

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. Its organisation shall be under the jurisdiction of FOUR duly elected Officials and Committee appointed at the A.G.M. The League Secretary and Chairman to organise all competitions.
2. It is open to all teams in the district. Any team can enter more than one team with no division to contain more than 8 teams.
3. A standard clock dartboard shall be used. Centre of Bull to Oche will measure 2.9 M (9ft 7³/₄ inches) or if measured along the floor 2.3 M (7ft 9¹/₄ inches), the height of the Bull from the floor shall be 1.73M (5ft 8 inches).
4. All League matches shall be played on the Monday stated unless **BOTH** teams agree another day and date prior to postponing a fixture. Cup matches can be played after the date for that round providing the game is completed before the meeting when the next round is drawn – and provided that both teams agree. If Captains cannot agree on an alternative date the Rule 9 will apply
5. Each match in **DIVISION 1 and 2** shall consist of:- 2 teams of three x 601 one leg, 4 teams of 2 x 501 one leg, 8 singles x 401 best of three. Refer to Rule 24 for composition of teams.
- 5a Each match in **DIVISIONS 3** shall consist of 14 legs played in the following order:-2 teams of three x 601 one leg, 4 teams of 2 x 501 one leg, 8 singles x401 one leg. Captains are to mark the result sheet after each leg has been played. Refer to Rule 24 for composition of teams.
6. Open board at 8:20pm. Play to commence at 8:30pm, or before if both Captains agree. Any player arriving after 9:15pm shall not be eligible to play unless both Captains agree beforehand.
7. Home team to start legs 1,3,5,7,9,11, & 13, away team to start legs 2, 4,6,8,10,12 & 14. This order also applies to Captains entering his/her names on the sheet first. Singles matches, player with the throw starts leg, second leg opposition player to start leg. Third leg (if required) a bull shot to be taken by both players and the nearest the bull will start the third leg. All competitions, except League and Cup, players are to register prior to 8:15 pm and the draw shall take place at 8.15 pm. The first match to commence at 8.30 pm.
8. The **HOME** team will be responsible for the result sheet to be completed, signed and posted to reach the Secretary by the first post Saturday after the match. Late results will be fined £10.
9. Any team failing to turn up for a match will forfeit the match 8 - 0. The team at fault shall be fined £10.00 to cover food costs for the home team if 48 hour's notice has not been given, if the home team are at fault, no fine is due.
10. Teams wishing to postpone a match must follow Rule 4.
11. A knock out competition will be organised for each Division on a one leg basis. If a Public House or Club have more than one team in the League and all drawn at home, the Committee reserve the right to decide home advantage and playing venue. In the event of a draw it will be decided by a six-a-side. However for the cup final only, only 7 singles will be played.
12. Winning team will be awarded three points. In the event of a draw each team will be awarded a point each. Teams finishing level on points, the games for and against shall determine the position in the League.
13. All protests and correspondence regarding the League to be sent to the League Secretary which will be dealt with by the Committee.
14. Entrance fee will be £30 per team plus £2 per player signed on. Team fees are to be paid at the A.G.M. Players fees are to be paid at the May meeting. Teams failing to pay fees as described shall be withdrawn from the League.
15. Team Secretary to obtain players Names and Addresses and enter them on the Registration form. The player must sign the form before they play their first game. Failure to do this your team will be fined £10.
16. The registration form showing registered players must be handed in at the May League meeting to the League Secretary. The form is to show who is Captain and Secretary.

17. No player to register or play for more than one team. Players wishing to transfer (only once per season) to another team must apply to the League Secretary. The transfer fee will be £5. Any player who transfers will not be eligible to play in any Cup matches for his/her new team. All players must sign in and play under their own name. All players must sign the reverse on the result sheet to be eligible to play in that game.
18. Prior to playing in Cup matches players must have played at least 3 (three) matches.
19. Any Team breaking Rules 17 or 18 will forfeit any legs gained by ineligible players and forfeit the match by a result of at least 4 - 10, and any player who breaks Rule 17 or 18 shall be suspended for the rest of the season.
20. To sign new players on after your registration form has been handed in, you must apply to the League Secretary with the players name and address before he/she plays. The last date for transferring or signing new players will be the halfway point of the season.
21. One member of each Team to attend League meetings. League meetings will not exceed 6 during a season. Failure to attend any meeting your team will be fined £10.
22. All perpetual trophies are to be held for a period not exceeding 1 year. Teams are responsible for trophies and are to be return them in a similar condition (**cleaned and polished**) to the League Secretary at the last meeting of the season. Failure to return the trophies will result in the team being responsible for the total cost of buying and engraving a new trophy.
23. The Officers and the Committee shall have the power to amend or add to the Rules should they consider it necessary to do so.
24. Teams are to consist of eight or more players. If only seven players are available the opposing team may claim two legs – one pair and one single, this will be the last game in each discipline. It is not permissible to play two players in a triples game or one player in a pair's game. No player can play more than once in each discipline.
25. Any Public House or Club who have not paid their fines or any other money due to the League before the start of the following season shall be excluded from the League. This also includes the named Captains and Secretaries of those teams owing money to the League should they wish to play for another team.
26. The Captain, Secretary and Vice-Captain named on the registration form shall be the only players eligible to take part in the Captain/Secretary competition, only two of the team officials may play in the competition and no substitutions shall be allowed once the competition has started.
27. Proposed amendments or alterations to any of the League Rules must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary at least 30 days prior to the AGM.
28. Teams entering the men's divisional singles, pairs and mixed pairs competitions shall pay £1 per player entered. The Mixed Pairs competition is open to all male and female players as long as 1 of the pair is signed on to the League and the guest is not a registered Super League or County Player.
29. Teams entering the Captain/Secretary competition as per Rule 26 shall pay £1 per player.
30. Teams entering the Ladies singles competition shall pay £1 per player.
31. Teams entering competitions as per Rule 28, 29 & 30 must submit Team names and the appropriate fees at the May meeting. Players must have played at least 2 League games to be eligible for the competitions. **All fees must be paid to the directly to the League Treasurer.**
- 31a. All players at any competition must come and register in person by no later than 8.25pm. Any player who doesn't register will not play. No other team members can register other players unless they have had contact from that person.
- 31b. Any player who does not stay and chalk after losing their game or finds a volunteer to do it or let the organiser know will be banned for the remainder of the competitions for that season.
32. The league shall provide 8 trophies for Winners/Runners up in the League and Cup if requested. More trophies can be supplied at a cost to a team. Each team that win trophies will be contacted by the League Chairman or Secretary if they require trophies or not.

33. Tony Lock Memorial – an open tournament for all players. Entry Fee is £1 per player.

Addendum to League Rules (2007)

No more than 3 registered Super League players are allowed to play in any one match. This rule means that the Super League player must be registered prior to the new season starting.