

Oxfordshire Mens & Ladies Darts Super League

Rules & Constitution

1. The leagues will be known as The Oxfordshire Mens/ Ladies Darts Super League, (here onwards known as the super league), & match nights will be Thursdays for men & Mondays for ladies.
2. The committee will consist of The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & members of the Oxfordshire County Darts committee. Ladies will also include 1 member from each registered team
3. Any super league players will be eligible to play for Oxfordshire County Darts Organisation (OCDO) & to qualify must have a running average of 22.5 (Men) & 14.5 (Ladies). The county committee reserves the right to include any player under special dispensation.
4. All players must read & agree to abide by the rules fully, before signing the team registration form. All players must also sign the green B.D.O. registration form for which a fee of £2 must be paid. The secretary will be responsible for distributing these to member teams.
5. If, on a match night a team wishes to register a player they may do so as long as the opposing team captain agrees.
6. A player may only register & play for 1 team. The only possibility of a transfer from that team the committee can consider is in the case of a team folding or if there is a dispute within the team where upon all parties will be invited to a meeting to discuss the issue(s) and the committees decision will be final. This decision will be based entirely on all the information available to the committee at the time of the meeting.
7. All teams must register a minimum of 10 players (Men) or 6 players (Ladies)
8. All teams accepted into the league will pay a registration fee of £100 for Men or £60 for Ladies (changeable at an A.G.M), which includes automatic entry into the knockout cup (9-a-side Men, 5-a-side Ladies). The fee is payable with league entry forms. Registration night for both super leagues will be on or before the AGM every season & no entries will be accepted after this date. The date for each AGM will be decided by the County Committee & displayed on relevant fixture lists & OCDO website (www.oxforddarts.co.uk).

9. Weekly match fees are £16 (Men) or £15 (Ladies) irrespective of whether or not there are walkovers & must be paid in full. If this fee is to be posted it must be a cheque or postal order & made payable to The Oxfordshire Mens/Ladies Darts Super League. Ladies incentives are to be sent or paid to the treasurer on nominated dates on the fixture list. Mens fees are to be paid every 5 weeks (£90) & sent to the secretary at the address at the bottom of these rules. Match fees are payable in advance if so wished but no arrears will be allowed under any circumstances.

10. Players registered with other counties may play in the super league. Players playing in other counties super leagues must notify the secretary.

11. The minimum age for players is 14 years old. Any team with players under the age of 18 must inform their opponents when playing away fixtures to ensure such players are allowed to use the venue. All players under the age of 16 will be the responsibility of their team captain.

12. Any team not fulfilling their fixtures shall forfeit the right to any prizes that may be due to them. All league fixtures must be fulfilled before the last scheduled league fixture. This rule will be enforced and adhered to because players could lose out financially for no reason of their own.

13. No game can be cancelled unless due to severe weather conditions. Any team that cancels will not be awarded any points for that game, but will still have to pay their match fees, the team that did not cancel will be awarded the three bonus points and their players their win bonus plus their running average, this team will still have to pay their fees. Any monies owing from cancelled games will be deducted from the payout at the end of the season. (This rule applies to Men only)

14. For a scheduled fixture each team will consist of 8 (eight) players for men or 5 (five) players for ladies, who will play 8/5 singles games (sets) of 501, best of 5 legs, Straight in, double out. The away team will throw 1st in sets 1, 3 & 5 (7+9 for men) with the home team throwing 1st in sets 2 & 4 (6 & 8 for men). The captains will draw registration cards to determine the order of play. The draw must be done in time for play to commence at 8.30 p.m. sharp. This will also apply to all of the competitions.

14a. It is permitted for up to a maximum of two reserves to play for an average on a match night. If one of the teams doesn't have the reserves

to play their opponents reserves in these games they may select players who have played in the scheduled fixture with registration cards drawn in the same way as above.

14b. Only players who have not played in the scheduled fixture will gain an average.

14c. If a team only has 8 players & none wish to play the opponents reserves at the end of the evening those reserves are able to play someone from their own team to gain an average.

14d. All reserve matches will be played after the scheduled match that evening.

14e Food for league game will be at the discretion of the home team.

15. Mens 9-a-side competition is as per league format except toss for start. Mens 5-a-side competitions is the best of 7 legs toss for start. Ladies triples is 601 best of 5 legs toss for start.

16. Once the draw has been completed any player not present when his game is due to be played shall forfeit that game immediately. This also applies to all competitions. For league matches their opponent will be given their running average + 1 bonus point for a win.

17. Mens super league teams must enter a minimum of 6 players in the singles, (Ladies must enter 3) & 2 pairs in the Mens and Ladies 1. (Ladies only) 1 team in the triples. Failure to comply will result in a team being fined £5 for each player or team short of required numbers. For a pair or triple players must be registered & play for the same team, the only exception being if a player has no partner from their team (or 3rd player in triples) available on the night. This decision rests entirely with the Super League officials on the night.

17a. Any player playing in Super League Competitions must have played 50% of League games to qualify for any prize money.

18. Chalking - If you play in a competition & are defeated you must chalk the following game on the board that you have just lost on (or find someone to do it for you). Failure to do this will result in the player being banned from the next super league competition.

19. The throwing distance shall be no less than 2.37 metres (7ft 9 ¼ inches). There will be a raised oche at least 38mm in height & 610mm in length (1 ¼ inches & 24 inches respectively).

20. Matchboards will be of bristle type & must be in good condition (Winmau Blade 4 or Blade 5 Boards), according to B.D.O. rules.

21. Scoreboards & electronic scorers must be positioned in front of the players & clearly visible. The only person(s) allowed to be in front of the players whilst playing are the scorers & callers. A competent scorer(s)/caller(s) will be provided by the home team & this person will act as referee in the event of any dispute.

22. Electronic scoreboards must be able to display a players previous 5 scores, no other scoreboards are permitted under any circumstances & chalks/whiteboards must be used if these types of scoreboards are not available.

22a. Laptops must be used instead of score sheets unless special dispensation has been given by a senior super league official ie: Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary. All venues are to supply a power point for laptops & these must be within easy reach of the top table. Results must be e-mailed to the secretary/results secretary within 72 hours of a match being played. E-mail addresses supplied at the foot of these rules.

23. It will be the responsibility of the home team to ensure that the best of order is given during all matches & any distractions (juke boxes, gaming machines, pool tables, etc.) are kept to a bare minimum.

24. The league will start usually in August/September & run concurrently from start to finish with the county season to finish at approximately the same time.

25. The fixture schedule will be league fixtures & competitions intermixed, with each team playing each other at home & away (or vice versa).

26. A further 3rd fixture against each team may be played to avoid unnecessary blank weeks in the fixture list. Whether fixtures are twice or 3 times will be decided at each A.G.M.

27. Mens teams winning a league fixture will be awarded 3 points for each match won. Ladies teams get a point for each game won

28. Each team will play for cash incentives/prizes awarded as follows.

Mens incentives are as follows

- (A) £3 for every set won (except reserve games)
- (B) £10 for top overall average (Dynamic and a minimum of 12 games)
- (C) £10 for most 100+
- (D) £10 for most 100+ finishes (B, C & D: in each team)
- (E) £5 for top average each week
- (F) £250 for top 7 averages – broken down as below:

1st £100

2nd £70

3rd £30

4th £20

5th £15

6th £10

7th £5

(G) £40 most wins play-off winner

(H) £20 most wins play-off runner-up

There will no longer be individual trophies for the team competitions & league. Winners and Runners-up will be awarded a monetary sum (in addition to incentives & winnings attained) dependent on entry fees & league finances (as were the individual trophies that were awarded).

Ladies incentives are as follows

All players in each team will play for weekly prizes consisting of

- (A) £2 for each set won
- (B) £4 for the highest winning average
- (C) £4 for the highest game shot

There are cash prizes for the overall individual player at the end of each season awarded for

- (A) The highest overall winning average that season
- (B) The highest overall shot out that season
- (C) The overall most tons scored for that season
- (D) £10 for most wins play-off winner

Top 3 averages

1st £50

2nd £40

3rd £30

Ladies League Champions will be awarded £50. Runners-up will be awarded £20. The Mens Champions will be awarded £100 and the Runners-up £50.

29. Competition monies will be paid per entry.

30. All awards will be presented to each team/player on the official presentation night. Any team/player not present on this night will forfeit the right to receive any such award due.

31. The Mens secretary will be awarded an honorarium of £100 to be paid at the end of each season. The Ladies Secretary & Treasurer will be awarded a joint honorarium of £100 which will be shared.

32. If a team/player wishes to protest against any team/player involved in any match, they must do so in writing & enclose a £10 protest fee. This must reach the secretary within 7 days of the match being played. Should the protest be upheld the fee will be returned

33. In the event of a team/player being involved in, or causing actions considered to bring the game of darts into disrepute, that player/team will be subject to disciplinary measures taken against them by the disciplinary committee.

34. The league reserves the right to expel any player/team found to be in breach of the rules (with right to an appeal)

35. League Title. If 2 or more teams are tied for the league championship, then the team with the most WINS will be awarded the title, if still level it will be decided by leg difference & if still level a play-off will take place.

36. Most wins play-off. Reserve games are excluded. Only the player (each team) with the most wins is eligible for this competition, no substitutions are permitted, if players are equal then they must play off before the competition

(Rules 37 & 38 apply to the Mens league only)

37. If players have tied for most tons (each team) then it goes to the most 180's.

38. If players have tied for most 100+ finishes (each team) then it goes to the highest finish.

(In both cases (rule 37 & 38) if still level prizes are shared).

39. The super league competitions will be played at the home of The Oxfordshire County Darts Organisation. The exception being the preliminary rounds of the 9-a-side & 5-a-side competitions, which may be played around the pubs. Ladies 5-a-side will be played at the home drawn team's venue instead of one play-off.

B.D.O. playing rules also apply throughout.

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