CHARD AND DISTRICT DARTS LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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1. **The League shall be known as the Chard and District Darts League.**
2. **The Chard and District Darts League (also referred to as CDDL within this document) shall be a non-profit, non-political league.**
3. **The league shall be governed by a management committee (elected for a period of two years) consisting of the following:**
    - **Chairman**
    - **Vice Chairman**
    - **Secretary**
    - **Treasurer**
    - **President**
    - **A General Committee consisting of at least 5 league players.**

      The CDDL committee will meet once a month if needed for the purpose of discussing and resolving any issues that may arise within the league and to arrange league and cup fixtures and venues. Committee meetings may be postponed for a maximum of 1 month, eg a meeting is held in December and there are no issues or discussions need so the next meeting is held in February.

4. **There will be an Annual General meeting held once a year.**

   The A.G.M. is conducted by the Chairman.

   Minutes of the meeting should be taken by the Secretary.

   The A.G.M. will cover the following items:

   a) **Opening remarks / Welcome**

   b) **Apologies**

   c) **Minutes of the previous A.G.M.**

   d) **Matters arising from the Minutes**

   e) **Presentation of the Annual Report (Chairman/Secretary) should give an overview of the main achievements of the year.**

   f) **Adoption of Annual Report**

   g) **Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer). Copies of the accounts will be available to those attending. The treasurer will highlight some of the figures in the accounts, explaining any that need explaining, and give a general overview of the financial position of the organisation.**

   h) **Adoption of the accounts.**

   i) **Appointment of Auditors (if requested by anybody).**

   j) **Election of the Management Committee (every two years). A proposer and seconder is required.**

   k) **Election of the General Committee – at least 5 members required (every year). Team representatives for the Winter League must attend committee meetings in February, April, July and October at the minimum.**

   l) **Motions (that have been put in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks previous) put to the A.G.M.**

   m) **Any other business.**

   n) **Closing remarks.**

      (i). No rules may be changed at any time other than at the A.G.M. or an EGM called specifically for that reason .

(ii). Any dispute not covered by the rules shall be dealt with by the Management Committee whose decision is final.

(iii). A roll call of team entries will be read at the start of the A.G.M. to ensure all entries for the forthcoming Leagues are present.

(iv). During voting, the representative from each team only is allowed to vote, also includes the committee and management committee, and a representative from the Summer league and Money league and other CDDL Leagues if they so wish, with the exception of the Chairman who may be asked to cast the deciding vote during a tie.

(v). Teams failing to be represented at the A.G.M. A representative <u>MUST</u> be present throughout the A.G.M.. Unless extreme circumstances prevail (i.e. new team or pub landlord) then a vote can be put to the floor to decide whether to accept entry, deny entry or accept entry with a fine of £20 and a 15 points deduction if the team in question provide reasoning that those present deem adequate.

5. (a). The bankers of this league will be:

NatWest Bank

(b). The Treasurers annual statement shall be read at the A.G.M. and may be audited at the request of the management committee at any time. The Treasurer shall at each committee meeting submit a statement of income and expenditure.

(c) The CDDL is established as a competitive dart league for the Chard area, for which the committee are responsible for:

The development and promotion of the league.

Attracting new teams within the Chard area, within a 12 mile radius as the crow flies from the Guildhall.

The enjoyment of its participants.

The establishment and maintenance of friendly, competitive relationships with similar leagues locally.

(d). There shall be no particular house nominated as headquarters. Committee meetings and competition venues shall be decided on by the management committee, taking into account the amount of space required for each function.

6.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES

No alterations to the foregoing Constitution and Rules shall be made except at an A.G.M. or a special General Meeting called for that purpose. Any member desiring to submit a motion proposing changes to the constitution or rules shall give notice in writing, specifying the changes proposed, to the Secretary of the league no later than four weeks before the date of the A.G.M.

7. ENTRANCE AND MATCH FEES

Each team shall pay an entrance fee of £6.00 per team for the Winter League Monday night sides and £6 for Thursday Winter Money League. This is payable at the A.G.M. when registering. Summer Money League and Monday Summer League entry fees will be payable at the Captains Cup. No monies are to be enclosed with team registration forms. An additional fee of £1 per player, per match, payable to the team captains on the evening of the match which are payable to the Treasurer on the date specified on the fixture list.

The Captain is responsible to effect payment to the Treasurer of all the seasons fees on the date and venue stipulated on the fixture cards, or earlier if possible. If bills are not settled by the date stated on the fixture list, an automatic £10 fine will be added to the monies due. If any match fees plus fine are then not paid within the given time period of 7 days the committee have the power to decide the outcome.

8. PLAYER REGISTRATION

(a).(i) Monday night teams can register a maximum of 12 players. Players that are signed on to a team but have not played may be removed from the team list and replaced but by another player, providing they have not played a game for another team

(ii).The cut off point for player registrations in all Monday night Leagues is the halfway point of the respective season. The Secretary MUST be notified before the match starts that a new player is to be registered.

(iii).The Thursday night Money League(s) teams may register up to a maximum of 9 players, with no cut off point.

(b). A player should only register with one team. If it happens that they have registered with 2 or more teams their registration will be recorded as the first team they play for. A team then playing an unregistered player will have points deducted for the games played by that person.

(c). Any player leaving a team or players from teams that have disbanded within the current season cannot transfer to another team within the same season.

9.

In the event of any teams dropping out before the halfway point all points will be declared null and void. If a team drops out after the halfway point, then the first half of the season points and stats will stand and the second half of the seasons results and stats will be declared null and void.

10.

(a). All perpetual trophies will be held by the successful team and will be returned to the league Secretary in pristine condition by the date specified on the fixture sheets. Failure to do so will result in an automatic £10 fine. Individual trophies will be awarded to a maximum of 8 per team and no team shall receive trophies unless all seasons fixtures have been completed and all fees paid. If teams wish to receive more than 8 trophies then the team must pay for the extra trophies before presentation night.

(b). Any team or players who fail to attend presentations will not receive trophies.

11.

(a). When dealing with players or teams who the committee believe have acted or behaved in an unacceptable manner / or brought the league into disrepute, a 3 warning can be enforced:

1st warning: Committee contact.

2nd warning: Ban to be issued / length of ban to be decided by committee.

3rd warning: life ban.

(b).The Management Committee have the power to act on or deal with any urgent or needful business, and the power to deal with all and any matters arising, not provided for in these rules, and be compelled to instruct the general Committee on all matters considered to be of a serious nature.

12.

The home team captain is responsible for filling in the result card. A picture of the results card must be sent to the Secretary within 48 hours otherwise teams will be docked 5 points for every reminder that is sent. Both teams must take a photo of the card as a backup for any lost cards and cards must still be posted in the red box at The Phoenix Hotel, Chard.

13.

FORMAT

The first game on a Monday night league to be played is triples, then the pairs and finally the singles. All league matches are played on a Monday night and Money Leagues on a Thursday night and start at 8.30pm. If the complete teams are not in attendance by this time, then the match must start by 8.45pm with as many players as are available.

All teams ending with equal points at the end of the season to have a play off, unless one of the teams has less points against them than the other.

14. MATCH CANCELLATIONS

(a) There will be no cancellations. Matches may only be rearranged, not cancelled. Any rearranged matches must be rearranged within 14 days of the original match fixture date. The game must be played before the seasons match fixtures are completed. If a team postpones without following the Leagues defined procedure they will automatically be deducted 5 points from their total league points. If an agreement to play the fixture on another date cannot be reached, then the committee must be notified and will then decide a date and the match MUST be played with however many players that are available. All rearrangements must be agreed at least 24 hours before the match date. Any teams failing to comply with this ruling will be banned for one year. The Secretary must be

notified of all rearranged dates immediately. Failure to do so WILL result in a £5 fine. When a game needs postponing Captains MUST speak to the opposing Captain to postpone.

(b). In 2013 it was decided at the A.G.M. that a Landlord's Allowance would be introduced. If a team postpones a game on the day of the match (against league rules) aside from action taken by the Committee, the team in question will be required to pay a £10 fine to the Landlord of the host venue as compensation for any food that may have been bought or prepared for the match in question. This fine is mandatory and will be collected by a committee member on behalf of the Landlord. Refusal to pay may result in a further team fine or removal from the League.

15.

DART BOARDS

(a) (a). All dart boards shall be full size and placed at the regulation height of 5ft 8inches to the centre of the bull, with the throw distance being 7ft 9 ¼ inches and be securely fixed with a visible oche. The general condition of the dart board and lighting shall be satisfactory and an appropriate scoring facility available for match play. Any dispute arising from unsatisfactory conditions should be referred to the committee via the Secretary who shall have the power to enquire into the nature of the complaint before another game is played on the board/ throw in question.

(b) Any complaints and / or protests must be made in writing to the League Secretary within seven days. Committee members are not at liberty to verbally discuss any complaint.

(c) Complaints will not be investigated by the committee unless they are put in writing, giving all relevant details.

(d) A Captain can be invited to a meeting explain further if necessary.

16.

TEAM RE-ENTRY

No team will be allowed re-entry unless all previous years fees have been paid up to date.

17.

PERPETUAL CUPS

(a) Team captains are responsible for the safe custody and upkeep of all trophies won.

(b) All cups are to be returned to the League Secretary by the date shown on the fixture sheets in a clean and presentable condition. Any teams returning cups in an unsatisfactory condition or failing to return such cups will be billed for the cost of collection, cleaning and any damage or replacement.

18.

(a) MONDAY NIGHT WINTER LEAGUE

(i) Each team to consist of six players

(ii) The same six players are to play in the 3 a sides and pairs. Team captains may change two players for the individual section provided that they are both in attendance before the first 3 a side game starts and the opposing captain has been notified.

(iii) Playing order to be drawn out prior to the start of the match.

(iv) Home team to bull up first, player nearest the bull starts.

(v) A straight start will apply for all matches.

(vi) The no bust rule shall apply throughout all games

(vii) Any match play darts may be used.

(viii) Only darts sticking in the board at the end of the throw will count.

(ix) Matches to start by 8.30pm.

(x) If by 8.45 the complete teams are not present, the 801 team games are to commence, irrespective of how many players are present from each team, followed by the pairs and individuals. Under these circumstances players may not be substituted during the individuals. If one team is not present whatsoever by 8.45pm, without prior notification, they will forfeit the 1st game of 801 and a further game for every 15 minutes of their absence thereafter.

(xi) Any teams or players not turning up for play-offs on finals nights will be banned from entering any future competitions for one year.

FORMAT

(b) To consist of: 2 games of 801 3-a-side (1 leg per game).

3 games of 701 pairs, 6 games of 501: Premier is best of 5 legs.

Winner of the bull goes 1, 3 & 5.

Other divisions are best of 3 legs, loser of the first leg goes first in second leg (mug's away) and if a third leg is played it is bull up again.

(c) All legs won during the individuals will count as one point each. If a game is won or lost by two straight legs (or 3 in the premier) the game is over.

(d) A maximum of 18 points in the premier and 12 points in the other divisions is available for the individuals. Each 801 and 701 pairs game count as 1 point. A maximum total of 5 points are available for the team games.

19.

SUMMER LEAGUE

(a). Each team must play at least 2 women in each match. The minimum of 2 women must play at positions 2 and 4. If a team has 3 women playing the 3rd must play at position 6. The singles games are best of 3 legs with the loser of the first leg throwing first in the second leg (mugs away). If a third leg is required then it is bull up with the winner of the bull throwing first.

(b). Only 1 pair of men playing as a pair is allowed and they must play as the third pair.

(c). A man cannot be placed in a ladies place as a substitute.

(d). FORMAT

Two games of triples of 801

Three pairs of one leg of 701

Six individuals of best of 3 legs of 501.

Total match points available will be seventeen.

(e). On Summer league presentation night, the competition will be Blind Pairs with divisions being separated and drawn as 1 from each hat whenever possible, if the presentation is held on a different date from the Winter League(s)

20.

MONEY LEAGUE

The order of play is drawn out at the beginning of the evening. Numbers 1 & 2 pair up and play against opponent 1 & 2. Then the same for 3 & 4, making 2 legs of pairs 701. Then every player plays one leg of 501 against each of the opposing players then finishing on a beer leg of 1001 for all 4 players. A maximum of 9 players may be registered to play the season.

21.

Competitions are ran by volunteers and/or committee members. A minimum of 8 players are required to participate and for the competition to go ahead.

All competitions last registration time is 19:45 with the draws being made afterwards. Competitions will start at 20:00

Entry fees are £2 per player per competition.

Players MUST have played in at least 1 match fixture to be eligible to enter competitions.

Competitions will be a minimum of best of 3 legs except for the Landlords Cup/Shield. Any extra than this is down to the Organisers discretion.

LOSERS ARE TO MARK THE NEXT GAME UNLESS SOMEBODY ELSE WISHES TO. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT DO NOT HAVE TO MARK FINALS UNLESS THEY VOLUNTEER OTHERWISE ANOTHER VOLUNTEER CAN MARK IF NOT THEN A LOSING SEMI FINALIST MUST MARK THE FINAL

22.

LANDLORDS CUP

At the 2014 A.G.M. it was decided that the Landlords cup would take on a "World Cup" style, multi venue Round Robin format – with 2 Mondays being set aside within the league fixtures to run the competition. Team entry into this competition is automatic, requiring teams not wishing to participate to declare so at the A.G.M. The kick off for this competition is at 8.00pm sharp. Each team draws its team order out and then one leg of 501 for each player and a beer leg for all 4 of 1001.

23.

PRESENTATION NIGHT(S)

(a) Venue(s) will be decided by the committee.

(b) A darts personality & MC may be asked to attend the presentation night at the discretion of the committee. In this instance, a charge of £1 per head may be charged.

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