



Nottingham Central Men's, Mixed & Ladies

Darts Leagues Rules

1. The League formed under these rules shall be known as the NOTTINGHAM CENTRAL MEN'S, MIXED & LADIES DARTS LEAGUES. In joining the above leagues your team agrees that the Men's, Mixed and the Ladies Independent Darts matches; which include League, KO Cup, singles, pairs and fours competitions will take precedence over any other darts competitions held by other leagues in the same or adjoining areas.
2. The executive committee's decision is binding in all matters. The executive committee shall have power to deal with any contingency that may arise which the following rules do not cover. Any information/ correspondence/ match sheets are the sole property of Nottingham Central Darts leagues and shall NOT be forwarded or disclosed in any manner to any third party without the agreement of the executive committee. Furthermore, matters of confidentiality discussed at executive committee meetings shall not be voiced or communicated to any persons outside of the executive committee membership. A league committee shall consist of no more than 10 members. No more than two members related though blood or by law shall be allowed to serve on the committee at the same time.
3. All correspondence relating to the Nottingham Central Darts League should be sent to the Chairman/ General Secretary, Mr Dave Bull 25 Larchdene Avenue Fernwood Wollaton Nottingham NG8 2PF. Telephone No. 9284458. Mob/txt. 0795 291 0984. E-Mail: d.bennett-bull@ntlworld.com. Any amendments or additions to the rules or any nominees for committee members must be tendered in writing to the General Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the AGM. All rule amendments meetings shall be a combined meeting of both Nottingham Central & Beeston, Chilwell darts leagues committees. The committees make the decisions with regards to all rule amendments and committee nomination acceptances.
4. All teams are obliged to send a representative to each monthly meeting. Only one apology will be accepted from teams failing to send a representative to meetings, after which 1 point will be deducted from their overall league standings for each missed meeting. At Dance & Presentation nights winners and runners up teams must provide a minimum of 5 representatives in the men's, 7 in the mixed and 4 in the ladies leagues in order to receive their trophies. Failure to comply with this rule will mean that the trophies will be withheld and used for future events. ALL major trophies are, and will remain, the sole property of the leagues. Winning or runner up teams, Pubs or clubs shall become the holders of the appropriate major trophies and shall be responsible for the upkeep and safety of any said trophies entrusted to their care. Holders of trophies shall reimburse the league for any replacement or repairs to lost, stolen or damaged trophies. ALL trophies are to be returned to the leagues at least one month prior to the end of the appropriate successive season.
5. One registered team is allowed one vote. If one pub or club has a men's team, ladies team and a mixed team that pub or club shall be allowed three votes. At the executive committee discretion a written vote will be taken of the team present and recorded. A roll call will be taken at each meeting. Each registered team MUST be represented at the monthly meetings. Teams or non team members CANNOT represent other teams on their behalf. Non represented teams will be deducted 1 point albeit the first missed meeting will be counted as an apology.
6. All registered players are required to conduct themselves with a manner of respect to other registered players within the league and to ALL committee members. Any abusive or threatening behaviour of a verbal, physical or sexual nature will not be tolerated. Any players found in breach of this rule will be barred from the league and will be subjected to having information relevant to being barred forwarded to Pubs/Clubs Landlords/Landladies registered with the league.

REGISTRATIONS.

7. A team registration fee of £20.00per team is payable to the Nottingham Central Darts League, this also includes cup competitions. In order for a team to register in any of the above mentioned leagues the following criteria must be adhered too; Minimum player's registration for a men's team is 9; mixed is 7 Ladies & 7 Men, and the ladies 7, failure to comply with this will automatically nullify the team's registration.

8. A fee of £2.50 is payable by the player requiring registration and is eligible to play, upon the Fixture Secretary receiving the Players registration name and address 24hrs prior to the match being played, in writing, text or e-mail or feedback form on the website. This players name shall then be placed on a register and all monies and forms to be brought to the next meeting. If the correct player registration form in full along with appropriate fee is NOT submitted at the following meeting then any legs, matches or KO comps played by that player shall be expunged and awarded to them opposition team/player. ** REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON THE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FORM. NO PLAYER REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORRECT FEE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ALL SINGLES AND PAIRS ENTRANTS AND ALSO ANY OTHER KO COMPETITION ENTRANTS, INCLUDING ALL DAY KO COMPETITIONS, THAT THEY WISH TO ENTER. **
9. The League will accept registrations for players who are 16 years of age or over. It is up to the discretion of independent Landlords, Landlady's and Stewards etc. as to whether that particular player is allowed to participate at their pubs/clubs if they are under the age of 18 years. It is up to the team captain/secretary to inform the away venue that they have a registered player under the age of 18. It is the responsibility of the team, who has registered a player under the age of 18, to ensure that their player behave and conduct themselves in a proper manner. Players under 18 shall tick the relative box on the registration form Registration cards of players under 18 will be marked with: 
10. It will be deemed an offence for any team to allow a non registered player or any of the team to sign a match score sheet under an assumed name. Any team allowing this transgression of the rules will be penalised by having the complete match awarded to the opposing team.
11. A player registration card will be issued and must be signed by the player and the secretary. The secretary must produce the signed card when a player signs a match score sheet. If a card cannot be produced due to it being in the committees hands, the game may continue but the opposing team secretary has the right to enter on the match score sheet. **Please Check Signatures.**
12. Once a player has registered and played for his/her team for which they have signed on, there is NO transfer allowed. Players may transfer from one team to another only if they have NOT thrown a dart for their original team he/she has registered with. The player transferring MUST re-register and pay a fee of £2.50p. A Player is only permitted to play once in a match. Player Registrations & transfers shall cease on the halfway point of the season.
13. No team shall include a barred player when visiting premises from which that player is barred, unless the Landlord concerned has given clearance. It is hoped amicable arrangements can be achieved.
14. All social clubs entering the league are only accepted on the understanding that all visiting league registered players are accepted as temporary members for that night.
15. The League has an inclusion policy with regards to players with a disability affecting their capability to do maths i.e. Dyscalculia; learning difficulties and autistic spectrum disorders (***Written, confidential proof of any of these disabilities is required by the committee***) Help can only be given when a player is on a double and only be given by the opposing marker. The marker is in charge of the game and 'coaching' to players on the Oche will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of that players Captain or Secretary to inform the marker of the player's disability **before** the match commences and also **before** that player commences his/her leg. Players with disabilities affecting their capability to work out their finish will have a different coloured registration card marked with: 

DARTBOARD & SETUP.

16. The board shall be hung 5ft 8ins (1.73metres) from the floor measured in a plumb line from the centre of the Bull. The Oche will be a fixed mark 6ft (1.83metres) from the base of the plumb line. This makes a dimension of 8ft 3ins (99 ins or 2.52metres) on the diagonal line from the centre of the Bull to the throwing line. The dartboard shall be a standard trebles and doubles clock pattern board showing the twenty, and all even segment singles in black and all odd segment singles in white, with ALL other colours and condition of board pertaining to BDO and WDO match board standards. Promotional boards are NOT allowed unless colours comply with this rule with regards to the board's colours.
17. The Oche shall be a minimum of 2ft 6ins long, the rear of which is recognised as the throwing point. Players are not permitted to stand on or over the Oche line. (***See additional sheet "Guidelines for Board set up" for full details***)

18. Scoreboards shall be mounted on each side of the dartboard and scores are marked by subtraction with the score obtained marked in the column furthestmost from the dartboard, and the score required in the column nearest the dartboard.

RULES GOVERNING PLAY.

19. Match nights will be Mondays for ladies sevens. Tuesdays for mixed pairs sevens and on Wednesdays for men's nines. Knockout cup matches will whenever possible be played on normal match nights or as delegated on your fixture sheets.
20. All league matches shall be 501 with a straight start and a double to finish. All KO cup matches shall be 701 with a straight start and a double to finish. The BULLS EYE is recognised as a double 25.
21. In league matches the away team will throw first in odd legs and the home team first in the even legs. Away teams players register their names first on the match sheet. Once both teams' players are registered and signed in on the match sheet then only **THOSE TWO PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE ON THE BOARD.**
22. Each mixed league match shall comprise of 7 men and 7 women, playing 7 legs of mixed pairs, each men's League match shall comprise of 9 men playing 9 legs of singles and each Ladies league match shall comprise of 7 ladies playing 7 legs of singles.
23. In order for a team to qualify for two points, i.e. 'winning a match', the following minimum number of legs must be won; men's 5, mixed 4, ladies 4. A drawn match will be accepted under the following criteria; men's 4-4, ladies and mixed 3-3 one point awarded to each team. Any other result outside the aforementioned permutations legs for and against will awarded to each team with no points to either team. No legs to be played / claimed without player's signature.
24. All teams must provide at least four pairs in mixed leagues, four players in Ladies leagues and five players in men's leagues to constitute a match being played. Teams failing to do this on a regular basis will face enquiry from the league as to their future conduct. Any teams failing to constitute a side for a league match will forfeit their right to play in any KO Cup competition that falls prior to their next league match.
25. The captains of the two teams shall be in charge of the league matches with the secretaries responsible for the completing the team match sheet as won (W) or lost (L) and recording any high finishes, highest scores and 180's on the match sheets. The winning team secretary (Home team Sec. in the event of a draw) is responsible for informing the relevant Fix. Sec. of the result within 24 hours for men's, ladies and mixed divisions by Tel, text or e-mail, with the match sheet to be in no later than the Sun. meeting following the match. **FAILURE TO INFORM THE FIX. SEC. OR PRODUCE THE MATCH SHEET WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF ONE POINT FOR EACH OFFENCE.** It is the duty of each secretary to keep a record a scorebook of individual player and team scores and to keep track of the published league tables and should they not tally with the figures of their club the General Secretary should be contacted immediately and not left for several weeks. This ensures a true publication.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKERS

26. Once a game is in progress the player is NOT allowed to ask or receive advice on finishes or working to a finish either from other persons or from written material both on or off the oche, this is deemed to be coaching. The only exception is in a pairs match whereby players may consult with their **partners only** whilst off the oche. Again, interjection from any third party, verbal or written, is deemed as coaching.
27. All markers must be registered players of the league. Players may only remove arrows after the marker has declared the score. A dart point must remain touching the board to score.
28. The markers will mark by subtraction. The score obtained (SCORED) will be marked in the column furthestmost from the dart board and the score required (WANTED) in the column nearest the dart board.
29. The markers, once a leg is in progress, shall not look towards the Oche and they must be prepared to announce the score obtained and the amount still required if so requested by the throwing player. The amount required must be called only as i.e.; **32 wanted not double 16** the markers are the only people permitted to announce any score once a dart as been thrown in any leg.
- a) **Markers are in charge of the game in progress.**
- b) **Markers are to announce scores required from a finish and below to the player, before He/She commences the throw.**

- c) Do keep still whilst the player is throwing.
 - d) Do not state a finishing double. Unless the player is registered with permission. *See rule 15.*
 - e) Should a player request of the marker what score is left the marker must write down the correct score as well verbally telling the player, however do not state a double.
 - f) Do check the player's feet before the first dart is thrown then face the board.
 - g) Any form of coaching on or off the oche, will NOT be tolerated.
 - h) Please ensure that ALL mobile telephones are turned off before the match commences.
30. League matches will be played on dates stipulated. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LEAGUE MATCHES BE ALLOWED TO BE CANCELLED (except due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. the death or funeral of a registered team member, and only with prior consultation of the Gen.Sec or the fixture secretary who shall in turn inform the opposition team). Any matches cancelled, due to the reasons above, must be played within 4 weeks of cancellation date and the relevant Fix. Sec. informed. Should the 2 teams be unable to agree a date then this will be set by the Gen.Sec & Fix. Sec. The Committee and the League are NOT responsible for any cost incurred for transport, food etc. in respect of matches claimed due to cancellations or non turn-out of teams.
31. ALL LEAGUE, KO CUPS, PAIRS & SINGLES matches must commence by 9.00pm. Secretary's must ensure that they register and get their players to sign in and commence the match at 9.00pm. If one team has registered their player and their opponents have not then they are in order to claim the first leg at 9.00pm and then as follows:
- 2nd Leg9.10pm
 - 3rd Leg.....9.20pm
 - 4th Leg.....9.30pm
 - 5th Leg.....9.40pm and the entire match.
- Ladies & Mixed leagues claim the match after 4 legs. Should a delay in arrival by the visiting team become unavoidable then the visiting team secretary must telephone the home team secretary and advise him or her of the reason for the delay and the estimated time of arrival. Failure to do so will entitle the home team to claim legs as above.
32. In the event of a match being played under protest then the **under protest** must be clearly written on the score sheet and the opposing team secretary respective fixture secretary informed of the reason why. It then becomes the secretary of the protesting team responsibility to return the score sheet with a protest fee of £5.00, refunded if protest found valid, and a letter explaining the reason for the protest. This must be done within 7 days of the match being played otherwise the protest will be declared void. Only written protests will be heard. Should a protest be lodged then both teams secretary's and captains will be invited to attend the next executive committee meeting to put their case. The findings of the executive committee will be binding and final in all cases. **The executive committee will not deal with any protest unless the above is complied with.** A complaint written on match sheets is NOT classed as a protest, whilst the committee will take the nature and points of the complaint into account and monitor the situation, it will NOT be dealt with as a protest
33. Any team not completing a full winter or summer season will have all points and legs expunged. Teams and team members dropping out of the league will also forfeit their place in any KO cup, pairs and singles competitions. Re admission to the men's, mixed and Ladies leagues will be at the discretion of the respective fixture secretary.
34. In all KO competitions & league tables the winners shall be determined by the highest number of points achieved. In the event of a tie then the legs for and against will determine the winner. If all is tied on points and legs then the matches played against each other will determine the winner. i.e. if team/player A beat team/player B on both occasions or obtained the highest leg difference then team A is the winner. If all is still tied then a play off will determine the winner. Promotion & relegation between divisions is at the discretion of the Committee and may vary albeit usually two teams up & two teams down.

LEAGUE KO CUP MATCHES.

35. KO cup games will be played on the dates stipulated. No cancellations will be allowed. Cup games will start as normal (9:00pm Commence 1st Leg). 701 start Away team enter names on the match sheet first and have the arrows, In ALL KO cup Semi' finals & Final matches' team Captains shall toss for the arrows, winners

of the toss shall have the choice of being the 'Home' or 'Away' team. In ALL KO semis and Finals matches the players card shall be handed to the referee face down by each team's captain/secretary, the referee will enter the players name on the match sheet. No one, apart from the referee will see whose names are entered on the match sheet prior to each leg commencing..

36. All KO Cup matches MUST constitute a result. In the event of a draw due to lack of players from either or both sides then one final deciding leg must be played between two players (or two pairs in mixed teams) one from each side, who have already played in the drawn match. The players are selected by the team captains with the away team having the arrows.

PAIRS, SINGLES & SPECIAL EVENT KO COMPETITIONS.

37. Entry fees for ALL pairs and singles knockout competitions will be £2.50 per player these fees should be made payable to the Nottingham Central Darts League. Men's and Ladies pairs and singles and mixed pairs league KO competitions shall receive cash prizes, in addition to trophies, for winners and runners up. This shall be permutated as follows: winners of pairs KO competitions shall receive £100 (£50 each) and runners up £50 (£25 each). Winners of singles KO competitions shall receive £50 with the runner up receiving £25.
38. A player is only permitted to enter a knockout competition if he or she is a registered league player and then only once per competition within the league jurisdiction provided that he or she has paid the relevant knockout competition entry fee.
39. On the request of the referee if any player in any knock out competition is asked to mark, they must do so or find a substitute marker. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to the players concerned being banned from this years competition and also will not be allowed to enter for the forthcoming season.
40. Any players entering pairs or singles KO competitions must turn out for their registered team a minimum of 50% of the league games from season commencement up to the finals night. A record will be kept, by means of the team Sec's entering names of players in attendance who have not played, on the back of the match sheet. Each player's name shall be authenticated with their signature. Any names NOT authenticated will be deemed an invalid match attendance. Each team secretary or representative shall authenticate the opposition register by signing immediately below where the last player has signed. Players attaining the ¼ finals stages of any KO competition will have their attendance records checked by the committee. Players not adhering to this rule will be disqualified from the competition
41. Any registered male player in the men's league can only play in the men's pairs and singles competition. Any registered female player in the ladies league can only play in the ladies pairs and singles competition. Any registered mixed player whether it is male or female can only formulate a mixed pair and can only play in the mixed pairs competition.
42. All pairs and singles knockout competitions will be best of 3 legs of 501, until reaching the last 16, which will be best of 5 legs 501.
43. All pairs and singles matches will commence at 9.00pm prompt. Any player not signed in by this time will have deemed themselves disqualified. Match will commence by the player spinning once only for the arrows and then alternating until the game is won.
44. In all knockout competitions & KO cups it is the responsibility of the individual, the team secretary & the referee to **Ensure** any highest finishes or 180s scored are recorded on the appropriate match sheet. Hear say and word of mouth will not be accepted. (*See also rule25*).
45. Substitutes will be permitted in the **first round only** of the pairs and singles knockouts and only then if the player is a member of the same pub or club team and is NOT already entered in that particular pairs/singles KO competition, the substitute then continues in the competition until knocked out. Fixture secretary's must be notified, prior to the match, of any changes. Any players found in breach of this rule will be disqualified from the competition.
46. Players who have registered and played for Pubs/Clubs registered with the above leagues, both Summer & Winter seasons, shall be eligible to compete in any KO competitions as organised by the executive committees. Players can only enter for the pubs/clubs to which they have registered & played. Rules for All day KO competitions will be in addition to the league rules, which will still apply.

SPECIAL EVENTS

47. Captains & Secretary's of respective teams within the Ladies leagues will be eligible to enter the Leslie Quinn's Captains & Secretary's KO competition at the end of each Summer season.

The League have supported, and will continue to support, local charities as long as the nominee of the group requiring the support of the League provides a written request on headed paper and where appropriate, (usually in medical support cases) provides a Doctors letter.

Definitions concerning rule 15:

Dyslexia : A variable often familial learning disability involving difficulties in acquiring and processing language that is typically manifested by a lack of proficiency in reading, spelling, and writing

Dyscalculia: A term referring to a wide range of life-long learning disabilities involving math. There is no single form of math disability, and difficulties vary from person to person and affect people differently in school and throughout life)

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