

LEAGUE RULES

1. Teams and players are accepted into the league at the discretion of the committee, who will take into consideration their geographical location, standard of venue, playing conditions, previous conduct and commitment and relative playing strengths. The Committee reserve the right to inspect venues and playing areas at suitable times.
Teams entering into the league should be no further than a 10-mile radius from Market cross.
Any team requesting to join the league outside this area would have to apply to the committee before the AGM.
2. Where more than one Team entry is submitted by a venue, Committee shall determine, after all entries have been received, which Team(s) bear the Venue name and/or any sub title, such entries are accepted on the understanding that should two or more matches be in progress at a venue at the same time, suitable playing conditions must be provided whereby no interference of play is sustained by any Team present.
3. Each team shall consist of a minimum of 10/8 players registration at the time of application.
4. Teams who have been withdrawn, expelled or suspended from the League in the prior season may be asked to deposit a bond with the League. This bond not to exceed £50 and will be returnable on completion of all league leagues and any other league requirements.
5. Teams/Players who are currently under suspension will not be accepted into the League.
6. Player registration received after the closing date must be accompanied by a fee of £7 per player.
Teams with any players under the age of 16 years of age must notify the Pubs/Clubs prior to the match. No registrations will be allowed after 31st December except for circumstances deemed exceptional by the committee.
7. A player wishing to transfer shall complete a Transfer Form available from the Leagues/Ladies Secretary and return it signed by the Captain or Vice-Captain of both teams together with a fee of £7.
No transfer will be allowed after 31st December, except for circumstances deemed exceptional by the Committee.
All transfers are at the discretion of the Committee who will take into consideration, Divisional status, Team and Player strength. Divisional/Ranking Points to be void if transferring divisions.
8. Leagues must be played on the date specified. League leagues will take precedence over all other competitions. Any match cancelled as a result of players attending other events on the night of a stipulated League league will be brought to the attention of the Committee who shall determine what action may be deemed necessary.
9. If a player, or team representative do not attend the Official Presentation to receive trophies or prizes without prior notice to the League/Ladies Secretary, then they may forfeit the right to receive such prizes.

Divisional Winners/Runners up are presented with the minimum requirements of trophies as depicted on League Entry Form. Extra trophies may be ordered from the League/Ladies secretaries accompanied with payment in advance.

10. Teams winning perpetual trophies shall sign for them and they must be kept at the team's venues. Licensees and club Committee are advised to include trophies on their insurance cover. Trophies must be returned by 30th April of the current season.
11. Licensees and Clubs are under no obligation to provide food during evening games.
12. In addition to the Winter League, the League also organise competitions, a Ladies League and a Summer League, with rules determined by the Committee.
All payments made to the League must be in the form of cash or cheque.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13. Entries and Fees to be presented to selected Executive Committee Members on the night of the A.G.M and not before or after, in the form of cash or cheque address to L.B.D.D.L Failure to do this will result in the offending Team entry being refused.
14. The League Secretary shall call an Annual General Meeting of which 28 days' notice shall be given. Notice of proposed rule changes must be submitted to the League Secretary at Least 21 days prior to the A.G.M.

All Teams will be notified 7 days prior to the A.G.M of any changes/proposals.

15. All Teams that register for the forthcoming season at the A.G.M must have at least one representation at the meeting and they must stay for the duration of the meeting.
Each Team registered with the League for the previous season shall be entitled to one vote. Non-attendance by Teams at the A.G.M will be taken into consideration when the committee accept entries into the League at the A.G.M. no proxy voting allowed.
16. New Teams wanting to join our league in the forthcoming season must also have a representative present at the A.G.M, however they will not get a vote.

COMPETITIONS

17. Entries into competitions shall be at the discretion of the Committee, who will take into consideration, the entrant's commitment to the league and previous conduct.
Entrants should ensure they are available to play in Finals should they qualify. Failure of qualifying players to attend Finals Night may be deemed as misconduct.
18. Entry into competitions organised by the League, unless otherwise stated, shall be restricted to registered players only. Players can only play for the venue they are registered with. However, with the exception of all the League Pairs competition, if a partner is not in attendance at the registration the non-offending player will be entered into a Divisional draw to play with another player within that Division. This does not guarantee automatic entry, entry is subject to availability.

19. Playing rules for each competition shall appear on the entry form. No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate fee in full, in form of cash or cheque and are received by the Competition/Ladies League Secretaries by the due date.
20. No electronic scorers of any type shall be used in competitions, except the K.O. Cup.
21. Losing player/or Delegate to remain in place to score the following games.
Failure to remain and score next game will result in expulsion from the next competition and classed as misconduct.
22. Players to have played a minimum of 5 League games or recorded as a reserve/attended to be eligible to enter competitions.
Only certain exceptions to this rule subject to the committee e.g. Brian Woods and charities.

LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

23. Boards must be 5' 8" in height from the floor to the bull. The minimum throwing distance shall be 7'9 ¼" i.e. from point on the floor determined by dropping a plumb line from the face of the board to the toe line, which must be clearly defined. Raised Oches may be used as the discretion of the Landlord or Club Committee.
Boards must be in good condition and well lit with a bulb of no less than 100 watts, the light must not interfere with the field of vision.
24. Home Team to provide Chalker, Away Team to provide caller. No electronic scoring devices to be used except video scorers of the type which show a continuous display of running scores and totals. Computers may be used providing an additional monitor is used and is in a position so it can be seen by present player and the rest of the Teams players, and a caller (must be compulsory). No averages to be displayed during the game.
25. The Captains or Vice Captains shall be present at 8:15pm to select a team in order of play prior to entering names onto the Result Card including a named reserve.
26. Teams who can only field 5,6 or 7 players (3 or 4 players in Ladies League) must notify the opposing captain before the names are entered on the card. The match must take place, with the non-offending team recording the games not played at 2.0
Captains of Teams playing short on more than one occasion may be requested to explain the reasons to the League/Ladies League Secretary. Any player regularly failing to attend leagues without valid reason may be excluded from signing for any team the following season or from playing in any competitions.
27. Home Team to provide open board from 8:15pm. The match will start at 8:30pm by which time all players selected should be present with the exception of late comers (due to work, education etc) as agreed by both captains. A named reserve shall be allowed to play in the event of a selected player's non-arrival or in time of an emergency. A penalty point will be deducted from the team if team players stated on the card do not turn up.
28. Each match shall consist of the format described on the Seasons Entry form and Result card.
29. Only darts in the board point first and retrieved by the player will count.

30. All scores to be recorded on scoreboard before subtraction. All requests to check scores recorded or subtracted must be made before that player's next throw.
31. Three points awarded to the TEAM winning 5 sets, two points awarded to a Team winning 4 sets and one point awarded to a Team winning 3 sets. If ties at end of season leg average will decide if all legs and points are the same in the Winners place Team will share the title and no runners up place will be given. In the runners up place in the event of a tie there will be a playoff for this place.
32. It is each team's responsibility to ensure that result cards are received by the League / Ladies League Secretaries within 48 hours of the match being played.
Failure to do this will result in the offending team being fined £5; this will increase to £10 if not paid within 14 days of the date of the fine. Failure to pay will result in the Team being suspended from the league for debt.
Captains must sign BOTH cards to demonstrate:
 - a) match final result and
 - b) player performance statistics.In the instances of where cards do not match players performance statistics will be omitted and NOT recorded if not present on both cards. Any dispute between Match results will be investigated by the League Secretary and the relevant team Captains.
33. If a Team is found to have played an illegal player, then that Team shall forfeit any points gained from the match plus two penalty points from their total prior to the match. The leg result will remain the same with the exception of any gained by the offending player, where the match result will be amended.
34. Complaints by Teams will only be accepted if in writing. These must be received by the League/Ladies League Secretaries within 48 hours of the match being played.
35. Any Team, unable through inclement weather, to fulfil a league must inform their opponents by telephone. Both Captains should agree on these circumstances and both Captains must inform the League/Ladies League Secretaries and the Venue.
36. All leagues must be played. Any rearranged games must be on a date agreed by the non-offending team, and played within 28 days or prior to the end of the season whichever is sooner. If the two teams cannot agree on a suitable date, then the Committee shall decide on a date on which the league must be played. Failure to fulfil this arranged date will then result in the offending team having 2 points deducted and possible discipline action taken against the team. The match will be awarded to the non-offending team with the lowest win legs awarded and 3 points.
37. Any Team that fails to fulfil a league on any 3 occasions will be deemed to have withdrawn from the League and their record shall be expunged from the League. All registered players for such team will be considered suspended from the League.
38. Any such Team that this may apply to will not be considered for entry into the League until the following season.
39. Any Such players, that this apply to will not be considered for entry into the League until the following season.
40. All Teams and Players have the right to appeal to the League Committee. Such appeals should be in writing to the League / Ladies League Secretaries.

41. All matches to be played in a true sporting spirit. On receipt of a written complaint claiming that a Player or Team have behaved in an ungentlemanly manner or used unnecessary abusive language that Team or Player may be suspended. This rule applies to any member of the League participating in or attending any match or organised by the League or any associated body.
42. The League Committee reserve the right to implement these rules as necessary.

KO CUP RULES

1. Matches to Commence at 8.30pm sharp.
2. Format to be 9 Sets of Pairs 3 x 401.
3. All legs to be played best of 27 legs first team to reach 14 legs wins.
4. All pairs to be given a number position to play from.
5. Toss of a coin between the two Captains. Winner decides whether her team are playing as Home or Away.
6. Teams must have at least 5 players to present.
7. If only 5 players available 1 player can play against 2 players from opposite team forfeiting one scoring
8. Alternative Chalking
9. Home Team to name Pair and chalk Games 1,3,5,7, & 9
Away Team to name pair and chalk Games 2,4,6 & 8
10. Home team pairings match format are played as follows 123,123,123.
11. Away team pairings match format is played as follows 123,231,312.
12. Players may substitute after the first three games, however if the Captain wishes to replay the person that was substitutes later on, they must play in the same number position as originally designated (I.E. If you have substituted a player from paring number 2 and then want them to return to play again that player must return to play in the number 2 position).
13. This format is played on a round robin format.
14. Winning team to inform Ladies League Secretary of result.

LADIES LEAGUE RULES

1. A minimum of 7 players (A Div) 6 players (B Div) per Team at time of registration.
2. Minimum throwing distance 7'9 ¼" Height of board 5'8" to the centre of the bullring. (Refer to League Rules 20 & 21)
3. All legs straight start, double finish. Bull to count as double 25.
4. Matches to commence at 8:30pm, home team to declare "Open Board" at 8:15pm.
5. All names, in order of play to be entered onto match card before commencement of match.
6. B Division matches will consist of Two pairs games of 3 x 501 each set & Five singles matches best of 3 x 401. A Division matches Threes pairs games best of 3 x 501 each set & six singles matches best of 3 x 501
7. Players throwing first shall also throw first in the event of a deciding leg in both pairs and singles matches.

8. Home Team shall throw first in odd sets and Away Team shall throw first in even sets.
9. Reserve to be nominated and present with the team at 8:30pm.
10. Points awarded as follows:

A Division	3pts 5-4 win & upwards
	2pts 4-5 Loss
	1pts 3-6 Loss
B Division	3pts 4-3 win & upwards
	2pts 3-4 loss

In the event of Teams with same points etc refer to Rule 31.

11. Players may only play once in the pairs and once in the singles.
12. Any Team who has less than 3 players available must rearrange. All leagues must be played. Any rearranged games must be on a date agreed by the non-offending team, and played within 28 days or prior to the end of the season whichever is sooner. If the two teams cannot agree on a suitable date, then the Committee shall decide on a date on which the league must be played. Failure to fulfil this arranged date will then result in the offending team having 2 points deducted and possible discipline action taken against the team. The match will be awarded to the non-offending team with the lowest win legs awarded and 3 points.
13. The postponement of any league shall be notified to the ladies League Secretary the opponent Captain and the Venue.
14. In case of unfulfilled leagues Rules 36 to 40 of the League Playing Rules apply.
15. Both result cards to be returned to the Ladies League Secretary by the Friday following the match. Home Team to provide the stamped addressed envelope, Winning Team to post both result cards
16. Teams may sign on county players. Up to only 3 current county players can be played in a match at a time. So, the teams can consist of up to 3 county players and the rest of the team of non-county players. If members of any team get selected to play for a county team they will only be classed as a county player when they actually play not when selected to be a reserve player.

If a Team goes out short of Non-County players, they will not be able to substitute with another county player. So, the team will have to play short on this occasion. This rule does not apply to county youth players unless playing in the senior matches as well.
17. The decision of the Parent League on any matters arising and not covered by the rules shall be final and binding.