

## Committee

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Formerly Bognor Regis & Chichester Old Folks Darts League

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# LEAGUE RULES 2023-2024

RULES AS AGREED AT THE AGM ON 1/9/23

1. The League is run in aid of the citizens of Bognor Regis & Chichester.
2. The League shall be governed by the committee and its officers in conjunction with the rules of the World Darts Federation (WDF). The committee shall have overall responsibility for all matters concerning the league.

## Team Registrations & Fees

3. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not less than 4 weeks before the start of the season. Teams must send at least one representative to the AGM, who will attend the whole meeting. Team Registrations will be taken at the end of the meeting. The Team Registration Fee shall be £20.00 per team.
4. Team Names / Venues, Captains and Secretaries contact details, together with all team members' names, to be submitted at the AGM on the form provided. Team registrations can only be guaranteed if the team is represented at the AGM. The committee reserves the right to allow teams to register after the AGM to attempt to fill a bye, by accepting a late or unrepresented team.
5. Teams may register Vice-Captains & Vice-Secretaries at the start of the season who can take the place of the Captain or Secretary in their respective knockouts, but they cannot play as a separate competitor. Only the named Captains, Vice-Captains, Secretaries and Vice-Secretaries are allowed to take part in their respective knockouts.
6. The match fee is £5.00 per match, to be returned each week with the result sheet to the Results Secretary, by the Sunday following the match. Teams may wish to pay the full season's match fees up front or at two specific times during the season (set by the committee). They can then send their result sheet every week, either as a scan or a high quality photo, to the Results Secretary, preferably at the end of the match night, but no later than the Sunday following the match.
7. Each team must consist of a minimum of 6 players. There is no maximum limit to players.
8. Players may be signed on for any team on the night (using the space on the result sheets), provided they have not played for any other team during the current season, otherwise Rule 9 applies. Any player signed on after the first game will be subject to a £1 registration fee (to be paid with the match fee, or with their opponents' results if paying up front match fees, or into the league account). Teams that do not register new players correctly on the night that they first play will lose any winning points that they score, and will NOT get the points back when the player is then registered correctly.
9. Transfer requests to be signed by the player and secretaries of each team and submitted to the League Secretary (7 days prior to the player playing their first game), enclosing a £5 fee.

## League Matches & Result Sheets

10. League match format shall be 6 Singles matches & 3 Pairs matches. All games to be 501, 'best-of-3 legs', Straight In - Double Out. For every leg won, the winning team gets 1 point.
11. The match dartboard must be of match quality. The throw to be 7 ft 9¼ and the board height 5 ft 8 ins. (Bull to Oche diagonal = 9 ft 7½). Matches may be played under protest if the away team is not happy with the board or oche, but the committee must be informed. The committee reserves the right to check a venue throw. If a venue is checked and deemed to not have the correct board height or oche length they will ask the venue to correct the throw or their team/s may not be able to enter the league.
12. Draw to be made for the Singles only. (Both Captains may agree on the night not to do a draw for the singles. If they cannot agree, a draw must be done). Pairs players are at the Captains discretion. No player may play more than once in the Pairs. Players' names must be written down in full (NO initials) on the result sheet, before the Singles matches start. Ditto for the Pairs matches. IF a team needs to change a player after the draw has been done, the opposition captain must be informed with the reason why. If agreed, then the player can be changed.
13. The home match board must be free for practice for all players from 8.00pm. Matches to be in progress by 8.30pm. If any player in singles game is not in attendance after second calling, then a substitute may be played. Captains to record all walkovers.
14. All games are Nearest the Bull for the first darts (Home team goes first), the winner throwing first in the first and third legs. Any dart hitting the board and bouncing / falling out, can be re-throw.
15. Tons to be counted in singles games only, 180's to be counted in all games.
16. No match can take place without at least 4 team members of each team being present. This applies to all games. Any team that registers 12 players or more cannot postpone a match under any circumstances. Special / unforeseen circumstances permitted at the committees' discretion.
17. If a team needs to postpone a match, first the committee must be informed. If the committee allows the postponement of a match, the team must inform the other team, no later than midday on the day of the match. There are catch-up weeks provided for postponed matches, or the match can be played as soon as possible (i.e. a double header on the re-match). If this cannot be agreed, then the committee must be informed. They will then decide when the match will be played. In extreme circumstances a match may be played on another night of the week if both teams agree and the committee informed. No match will be played after the last game of the season. Teams cannot postpone more than 2 matches per season. Special / unforeseen circumstances permitted at the committees' discretion. Any subsequent matches needing to be postponed will be classed as a forfeit (see rule 20).
18. Captains to record all game walkovers or forfeits. Match Walkovers must be recorded and the committee informed. The result sheet must be sent in as usual with match fee only if the committee has agreed to the walkover. Points will then be awarded as per rule 19.
19. If the committee decides to award a match for whatever reason, this will be awarded to the winner as a 12-6 result.  
(Winning Legs = 8 Singles and 4 Pairs / Losing Legs = 4 Singles and 2 Pairs)
20. If a team needs to forfeit a match, first the committee must be informed. The committee will ask that team to contact the other team to let them know asap. The team forfeiting the match will still be required to send in a result sheet stating that the match is forfeited, AND pay the match fee, or face being removed from the league.
21. Result sheets to be fully completed with scores and darts thrown, for averages to be awarded.
22. Each teams Captains and Secretaries are responsible for their own match fees and result sheets, therefore Home and Away teams must send their results separately. They must be signed by both home and away team Captains or Secretaries, and returned to the Results Secretary (address can be supplied if required), no later than the Sunday following the match, with the match fee.
23. For a first late results sheet, the offending team may be fined £5 and / or have their team points and player statistics deducted. For any subsequent late results sheets no points or player statistics will be given, even if the team offers to pay a fine. Special / unforeseen circumstances permitted at the committees' discretion.
24. Each team MUST supply either a chalker / scorer or a caller / checker for ALL games. Preferably the home team should supply the scorer, and the away team should supply the checker, but this can be changed if the players agree.

## Competitions

25. Knockout Competitions to be played at per the fixture list. The Singles, Pairs and Trebles knockouts will be divisional. Start time shall not be before 8.00pm and will be at the discretion of the committee or appointed steward. Their decision is final.
26. Knockout rounds are played as 'best-of-3 legs'. Knockout finals are played as 'best-of-5 legs' (as long as time permits).
27. The knockout entry fee is £1.50 per player. Anyone who has not registered in person by 8.00pm sharp will not be allowed entry into a knockout. (Subject to committees' discretion).
28. Anyone who cannot register in person by 8.00pm and wishes to enter the knockout will need to contact a committee member personally beforehand to be placed in the draw. They must then be at the venue by 8.30pm at the latest and inform the knockout steward when they arrive, or they will be removed from the draw, and risk being ruled out of further competitions. (Subject to committees' discretion).
29. Competition losers must stay on the board they lost on (a quick toilet break is allowed) to chalk the next game (or get someone else to do it for them), or risk being ruled out of further competitions. The winner of each game must tell the knockout steward that they won and the leg result.

## Misc.

30. Protests must be submitted to the committee in writing with a £5 fee. Team Captains, Secretaries or representatives to attend the meeting when notified.
31. Players causing a disturbance will be suspended for a minimum of 4 weeks, and the committee reserve the right to extend the suspension accordingly.
32. **Minimum age of players is 14 years (Subject to committees' discretion). Teams must inform the committee of any players under the age of 18. Any players under 18 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. Venues must inform the committee of any age rules they have in place via the form given at the start of the season in the team paperwork. Any players under the age of a venue rule will not be allowed to play at that venue.**
33. Promotion and Relegation will be decided on the overall match points, teams leaving, and new teams entering (Subject to committees' discretion).
34. Any team not following these rules may be fined or have points deducted for the offence. The committees' decision is final.
35. The League Rules will be strictly adhered to. The committee will address any items not covered in these rules and their decision will be final.