



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY DARTS ORGANISATION

SUPERLEAGUE RULES

1.0 The League

- 1.1 The league shall be known as the Gloucestershire Super League and shall be an integral part of the Gloucestershire County Darts Organisation (GCDO). The Gloucestershire Super League shall comply with the contents of the GCDO Constitution.
- 1.2 Teams may present themselves at the GCDO Annual General Meeting for election into the Gloucestershire Super League. The method of selection is at the discretion of GCDO.
- 1.3 Each Super League Team Manager becomes a member of the Executive Council and is required to attend all council meetings, or to ensure that his/her deputy attends. Teams not represented at Executive Council meetings shall be fined £10.00 for non-attendance the first time, £20.00 for the second time, £30.00 for the third time, etc. Any deputy shall hold the same voting and debating rights as the Team Manager.

2.0 Fees

- 2.1 Each dart team is required to pay the following fees by a date laid down at the Annual General Meeting (which is normally held one (1) month after the last Super League match of the season). All fees must be paid at least 7 days before the date of the first Super League match.
 - (a) Guarantee fee
 - (b) Entrance fees (annual)
 - (c) Insurance fees (as set by UKDA and pro-rata)
 - (d) Registration fee (per player)
 - (e) Match fees (per match)

(a), (b), (d) and (e) to be set annually by the Executive Council as recommended by the Treasurer.
- 2.2 Any dart team wishing to enter the Super League without first having fulfilled all its financial commitments to GCDO will be ineligible. All fees and monies are payable to GCDO and not to any individual(s).

3.0 Player Registration

- 3.1 Players can only register for a Super League team after the Annual General Meeting and all registration forms must have the current season's date printed on them. All players must register six (6) clear days before the first Super League fixture. Additional players can be registered "on the night" for double the normal registration fee but their form(s) must be received by the Super League Secretary within twenty eight (28) days of their first having played. Failure to submit the form(s) within this time will result in the offending team being deducted one (1) penalty point from the overall team score for each offence.
- 3.2 Any person under the age of sixteen (16) who signs a Super League registration form must have the form countersigned by a parent / legal guardian. If a form is not countersigned then it will not be considered valid and the player will be deemed to be un-registered.
- 3.3 Any player who signs a Super league registration form for one team and then signs for a different team will be treated as a transferring player even if this is prior to the official start of the season. The transfer protocol should be in accordance with Super league Rule No. 3.4 below.
- 3.4 Any player wishing to transfer from another team must:-
- (a) Obtain the Executive Councils' approval for the transfer
 - (b) Re-register at £10.00 (payable by player)
 - (c) Pay a transfer fee of £10.00. This fee to be paid by the team for which the player wishes to play

The transfer and re-registration must be paid six (6) clear days before the match in which the player will be first required to play.

No transfers will be permitted in the second half of the season, the only exception being is if the team for which they are registered withdraws or is excluded from the league leaving the players no option but to transfer.

- 3.5 Super League Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that players signed on by them qualify in respect of eligibility. Any dispute will be settled by the Executive Council of GCDO.

4.0 Match Venue

- 4.1 Each Super League venue shall be the responsibility of the home team. Any change of venue must be notified in writing to the Super League Secretary so that other teams can be advised.
- 4.2 The venue shall be large enough to accommodate the two teams involved, their officials and a reasonable number of supporters: approximately 30 people.

- 4.3 The match dartboards, oche (which must be raised) and computer are the responsibility of the home team on one board and away team on the other if a second board is used.
- 4.4 All Super League venues should have a practice board in the same room or adjacent. practice and match boards to be at the correct height of 5'8" (1.73M) and the minimum throwing distance shall be 7'9.1/4" (2.37M) as laid down by the UKDA. Each board to have adequate lighting and be an approved UKDA board.
- 4.5 All new Super League venues may be vetted by a member of the committee for suitability and compliance with GCDO rules.

5.0 Matches

- 5.1 All Super League fixtures shall be played on every Friday night as laid down in the fixture list. However, in order to accommodate postponed matches (see rule 5.3 below), it may be necessary to play on different nights, which is quite in order providing that the Super League Secretary and the opposing Team Manager have been notified and have agreed.
- 5.2 No Super League matches will be played on the Friday prior to a County match.
- 5.3 Any team who is unable to fulfil a scheduled Super League fixture should contact the Super League Secretary giving reasons for this and a proposal for when the game can be played. The game can either be brought forward or played on any day/night, at any venue, but must be within three (3) weeks of the original fixture date. The Super League Secretary will then seek the approval of the opposing Team Manager. If a resolve cannot be found then the offending team must forfeit the game, but to a win only in both sections, i.e. 4-0 in the men's and 2-0 in the women's thus giving the non-offending team a 6-0 win.
- 5.4 Match results must be in the hands of the Super League Secretary not later than the morning of the Monday following a Friday match, or within three (3) working days of the match being played. Late results shall incur a fine of £2.00 and 2 penalty points will be deducted from the overall team score. A subsequent offence by the same team will incur increased penalties, such an increase being determined by the Executive Council.
- 5.5 Each Super League match shall consist of 10 games made up as follows: 7 men playing the best of 7 legs and 3 women playing the best of 5 legs, 501 flying start, double to finish. Order to be 2 men, 1 woman, finishing with 1 man. Away team has the first throw on odd numbered games and the home team on even numbered games.
- 5.6 Each Super League team are to pre-select the order of their players, and the Home team will enter both sets of players into the match computer for the draw. There is no longer a need for all players to be present when the draw is made.

- 5.7 The draw to be made in good time for all games to commence at 8.00 p.m. Failure to commence at 8.00 p.m. will automatically forfeit five (5) points from the team score of the offending team. Six (6) practice darts only will be permitted on the match board.
- 5.8 A team turning up with less than 10 players shall only put the names in the draw of those players present. The opposing Team Manager will only put in the names of the same number of players. The minimum number of players per team shall be 4 men and 2 women. The byes to be put on the sheet showing which team had not got the full number of players.
- 5.9 Super League scoring to be: one (1) point for each game won, plus two (2) bonus points for the winning team or one (1) point each if a draw. Separate tables to be kept of the women's and men's matches so that the winners can go forward to the UKDA National Finals. Women's and men's points to be added together for the league table.
- 5.10 If any team withdraws at any time during the season all points awarded will be deducted.
- 5.11 Any Super League team not fulfilling its fixtures as laid down, will automatically be disqualified from the Gloucestershire Super League that same season and all points accrued will be withdrawn.
- 5.12 Individual averages to be worked out for each player and to include one (1) bonus point for every win.
- 5.13 Home and Away Team Managers (if a second board is used) shall be responsible for the recording of all scores achieved by each player for both teams during the match on the computerised match result sheet provided. This programme will automatically calculate individual player and team averages and provide the Super League Secretary with the necessary statistical information.
- 5.14 The Marker having called "match on" shall assume complete control of the games in progress and shall interpret all decisions as laid down in the Gloucestershire Super League Rules. He/she shall also declare each player's required total prior to each player's throw when the player requires 200 or less.
- 5.15 UKDA playing rules apply to all Gloucestershire Super League matches.
- 5.16 Any team failing to turn up for a match shall be fined £25.00 subject to the Executive Council's decision and the team will be responsible for their opponent's expenses involved in staging that match and the re-arranged match. Mitigating circumstances such as inclement weather, transport breakdown and the like will be considered by the Executive Council before a fine is imposed.
- 5.17 The Knock Out Cup will be competed for annually Each team will consist of 6 men and 3 women who will play simultaneously (numbers to suit the number

of boards available) and the competition will continue until 1 team is victorious. The match format, other than the number of players, will follow the league format.

6.0 League Tables and Prizes

6.1 In the event of a tie in the points gained by men's and women's teams at the end of the Super League season, the criteria to select the winners will be as follows:-

- (a) Matches won
- (b) Games won
- (c) Legs won

If this still results in a tie then the top teams will play off.

6.2 GCDO will present perpetual trophies at the end of the Super League season to league winners and runners-up. There will be money awards on a sliding scale throughout the Super League. The amounts to be decided annually by the Executive Council. The major trophies shall be lodged with the winning team, or player, for the duration of the following season and shall be returned to GCDO on request. The major trophies cannot be won outright but are perpetual and shall be played for annually.

6.3 All trophies shall be engraved with the winner's name appropriate to the competition. The winning team or player is responsible for the trophy and shall be required to make good any damage or loss.

6.4 Each month there will be monetary awards to the highest checkout and averages for both women and men. There will be an additional award for the highest checkout of the season for both women and men. The amounts of these awards to be decided annually by the Executive Council.

6.5 An annual award for the highest number of 100 plus scores will be presented to both women and men, with scores in excess of 170 being counted as two (2) tons.

7.0 Miscellaneous

7.1 The purpose of the Gloucestershire Super League is to enable players to have the opportunity to play for their County. Only players officially registered, and playing at least two (2) of the previous four (4) Super League matches shall be eligible for selection for the Gloucestershire County team.

7.2 The Executive Council may impose a penalty of loss of points for any infringement of GCDO or UKDA rules.

- 7.3 Any member of the Super League reported to have behaved in a manner prejudicial to the reputation of the GCDO, or the sport of darts, at any of their games and associated events, or travelling to or from such events, will be subject to Disciplinary Proceedings in accordance with rule 15.0 of the GCDO Constitution.