

# *Four Oaks & District Darts League*

## **Rules 2019/2020**

1. The League to be called the “Four Oaks & District Darts League”, all matches to be played on Tuesdays.
2. A Management Committee, comprising of not less than seven players, shall be elected to conduct the business of the League. Nominations for this committee shall be made by delegates of the teams represented at the Annual General Meeting. No club or team shall have more than one voting representative elected to the committee. The committee shall then be elected by popular vote from these nominations at the Annual General Meeting each year.
3. Each team to pay a subscription of £60.00 per annum, this sum includes entrance to the Brian Goodman Cup, Coronation Shield, Ken Rust Cup and Norman Day Cup, and the registration of players. There is no restriction on the number of players a team may register. All engagements will be kept and all League Rules, Regulations and orders of the Management Committee will be carried out to their satisfaction. 50% of the Annual subscription to be paid by the Annual General Meeting and the remainder by the December Delegates meeting. Any team not complying with this will not be allowed to participate. If any team pays their full Annual subscription fees before or at the first delegates meeting of the season, they will be entitled to a 10% discount.
4. No player is eligible to play until a copy of their personal signature, full address, printed name and the name of the team is in the League Secretaries hands and the player is in receipt of their registration card.
5. All players shall sign their name in ink on a League Registration form. Any player registering for more than one team, the first registration received by the League Secretary will be the only one accepted. Players may indicate on the registration form with a tick that they wish to receive a Trophy, Badge or Certificate as appropriate. Each player will be allowed one transfer, only in the first half of the season. The transfer will be permitted only with the agreement of both team Captain’s and at the discretion of the League Secretary or Assistant Secretary. A fee of £5.00 will be payable for each transfer. Transferring players will be ineligible to play in a cup match if they have previously played in the same cup for another team earlier in the season. There will be a fee of 20p payable to replace each mislaid registration card. Players may register for any team until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December and thereafter with the approval of the Management Committee.
6. Any club playing an ineligible player in any League or Competition match, will lose the match 9-0, 18-0 legs in a league match, 9-0/15-0 legs in a cup competition. The player and the official responsible for playing such a player, will be liable for suspension for up to twelve months from the League, and or a fine not exceeding £20.00, at the discretion of the Management Committee,
7. The Board shall be 5’8” high from the floor to the centre. The toe line or hockey shall be 7’9¼” from the Board (Measuring Horizontally) and to be at least 18” long and clearly marked. When a new team joins the League, a team changes venues, or the existing board is moved or altered. Then the League will visit the premises and check that the board meets the above criteria. Players may stand further from the Board if they so desire.
8. Teams shall consist of between seven and eleven players, who will play, seven singles games each the best of three legs, 301 up, double start and double finish. Followed by two doubles games each the best of three legs, 501 up, double start and double finish. The draw for the singles legs is made prior to the match, with minimum of four players to constitute a League team. If any team does not have seven players then it must declare that prior to the singles draw and a registration card from the opposition card used to complete the draw. If both teams do not have seven singles players then the following applies. If both teams have an equal number of players then those cards only are used for the singles draw. If one team has additional players then that team will supply team cards to complete the draw. The draw for the doubles games to be made at the conclusion of the singles. The players for the doubles legs can be selected from any registered team player. Irrespective of whether they have played in the singles or not. The draw to be strictly adhered to. A bulls-eye shall count as double 25 for either start or finish of a game.

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9. Every registered player will have a League Membership card, which must be produced for the draw. Each club will be allowed two reserve players whose cards must also be produced at the draw and be declared as such. Any player not arriving before 9:00pm forfeits their game, and in the absence of a reserve, the game itself shall be forfeited. Each player including the reserves must sign the report sheet of the home team before the match commences. Any player not signing the home result sheet will forfeit his game 2-0. Minimum of four players shall constitute a League team. The board shall be open at 8:15pm to permit players from both teams to practice. The draw to be performed so that the match starts no later than 8:45pm on Tuesday nights according to the fixture list. If any team is unable to start at 8:45pm then the match may be claimed by the other team. At every match, each team will complete a result sheet and both sheets must be returned to the League Secretary. Result sheets must be signed both Captain's or their deputies, and shall be in the League Secretaries hands within 48 hours of the match being played. Failing which a fine will be imposed as follows, £1.00 for the first late result sheet, £2.00 for the second late result sheet, £3.00 for the third or any subsequent late result sheet.
10. Any team failing to attend a match without giving 48 hours prior notice to both officials of the other team, and to the League Secretary, shall be called before the League Management Committee. Who shall decide upon the action to be taken. Matches not played in the 1<sup>st</sup> half must be rearranged before the 2<sup>nd</sup> half commences. Any matches that need to be rearranged, must be approved by League Secretary.
11. The away team will throw for the Bull to start each game.
12. Home teams to provide the marker. Away teams to provide the checker. No darts to be taken from the board until the score is agreed by the marker and checker.
13. The exact number must be obtained, and any player getting more than the requisite number with any of their three darts the score shall not count.
14. It is permissible for the marker or checker, if requested, to inform a player the number he requires, but he must not be told how to get it. i.e. He would be told "40 required" and not "Double 20".
15. A win count two points and a draw one point. Should there be a tie at the end of the season, the number of games won shall decide the League positions. Should there still be a tie then the number of legs difference will decide who has won. At the end of each season each division shall receive a trophy and a number of prizes, which will include prizes for the highest break and finish in each division, these to include competition matches also. Teams receiving trophies shall give an undertaking to return the trophy to the League Secretary on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March of the following year. Failing to do so will result in a fine of £5.00 for collection and a further fine of £5.00 if the trophy has to be cleaned.
16. Any disputes between players during matches shall be settled by the Captain's or Secretaries only, in private. Any disputes between Captain's or Secretaries will be referred at once to the League Secretary for placing before the League Management Committee, who will deal with the matter according to it's merits. Any appeal against the Management Committee's decision will only be heard if made within 28 days of the decision. The Committee may impose a fine against any club which has brought an unnecessary appeal. A deposit of £5.00 shall be made with all appeals, which sum will be repaid if the appeal is upheld by the Management Committee.
17. In the event of a team withdrawing from the League during the first half of the season, points awarded to teams they have already played will be expunged from Match No.1, and the remaining games will be with no points involved. Should a team withdraw during the second half of the season, points awarded to teams they have already played in the second half will be expunged from the first match in the second half and the remaining games will be byes.
18. Relegation of clubs in each division. A minimum of two top clubs raised and a minimum of two bottom clubs lowered. Irrespective of teams withdrawing from the League.
19. New clubs desiring membership of the League shall apply in writing to the League Secretary, and such applications shall be received 14 days before the Annual General Meeting each year. The Secretary shall submit all applicants' names to the Annual General Meeting for consideration, and the meeting

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shall decide whether to grant or refuse membership. In the event of an application being refused, no reason need be given to the applicant for the refusal.

20. Clubs may, upon payment of £2.00 to the League Secretary, demand the right to see the registration forms and result sheets of any club in membership, and such forms shall be shown to them, but not otherwise.
21. All clubs which intend to participate in the above League must return the application form on or before the date stated, and also be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting.
22. All fines inflicted upon any team must be paid by the next Delegates Meeting. Otherwise the team will be fined an additional £5.00. Debts accrued by a team are the responsibility of all registered team members. Any player registered with a team owing money to the League shall not be allowed to register for any team until all the outstanding debt is paid. All perpetual trophies presented to teams are the responsibility of the team who will replace any lost or damaged trophies with trophies of equal value, and will engrave such as instructed.
23. Any member of the Management Committee absenting himself from two successive meetings without a satisfactory explanation shall forfeit their position on the Committee and the remaining Management Committee members shall have the power to co-opt another member to fill any vacancy thus arising. A quorum will consist of five members.
24. Any team not fulfilling the fixtures for any part of the season shall be considered as a new team for the following season, and be relegated to the lowest division.
25. One delegate shall be appointed by each team to carry out the business of the club with the League at monthly delegates meetings. That delegate will be responsible for any monies owed by the team he represents. Committee members will attend as ex-officio or otherwise as a delegate. Clubs not attending delegates meetings will be fined £5.00 for the first meeting not attended, and have one point deducted for each subsequent non-attendance by a Delegate to the Delegates Meeting. Any registered team member may represent their team at a Delegates meeting. All teams must be represented.
26. All clubs must, at each monthly delegates meeting pay £6.00 per team, £5.00 towards the monthly draw and £1.00 to charity. The monthly draw is to consist of two prizes of £10.00 for each division. Clubs not present will still be liable to pay £6.00 per team, but will not be eligible for the draw. Teams winning the Monthly Draw and owing money to the League will have any money outstanding paid from their prize money.
27. The League Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting upon receiving a requisition to that effect signed by at least one third of the total clubs in the League. Seven days notice of all General Meetings shall be given to each club.
28. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the last Sunday in July. The League financial year shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June each year.
29. If following the Annual General Meeting there is a vacancy in the League. Then at the discretion of the League Secretary and with the agreement of a quorum of the Management Committee, (Minimum 5 members) the League Secretary may fill the vacancy with any team that has applied to him.
30. New teams entering the League enter the lowest division at the discretion of the Management Committee. Teams changing venue do so at the discretion of the Management Committee.
31. Any suggestions for alterations to the above rules shall be submitted to the League Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, so that they may be placed upon the Agenda for this meeting for consideration by representatives of all clubs.
32. Any team may sign as many currently registered County or Argus players as they wish. But only three such players will be eligible to play in any League or Cup match. Any player registering for a team who is not a County or Argus player at registration will be considered as such for the remainder off the season. If a player has been continuously registered for the same team for consecutive seasons. Then the players status will be considered as the same as their status on initial registration.
33. All matters not covered by these rules are subject to the decision of the Management Committee, whose decision will be final.