

LOCHGELLY & DISTRICT DARTS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION & RULES

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Scottish Darts Association rules will apply on any matter not specifically covered by Lochgelly & District Darts Association.

Section 1

General

- 1-1 The name of the Association shall be called “Lochgelly & District Darts Association” herein after called the Association.
- 1-2 The Association will be limited to teams within the boundaries of Ballingry, Cardenden, Crosshill, Kinglassie, Kirkcaldy, Lochgelly, and Lochore only.
- 1-3 The number of teams in this association will not be limited.
- 1-4 The bankers of this association will be the Bank Of Scotland Ltd, Bank Street, Lochgelly, Fife.
- 1-5 No monies may be drawn from the bank unless two signatures of the association committee are shown on the withdrawal slips.
- 1-6 The Association committee will consist of the following: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee will be elected each year at the annual general meeting which is held in the closed season. One of the committee will be the Fife representative.
- 1-7 The Association committee will be paid a sum, the amount of which will be decided upon at the A.G.M.
- 1-8 Only signed members of the previous season of this Association prior to the A.G.M. May have a vote at the A.G.M. Any player/s barred or suspended or found to be playing illegally in the previous season must consider him/herself not signed and have no vote at the A.G.M.
- 1-9 No rules may be changed at any time other than at an A.G.M.
- 1-10 All proposed changes to rules must be made in writing and be given to the league chairman or secretary one week prior to the date of the A.G.M.
- 1-11 To change these laid down rules a two-thirds majority must be established.
- 1-12 All fees & fines to be fixed or changed only at the A.G.M.
- 1-13 Two auditors shall be appointed by the league members at the A.G.M.

- 1-14 The committee reserve the right to change competition format/amend fixtures/dates etc where they see fit, without assigning a reason for doing so.
- 1-15 No Lochgelly League Fixtures or Competition Dates will be moved to accommodate teams or individuals who may be taking part in other competitions on the same date.
- 1-16 Teams failing to be represented at properly constituted league meetings will be fined (see rule 4-1) unless such absence can be justified to the satisfaction of the league committee. All teams are allowed to miss one meeting per year.
- 1-17 Teams failing to be represented at three consecutive league meeting will be expelled from the association. Unless such absence can be justified to the satisfaction of the league committee.
- 1-18 In the event of a team defaulting or being expelled from the association (withdrawing or failing to fulfil two consecutive matches) and no entry taking their place, all points won from defaulting team will automatically be deducted from the points total of the teams concerned.
- 1-19 All players to be registered must be on association forms witnessed by team captain or representative.
- 1-20 Any player/team found guilty of financial inducement will be expelled from the association.
- 1-21 Any complaints about any item, any team or individual must be protested in the way laid down in rules (2/16 and 2/17), the team, individual being notified of the protest against them.
- 1-22 Anyone causing a misdemeanour at a function of the association which is likely to damage the good name of the association will be called before the league committee and a decision taken as to their membership future. If they fail to present themselves a decision will be taken in their absence. (See section 4-2)
(THIS IS A SPORTING ASSOCIATION AND IF YOU CANNOT CONDUCT YOURSELF IN A SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER YOU ARE NOT WELCOME).
- 1-23 There is a right of appeal against protest decisions taken by this association.
- 1-24 No player/s may play for this Association/League and any other Association/League who play their matches on the same night as this association i.e. (Friday).whether they are affiliated with Fife and Scottish darts associations or not. (See section 4-3).
- 1-25 Players or teams debt suspended by the association or fife darts association will not participate in any matches governed by this association. (see section 4-7)
- 1-26 Teams playing non-registered player/s will lose match and be fined (see rule 4-3).
- 1-27 The venues and draws for cups/singles etc will take place at monthly meetings or meetings arranged by the association committee.
- 1-28 Each team in the league will be requested to donate gift (or gifts) for the annual Christmas draw.
- 1-29 No venue will be changed without the prior permission of the association committee.
- 1-30 No venue will be changed for a player/s that is barred from any club or pub through their own doing.
- 1-31 The distance of throw & height of the board will be laid down by the Scottish Darts Association.
- 1-32 All teams must have a raised oche for all league sponsored matches.
- 1-33 Team captains have the right to challenge and measure the board and throw line. Any protest in this connection must be intimated before the match starts. In singles, doubles etc. Any player may challenge.
- 1-34 Each game must be 501 straight start, finish with a double.
- 1-35 A bull (i.e. 50) counts double 25 and may finish a game.
- 1-36 A dart counts what is indicated at point of entry irrespective of the position in which it is on the board.

- 1-37 When marking a score the marker will mark two columns for each player (team), in the left hand column the score for that throw, in the right hand column the score remaining, i.e. If 32 remains the score shall be written 32 not x16.
- 1-38 Only darts in the board on completion of throw will count. Checker may shout “check” or “game”. If dart/s fall out before completion of throw or before player retrieves them, it does not count.
- 1-39 During a throw a player may ask the checker the score to date or what remains and may be told either. He/she may only be told the amount and not the double, i.e. 34 not double 17.
- 1-40 When one or two darts have been thrown and a player asks what remains, marker and checker must agree with what remains and their amalgamated decision is final.
- 1-41 In all competitive games under this association the following will govern the finish of games. When a player/s exceeds the number required they revert to the score they required when first they threw, i.e. if a player/s requires 32 and they score 31 or over, they require 32 when next they throw.
- 1-42 It is up to the player to see his/hers opponents score written down and make any protest before he/she throws their next dart.
- 1-43 Three “trebles” or three “doubles” or three in any one bed does not constitute “game” unless where the three “doubles” are the exact score required.
- 1-44 A player may only sign for one team in the league and must be signed on the forms provided by the last day in December of each year.
- 1-45 Teams have the right to insert a signed member into the team as a reserve if a chosen member fails to turn up on the night of the match but must be named before match commences.
- 1-46 Team sheets will be made out before the match commences and each player will play against opposite number on the team sheet.
- 1-47 At league meetings only one representative from each team may have the right to voice an opinion or cast a vote.
- 1-48 Teams failing to turn up for two consecutive matches will automatically be withdrawn from the league unless extenuating circumstances prevail.
- 1-49 At monthly league meetings only those representing association teams have the right to cast a vote. The chairperson only has a casting vote if league representatives are divided equally.
- 1-50 Intimation of changes to any laid down rules must be in the hand of the league secretary in writing and signed by a proposer and seconded not less than 14 days prior to the A.G.M.
- 1-51 A player may make a request to the committee to move to another team, the player has until the December monthly meeting to make this request and cannot move teams until the committee gives him leave to do so.

Section 2

League

- 2-1 Games shall start at 7:45pm on Fridays.
- 2-2 Games shall consist of eight singles games the best of three legs and four doubles. After the singles a team can if desired play up to four other named players in the doubles as long as they are included on the team sheet in the four reserve positions (see Rule 4-8). All games are 501 straight start.
- 2-3 The selection for league matches will be as follows,
Each team captain will pick the 8 players in the order they want to play in each singles matches then and then enter them onto the team sheet.

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- 2-4 The doubles will also be picked the same way after the singles matches are completed.
- 2-5 Singles games will be the best of three legs of 501, and the doubles games will be one leg of 501.
- 2-6 If a team has only 7 players they will be entered on to the team sheet in numerical order the team captain has picked them. This will also apply to teams with less than seven players. This also applies to other matches where a team has one more player than the opposition.
- 2-7 Matches where both teams have less than eight players, but both teams have equal players on each side should be entered in the same way.
- 2-8 All singles and doubles games in the matches must be played out even where one team has more players than the opposition for the purpose of the league statistics.
- 2-9 Games shall commence with home team throwing first for bull, then the away in every leg. The nearest being the winner shall start the match.
- 2-10 Teams failing to fulfil fixtures or turning up with less than five players shall lose match. (See section 4-5)
- 2-11 One team sheet for each match is to be sent by the home captain to the league secretary to reach the secretary by 12:00pm on the Tuesday following the match. Giving date, venue, result, individual results and signed by both captains. Incorrect or late team sheets will be subject to a fine (see section 4-6).
- 2-12 League winners: in the event of two or more teams tying at the end of the season the team with the most match wins will be winners if it is still tied after this the team with the most legs will be the winners, this will be followed by the team with the largest +/- leg difference. If it is still a tie after this a deciding game/s will be played, the place of venue to be decided by the league committee.
- 2-13 Marker and checker of each team must be a signed member of said team, only darts on the surface of the board shall count and no dart shall be withdrawn until score is checked. Markers and checkers joint decision is final.
- 2-14 If a team captain challenges a player for overstepping the minimum throw line and the player persists in same, his score will not count, i.e. The total sum of his/hers three darts will count zero.
- 2-15 Intimation of protest games must be in the hands of league secretary per registered letter not later than Tuesday noon after completion of game and must be accompanied by a £5 deposit. If protest fails, deposit will be forfeited.
- 2-16 A verbatim copy of protest must also be in the hands of opposing team captain per registered letter not later than Tuesday noon after completion of game.
- 2-17 All protests shall be heard and decided upon by league representatives at a properly constituted league meeting. 50% of representation shall constitute a quorum.

Knock out Cup, Shield and Consolation Cup

- 2-20 A draw will be made for each round by the association committee for the knockout cup and the R.Donnelly Shield
- 2-21 Knock Out Cup matches will have the same rules as the League matches but there will be no draw for the singles and doubles matches, but the doubles matches must be picked and on the team sheet before the singles matches commence.
- 2-22 The R.Donnelly Shield shall consist of nine singles games of 501 the best of three legs in each game.
- 2-23 The Consolation Cup shall consist of eight singles games of 501 one leg for each game, if after all legs are played and the match is tied at four each the team captains will pick one of their eight players to play a deciding leg of 501.
- 2-24 Teams who fail to fulfil their Cup, Shield or Consolation Cup match will lose the match but will not be fined or penalised in any other way. There will be a redraw after every round.

Section 3

OTHER LEAGUE SPONSORED COMPETITIONS

- 3-1 Singles, Doubles, Triples, Fours and Fives championships shall be played annually, and are open to all registered players.
- 3-2 The Lochgelly League Cup Singles and the Dolly Craigie Blind Draw Pairs shall be played annually, and are open to all lochgelly registered players. The George McCormack Shield is an open event.
- 3-3 An adjudicator will be appointed at the time of the draw for each venue. He/she will appoint markers and checkers for each contest. In the event of a protest at the venue the adjudicator must investigate it there and then and come to a decision. The decision of the adjudicator will be final.
- 3-4 The singles and doubles will be the best of three legs of 501. (singles final only shall consist of the best of 5 legs). The triples shall consist of one triple one double and three singles in that order, All legs 501. When one team has three legs won, the game will be over. In the fours the format will be four singles followed by two doubles, when one team has won four legs, the game will be over. In the event of a tie 3-3 draw the two teams will play one leg of 1001, All legs 501. The fives shall consist of one triple, one double and five singles. Players playing in triple must not play in double. All legs 501, when a team has won 4 legs the game will be over.
- 3-5 Two players of the team for the triples must be present at the time laid down to start the game. If the third player is named on the team-sheet and turns up before his/her turn to toe the oche he/she may participate. Two players can play in the triple missing a throw.
- 3-6 Three players of the team for the fours must be present at the time laid down to start the game. If the fourth player is named on the team-sheet and turns up before his/her turn to toe the oche he/she may participate. (this also applies to fives teams).
- 3-7 Doubles, triples, fours and fives partners must be from the same team. Players from the same team who are drawn at the same venue and there partner/partners do not turn up may join together on the night to make one team.
- 3-8 (doubles only) players who are from the same team but are not at the same venue who know there partners will not be able to turn up may join together if they inform the league secretary 14 days prior to the day of the event, the secretary will then inform them of which venue they may participate at as partners. Once permission is given by the secretary for the players to participate at the venue as a double they cannot change back to their original partners even if their original partners turn up at the event.(if the original partners do play together at the venue and qualify they will be disqualified)
- 3-9 The Lochgelly League Cup Singles will be hosted at the venue where the lochgelly super leagues home matches take place. All matches will be the best of three legs of 501 (final only shall consist of the best of 5 legs). The Dolly Craigie Blind Draw Pairs shall consist of a blind draw to pick the pairs. All matches will be the best of three legs of 501. The G.McCormack Shield shall be best of three legs of 301 double start. A draw will take place on the night from all the entrants wishing to take part in the above competitions.
- 3-10 Once the names have been put forward at a properly constituted league meeting, no alterations or additions may take place (extenuating circumstances excepted).
- 3-11 A draw will be once, or each round, as decided upon by the association committee in singles, doubles, triples, fours and fives. Only those players on the premises at the start of the draw will be included in the draw.
- 3-12 In singles, doubles, triples, fours and fives players drawn out of the hat first throw for bull first in all legs.

Section 4

Fines and Penalties

- 4-1 Teams failing to be represented at properly constituted league meetings will be fined £10.00 all teams are allowed one missed meeting.
- 4-2 Anyone causing a misdemeanour at a function of the association will be asked to attend the next monthly meeting where the committee will either give them a warning or have them expelled from the association depending on the severity of their misconduct.
- 4-3 Any player/s that breach rule 1/22 will have to attend a disciplinary hearing at the next league meeting, where they will be given a warning, if the player/s breach the rule for a second time, whether in the same season or for the first time the next season, then the committee will have no option but to exclude the player/s for the remainder of that season. If the player/s fails to attend the meeting the committee will find in their absence.
- 4-4 Teams playing non-registered player/s will lose match and be fined £25.00
- 4-5 Failure of team/s to fulfil fixture/s, opponents will be given 12-0 win and will receive £25.00 compensation from offending team which the committee will collect on their behalf.
- 4-6 Incorrect or late team sheets will be subject to a fine of £15.00
- 4-7 Penalty for playing debt suspended player/s. £25.00 plus loss of points
- 4-8 You are only allowed four named reserves Penalty for playing unnamed reserve in a league match, the leg will be awarded to the opposition.