

# Epsom & District Monday Winter Dart League

## League Rules (Revised 2021)

- 1 All matches shall be played on a Monday night. Except when a postponed or rearranged match cannot be played at any other time and by mutual arrangement of both teams.  
  
The league secretary must be notified of any postponements or mutual rearrangements to the fixtures, and 72 hrs notice must be given or walkover point will be awarded.
- 2 All players shall sign a registration form provided on the league website, which must be in the hands of the league secretary 48 hours before playing a match. The closing date for the registration of players shall be the end of the first half of the season.
- 3 Any registered player that has played at least 1 game, may enter competitions sponsored by the league.
- 4 No player having played for one team will be allowed to play for any other team in the league that season.
- 5 All matches must be played on a standard elm or bristle dart board in good playing condition, numbered 1-20 and hung 5'8" (1.37m) from the centre of the bull to the floor. The throw should be 7'9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (2.37m) from the face of the board measured horizontally. The oche should be raised and firmly fixed at least 0.43m long. Players must toe the oche or stand behind it. The oche must not be trodden on while throwing.
- 6 The playing format shall be as follows:-
  - A team shall consist of 8 players (Minimum of 6 players allowed) and the playing order will be decided by drawing the names out of a hat. (First name out will play No 1 and so on).
  - A match shall consist of 14 games each straight start and finish on a double.
  - Two fours of 901, four pairs of 701, and eight singles of 501.
  - A point shall be awarded for each game won.
  - The visitors shall throw first in game one and thereafter alternately.

**Temporary extension to rule 6 is withdrawn.**
- 7 Matches to start by 8.30pm, and open board from 8.00pm with match board and oche in position.
- 8 The home team shall provide the chalker / Scorer, and the away team the caller / referee.  
  
The caller / referee will be in charge of the game and is the only person permitted to tell the thrower what they require if the thrower should ask.
- 9 The scoring must be shown on a scoreboard clearly visible to the players when they are standing on the oche. If an electronic scoreboard is used then it should have a minimum of 4 scores and what is remaining for both teams.
- 10 The home team is responsible for supplying the result card and a representative of the winning team is responsible for entering the result of **BOTH** teams on the website no later than 12 noon on the Thursday following the match. It is the responsibility of the losing team to check the website for the accuracy of their result. Score sheets and result card are available on the league website.
- 11 There will be league competitions at the end of the league fixture and all competition competitors should report to the organisers by 8.15pm.

- 12 Any team failing to fulfil a fixture their opponents are to be awarded 9 points, and may be excluded from the league in the future.
- 13 Points obtained from teams dropping out of the league before the end of the season may be deducted in a fair way by the league secretary.
- 14 Where a visit to a club is involved, team secretaries are responsible for forwarding a WRITTEN LIST of players and visitors to their opponents to reach them at least 72 hours before the match is to be played. (Home clubs can refuse entry to teams not adhering to this rule). This is to conform to police regulations, failing to do so may result in the game not being played and the visiting team forfeiting the match.  
**NOTE: Some pubs and clubs will not admit men wearing shorts and / or vests.**
- 15 There will be a maximum of 10 awards per team for divisional winners and runners up, and to the players achieving the most game shots, tons and the highest finish in each division. The winners and runners up in the league competitions will also receive an award.
- 16 All annual trophies remain the property of the league and cannot be won outright, they should be taken care of by the holders who should them from the time of the presentation until requested to return them for the following year. The holders will be liable for any loss or damage to the trophies while in their possession.
- 17 Should two or more teams tie on points for the championship, they will play off on neutral premises to be decided upon by the league committee who will appoint scorers and callers.
- 18 At the end of the season, the winners and runners up in each division will be promoted to the next division and the bottom two teams will be relegated to the next lowest. The committee do however reserve the right to formulate the structure of each division at the beginning of each season as they see fit, based on the entries received.
- 19 Anything arising and not provided for in these rules will be subject to a temporary rule that the committee reserves the right to form.

#### **If a team has 7 players**

Order of play is drawn as normal (for 1 to 7), then the **8<sup>th</sup> player** will be a bye, giving the opponents the point.

#### **If a team has 6 players**

Order of play is drawn as normal (for 1 to 3), Then the **4<sup>th</sup> player** will be a bye, and the next 3 will be drawn And play (5 to 7) then the **8<sup>th</sup> player** will be a bye. (This gives the opponents the maximum amount of games to play).

#### **If both teams have 7 players**

Order of play is drawn as normal (for 1 to 7), With the away team having the **8<sup>th</sup> player** as a bye, and the home team having their **4<sup>th</sup> player** as the bye.