPER LEAGUE MATCHES

15.01 A County Super League match venue is the responsibility of the home team; any change of venue must be notified in writing to the respective Super League secretary so that teams may be notified before the next scheduled match

15.02 The match venue must be large enough to accommodate all the players in the two teams involved, their officials and a reasonable number of supporters

15.03 The provision of match officials is the responsibility of the home teams, which will also ensure that the MATCH DARTBOARD and RAISED OCHE regulations are adhered to, as laid down by the UKDA playing rules

15.04 The match referee shall assume complete control of a match having called the venue to order and declaring GAME ON he shall interpret all decisions, in relation to match play, in accordance with the UKDA playing rules

16.0 INTERPRETATIONS

16.01 The interpretation of the playing rules and format for the Leicestershire County Super League shall be determined by the Super League secretary

16.02 The Super League Secretary may, if required to do so, consult with other members of the LDO Executive Committee in order to reach a conclusive decision on an interpretation

16.03 Information concerning such interpretations shall be considered by the LDO Executive Committee which will make recommendations for the amendments and additions to be made to the Leicestershire County Super League playing rules and format. Recommendations made by the LDO Executive Committee will be heard in LDO Annual General Meetings

17.0 AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

17.01 Items concerning the proposed amendment of or the addition of the Leicestershire County Super League playing rules and format shall be submitted to the Super League Secretary by the 14th day before the AGM

17.02 Each submission must be made in writing, signed by the reps, in the form of a formal proposal by one Super League team, which must be seconded in a similar manner by another Super League team

17.03 Each submission must clearly indicate the specific rule and clause number involved, with precise instructions relating to the effect that an item, if adopted, shall have on the existing playing rules and format

17.04 Any submission which does not comply with the procedure laid down in 17.01 to 17.03 above shall be declared invalid and will not be placed on the agenda of the respective LDO AGM

17.05 Those submissions which are in compliance with the above procedure shall be circulated to all Super League team delegates and members of the LDO Executive Committee for consideration at Super League level prior to the LDO AGM

18.0 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

18.01 The Leicestershire Darts Organisation shall obtain or provide trophies to be presented after conclusion of all Super League matches and play-offs to the divisional

winners and the runners-up in the men's and women's section of the Leicestershire County Super League

18.02 Individual mementoes shall be presented to the players in the winning and runners-up teams as follows:

Men's team 1st Trophy and Monies, 2nd Trophy and Monies. Possible third place award monies only

Woman's team 1st / 2nd Monies Only. Monies will be awarded at Presentation night. Unless split into two divisions.

18.03 The divisional trophies are of perpetual type, they shall be played for on an Annual basis and cannot be won outright

18.04 The divisional trophies shall be lodged with the winning team, or players, for the duration of the following playing season and shall be returned to the LDO by the April 30th each year and that teams or players failing to do so shall be fined £5.00 plus cost incurred to the LDO in recovering the divisional trophies

18.05 The winning teams are to all intents and purposes the custodians of the divisional trophies and shall be held responsible for any replacement or repair of the same in the instance of loss or damage

18.06 In addition to the trophies listed in 18.01 and 18.02 above the LDO shall also obtain or provide awards /mementoes for the following winners:

- (a) County 'A' team player of the month - men and women
- (b) County 'B' team player of the month - men and women
- (c) Men's and women's singles champion and runners up
- (d) Men's and women's pairs champions and runners up
- (e) KO cup winning team trophies - men and women

18.07 The teams that win the premier divisions of the men's and women's Leicestershire County Super League shall represent LEICESTERSHIRE in the British championship cup

19.0 COUNTY

19.01 County Executive committee attendance at the discretion of the committee Managers or Selectors are allowed to vote in the next selection process even if not in attendance at the previous match

20.0 LDO OFFICAL PRESENTATION CEREMONIES

20.01 If a player is not present at a LDO official presentation ceremony to receive a trophy, memento prize or prize monies without the prior permission of the Executive Council then that player shall forfeit the right to receive such trophy, memento prize or prize monies that may be due to that player. Any player that has been suspended until the end of a season will forfeit any trophies and or prize money gained prior to that suspension

20.02 If the winning County Super League team is not present at the LDO official presentation ceremony to receive their awards the same forfeit as in 20.01 would come into action

21.0 ACCOMMODATION

21.01 Any persons (player or supporter) wishing to travel to away matches will be asked to pay their money for the hotel prior to the actual date of the match. Any persons not doing so will have to sort out their own travel and hotel arrangements. Such persons will not be entitled to any special rates arranged by the county secretary

22.0 COMPETITIONS

22.01 Any person refusing to chalk a game during any of the competitions, even if they were asked to chalk a preliminary round, will not be allowed to play in the next competition. Once a person has played and lost, they must chalk the next game

22.02 For any UKDA Competitions any player who qualifies to go through to the play offs must wear Leicestershire County Attire.

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SUPER LEAGUE **PLAYING RULES AND FORMAT**

APPENDIX ONE – APPROVED LEAGUE TABLE STRUCTURE

The Super League secretary will set out the Super League championship tables in the following manner:

- (a) Use column headings as listed TEAM P W L FR AG TOTAL The column letter code is as follows; P=PLAYED W=WON, L=LOST, FR=GAMES WON, AG=GAMES AGAINST, TOTAL=TOTAL POINTS
- (b) A legs difference record should be maintained but need not be recorded with the championship table
- (c) Penalty points shall be indicated by an asterisk alongside the right hand side of the TP column, with another asterisk and an explanation at the foot of the respective championship table

PROCEDURE FOR PLACING A TEAM IN A CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE TABLE

This procedure shall be adopted by the Super League secretary to determine the highest placed team in a championship league table in the instance of teams being tied on points

- (a) If two or more teams are tied with the same number of points then the legs difference recorded for each team, for all matches played to date, should be considered i.e. Total legs won – Total legs lost = remainder. The team with the highest remainder shall be the highest placed Conversely if the legs lost are higher than the legs won
I.E. Total legs lost – Total legs won = remainder
The team with the least remainder shall be the highest placed team I.E. Total legs lost – Total legs won== remainder The team with the least remainder shall be the highest placed team

(b) If after procedure (a) has been carried out the teams are still tied and it is necessary to determine which team is to be promoted or relegated, a deciding match shall be organised and played as a reverse fixture between the teams involved

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APPENDIX TWO – PRIZE MONIES STRUCTURE

Premier Division Champion - Money or Trophy
Runner up - Money or Trophy
MEN'S Champion 2ND as rule 18.02
Men's 3rd - Money or Trophy

WOMEN'S. Champion + 2nd as rule 18.02

S/L Average 1 / 2nd MEN'S/WOMEN'S MONIES

TONS WINNER " " TROPHY
H/FINISH WINNER " " TROPHY
180 WINNER " " TROPHY
AS PER RULE 8.05

K.O.Cup
Champions Trophy plus monies
Runner up Trophy plus monies
AS PER RULE 8.05.

Mixed pairs / mixed triples / Singles / Men's Pairs / Women's Pairs MONIES IN AND MONIES OUT As per Rule 8.05.

Gold cup Winners must go through to finals Single and Pairs. NO OUTSIDE COUNTY PLAYERS. will receive a reward at the next stage of competition as set out by the UKDA

GRAND PRIX POINTS on all Super League competitions, Super League WINS, All County wins/reserves. Plus, our UKDA/ England Comps.

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APPENDIX THREE – MATCH RESULT SHEETS –STANDARD METHODS

This appendix has been drawn up to provide a standard method of recording all the information on the official Leicestershire County Super League match result sheet, which if adhered to, can provide an 'at a glance' record of a player's performance whether the player won or lost. An official match result sheet, see item 14.0, has been completed using the standard method for your reference when considering the guidelines listed below

- (1) Starting at the top of the sheet it is important that all relevant details are completely written in i.e. date, venue, and team names. Players name plus their signatures, team managers signatures. With the exception of the signatures all information should be printed in BLOCK capitals
- (2) In the player's name columns, it is essential that a player's full name is printed. I.E. David Jones and not D Jones. Team managers must ensure that the player's name entered on the match result sheet is the same as that given on the team registration form. It must also be stressed that every player's name is presented in the same manner in each match, or the Super League secretary could make out separate players records for what could be considered to be two or more persons.
- (3) In each leg the following information must be recorded:
 - (a) The actual number of darts thrown by a player including 'GAME SHOT' and 'NO' score throw
 - (b) Game shot includes the total score for one, two or possibly three darts used in the last throw of the leg. This should be recorded as GS/1 or GS/2 or GS/3 or +1, +2, +3
 - (c) For the loser one must record the 'score left' in the named column and for the winner one must record the winning score in the game shot column
 - (d) If a player fails to score or busts then the scores column for that throw should be marked N/S, NEVER leave a blank on this type of throw or it may be possible to enter the next score in the wrong column which will create an incorrect player's performance record
 - (e) Scores recorders are required to put a circle, in red, around three figure scores but a square around 170 and over
 - (f) If a team has not got the required number of players to field a full team, a player from the opposition can still play for an average by playing a stand in player, where possible this is the player that has recorded the highest winning average in the team that is short. If this occurs BOTH scores are to be recorded but the stand in players name is not entered.
 - (g) Sheets should be checked by both recorders before being sent to the Super League secretary It's essential that all Super League scores recorders adopt this standard

method when recording match information so that the Super League secretary is able to produce an accurate and correct record of each Super League player's performance