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# **DARTS CORNER**

## **NATIONAL LEAGUE DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Comprising of  
**MEN'S 'A' TEAMS**

**WOMEN'S 'A' TEAMS**

**MEN'S 'B' TEAMS**

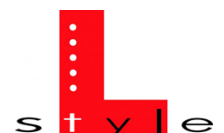
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Darts Corner National League Darts Championships are integral to the UKDA playing system and is responsible for producing players who regularly go on to achieve success at national, international, world and professional levels within the sport. Played approximately every 3-4 weeks, typically from September to May/June, the Darts Corner National League is comprised of 46 English National League Organisations and 7 Welsh National League Organisations, which produces a combined total of 5 divisions – Premiership, Championship, One, Two and Three in England and Wales.

Each National League Organisation (titled “NLOs”) field a Men’s and Women’s A and B teams, each team consisting of 12 men players and 6 women players. This produces a total of 36 players (men and women) per NLO competing at National League level approximately every 3-4 weeks throughout the season. The points scored produce annual league tables. Each NLO has its own Super League from which players are selected to represent their Organisation at National League level. This produces thousands of UKDA players (men, women, and youth) who compete within the Darts Corner National League and their respective Organisations’ Super League annually.

## 2. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

All current and fully financially compliant and Associate NLOs are eligible to UKDA participate in the United Kingdom Darts Association Darts Corner National League.

## 3. ADMINISTRATION

The National League shall be administered as follows:

### 3.1 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE DIRECTOR

- A The National League Director shall be appointed from the current Board of UKDA Directors.
- B The UKDA National League Director shall oversee the operation of the National League.

### 3.2 NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

- A The Board of Directors shall approve the appointment of Divisional Administrators, who shall be jointly responsible for controlling the UKDA National League

## 4. FINANCE

### 4.1 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE ANNUAL FEES

- A Fees Payable being:
  - i Annual Full NLO Membership Fee £10.00
  - ii Public Liability, Trophy, Equipment Insurance £100.00
  - Sub-Total of £110.00
  - iii UKDA National League Entry Fee £800.00

UKDA fees are payable, within the current playing season, as follows:

Annual Full NLO Membership Fee	30 <sup>th</sup> September	£10.00
Insurance Fee(s)	30 <sup>th</sup> September	£100.00
National League Fees (1)	31 <sup>st</sup> October	£200.00
National League Fees (2)	30 <sup>th</sup> November	£300.00
Super League Player Fees	31 <sup>st</sup> December	£10.00
	(x number of S/L Players)	
National League Fees (3)	31 <sup>st</sup> January	£300.00
Total Payable (Exc. £10.00 per S/L Player)		£1,110.00

## B NON-PAYMENT PENALTY CLAUSES

Failure to pay the UKDA Membership and Insurance Fees (£110.00) by 30<sup>th</sup> September will incur penalties as set out below:

- i An automatic (pre-)season deduction of 12 National League penalty points (attributed to the Promotion Table)*
- ii 3 Point deduction from each of the NLO Team Tables (Men's A, Men's B, Women's A and Women's B Tables)*

## C PAYMENT ARREARS PENALTY CLAUSE

(Applicable to NLOs more than 2 months in arrears with payments)

- i The Board of Directors agreed to impose an additional penalty to the effect that an NLO shall forfeit the right to receive any money due at the end of Playing Season in question*

## 4.2 MATCH PROGRAMME FEE

These are set out as follows:

Divisions: Premiership, Championship, One	£4.00 per programme *
Divisions: Two, Three	£3.00 per programme

\* The additional £1.00 charge for Divisions Premiership, Championship and One programmes re to assist with the funding of the payers of the weekend incentive prizes that are allocated as agreed for each fixture by the NLOs in each of these divisions.

## 5. UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

### 5.1 PLAYING GROUPS

- A** The NLOs that have committed to participation in the UKDA National League shall be formed into 'Playing Groups' (England and Wales NLOs shall be combined to form such Playing Groups) for the 2022/2023 playing season:

PREMIERSHIP	12 TEAMS
CHAMPIONSHIP	12 TEAMS
DIVISION ONE	10 TEAMS
DIVISION TWO	10 TEAMS
DIVISION THREE	9 TEAMS

## 5.2 DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

Each Division shall comprise of a set number of NLOs, as determined by the total number of NLOs in membership with the UKDA, with the NLOs situated in England and Wales forming divisions: Premiership, Championship, One, Two and Three.

## 5.3 LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Under the criteria as set out in their respective Super League system, each member NLO shall select, for participation in each of their UKDA National League fixtures, 4 Teams as follows:

Men's A Team,  
Women's A Team  
Men's B Team  
Women's B Team

## 5.4 PLAYING SEASON

- A The UKDA National League shall be played on an annual basis.
- B Each Playing Season shall be set, per division, extending from no earlier than August and end by the officially scheduled final fixture date issued by the UKDA.
- C No fixture shall be scheduled or rearranged to take place on a date that does not fall within the playing season.
- D The UKDA reserves the right to adjust the programme of scheduled fixtures in each playing season to ensure that all matches can be played with the playing season

## 5.5 FIXTURE DATES

- A The UKDA Board of Directors shall liaise with the UKDA National League Director in drawing up a series of fixture dates to cover 5 full seasons and shall be set, taking into consideration the known major player participation darts events occurring in the respective playing season.
- B Regard shall be given in striving to maintain a three / four week interval between each National League scheduled fixture, although there is no guarantee of this.
- C Fixture dates are available on the UKDA website and are updated on an annual basis.

## 5.6 DIVISIONAL NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURE ALLOCATIONS

- A Each National League Divisional Administrator shall allocate match fixtures to the series of approved fixture dates for the member NLOs within their respective division
- B Each National League Divisional Administrator shall strive to ensure that no NLO must fulfil a greater number of away fixtures than home fixtures in any 2 consecutive seasons, although there can be no guarantee of this.

## 5.7 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES – TEAM STRUCTURE

Each respective National League fixture shall comprise of the team matches, as set below:

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Men's 'A' team match | 1 Women's 'A' team match |
| 1 Men's 'B' team match | 1 Women's 'B' team match |

## 5.8 FIXTURE PLAYING SCHEDULES

- A Each Member NLO shall play every other member NLO in its respective division, either home or away, as allocated by the respective Divisional Administrator.
- B Men's and Women's 'B' team matches shall be played on the Saturday of the allocated fixture weekend.
- C Men's and Women's 'A' team matches shall be played on the Sunday of the allocated fixture weekend.
- D On each day, the Women's team matches shall be played before the Men's team matches commence.
- E All allocated fixtures must be played in their entirety and shall all count in the UKDA National League tables.

## 5.9 NON-FULFILMENT OF FIXTURE OBLIGATIONS

Any member NLO not fulfilling its scheduled National League fixtures, due to a default, adjudged to be of their own making, shall be liable to suspensions, fines and any other penalties the UKDA Board of Directors may deem suitable.

## 5.10 RE-ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES

- A In cases of unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, a NLO may apply to rearrange a fixture. This is permissible providing:
  - i *The allocated 'Away' NLO is not to rearrange any match dates except in extreme and unavoidable, extenuating circumstances and must be sanctioned by the National League Administrator.*
  - ii *In the instance(s) of problems with securing a match venue, the allocated 'Home' NLO may rearrange only 1 match fixture per season.*
  - iii *There is mutual agreement between the NLOs involved.*



- iv That the respective Divisional Administrator is officially informed.
- v That the UKDA National League Director is officially informed.

The only exception being that no fixture in each playing season may be arranged to take place on any date after the allocated date of the final fixture.

## 6. MATCH VENUE REQUIREMENTS

### 6.1 VENUE SPECIFICATIONS

- A** When selecting a venue for the staging of a National League fixture, the host NLO must ensure that the following points are taken into consideration:
- i *The presentation of a National League match must be up to acceptable standards as required by the UKDA.*
  - ii *The Host NLO shall ensure that the conditions of use appertaining to suitable premises for the match venue should allow that only the darts shall be played during the period of use for a Darts Corner UKDA National League match. Such terms shall not exclude the running of a raffle, or tote, nor the playing of background music in the venue at times suitable to the playing schedule of the matches being played.*
  - iii *Both the Home and Away NLOs shall ensure that all members of their respective NLOs shall comply with all the Rules and Regulations that are applicable to a venue being used to present a National League match (this is not limited to only the Players during this period).*
  - iv *The host NLO shall advise the visiting NLO if children are NOT allowed into the match venue.*
  - v *The host NLO shall advise the visiting NLO of any applicable rules or policies regarding any age, or other, limitations set out by and/or enforced by the venue.*
  - vi *It is strongly recommended that the match venue be compliant with all statutory legislation appertaining to disabled and wheelchair access, plus the provision of disabled toilet and other facilities. Should any NLO match venue be non-compliant in any of the foregoing, then it is the host NLO's responsibility to advise all visiting NLOs accordingly, at least 6 weeks prior to any National League fixture being hosted.*
  - vii *The match venue must be capable of catering for all the players, officials, and supporters of both NLOs attending that fixture*
  - viii *A hot food facility shall be made available at, or in close vicinity to, all playing venues.*

### 6.2 WI-FI CONNECTION

- A** It is preferable for each venue to have Wi-Fi facility suitable for connection of computers to the internet (to allow for live scoring and to send match database immediately after the fixture has concluded)
- B** If in-house Wi-Fi is not available, then it is the duty of the host NLO to inform the visiting NLO of this fact at least 6 weeks prior to the fixture.

- C If Wi-Fi is not available, then providing there is ample signal strength, mobile internet devices, dongles, hubs, or other applications may be used.

### 6.3 MATCH PLAY – VISUAL PRESENTATION

- A The UKDA shall not be held responsible for any financial commitment incurred with any match venues used the Member NLOs for the purpose of presenting a National League match.
- B The UKDA shall not be held responsible for the actions of any person(s) at a match venue used by a Member NLO for the purpose of presenting a National League match.
- C The UKDA Board of Directors reserve the right to visit any match venue for the purpose of an assessment of suitability for presenting a National League match.
- D The UKDA Board of Directors will uphold and support any bans or suspensions imposed by venues on any person(s) or team(s) within the UKDA National League structure – the venues decision is final. UKDA sanctions may be used dependent on investigation and enquiry.

## 7. MATCH PRESENTATION

### 7.1 STAGE SPECIFICATIONS

- A The stage for a National League match shall comprise of a raised platform minimum 6in (15.2cm) of dimensions that will cater for a throwing distance and standing space as per UKDA General Playing Rules. i.e., 144 in (365.8cm) along a horizontal line from the stage edge to a plumb line at the face of the dartboard. There be a minimum of 18in (45.7cm) from the top of the dartboard to the ceiling. Stage width should be sufficient to permit the match MC, any markers, and players to be present without congestion or interference with match play.
- B Allowances must be made in board height for any 'raked' stage.

### 7.2 STAGE SETTING

- A The stage setting for a National League match must be up to acceptable standards as required the UKDA.
- B The host NLO shall ensure the only UKDA approved tournament dartboards are used in the presentation of a National League match on stage.
- C The oche dimensions shall be as laid down in the UKDA General Playing Rules.
- D The visiting NLO shall be invited to verify all dimensions are correct prior to the commencement of a fixture.
- E The logos for the UKDA, the UKDA National League title sponsor, and the respective divisional sponsor, must be displayed as part of the Stage Setting by the NLO hosting a fixture, and each be no less than A3 size.



### 7.3 PRACTICE FACILITY

- A The host NLO shall also provide at least Two practice dartboards of the same specification and manufacture and set at the same standard oche dimensions.
- B One practice board shall be for the exclusive use of players of each NLO that have been selected to play on that day of the scheduled National League fixture.
- C Such practice boards shall be restricted to 'Practice Only'.

### 7.4 DARTBOARDS & DIMENSIONS

- A All UKDA Events must be played on dartboards that meet the approved specifications, as laid down in the UKDA General Playing Rules.
- B Currently, the UKDA stipulated dartboard for all UKDA National League matches, is the Mission Samurai II dartboard.  
*\* For 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons, the stipulated dartboard for all UKDA National League matches is to be the Samurai Infinity dartboard.*
- C A new dartboard shall be provided for each fixture and that dartboard is to be rotated after each series of 6 sets throughout the match.

### 7.5 DARTBOARD LIGHTING

- A Dartboards used in UKDA National League stage match-play shall be adequately lit by either:
  - i *At least Two suitably positioned light fittings of 1600 LM (100 Watts) minimum intensity, or*
  - ii *A commercially manufactured low-power LED board surrounding lighting system.*
- B All stage lighting systems shall be designed in a manner that diverts all direct light away from the Players eyes when standing at the oche.
- C Practice board lighting shall replicate as close as possible the lighting system used on stage board.
- D If an LED lighting surround is used for the stage board, then a surround of the same design must be used on all practice boards.

## 8. PRE-SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

### 8.1 MATCH VENUE NOTIFICATON – HOST NLO RESPONSIBILITY

- A At least 6 weeks prior to the allocated fixture date, the host Member NLO shall supply the visiting Member NLO with the full details of the match venue. These details include:

- i Full name of the match venue.*
- ii Full postal address, post code and telephone number of the match venue.*
- iii A detailed road map of the general location of the match venue with the exact position of the match venue clearly marked indicating the best route(s) of access from the main highways.*
- iv The scheduled starting time of matches.*

## **8.2 PLAYING SQUAD NOTIFICATION – BOTH NLOs RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A** Visiting Member NLOs shall supply the host Member NLO with the National League squad lists at least 6 weeks before the allocated fixture date, to enable the completion of match programme compilation.
- B** Most Member NLOs now adopt the squad system for each National League match. A list of such squads should be forwarded by each Member NLO to its opponents, the respective Divisional Administrator and Regional Operations Manager for the playing season before the start of any matches so as to avoid any delays in setting up the match programmes. This should include the names of any players or officials banned from the premises or event held under the auspices of the host Member NLO.
- C** All Member NLOs reserve the right to amend, and / or add, to the published squads listed in the match programme for a National League match.

## **8.3 ACCOMMODATION BOOKING – HOST NLO RESPONSIBILITIES**

The host Member NLO Secretary or Organiser, is only responsible for nominating suitable accommodation for the use of the visiting Member NLO. Such information should be circulated to visiting Member NLO Secretaries and the UKDA Commercial Director, prior to the start of the playing season.

## **8.4 ACCOMMODATION BOOKING – VISITING NLO RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A** It is the visiting Member NLOs responsibility for making advance booking(s), and providing rooming lists as required by the hotel management, and for settling all financial commitments incurred during a visit.
- B** Member NLO Secretaries, or Organisers, must advise all their personnel of their responsibilities for settling all personal financial commitments to the hotel, before leaving the on the Sunday morning, in particular for any items or hotel services as charged to their room bills at the hotel.
- C** Member NLOs should appoint One person to be responsible for group bookings using the UKDA Partner Hotel Brochure. Bookings must be done via:  
[www.hotel.bookings@ukdartsassociation.com](mailto:www.hotel.bookings@ukdartsassociation.com) to qualify for partner rates, no need to contact hotels direct. Only to be used for UKDA National League and UKDA Events. Bookings are monitored and any breach will be cancelled immediately. For all bookings, the nominated team booker is responsible for amendments, cancellations, rooming list and payments.

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## 8.5 UKDA DISCLAIMERS – ACCOMMODATION

- A The UKDA shall not be held responsible for any financial commitments incurred with any hotels used by the Member NLO when attending a National League match.
- B The UKDA shall not be held responsible for the actions of any person(s) at a hotel used by Member NLOs for the purpose of attending a National League match.
- C The Board of Directors will uphold and support any bans or suspensions imposed by hotels on any person(s) or team(s) within the UKDA National League structure. The hotels decision is final. UKDA sanctions may be used, dependent on investigation and enquiry.

## 9. MATCH PROGRAMMES

### 9.1 MANDATORY REQUIREMENT

- A It is mandatory that every scheduled National League match must have a printed match programme and the host Member NLO is responsible for arranging the compilation and printing.
- B Failure to produce a match programme will incur a fine as approved by the UKDA, which will be imposed by the respective National League Divisional Administrator, who shall inform the UKDA Director with financial responsibility of the imposition of the fine.

### 9.2 APPROVED CONTENT

The printed match programme shall provide details including at least: match venue, start times of the schedule matches, the full forenames and surnames of players that constitute the Men's and Women's team squad for both participating teams.

### 9.3 CHAMPIONSHIP LOGOS

- A The logos for the National League Championship Cup, the UKDA and the Sponsors/Partners must be incorporated into the match programme cover layout.
- B The artwork for all UKDA logos will be forwarded to all Member NLOs from UKDA Marketing.

### 9.4 CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO VENUE

- A The purchase of the match programme shall secure the admission of one person into both days of the advertised 'A' and 'B' team matches for that fixture only.
- B NLO organisers should state on their programmes that:

- i The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission, if necessary, without assigning a reason for so doing.*
- ii The organisers reserve the right to eject any person(s) from a match venue without assigning a reason for so doing.*
- iii Any person(s) found consuming drink, which has not been purchased on the premises, shall be liable to be ejected from the premises for at least the duration of the match in question. This shall also apply to food if the venue has an on-site food sales facility.*

## **9.5 STATISTICAL CONTENT**

Wherever possible the Host NLO shall include the latest set of league tables for their respective division, which will be supplied by the NLO's respective National League Divisional Administrator.

## **9.6 ADMISSION CHARGE**

- A** The match programme shall be sold at a price, which is subject to review by the Board of Directors in each playing season. (See Section 4.2)
- B** Admission fees and programme monies, for a National League match, are not refundable and are to be retained by the host NLO.

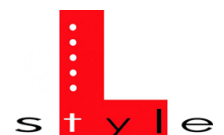
## **9.7 MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS**

- A** Programme – National League Director copy – The host NLO shall send one edition of the relevant match programme to the respective National League Divisional Administrator to be received by the first post on the Wednesday following each home fixture.
- B** UKDA Terms of Compliance – All match programmes are issued subject to the Rules and Regulations as laid down by the UKDA. In the interest of maintaining the standard of match presentation and promotion, the Board of Directors reserves the right to advise, and instruct NLO Secretaries on the content and quality of match programmes.
- C** UKDA National League Title Sponsorships – In those instances where an overall sponsorship for the National League Championships has been secured, the host Member NLO shall ensure that such wording and logos deemed necessary to convey the sponsor's involvement in the Championship shall be incorporated on the programme cover, or within the contents of the programme, as per UKDA National League Playing Rules and Format. These include wording/logos, as instructed by the UKDA for Darts Corner, divisional title sponsors and any deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The artwork for all UKDA logos will be forwarded to all NLOs from UKDA Marketing.

## **10. TEAM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

### **10.1 REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS**

- A** Each Member NLO shall complete a National League Team Registration Form as supplied by the UKDA.



- B** The Member NLO Secretary or Organiser shall ensure that all details as required are correctly entered on the team registration form.
- C** The team registration form shall be returned to the respective National League Divisional Administrator by no later than the relevant UKDA Annual General Meeting as being the official closing date for acceptance of Member NLOs into the National League championships for that season.
- D** Any Member NLO failing to meet the submission criteria shall be liable to a fine of £100.00 being imposed by the respective National League Divisional Administrator, who shall also inform the UKDA Financial Director of the imposition of the fine.
- E** Each National League Divisional Administrator shall forward the team registration form information to the Director responsible for collating the UKDA Directory with further copies to the UKDA Headquarters, UKDA National League Director, UKDA Registrar and UKDA Financial Director.

## 11. PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

### 11.1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Subject to any restrictions incurred because of disciplinary proceedings or restrictions under the International Player Registration criteria each player that has completed and signed a UKDA Super league Membership Application Form as a bona fide and registered member of a UKDA NLO super league is eligible for selection into the respective men's and women's National League playing squads.

### 11.2 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

This section of the form necessitates the requirement for the respective players to complete in full all details on a UKDA National League players form of registration & agreement for the UKDA National League darts championships.

### 11.3 REGISTRATION CRITERIA

- A** All National League players, both male and female, must sign an official UKDA registration/agreement form for each playing season, declaring which Member NLO they will be playing for.
- B** A player may only register for one Member NLO and may only play for that Member NLO during that playing season.
- C** Any player discovered to have signed for more than one Member NLO in one playing season shall be suspended for the remainder of that playing season.

### 11.4 DECLARATION OF NATIONALITY

- A** A player shall also declare his/her nationality (i.e., English, Scottish, Welsh, or Other on the official UKDA registration/agreement form when registering for a Member NLO.



- B** This point of reference must be checked by the Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, deemed responsible for the collation of the Member NLO team squad's records.
- C** A player's Nationality is defined by one of the four conditions as being:
- i The player's own country of birth, OR*
  - ii The player's father's own country of birth, OR*
  - iii The player's mother's own country of birth, OR*
  - iv By proving that the player is currently residing in and has resided in the country for which (s)he wishes to play, for a term of not less than 3 years. Such proof may be provided by information from the Electoral Roll.*

### **11.5 VERIFICATION**

The UKDA registration/agreement form must be countersigned by the Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser appointed to that duty, and who shall be responsible for the accuracy of all the registration details.

### **11.6 DECLARATIONS**

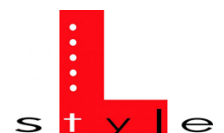
All players must be registered under their own names, no aliases or substitute names shall be allowed.

### **11.7 UKDA COMMITMENT**

In the act of signing the official UKDA registration/agreement form, a player shall undertake to play within, and abide by, all the Rules and Regulations of the UKDA, and if found to be in breach of any of the Rules and Regulations then that player shall accept that (s)he is liable to disciplinary proceedings in respect of such breach, always providing that the player's Right of Appeal is properly maintained.

### **11.8 START OF SEASON REGISTRATIONS**

- A** The UKDA shall provide to each Member NLO a form headed 'List of National League Players Registered at Start of Season' on which must be listed those players that have been registered to form the Teams at the of the relevant season and thereby confirm the NLOs ability to compete in the UKDA National League.
- B** The numbers of players listed on the initial submission of this form must be sufficient to complete a full National League fixture (i.e., a minimum of 21 Men and 10 Women, allowing for reserves).
- C** The form to be forwarded, together with the completed and signed UKDA registration/agreement forms of the players that are listed, to be in the hands of the respective National League Divisional Administrator by 1<sup>st</sup> August or at the UKDA Annual General Meeting in each playing season.
- D** Failure to comply will be interpreted as a declaration of withdrawal from participation in the UKDA National League for that respective season.





## 11.9 MID-SEASON REGISTRATIONS

To avoid any duplication on the UKDA database system, all new players as properly registered at any match during the season shall be included in the email as sent with the relevant DfW database as follows:

- i New UKDA National League players – should be listed as:  
John Smith – Not previously registered as a UKDA National League player,  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_*
- ii Players previously registered with another NLO should be listed as:  
John Brown – Previously registered with \_\_\_\_\_ NLO,  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_*
- iii Players returning to same NLO after more than 1 season absence to be listed as:  
John Green – Last played for \_\_\_\_\_ NLO in season \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_,  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_*

## 11.10 ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS – CRITERIA

- A** Additional players may be registered for a Member NLO at any time during the playing season providing the following are followed:
  - i On each occasion the UKDA registration/agreement form must be countersigned by an authorized signatory from the opposing Member NLO.*
  - ii Such countersigning must take place before a player may play for his/her respective Member NLO.*
  - iii For the purpose of fairness, it is recommended that any players that been registered after the initial 1<sup>st</sup> September issue should play at least one match in the 'B' team before being allowed to play in an 'A' team match. Note – Although worded as a recommendation, any excessive abuse of this practice could lead to the imposition of penalties by the Board of Directors.*

## 11.11 RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

With the exception of international players, no residential qualifications are enforced when selecting players to represent a Member NLO, but all selected players must be registered playing members of the Member NLOs own super league, wherever they may live.

## 11.12 INTERNATIONAL PLAYER REGISTRATION CRITERIA

- A** A Member NLO may only register One man or woman overseas full international player in any one playing season.
- B** A Member NLO may only register Two current home full international men players unless the players reside in that county.
- C** A Member NLO may only register One current home international woman player unless the player resides in that county.

### 11.13 EXEMPTIONS

- A** An international player residing outside a Member NLO area and who has played for that Member NLO for a minimum of five seasons, shall be exempt from the above clauses.
- B** A National League player residing outside a Member NLO area, who attains international status whilst playing for that Member NLO shall also be exempt from the above clauses.
- C** Any overseas full international player that has played for playing season and has taken up full term residency in either England, Scotland, or Wales, is eligible to apply for exemption from the above clauses.

### 11.14 RE-REGISTRATION

No National League player shall re-register for the existing NLO or register for a different NLO until after the end of the current general season (i.e., after 30<sup>th</sup> June)

### 11.15 MID SEASON TRANSFER

- A** A player who is registered for a Member NLO but has not yet played for that NLO in the current playing season, may apply for a transfer to another Member NLO by making an application in writing to the respective National Divisional Administrator in charge of the players existing Member NLO. The application must be made on NLO headed notepaper through the NLO Secretary to which the player wishes to transfer.
- B** A copy of the application must also be sent to the Secretary of the players existing Member NLO.
- C** The National League Divisional Administrator shall then authorize the transfer subject to any objection(s) or problem(s), in which instance the transfer application shall be referred to the National League Director together with a report by the respective National League Divisional Administrator.

### 11.16 POST SEASON PLAYER RELEASE

- A** National League players wishing to change from one NLO to another, after the end of the playing season, shall be eligible to do so, subject to the granting of a release application the Member NLO as previously registered with.
- B** A Member NLO may withhold a release until such time as all articles deemed to be the property of the NLO have been returned, and all legitimate financial commitments to the existing NLO have been met in full by the player wishing to change to another NLO.

### 11.17 RELEASE APPLICATION

- A** It is the players responsibility to submit a form of application for release.
- B** A form for this use will be made available on the UKDA website.

- C The form of application can be completed on their behalf by another party, but the player must sign the form as acknowledgement of intent.
- D No application for release will be granted by a National League Divisional Administrator unless it is supplemented with the original and signed form of application for release.

#### **11.18 RELEASE FORMS**

- A Copies of the completed release form shall be made available to the respective Member NLO Secretaries to the players concerned, and to the respective National League Divisional Administrator for the Member NLOs that are involved.
- B A copy of the completed release form should be attached to the players new registration form when it is submitted to the relevant National League Divisional Administrator so that the UKDA National League system can be adjusted to accommodate the transfer of the player from one NLO to another.

### **12. PLAYING ATTIRE & NATIONAL LEAGUE ORGANISATION UNIFORM**

#### **12.1 NATIONAL LEAGUE ORGANISATION PLAYING ATTIRE**

The National League Organisation playing attire shall comprise of playing shirt, playing trousers/skirt, and permitted footwear detailed below

#### **12.2 PLAYING SHIRTS & PLAYING SHIRT COLOURS**

- A All Member NLOs shall declare their playing shirt colours on the official NLO registration form prior to the start of the respective playing season.
- B Each NLO's Men's and Women's teams and reserves playing shirts must be uniform in colour and style.

#### **12.3 PLAYING TROUSERS / SKIRTS**

- A All Member NLOs shall declare their playing trouser / skirt colours on the official NLO registration form prior to the start of the respective playing season, Black and/or Grey is permitted.
- B The wearing of jeans, trousers or skirts made from denim or corduroy material is not permitted.
- C The wearing of any form of 'tracksuit' attire is not permitted.
- D Each NLO's Men's and Women's teams and reserves playing trousers and skirts must be uniform in colour.

#### **12.4 FOOTWEAR**

- A For Men and Women players, all footwear shall be predominantly Black, Brown or Grey.



- B** Footwear shall conform to shoes, trainers, ankle, and knee length boots only.
- C** The wearing of footwear manufactured in 'flip flop', or 'sandal' style will not be permitted unless worn for certificated medical reasons and approved as such by the UKDA National League Director.

#### **12.5 HEADGEAR**

- A** No headgear shall be worn unless officially permitted as follows:
  - i As prescribed by statute on religious grounds (e.g., A Sikh would qualify for such permission).*
  - ii In cases of bona fide and medically certificated health reasons.*
- B** The wearing of earphones or similar sound transmitting devices other than for medical reasons is not permitted.

#### **12.6 SWEATBANDS**

- A** The wearing of wrist sweatbands is permissible.
- B** The wearing of forehead sweatbands is not permissible unless sanctioned under Rule 12.5.

#### **12.7 OUTER GARMENTS**

The playing attire must not be partially or fully covered by a cardigan, pullover, sweater, jacket, waistcoat, blazer or scarf at any time during Matchplay involving the respective player.

#### **12.8 PLAYING ATTIRE – GENERAL CRITERIA**

- A** All 'selected', and 'reserve' NLO players must wear the playing attire that has been provided or approved by their Member NLO when representing that Member NLO either by playing in or attending as a reserve at a UKDA National League match.
- B** All National League players representing their Member NLO at regional play-offs and Great Britain finals of any darts event under the jurisdiction of the UKDA, or any of its subsidiaries, shall wear the official NLO playing attire.
- C** NLO Organisers are advised to have suitable 'advertising free' NLO playing attire available for any occasions when any advertising rights applicable to an event are likely to be infringed.

#### **12.9 NATIONAL LEAGUE UNIFORM**

The NLO uniform may consist of the NLO playing attire plus any other designated garments which are considered by the respective team to constitute the official NLO uniform for its registered players. Such additional garments as detailed above shall not be worn by players whilst participating in National League Matchplay.



## 12.10 DRESS CODE – OFFICIALS

- A All National League Officials must be suitably dressed in the attire as approved by the respective NLO.
- B Outer garments shall be as approved by the respective NLO.
- C Match referees and MCs shall be dressed as per (A) and (B) above or in a manner that befits their role.

## 13. PLAYING FORMAT

### 13.1 MATCH FORMAT

Playing formats shall be as follows:

Men's 'A'  
All Divisions - 12 x Sets - Each Set being the best of 7 legs 501 up.

Men's 'B'  
Premiership and Championship - 12 x Sets - Each Set being the best of 7 legs 501 up.  
Divisions One, Two and Three - 12 x Sets - Each Set being the best of 5 legs 501 up.

Women's 'A'  
All Divisions - 6 x Sets - Each Set being the best of 5 legs 501 up.

Women's 'B'  
All Divisions - 6 x Sets - Each Set being the best of 5 legs 501 up.

The UKDA Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the UKDA National League.

### 13.2 PLAYER DART AVERAGES [DAV]

Calculated by multiplying legs played by 501, subtracting any scores left, and dividing this figure by the number of darts thrown.

### 13.3 PLAYER DYNAMIC DART AVERAGES [DDAV]

Calculated by adding 1 bonus point to the 'DAV' for each set won.

### 13.4 TEAM DARTS AVERAGE

Calculated thus: The Team's total points scored divided by the Teams total darts used.

## 14. MATCHPLAY – INTER TEAM 'A' TO 'B' AND 'B' TO 'A' TRANSFERS

### 14.1 'A' TEAM TO 'B' TRANSFER CRITERIA

- A No 'A' team player, man or woman, shall be eligible to play in a National League 'B' match unless that player had lost or not played in that team's previous 'A' match in the current season.

- B** Regardless of which National League Team a player was registered with this Rule does not apply retrospectively to any previous season.

#### **14.2 'B' TEAM TO 'A' TRANSFER CRITERIA**

A player having played solely for the 'B' Team in their most recent previous appearance in the current season shall be eligible to play in either the 'B' Team, the 'A' Team, or both the 'B' and 'A' Teams of that players next appearance in the current season. This applies regardless of any absence(s) between the

players most recent previous appearance solely in the 'B' Team, and their next appearance, within the current season.

### **15. MATCHPLAY – PARTICIPATION IN BOTH 'B' AND 'A' TEAMS IN THE SAME WEEKEND**

#### **15.1 PLAYERS WITH CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO A PARTICULAR NLO**

A player who was registered for the respective NLO in the previous season will only be eligible for selection into both the 'B' and 'A' teams of his or her first UKDA National League match of the current season if that players' last appearance in the previous season was in the 'B' team.

#### **15.2 NEWLY REGISTERED PLAYER**

A player who was not registered for the respective NLO in the previous season will be eligible for selection into either the 'B' or 'A' team only of his or her first UKDA National League match of the current season. i.e., such a player cannot play in both 'B' and 'A' teams.

#### **15.3 OTHER RELEVANT CRITERIA**

- A** A player winning a match in the 'A' team cannot be selected for the 'B' team in the following match in the current season.
- B** A player losing a match in the 'A' team can be selected for the 'B' team in the following match in the current season but cannot also play in the 'A' team of that match.
- C** If a players most recent previous appearance in the current season was in the 'A' Team and the player is then absent for one or more fixtures, the player will be eligible for selection in their next appearance in the current season into either the 'B' Team or the 'A' Team. The player shall not be eligible to play in both the 'B' and 'A' team.
- D** A player may only be eligible to play in both the 'B' and 'A' Teams of the same fixture providing the player played only in the 'B' Team in their most recent previous appearance in the current season. Once having played in the 'B' Team then the terms of Rule 14 continue to apply.

#### **15.4 CLARIFICATION OF RULES 15.1 – 15.3**

The foregoing rules reduce the risk of incurring penalty points by removing the requirement of a NLO to be aware of the previous National League team appearance records of newly registered players.



## 15.5 APPLICATION OF RULES IN THE EVENT OF A REARRANGED FIXTURE

In the event of a fixture, or fixtures, being rearranged then the above rulings shall be applied as per the actual sequence of matches played regardless of whether this sequence conflicts with the original fixture list.

## 15.6 CLARIFICATION OF RULE 15.5

To enable the correct application of Rule 15, the actual date order in which matches are played is the overriding sequence regardless of where matches are originally scheduled to take place.

E.g., If fixture 1 is rearranged to be played on a date between fixtures 3 and 4, then the sequence for the application of the Rules will follow the sequence: Fixture 3 – Fixture 1 – Fixture 4.

## 15.7 PENALTIES

Any Member NLO found guilty by the respective National League Divisional Administrator of any infringement of the terms of Matchplay as laid down in Rules 14 and/or 15 shall incur penalties as set out

here below:

- i The Championship Point in the Set in which the infringement applies shall be awarded to the non-offending team.*
- ii The Bonus Point(s) in the respective match shall be awarded in accordance with the amended result.*
- iii The offending team shall be penalized Two penalty points which shall be deducted from the total points column in the respective championship league table.*
- iv The legs won and lost in the set in which the infringement has occurred shall be declared in favour of the non-offending team as the minimum number of legs required to win that respective set.*
- v The playing average of the bona fide player in the respective set in which the infringement applies shall be recorded exactly as it was attained, however, the set score will be amended in his/her records unless it was a straight to nil legs victory and in which case it will remain as attained.*
- vi The playing record of the offending player shall be declared void and the playing status remain as that held in the previous match.*

## 16. CONDUCT OF FIXTURES

### 16.1 RESERVES

- |                        |   |  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Men's 'A' team match   | - | Only 3 x players may be named as reserves. |
| Women's 'A' team match | - | Only 2 x players may be named as reserves. |

### 16.2 CLARIFICATION OF RULE 16.1

- A** This rule determines that over a match weekend only a set number of players can be named as Reserves for the 'A' matches.

- B** This restricts the number of players who can be promoted from the 'B' to 'A' fixture in a particular match regardless of how many players may be eligible for promotion.

### 16.3 MATCH DRAWS & START TIMES

- A** The match draws shall be carried out 30 minutes prior to the match starting times.
- B** Each Division may set their own match start times, but the schedule of match draw and match start times shall not in any instance be later than, mutually agreed start times are allowed on the day subject to all players being in attendance at the venue:

Day	Matches	Match Draw	Match Start
Saturdays	Women's 'B' and Men's 'B' Matches	11.30am	12.00 Noon
Sundays	Women's 'A' and Men's 'A' Matches	10.30am	11.00am

Divisions with Men's 'B' format of best of 7 legs 501 shall apply Saturday times as follows:

Day	Matches	Match Draw	Match Start
Saturdays	Women's 'B' and Men's 'B' Matches	10.30am	11.00am

- C** On each day, all match draws must be completed prior to the start of any matches.
- D** Any player who is not present in the playing venue cannot be included in the respective match draw.
- E** Once the match draw has been completed, both Men's and Women's, then NO substitutions for drawn players may take place, but in order to comply with the Trades Description Act, all men's singles sets and all women's sets must be played.
- \* Rule amendment pending approval, as per AGM – Written clarification of rule to be electronically circulated to all NLOs upon approval, or otherwise, if required.*
- F** The points won in any substitute sets played will be awarded to the 'non offending' team by the respective National League Divisional Administrator.
- G** The first substitution shall be allowed 'free', any additional substitutions shall each incur an automatic fine of £20.

### 16.4 ORDER OF THROW

- A** Away Teams shall throw first in the odd numbered legs [1, 3, 5, 7,] of all odd number sets.
- B** Home Teams shall throw first in the odd numbered legs [1, 3, 5, 7,] of all even number sets.

### 16.5 MATCH PROTOCOL

- A** The host NLO shall ensure that all Matchplay shall be reasonably continuous.



- B Mid-session breaks should be kept to a minimum.

#### **16.6 SMOKING & DRINKING ON STAGE**

- A During Matchplay, no player and no match official shall be allowed to smoke or use an electronic cigarette or similar.
- B No player or official may partake of any alcoholic drinks at any time whilst on the stage.
- C It shall be the duty of the host NLO to ensure that vessels or bottles of iced drinking water and drinks glasses, cups are available on stage for players and officials and replenished as necessary.

#### **16.7 LATE ARRIVAL**

- A In the instance of a Member NLO, host or visiting, arriving later than 60 minutes before the scheduled and publicized starting time of the match, then that match shall be played, but UNDER PROTEST which fact shall be recorded on the match result sheets by both Member NLO Secretaries or Organisers.
- B After such action, a letter of protest, or explanation, shall be forwarded on NLO headed notepaper to the respective National League Divisional Administrator, who shall make such enquiries as he/she deems necessary to prepare a report and recommendation, to the Board of Directors for a decision concerning what action shall be taken and the nature of any penalties that should be imposed.

#### **16.8 MATCHES SCORES RECORDING**

- A Each Member NLO shall ensure that they are in possession of the necessary computer equipment to enable the operation of software Darts for Windows.
- B The completed database files shall be sent electronically to the respective National League Divisional Administrators.

#### **16.9 LIVE SCORING**

- A It is the responsibility of the host NLO only to transmit the live scoring facility to [www.dartsforwin.com](http://www.dartsforwin.com).
- B In the instance of any host NLO equipment malfunction then the visiting team shall then assume the responsibility to transmit the live scoring facility.
- C To ensure the most efficient relaying of information only one live scoring transmission shall be during each fixture.

#### **16.10 DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATORS – COMPILATION OF STATISTICS**

- A The National League Divisional Administrator shall be responsible for the processing of group league tables, databases copies of which shall be circulated to each Member NLO Secretary in his/her group as soon as is practical after the fixture.

- B** Files of the group league tables shall also be circulated to each other National League Divisional Administrator and UKDA National League Director.
- C** And to all approved darts media contacts.
- D** The National League Divisional Administrator shall also compile a players' darts average table from the information supplied on the DfW files for 'A' and 'B' team matches. Each table one for Men, 'A' and 'B', one for Women, 'A' and 'B', will be collated by the Records & Statistics Officer to produce an overall players' darts average table for the championship year.
- E** An award will be made to the players achieving the highest dynamic darts average in the collated tables.
- F** A player must have played in two-thirds (66%), or more, of all scheduled National League championship matches to be included in the final darts averages tables.
- G** The National League Divisional Administrator shall also be responsible for determining the highest Men's and Women's 'A' and 'B' players winning darts averages directly following each fixture during the playing season.
- H** This information shall then be conveyed to the UKDA National League Director responsible for the collation of such information and the issuing of achievement awards and certificates.

#### **16.11 OFFICIAL PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS**

- A** Should there be any necessity to make a protest, or raise an objection, to any aspect of a UKDA National League match, then that protest, or objection shall be made through the respective Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, representing the person making the protest or objection.
- B** Failure to rectify the cause of the protest, or objection, before or during the match shall not prevent the match being played.
- C** The match shall be played but "under protest", which fact shall be relayed to the National League Divisional Administrator by electronic mail when sending the match DfW databases.
- D** This action shall be followed up by the respective Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, giving a written protest, or objection, on National League team headed notepaper to the respective National League Divisional Administrator, with a copy sent to the Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, of the other Member NLO involved.
- E** In any instance of protest or objection, all details must be relayed to the National League Divisional Administrator within 14 days of the match in question as submissions will not be acted upon.

## 17. POST MATCH SUBMISSIONS

### 17.1 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

- A Both Host and Visiting NLOs must send by electronic mail the Darts for Windows database to the respective National League Divisional Administrator which must be receive within 2 hours of the match concluding on the Sunday of each respective fixture.
- B To alleviate any spelling errors or use of 'shortened names' all NLOs must use the 'Ready To Go' databases which can be downloaded via the DfW software.

### 17.2 POSTED SUBMISSIONS

- A Programme – The host Member NLO shall send One edition of the relevant match programme to the respective National League Divisional Administrator to be received by the first post on the Wednesday following each home fixture.
- B Host NLOs shall send the requisite edition of the match programmes by first class post to the National League Divisional Administrator to be received by the first post on the Wednesday following each home fixture.

## 18. LEAGUE TABLES' STRUCTURE

### 18.1 LEAGUE TABLES POINTS

- A 1 Point for each set won – Men's and Women's teams.
- B Separate Tables are compiled for each of the following:  
Men's 'A', Men's 'B', Women's 'A' and Women's 'B'

### 18.2 LEAGUE TABLES STRUCTURE

- A Using the Darts for Windows software league tables shall be structured as follows:
- B Column Headings for Men's & Women's League Tables are:

NLO            P            W            D            L            FR            AG            TP            LD

Key:    NLO    = National League Organisation  
           P        = Matches Played  
           W        = Matches Won  
           D        = Matches Drawn  
           L        = Matches Lost  
           FR      = Sets Won  
           AG      = Sets Lost  
           TP      = Total Points  
           LD      = Legs Difference

- C Penalty Points will be indicated with asterisks.
- D League Tables shall be circulated to all NLOs after each fixture.

- E Tables shall also be placed on the UKDA website.

### **18.3 TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE FOR PLACING A TEAM IN A LEAGUE TABLE**

- A** In the instance of a tie on points the following procedure shall be adopted to determine the positions in a league table.
- B** Consider the tally for matches won – the team with the highest number of match wins shall be uppermost in the table.
- C** If the matches wins are also tied, then consider the totals of matches drawn – the team with highest number shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- D** If matches drawn are also tied, then the totals of Legs Won and Legs Lost shall be determined for all matches played in that league to date. i.e., total legs won – total legs lost = remainder.
- E** The team with the highest remainder shall be the highest placed team.
- F** Conversely if the Legs Lost is greater than the Legs Won then the team with least remainder shall be the highest place team.
- G** If legs difference are also tied, then the teams combined average shall be determined for all matches played in that league to date. The team with the highest combined average shall be placed uppermost in the table.

## **19. ACCUMULATIVE TABLES STRUCTURE**

### **19.1 ACCUMULATIVE POINTS TABLE**

- A** Divisions: Premiership, Championship, One, Two, Three only
- B** After all points have been allocated a NLO attaining 19 or more sets will be awarded 3 bonus points, to be added on to the total points column in the accumulative points table.
- C** In the instance of a tie on sets played both teams will receive 1 bonus point, to be added on to the total points column in the accumulative points table.
- D** The above playing format and points system shall apply to all scheduled and re-arranged National League Championship matches.

### **19.2 PROMOTION & RELEGATION**

- A** The promotion and relegation procedures to be adopted at the end of playing season shall be as follows.
- B** After the completion of all fixtures in the playing season, the number of points attained by each Member NLO, for teams shall be tallied and an accumulated points league table shall be produced for each playing group.

- C The accumulated points league table shall be used to determine the promotion and relegation from each playing group as indicated in the procedure below.
- D The 'accumulated points league tables' shall be used to determine any prize monies awarded in the National League Championships.

### 19.3 PROMOTION & RELEGATION SCHEDULE

PREMIERSHIP	There is no promotion from this playing division The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to CHAMPIONSHIP
CHAMPIONSHIP	The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to PREMIERSHIP The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to Division ONE
DIVISION ONE	The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to CHAMPIONSHIP The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to Division TWO
DIVISION TWO	The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to Division ONE The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to Division THREE
DIVISION THREE	The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to Division Two There is no relegation from this playing group.

### 19.4 TIE BREAKER - PROCEDURE FOR PLACING A NLO IN AN ACCUMULATIVE TABLE

- A In the instance of a tie on points the following procedure shall be adopted to determine the placings order in an accumulative table. Firstly, consider the total bonus points the NLO with highest number of Bonus Points shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- B If the total bonus points are also tied then consider the aggregate legs difference, the NLO with the highest positive number (+) shall be placed uppermost in the table. Conversely, if the legs lost for both NLOs are greater than the legs won then the NLO with the lowest negative number (-) shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- C If the aggregate legs difference is also tied then consider the overall team averages for the full season. The NLO with the highest overall team average shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- D If the overall team average is also tied, then consider in turn the individual team averages for the full season in order thus:

*i Men's 'A', Women's 'A', Men's 'B', Women's 'B'*

Once a higher team average is ascertained at any stage using the above sequence then that team shall be placed uppermost in the table.

- E If the individual team average is also all tied, then consider in turn the highest player averages for the full season in order thus:

*i Men's 'A', Women's 'A', Men's 'B', Women's 'B'*

Once a higher player average is ascertained at any stage using the above sequence then that team shall be placed uppermost in the table.

## 19.5 NEW MEMBER NLO – DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT

Any new Member NLO will be allocated a place in the Championship. New Member NLO from England or Wales will be allocated a place in Division Three.

## 20. PRIZE MONIES & TROPHIES & CERTIFICATES

The UKDA will provide, or obtain, prizes and mementos for the National League Championship as follows:

### A PRIZE MONIES:

Each team shall receive prize monies in relation to their final placing in their respective division accumulative table the prize monies per division will be calculated based.

- i Income from all National League Fees (not inclusive of Insurance Premium and UKDA Membership Fee) plus Super league player levy payments less the actual costs of trophies, certificates and youth donations.*
- ii The resulting balance will be divided between the 53 Member NLOs and allocated to each division pro rata to the number of teams within each division.*
- iii The total sum per division will be allocated in a sliding scale of prize monies in descending order of each NLOs position in the division.*

### B TROPHIES

The allocation of UKDA supplied trophies will be as below:  
(Extra trophies will be at the respective NLOs own cost)

	MENS [A]	MENS [B]	WOMEN'S [A]	WOMEN'S [B]	TOTALS
PREMIERSHIP	15	15	8	8	46
CHAMPIONSHIP	15	15	8	8	46
DIVISION ONE	15	15	8	8	46
DIVISION TWO	15	15	8	8	46
DIVISION THREE	15	15	8	8	46
TOTALS	75	75	40	40	230

- i The numbers of trophies are set by the Board of Directors subject to an annual review.*
- ii The overall Divisional Champions shall be presented with the perpetual trophies to be held by the winners for a period of twelve months.*
- iii The NLO shall be deemed to be responsible for the safe keeping of the trophies during the period that they are held by that darts body. Each perpetual trophy shall be returned to the UKDA Headquarters when required – this is usually at the April / May UKDA full council meeting.*
- iv In the instance of the loss / theft of a perpetual trophy, a telephone report must be made to the UKDA Director with Financial responsibility within 24 hours, followed by a written report within seven days.*

#### C CERTIFICATES

- i Certificates will be awarded by the UKDA for outstanding performances attained during the season.*
- ii Loyalty appearance certificate templates will be supplied to each NLO who are responsible for printing and presenting at their own cost.*

#### 21. OFFICIAL PRESENTATION CEREMONIES

- A** If a player is not present at an official presentation ceremony, to receive a trophy, memento, prize, or prize money, without the prior permission of the respective team manager, then that player shall forfeit the right to receive such trophy, memento, prize, or prize monies that may be due to that player.
- B** If a Member NLO is not present at an official presentation ceremony, to receive trophies, mementoes, prizes, or prize monies, without the prior permission of the match official then that Member NLO shall forfeit the right to receive such trophies, mementoes, prizes, or prize monies, that may be due to that NLO.

#### 22. INTERPRETATIONS

- A** The interpretations of the UKDA National League Playing Rules and Format for the National League Championships shall be determined by the National League Divisional Administrators in control of the respective playing groups.
- B** The National League Divisional Administrators may consult with one another in order to reach a decision on an interpretation of the National League Playing Rules and Format.
- C** Information concerning any interpretations shall be considered by the UKDA Board of Directors, which shall make recommendations for amendments and additions to the National League Playing Rules and Format.
- D** Recommendations made by the UKDA Board of Directors will be heard in the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

- E Any matters not expressly covered in the National League Playing Rules and Format shall be determined by the UKDA Board of Directors.
- F Information concerning matters resolved under clause 22 (E) shall be used to form a recommendation to be heard in the respective part of the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

### 23. AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

- A Items concerning the amendment, addition, or revision of the National League Championship Playing Rules and Format must be submitted to the UKDA Rules and Discipline Director responsible for UKDA Playing Rules by 31<sup>st</sup> May in each playing season.
- B Each submission must be made in writing, on NLO headed notepaper, in the form of a proposal by one full Member NLO and seconded in a similar manner by another full Member NLO.
- C Such proposals or Amendments must be submitted on NLO letter-heading, countersigned by Two team executive officers, and accompanied by an extract from the Minutes of the relative meeting in which the Member NLO resolved to put forward a proposal or amendment.
- D Any sheets attached to Member NLO proposals should also be written on NLO headed notepaper and duly signed to validate their authenticity.
- E Each item in the submission must be clearly identified with the specific National League Rule number / clause numbers involved, with precise instructions relating to the affect that the item, if passed, shall have on the existing National League Rule / Clauses.
- F Any submission which does not comply with the above procedure, in any respect, shall be declared invalid, and will not be placed on the agenda of that meeting.
- G Submissions which are in compliance with the above procedure shall be circulated to all UKDA Member NLO Secretaries for consideration and discussion at National League level prior to the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

### 24. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

Any Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, that discovers any errors, or omissions, in the National League Playing Rules and Format should immediately inform the UKDA Director responsible for compiling the UKDA Rules and Formats so that copies of amended pages can be issued as soon as it is practicable.

### 25. RULE INFRINGEMENT PENALTIES

The Board of Directors may also instruct a National League Divisional Administrator to deduct penalty points from teams that have been found guilty of infringements of the National League Playing Rules and Formats which are not listed under the terms of Matchplay.





Date	Reminder
June-July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Squad Selection</li> <li>2. Signing on of players (after 1<sup>st</sup> July)</li> <li>3. Book away match hotels</li> <li>4. Arrange fixture dates with venue</li> <li>5. Submit home venue details and location to visiting NLOs</li> </ol>
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Official start of the National League general season
1 <sup>st</sup> August	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pay UKDA full county fee (£10) and Insurance Fee (£100)</li> <li>2. Submit first match squad lists to host NLOs</li> <li>3. Complete and submit team registration form</li> <li>4. Complete the list of players' form</li> <li>5. Submit team and player registration form to national league divisional administrator. Minimum player registrations, for all divisions, being: 21 Men and 12 Women</li> </ol>
30 <sup>th</sup> September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pay Annual Full NLO Membership Fee (£10)</li> <li>2. Pay Insurance Fee (£100)</li> </ol>
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Pay National League Fee [1] (£200)
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Pay National League Fee [2] (£300)
31 <sup>st</sup> December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete Super league database up to 31<sup>st</sup> January</li> <li>2. Submit Super league player levy (£10 per player) to UKDA</li> </ol>
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Pay National League Fee [3] (£300)
31 <sup>st</sup> May	<p>Important Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final date for receipt of and Super league registrations and levy payments as processed after 31<sup>st</sup> December</li> <li>2. Any registrations received after this date will be declared void and will not be placed on the UKDA database for that season.</li> <li>3. This will render those players as ineligible to participate in UKDA Member Events i.e., National League, UKDA National Singles &amp; Pairs, UKDA National Super league Cup.</li> </ol>
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Final date of the UKDA National League general season

#### UKDA Match Requirement Reminders

Pre-Match	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Ensure venue information has been sent to visiting team.</li> <li>B. Ensure new player registration forms are completed and signed.</li> <li>C. Ensure databases are updated.</li> </ol>
Post-Match	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Send DfW database file to National League Divisional Administrator.</li> <li>B. Send 1 copy of the match programme to National League Divisional Administrator.</li> </ol>

Note: that the above list is not exhaustive, and NLOs must be aware of their full responsibilities as laid down within the UKDA Rules and procedures.

#### Penalties & Impositions

1. Failure to provide a registered National League Player List by 1<sup>st</sup> August (or UKDA A.G.M) - Financial Imposition of £100.00
2. Failure to submit a National League Team Registration Form by 1<sup>st</sup> August (or UKDA A.G.M) - Financial Imposition of £100.00
3. Non-Payment Penalty Clauses: Annual Full National League Fee and Insurance Fee. Failure to pay the UKDA Membership and Insurance Fees by 30<sup>th</sup> September or at the UKDA A.G.M incurs:

- (A) An automatic pre-season deduction of 12 National League penalty points.
- (B) 3 Points deduction from each of the Men's 'A', Women's 'A', Men's 'B' and Women's 'B' divisional tables.
4. Payment Arrears Penalty Clause:  
Applicable to National League Organisations with more than Two Months in arrears with payments. The Board of Directors agreed to impose an additional penalty to the effect that a Member NLO shall forfeit the right to receive any prize money or incentives due at the end of playing season in question.
5. Non-Fulfilment of Fixture Obligations
- (A) Any Member NLO not fulfilling its scheduled National League fixtures, due to a default, adjudged to be of their own making, shall be liable to suspensions, fines, and other penalties depending on the nature of the offence and shall be as prescribed by the UKDA Board after consideration of the circumstances.
6. Non-Fulfilment of Playing Commitments
- (A) Non-fulfilment of any National League playing commitments, or any other infringements of the Rules and Regulations of the UKDA, may incur suspensions or fines and/or other penalties depending on the nature of the offence and shall be as prescribed by the UKDA Board after consideration of the circumstances.
7. Infringement of matchplay procedures:  
In any instance where under the National League Rules a player or players participate in contravention of the said rules then the following shall apply on each occasion.
- (A) The Championship Point in the Set I which the infringement applies shall be awarded to the non-offending NLO.
- (B) The Bonus Points in the respective match shall be awarded in accordance with the amended result.
- (C) The offending NLO shall be penalized Two Penalty Points which shall be deducted from the Total Points column in the respective Championship League Table.
- (D) The Legs Won and Lost in the set in which the infringement has occurred shall be declared in favour of the non-offending NLO as the minimum number of legs required to win that respective set.
- (E) The playing average of the bona fide player in the respective set in which the infringement applies shall be recorded exactly as it was attained, however, the set score will be amended in his/her records unless it was a straight to nil legs victory and in which case it will remain as attained.
- (F) The playing record of the offending player shall be declared void and the playing status shall remain as that held in the previous match.
8. Failure to produce a match programme
- (A) A financial imposition of £100.00 per instance.
9. Omission of current National League tables from a match programme
- (A) A financial imposition of £5.00 per instance
10. Failure to provide spectator electronic visual display
- (A) Financial imposition of £100.00 per instance.
11. Failure to communicate match results by specified time
- (A) Financial imposition of £20.00 per instance.
12. Player Substitutions
- (A) First player substitution allowed free, any additional substitutions = £20.00
13. Non-Payment of all financial commitments with the UKDA
- (A) Default (including any fines) on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May in any playing season = £50.00 [this is in addition to loss of Bond money and forfeit of all end season incentives]
- (B) Each Member NLO cheque not honoured by the bank = £25.00
14. Other circumstances
- (A) Disciplinary proceedings taken against Players, Officials, or full Member NLOs may incur suspensions or fines and/or other penalties depending on the nature of the offence and shall be as prescribed by the UKDA Board after consideration of the circumstances.

15. Right of Appeal

- (A) The suspensions, fines, and other penalties referred to in the above shall be determined by the Board of Directors, however, any declared findings and the resultant decisions taken are always subject to the Right of Appeal.
- (B) Any appeal lost or considered frivolous could incur an increase in the penalty initially imposed.

PLAYER REGISTRATION – TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Note that these Terms of Agreement apply to all persons completing and signing:

Form – PART ONE – UKDA SUPERLEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

And

Form – PART TWO – NATIONAL LEAGUE FORM OF REGISTRATION

UNITED KINGDOM DARTS ASSOCIATION

UKDA FULL MEMBER REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

1. I agree and acknowledge that on signing the UKDA Super league Membership Application Form Part One I am making application to become a Full Member of the United Kingdom Darts Association Limited [UKDA].
2. I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the UKDA and the UKDA NLO with which I have registered as a member and which may be amended from time to time.
3. I undertake to make a commitment to the NLO Super league that I am registered to play for whenever possible and thereby establish my eligibility as a Playing Member of the UKDA to enter all other UKDA Member darts events as practical subject to complying with the relevant qualifying and entry conditions.
4. I understand that on signing this agreement I am indicating that I recognize the UKDA/DRA as the governing body of the Sport of Darts in the UKDA National League and UKDA Events.
5. I agree not to do, or omit to do, anything that might disrupt the activities of the UKDA or its subsidiaries from time to time, or act contrary to the interests of, or bring into disrepute, the Sport of Darts, or the activities of the UKDA or its subsidiaries from time to time.
6. I agree, provided I am selected or invited to participate in any events promoted and/or sanctioned by the UKDA or its subsidiaries from time to time, subject to the Member NLO I represent and with which I have been registered being a fully paid-up member of the UKDA, and subject to any suspension or other disciplinary proceedings which might have been taken against me since the date of my selection or invitation as aforesaid.
7. I agree that my failure to participate in any such event, without providing satisfactory explanation, will entitle the UKDA, without prejudice to any of its other rights and remedies, to institute disciplinary proceedings against me in accordance with the rules and regulations of the UKDA as amended from time to time.
8. I understand that I can transfer from the Member NLO with which I am presently registered to another Member NLO after the end of the season for which I have currently registered for the following season, subject to clearance in writing by letter of release from the Member NLO with which I am presently registered, and to my signing a new agreement with the UKDA.
9. I understand that provided the Member NLO with which I have registered has complied in full, with its financial and other obligations in relation to the insurance scheme maintained by the UKDA then I will be covered by any relevant UKDA insurance policy for the period in respect of which the premium has been paid.

10. I understand that on signing this agreement that any previous agreement of this type I may have signed prior to this date is now superseded.
11. The UKDA reserves the right to withhold acceptance of an application without assigning a reason for so doing.
12. I further understand that I am entitled to a copy of this agreement as signed and witnessed hereafter by written application to the UKDA.
13. Important Note – Subject to compliance with Item 10 above, it is recommended that all personnel involved in the playing and administration of the UKDA National League Super League [i.e., players, officers, and committee] complete and submit a UKDA Super League Membership Application to be included in the terms of the insurance policy.

Note also:

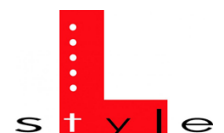
UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER REGISTRATION AND AGREEMENT FORM

Upon selection into the National League then players will be required to complete a:

PLAYERS FORM OF REGISTRATION & AGREEMENT UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE

These will be made available by the respective NLO Secretary at the of selection and will form PART TWO of the UKDA Full Membership Form.

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# GENERAL PLAYING RULES AND TOURNAMENT RULES

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### Section Three – FOREWORD

All darts tournaments sanctioned by the United Kingdom Darts Association will be under the exclusive auspices of the United Kingdom Darts Association, or its appointed Organisers, shall be played under the UKDA Playing and Tournament Rules.

The UKDA Playing and Tournament Rules are divided into two separate sections.

Playing Rules:	1.00 to 6.00 inclusive.
Tournament Rules:	7.00 to 23.00 inclusive.

### Section Four - DEFINITIONS

<b>UKDA</b>	Shall mean the United Kingdom Darts Association.
<b>Tournaments</b>	Shall mean UKDA Sanctioned events.
<b>Organisers</b>	Shall mean the United Kingdom Darts Association, its Directors, or persons appointed by United Kingdom Darts Association to carry out functions in relation to a darts events.
<b>Player</b>	Shall include the singular and plural, teams as well as individuals, males, and females.
<b>Referee</b>	Shall mean the person appointed to take charge of match-play at matchboard, or on stage. A Referee may also act as a Marker, or Caller for the match.
<b>Caller</b>	Shall mean the person appointed to announce the scores as they are made during match-play.
<b>Marker</b>	Shall mean the person appointed to mark the scores made and the scores remaining on the scoreboard. Except for staged match-play, the Marker may act as the Caller for the match.
<b>Scorer</b>	Shall mean the person appointed to record the scores, the results, and other relevant match-play details electronically or on the score cards.
<b>Match</b>	Shall mean the total play between two players; sometimes referred to as a 'game'. A match may be divided into Sets.
<b>Leg</b>	Shall mean the minimum element of a match in which there is a full round of play with a winner and a loser. A Leg shall constitute a match when the match is not divided into Legs or Sets. The number of Legs in a Set or Match must be odd.
<b>Set</b>	Shall mean that part of a match that consists of an odd number of Legs. The number of Sets in a match must be odd. The winner of a Set is the player winning the majority of Legs in that Set. The winner of the match is the player winning the majority of the Sets in that match.

## Section Five - PLAYING RULES

### 1.0 THROW

**1.1** Players shall provide their own darts, which shall not exceed an overall length of 30.0 cm. And not weigh more than 40 grams. Each dart shall consist of a metallic needle shaped point attached to a barrel. At the rear of the barrel there shall be attached a flighted stem which may consist of up to five separate pieces. (E.G.: a flight, a flight securing device(s), a flight protector, and a stem).

**1.2** A player shall throw darts from a standing position, excepting only in those circumstances when a physical disability or physical injury requires that a player must adopt a non-standing position.

**1.3** All darts shall be thrown deliberately, one at a time, by and from the hand. All darts must be thrown with the needlepoint aimed towards the face of the dartboard. If a dart is not thrown in this manner then the 'throw' will be declared a 'foul throw' and shall not count in that respective leg, set, or match.

**1.4** A throw shall consist of a maximum of 'three' darts unless a leg, set or match is completed in less than 'three darts'.

**1.5** If a player, during a throw, touches any dart that is in the dartboard, then that throw shall be deemed to have been completed.

**1.6** Any dart bouncing off or falling out of the dartboard shall not be thrown again.

**1.7** Any dart falling out of the dartboard before the throw has been completed and the darts retrieved shall not count.

**1.8** Prior to the retrieval of the darts on the completion of a throw, it is NOT permissible for a player or scorekeeper to push a dart (or darts) into the board to prevent them falling out, or to hold them in the board for the same reason. Should this occur, the dart or darts affected shall not be counted.

**1.9** A player deliberately abusing the dartboard when retrieving darts at the end of a throw will be given a verbal warning by the match referee. Another warning will be given if a second incident occurs in the same match. If a third incident occurs in the same match then the player in question will forfeit that respective leg, or set, match.

### 2.0 STARTING AND FINISHING

**2.1** Unless stated otherwise in the playing format of a particular event each match or Leg shall be played with a straight start. IE: to begin scoring the player need only land a dart in the dartboard inside the outer Doubles wire of the dartboard.

**2.2** Unless stated otherwise in the playing format of a particular event each match or Leg shall be played with a double finish. IE: to finish, and win, the player must land a dart in the double (Double Ring or Bull) of the number equal to one half of the remaining score.

**2.3** The Bull shall count as '50' and if the score of '50' is required to complete a Leg or



match.

**2.4** The Bull shall count as double '25'.

**2.5** The Bust Rule shall apply. IE: if a player in a throw scores more points than remain in the Leg or match, or the same points as remain without finishing on a double, or leaves a score of one, then that throw shall not count, and the score shall remain as it was prior to that throw.

**2.6** A 'Game Shot' called by a Caller is valid only if the darts thrown achieve the required finish and remain in the dartboard until retrieved after the 'Game Shot' has been called.

**2.7** If a 'Game Shot' called by a Caller is invalid, then the player shall have the right to continue that throw. IE: If all three darts have not already been thrown.

**2.8** If as a result of an error in Clause 2.5 the player has retrieved any of the darts and not all three darts have been thrown, then the Referee shall replace the retrieved dart or darts in as near as is practicable the same position and permit the player to complete the throw.

**2.9** The first player who finishes by obtaining the required double out shall be declared the winner of that Leg or match, whichever is applicable. A dart thrown by a player after finishing shall not count.

**2.10** In a match, or Set divided into Legs, the match or Set shall be played 'best of three' (five, seven, etc.,) Legs. E.G.: the first player that wins a majority of the specified number of Legs shall be the winner of the match or Set and the remaining Legs, if any, shall not be played.

**2.11** In a match divided into Sets, the match shall be played 'best of three' (five, seven, etc.,) Sets, E.G.: the first player who wins a majority of the given number of Sets shall be the winner of the match and the remaining Sets, if any, shall not be played.

### **3.0 SCORING**

**3.1** The rules of the event shall provide for matches or Legs to start from a fixed odd number, such as 501, 701, 1001 or similar. All scores made shall be subtracted from the start total or from the score remaining from the previous throw.

**3.2** The actual score required by each player shall be shown on the score sheet or visual display.

**3.3** A dart shall only score if the point remains in or touches the face of the dartboard, within the outer double wire, until after the throw has been completed, and the score has been called and recorded on the scoreboard or visual display.

**3.4** The score is counted from the side of the segment wire in which the point of the dart enters and remains in or touching the face of the dartboard.

**3.5** Darts shall be retrieved from the dartboard by the thrower, excepting only in those circumstances when a physical disability or physical injury requires a player to have assistance, but in any instance only after the score has been recorded by the Marker.

**3.6** Protests concerning a score obtained cannot be made after the score has been recorded by the marker and the darts have been retrieved. If the incorrect score resulted in a leg win the result will stand.

**3.7** Errors in arithmetic shall stand as written on the scoreboard unless corrected prior to the next throw of the player whose score is in error.

**3.8** The actual score required by a player must be shown on the scoreboard or visual display and be clearly visible, at eye level, in front of the players and the Board Marker.

**3.9** No indication of the required 'double out' shall be given by the Referee, Caller, Marker, or Scorer. E.G.: '32' shall be called and not 'double 16'.

**3.10** The Board Marker shall act as an umpire in all matters pertaining to the Playing Rules when conducting a darts match and shall, if necessary, consult with the appointed Tournament Officials before announcing any decisions during the course of match-play.

#### **4.0 DARTBOARDS - UKDA APPROVED SPECIFICATION**



**4.1** Organisers of all National League and National League Organisations 'Super Leagues' and their tournaments played under these Rules must ensure that the only permitted dartboards to be played on is the Mission Samurai II Dartboard as approved for use by the UKDA, and by meeting the specification shall:

- a. All Dartboards shall be of the 'bristle' type.
- b. All Dartboards shall be manufactured from Sisal.
- c. All Dartboards shall be of the 1 - 20 clock pattern.
- d. All Dartboards shall have an inner centre ring (Bull) that shall score 50 points.
- e. All Dartboards shall have an outer centre ring that shall score 25 points.
- f. All Dartboards shall have an inner narrow band, 'Treble Ring', which shall score treble the segment number.
- g. All Dartboards shall have an outer narrow band, 'Double Ring', which shall score double the segment number.
- h. All Dartboards shall have segment boundary material comprising as follows:
  - Wire types must be blade shaped in section maximum 1.85mm or 1.27mm

minimum. (+/- .2mm).

- Inner and outer bull rings, if not made of wire, to have sharpened edges and a wall thickness not greater than 1.6mm (+/- 0.2 mm).
- Strip materials should not be greater than 1.85 mm in wall thickness and have a sharpened edge to form an apex.
- i. All Dartboard segment boundary materials shall either be affixed to the face of the board in such a manner that they lie flat on the face of the dartboard or alternatively strip materials be embedded into the surface of the board.
- j. All Dartboards shall have the following dimensions: Double and Treble dimensions to be:
  - for conventional wire boards, measured inside to inside = 8.0mm +/- 0.2 mm.
  - for strip material manufacture measured apex to apex = 10.00mm +/- 0.2 mm.
  - Inner Bull (50) ring inside diameter = 12.7 mm. +/- 0.2 mm.
  - Outer Bull (25) ring inside diameter = 31.8 mm +/- 0.3 mm.
  - Outside edge of Double segment wire to Centre Bull = 170.0 mm. +/- 0.2 mm.
  - Outside edge of Treble segment wire to Centre Bull = 107.4 mm. +/- 0.2 mm.
  - Outside edge of Double segment wire diameter = 340.0 mm. +/- 0.5 mm.
  - Overall Dartboard diameter = 451,0 mm. +/- 3.0 mm.

**4.2** The dartboard shall be fixed such that the '20' segment is the darker of the two segment colours and is at the top centre of the dartboard.

**4.3** A player or team Official shall have the right to request that the dartboard be changed or turned before or during a match, always providing that the opposing player or team Official concurs with the request. Such change or move shall only be made before a match, or between Legs of a match and shall only be carried out by a Tournament official.

## **5.0 LIGHTING**

**5.1** In tournament play each 'floor' dartboard shall be adequately lit by a suitably positioned light fitting of 11-13-watt LED or equivalent minimum intensity.

**5.2** Dartboards used in stage finals shall be adequately lit by at least two suitably positioned light fittings of 2 x 11-13-watt LED or equivalent minimum intensity.

**5.3** All light fittings must be fitted with screens to divert all light away from the player's eyes when standing at the Oche.

**5.4** In staged finals the general level of illumination may be augmented by the use of flood or spotlights, but care should be taken to prevent the introduction of shadows on the dartboard during matchplay.

## **6.0 BOARD SETUP AND OCHE DIMENSIONS**

**6.1** The dartboard shall be fixed in such a manner that the vertical height from the floor, at the same level as the Oche, to a horizontal line through the centre of the 'Bull' shall

measure 1.7272 metres. [5 ft 8 ins].

**6.2** A raised Oche, maximum 50 mm. high and 610 mm. long, [2ins high and 24ins long] shall be placed in position at the minimum throwing distance and shall measure from the back of the Oche, 2.37 metres [7ft 9.25ins] along a horizontal line to a plumb line at the face of the dartboard.

**6.3** The diagonal distance from the centre of the Bull to the back of the Oche at floor level measure 2.93 metres [9ft 7.5 ins].

**6.4** The minimum depth of the standing area from the rear of the Oche shall be not less than 1220cm [4ft 0ins] of clear space.

**6.5** During match play no player shall tread on any part of the raised Oche, nor shall the player deliver any dart with his or her feet in any position other than behind the raised Oche.

**6.6** A player throwing a dart from a position on either side of the raised Oche shall keep his or her feet behind an imaginary straight line extending on either side of the raised Oche.

**6.7** Any dart delivered in breach of Clauses 6.5 and 6.6 shall not score and shall be declared invalid by the Referee.

**6.8** A player or team Official shall have the right to request that the Oche dimensions be checked and adjusted before and during the course of a match, always providing that the opposing player or team Official concurs with the request. Such check and adjustment shall only be made before a match, or between the Legs of a match, and shall only be made by a UKDA appointed Official.

**6.9** All Member Darts Bodies are authorised to amend the dimensions of the dartboard height, and Oche length, to suit the particular requirements of contestants in special events for disabled persons.

## Section Six - TOURNAMENT RULES

### 7.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

All UKDA Tournaments shall be played by the UKDA Playing and Tournament Rules.

**7.1** The Official Tournament Entry form and any other relevant documentation shall contain Full details regarding event Registration times, starting times and the playing format of the events. The events included may be any, or all the following:

Singles - which may be men's, or women's singles?

Pairs - which may be men's, or women's, or mixed?

Team - which may be 'three' or more persons per team, the team may be open, or limited, or mixed, as to the gender of the team members.

Youth - which may be singles, pairs, or teams, which shall be limited to persons under a specific age – Under 21 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> August each year.

### 8.0 REGULATION

**8.1** The interpretation of the UKDA Tournament and Playing Rules in relation to a darts tournament shall be determined by the Tournament Organisers or their appointed

officials, whose decision shall be final and binding. Information concerning such an interpretation shall be forwarded to the UKDA should the need arise.

**8.2** Any matter not expressly covered by the UKDA Playing Rules shall be determined by the Tournament Organisers or their appointed officials whose decision shall be final and binding.

**8.3** The UKDA or its appointed Organisers reserve the right to cancel or change all dates, venues, and scheduled darts events without prior notice.

**8.4** All tournament players shall play within the UKDA Playing Rules and any supplementary rules Applied by the Tournament organisers. All such supplementary rules shall be printed in the Official Entry Form, Programme, or other associated documentation.

**8.5** All players shall play under the supervision and direction of the Tournament Organisers and their appointed Officials.

**8.6** Any player failing to comply with any of the UKDA Playing Rules during a tournament shall be liable to disqualification from that tournament.

**8.7** On completion of a match a losing player must remain available to mark the next match on the assigned board on which the match was lost or on another board as assigned by the Tournament officials. It is permissible for a losing player to arrange for a substitute person to undertake this duty on his or her behalf.

**8.8** If, for any reason, the tournament organisers decide to disqualify a player, pair or team from a tournament which has already started. The player, pair or team must be advised immediately. If the player, pair, or team are involved in match-play at the time the decision is reached then the match must be stopped immediately.

**8.9** The player, pair or team which has been disqualified must be given the reason for the disqualification. If there are reasonable grounds for appeal then the organisers must hear the arguments of the disqualified player, pair, or team before finally implementing the disqualification.

**8.10** In all cases where the disqualified player, pair or team were actively involved in matchplay (the match was not finished) at the time of the disqualification the opponent or opponents will be awarded the match and move to the next round of the tournament. In all cases where the disqualified player, pair or team have completed their match and won, they shall be removed from the bracket immediately. This will give their next opponent a bye into the next round.

**8.11** After presentation all perpetual Trophies are the responsibility of the recipient players/players until such time that they have been successfully returned to the Organisers of the tournament.

**8.12** If a player is not present at the official presentation ceremony without the Organiser's permission, that player shall forfeit the right to receive any awards in that tournament.

**8.13** Any player who fails to complete all scheduled matches, unless excused by the Organisers for illness, injury, or other sufficient reason, shall forfeit the right to receive

any awards in that tournament.

**8.14** If any expenses are incurred due to a default by a player then that player shall be liable for those expenses.

**8.15** In the instance of a player or team being involved in or causing actions which are considered to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute then that player or team shall be liable to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against the player or team which could mean the imposition of fines, suspensions or other penalties as laid down in the UKDA Code of Conduct.

## **9.0 ENTRY**

**9.1** Entry Fees into Tournaments and Tournament venues are not refundable except on those occasions as deemed appropriate by the UKDA Organisers.

**9.2** All entries must be made in compliance with the UKDA approved methods appertaining to submission of entries.

**9.3** No player or team shall enter more than once in any respective event and all participating players must register and play under their own name.

**9.4** The completion of an entry form by a player or team for a UKDA darts event and the acceptance of that entry by the UKDA shall be deemed as an acceptance by the player or team of the UKDA Playing Rules as applicable to that event.

**9.5** The UKDA appointed Organisers reserve the right to refuse, or cancel any entrant at any stage prior to, during or after a darts event without assigning a reason for so doing and their decision shall be final and binding.

**9.6** Any entrant into a UKDA Members Only darts event is always subject to compliance with UKDA Eligibility criteria.

## **10.0 REGISTRATION**

**10.1** All players shall be registered, either by the players themselves or by their team Official, for each event at the scheduled time.

**10.2** Any player failing to be registered by the notified time shall be eliminated from the respective event.

**10.3** Any player that is not in attendance when scheduled to play at the nominated time shall forfeit that match.

**10.4** Only '5' minutes shall be allowed from the scheduled time of the match or the time of the call on the public address system for the player to reach the assigned matchboard or the Control Desk, whichever requirement is called for.

**10.5** Any player, or team, has the right to be advised the time of the next match that the player, or team, is scheduled to play providing that the information requested is available.

## **11.0 DRAW**

**11.1** There shall be only one draw for opponents which shall be conducted prior to the darts event.

**11.2** In a 'knock-out' format the Organisers shall arrange preliminary matches to eliminate all 'byes' from the first-round proper of an event.

**11.3** No substitutes shall be allowed in an individual darts event.

**11.4** The UKDA appointed Organisers reserve the right to seed players, or teams, in the draw for a darts event whenever deemed necessary.

## **12.0 ORDER OF PLAY**

**12.1** A Bull throw shall determine the order of play in each match. The throwing order for the Bull throw shall be determined by the order in which the player or team appears on the draw sheet for that particular match i.e., player [or pair or team] placed uppermost shall throw first for bull.

**12.2** The winner of the Bull throw shall throw first in the match and all subsequent “odd numbered legs” which will also include the “tie-break” leg if required. In matches divided into sets the winner of the Bull throw shall throw first in all “odd numbered” legs of all “odd numbered” sets.

**12.3** In throws for the Bull each player, in Singles events, or one of the team members shall throw one dart for the Bull. The dart must remain in the dartboard in order to count and re-throws shall be made until a dart remains in the dartboard. If the dart enters the “25” or “Bull” sector it shall be removed before the opponent takes his/her throw. Re-throws shall be called for if both darts are in the Bull, or if both darts are in the '25' ring. A re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw. The player who throws either a '25' or Bull in that round of throws without reply from the opponent matching or super-seeding that throw dartboard shall throw first in the match.

**12.4** The player names shall be entered on the scoreboard in the same order (left and right Sides) as they are listed on the score card.

**12.5** In Pairs and Team events, where the players throw in rotation, the 'Order of Throw' shall be displayed on the scoreboard before the match commences.

## **13.0 PRACTICE**

**13.1** Each player is entitled to '6' practice darts at the assigned matchboard prior to the start of a match.

**13.2** In instances where there is a scheduled interval in matchplay then on resumption of the match the number of practice darts may be reduced to 3.

**13.3** No other practice darts may be thrown during a match without the permission of the match Referee or Board Official.

**13.4** No practice shall be allowed on unassigned matchboards after the tournament has started unless sanctioned by the Tournament Organisers.

**13.5** Practice dartboards shall be provided for the exclusive use of the tournament players.

**13.6** In exceptional circumstances an organiser/match official may invite players to increase the number of practice darts from 6 to 9 to allow them to adjust to changes in Oche conditions/dimensions, stage lighting, etc., prior to resuming match-play.

## 14.0 TOURNAMENT PLAY

**14.1** In tournament play all players shall play under the supervision and direction of the Organisers and tournament Officials.

**14.2** Players/teams must attend their assigned matchboards at the designated time failure to do so may lead to the forfeiture of the match – a time limit of 5 [five] minutes is allowed and the terms as laid down in Rule 10.4 shall apply.

**14.3** In Tournament matchplay where the Matchplay Draw assigns seeded players to specific numbered boards then in any instance where the seeded player is, for whatever reason, required to relocate to an alternative board for a specific match then that board shall be for both players a neutral board [i.e. a board that neither player has played on previously in the respective tournament.

**14.4** No person shall be allowed within the playing area other than the Referee, Caller, Marker(s), Scorer(s) electronic indicator operators, and the assigned players.

**14.5** Only Referees, Markers, and electronic indicator operators shall be allowed to be situated in front of a player when playing.

**14.6** Officials situated in front of a player shall restrict their movements to a minimum during each throw and shall not drink during a match.

**14.7** A player's opponent(s) shall stand at least 610 mm. [2ft 0ins] to the rear of the player at the Oche.

**14.8** In stage finals the players shall be under the supervision of the stage Officials and between throws shall be located in such a position as to afford an unrestricted view of the proceedings for players, Officials, spectators, and if applicable, the television cameras.

**14.9** A player at the Oche is entitled to consult with the Referee on the amount scored or required at any time during a throw.

**14.10** Any enquiries on scores recorded or subtractions made shall not be entered into after the conclusion of the Leg or match.

**14.11** In the event of a protest concerning the decision of the Caller or Marker, the alleged misconduct of a player, or any other conflict the match shall be stopped immediately and the Tournament Organisers or an Appointed Official must be advised. A judgement shall be made by a responsible official before the Leg or match is allowed to continue. Late protests shall not be accepted.

**14.12** If a player's equipment becomes damaged or lost during the course of a throw the player shall be allowed up to '3' [three] minutes to repair or replace the equipment.

**14.13** If, during the course of a match, a player has an urgent reason for leaving the playing area, the Referee may, in his or her sole discretion, allow the player to depart the playing area for up to '5' [five] minutes.



## 15.0 CONDUCT

**15.1** During a match, players shall conduct themselves in a manner of respect for the other player(s) and shall refrain from annoying the other players or using offensive language or making offensive gestures and shall refrain from any unsportsmanlike conduct. (E.G.: such as deliberately losing a Leg or match, deliberately delaying match play, or interfering with the throw of another player).

**15.2** Any player found by the Organisers to be in breach of Clause 15.1 shall be deemed to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute and shall be disqualified from any further participation in the tournament. However, if the player, or the Officials of the said player's team challenge the disqualification, or forfeiture, the matter shall be appealed immediately. The Tournament organiser shall hear any arguments from the disqualified player before confirming the decision.

## 16.0 PLAYING ATTIRE (Stage Finals)

**16.1** Players are not permitted to wear jeans: neither shall they wear trousers or skirts made with denim or corduroy material which have been fashioned in a "jeans style". No training shoes will be allowed unless the Player provides written medical reasons from a qualified practitioner. This restriction shall also apply to any form of "track suit" attire, Players must wear acceptable footwear, dark shoes, black trainers, or dark ankle high boots only.

**16.2** Players are permitted to wear sweatbands on their wrists.

**16.3** No headphones or headgear may be worn other than on religious grounds, or medical grounds with written medical reasons from a qualified practitioner, shall be worn without the prior permission of the Promoter following a written application from the Player.

**16.4** Players are not permitted to wear anything over their approved Playing Attire during Matchplay, in any introductions, match play on stage, interviews and presentations, other than at the discretion of the Organisers.

**16.5** In all Darts Events the Playing Attire of any participating Player shall be subject to the Organisers approval. Any unacceptable Playing Attire must be changed before that Player can participate in any introductions, Match-play, interviews, or presentations.

**16.6** Any Player refusing to meet with the Organisers requirements in respect of Playing Attire shall be liable to forfeit that respective match.

## 17.0 ADVERTISING

**17.1** The Organisers reserve the rights to the use of all advertising materials, slogans, or logos in connection with the promotion and organisation of a UKDA tournament.

**17.2** The Organisers reserve the right to protect their sponsors' interests regarding any advertising material, slogans, or logos used by players, teams, or other sponsors.

**17.3** Players in a UKDA tournament shall not be allowed to wear any clothing that bears any advertising material, slogans, or logos relating to any marketable product, or concern without the prior permission of the Organisers.

**17.4** International Member Country Organisers are recommended to have 'unmarked'

Playing Attire available which shall be used on those occasions when advertising rights may be infringed.

**17.5** Before a televised match, the Organisers are empowered to request a player to withdraw or remove any advertising material, slogans, or logos. Any player who refuses to comply with such a request shall forfeit that match.

**17.6** In those instances when a player introduces onto stage any advertising materials, slogans, or logos, which contravene any Clause in the UKDA Playing Rules, or any Television Advertising Rules currently in force at the time of the darts event, then that player, or team shall forfeit that match.

## **18.0 SMOKING AND DRINKING**

**18.1** In all UKDA events the entire playing room/practice shall be smoke free. In addition, the designated playing area shall be alcohol free subject to the venue being suitable for the implementation of the no alcohol rule.

**18.2** In the instance where alcohol is not permitted then fresh or mineral water must be available.

**18.3** Any player found to be in breach of Clause 18.1 shall be liable to the forfeiture of the match during which the offence took place and shall be reported to the appropriate darts body for Disciplinary Proceedings to be considered.

## **19.0 ANTI-DOPING RULES**

**19.1** In darts events under UKDA jurisdiction all players and officials are subject to the terms and conditions of the UKDA Anti-Doping Rules. Random drug testing could occur in any event as required by WADA.

## **20.0 ORGANISATION OF DARTS EVENTS**

**20.1** The United Kingdom Darts Association Ltd, or any of its subsidiaries, shall have the right to organise a darts event anywhere in the British Isles. Wherever possible the UKDA shall endeavour to schedule darts events so as to avoid clashes with any known major darts events.

**20.2** A Member County shall not be allowed to organise a darts event in an area known to be under another Member County's jurisdiction, without the other Member County's involvement or written approval.

**20.3** No Member County shall organise, or promote, a 'National' titled darts event without written authority of the UKDA Board of Directors.

**20.4** A Member County appointed to organise the County, or Area play-off of a UKDA darts event, which includes players from more than one Member County shall not organise that play-off on a date as allocated for the County, or Area play-off of another UKDA darts event.

## **21.0 PLAYING RECORDS**

**21.1** In order that reports on darts events can be authenticated all players scores shall be recorded in the final rounds of all UKDA Darts events on the specified method as stipulated by the organisers.

**21.2** At the discretion of the Organisers these records may be made available to Member

National League Organisations or bona fide International darts bodies.

## **22.0 EXCLUSION**

**22.1** The United Kingdom Darts Association reserves the right to exclude any player, or official, or Member Darts Body from any or all UKDA ranked tournaments if that player, or official, or Member Darts Body is found to be in breach of any provision of the UKDA Playing Rules, the tournament Playing Rules, the UKDA Constitution, or the UKDA Bye-Laws.

## **23.0 AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS**

**23.1** The UKDA Directors reserve the right to amend, add to, or delete, any of the UKDA Playing & Tournament Rules at any time to meet any purposes deemed to be necessary by the UKDA Directors.

## **24.0 COPYRIGHT**

**24.1** The entire contents of the UKDA Playing & Tournament Rules are the copyright of the United Kingdom Darts Association and may not be reprinted, copied, duplicated, or otherwise reproduced, wholly, or in part, without the written consent of the copyright owner.

## United Kingdom Darts Association Transgender Policy

We are committed to the principles of diversity and inclusion in darts.

The United Kingdom Darts Association aims to ensure that all people, irrespective of their age, disability, gender identity, marriage or civil partnership status, maternity, pregnancy or breastfeeding status, race (including ethnic origin, nationality and colour), religion or beliefs; or sex, social status or sexual orientation, have a genuine and equal opportunity to participate in darts at all levels and in all roles and that they are treated fairly, equally and with respect.

The aim of this Policy is to ensure that trans people are given every reasonable opportunity to play darts to the highest possible level.

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following terms have the meanings set opposite hereto:

**Gender reassignment** - Medically-supervised program of treatment to change a person's body to align with their gender identity, through hormone therapy and/or surgery.

**Medical Practitioner** - A person licensed to practice medicine and has ascertained a medical school diploma ("MD") and is registered with the Physicians Credentials Registry of the country where the Transgender Athlete resides.

**Transgender** - Transgender refers to individuals who have been assigned one gender (male or female) at birth but identify with the other gender. To align their bodies with their sense of gender, many transgendered individuals undergo medical therapy and/or surgery to transition to the other gender.

**Transgender Female** - Someone who was born with a male body, but who identifies as a girl or a woman and who is being treated for sex reassignment. (MTF)

**Transgender Male** - Someone who was born with a female body, but who identifies as a boy or a man and who is being treated for sex reassignment. (FTM)

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### CONDITIONS

The following conditions will be used to determine the individual's eligibility to compete:

Male-to-female (MTF) transgendered persons, to compete as a female, must submit documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment has been ongoing for at least one year.

Female-to-male (FTM) transgendered persons, to compete as a male, must submit documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment is ongoing.

Any Transgender person who wishes to participate in any UKDA event will be required to show an official government issued ID that indicates their gender.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties agree that they will not at any time disclose information identified by the other party as confidential to any person, corporation or third party and will make no use whatsoever of any information identified as confidential (other than in the ordinary and usual course of implementing this policy) without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party, unless required by law.

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