

THE GREENE KING LEWES DARTS LEAGUE
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RULES 2026/2027

1. The league shall be called the Lewes Darts League with a radius of 2½ miles, measured from the War Memorial (any venues outside this radius may be accepted at the AGM).
- 2a. All clubs or teams joining the League shall pay an affiliation fee of £20.00 per team, submitted with affiliation at the AGM. No team will be accepted if not represented at the AGM. All registered members, male or female, shall pay a registration fee of £2.00. Players can sign on for one team only at the start of the season. Additional registrations will be allowed up until the day before the first game of the second half of the season, informing the secretary in writing, with a fee of £3.00 giving seven (7) clear days before playing the game, subject to the Committee's approval. Players may transfer if they have not played for any other team. Transfers subject to the same ruling as additional registrations.
- 2b. The AGM. At least one calendar month before the date fixed for the AGM – except in exceptional circumstances the secretary shall send notice to all previous and possible new teams stating the date, place and time of the meeting and a copy of the last AGM minutes and accounts and requesting any nominations for officers and committee. Nominations must be received before the date set for the AGM stating the nominee's name, proposer and seconder. Motions for the Agenda with the proposer and seconder must be received, in writing, before the AGM.
3. The league shall have a President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Admin. Secretary as officers. These officers to be elected yearly at the AGM. There shall be a working committee of seven (7) members, irrespective of vacancies caused by resignations, members to be elected at the AGM. The Committee have the power to fill vacancies by co-option caused by resignations, such members to stand only until the next AGM. A member of the Committee failing to attend three consecutive meetings (incl. comp. draws) without good reason will be considered as resigned. Four (4) to form a quorum. H.Q. to be decided by vote at the AGM.
4. The results of all matches must be submitted to the Secretary within 48 hours of playing the match. Email / text messages are acceptable. Two (2) points will be deducted from the home team for late results. Cards to be filled in stating highest finish, highest score and clearly marked 2-0, 2-1, 1-2 or 0-2 for each game and signed by the Captains or Vice-Captains of both teams, unless played under protest.
5. Each club or team shall use for all matches a standard size dartboard to be approved by the Committee. The board shall be set at a height of 5'8" from the floor to the centre of the bull. Minimum throwing distance shall be 7'9¼" from the centre plumbing to the toe line. Lighting, dartboards and chalkboards shall be maintained to an acceptable standard throughout the season.
6. There shall be a minimum of six (6) players in each team consisting of either sex. They shall play 6 singles games of 501 straight in, double out and two doubles games of 501 straight in, double out. Bull to count as double 25.
7. Teams playing less than six (6) players shall forfeit one game for each player short. This will be classed as a walkover and a win awarded to the named opposing player. To be eligible for a most wins trophy a player must have played in 80% of their games won (as opposed to being awarded a win by way of a walkover). Any club or team playing an unregistered player (or a registered player of another club or team) shall forfeit the game and lose two (2) points. Home teams to supply a chalker and away side to supply caller. All matches to take place on Tuesday evenings unless mutually agreed between opposing teams to alter the day. Three clear days notice to be given and the secretary informed. All matches shall start at 8.00 pm.

At the start of the match (8pm), the 2 Captains must name their 6 singles players, and a draw is made to determine who will play against who. The games can then be played in any order. Home Captain to choose the first game, then alternate naming. The players to throw (by hand) for bull, home player to throw (by hand) first, winner of the bull to throw (by hand) first in the game. If the game goes to three legs, the same player (winner of the bull) to throw (by hand) first in the third leg. Once the names have been entered on the result card there will be no change of name of player. Before the match starts, a captain should notify his opposing captain if he/she is expecting any other players to arrive who are not already present. These players can be entered into the draw for the singles and cannot be called to play before they have arrived at the venue.

Play must be continuous – if at any point a team has used all their available players and there are still games to be played, all remaining games will be forfeited (it is not permissible to wait for any further players to arrive). If at any point before, or during, the match a captain knows that they will be unable to field a full team for the match, they should inform their opposing captain of this.

Once the singles games have been completed, the home captain to name their first doubles pair. The away captain to then put a pair up against them. For the second doubles game, the away captain will name their pair first and the home captain will then put a pair up against them.

8. The Captains shall mutually agree that the board and the conditions of play are satisfactory and according to rule 5. If any protest appertaining to the Rules is made and not settled by the Captains or Vice-Captains, the match shall be played under protest and the secretary informed in writing, with 50p fee. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned; otherwise it will go to League funds. No protest appertaining to this Rule will be entertained after play has commenced. This rule applies to league matches and competitions.
9. Two points for a win, one for a draw. Aggregate to decide League positions if level on points at the end of the season.
10. No telephone results or registrations accepted.
11. Formation of the League to be arranged by the Committee when the numbers of teams affiliated is known. If over 32 teams, there are to be three (3) divisions. If the number of teams entering the League falls to 18, less teams will be in the First Division (i.e. 6 in the First Division, 12 in Second Division). Teams can be placed by the Committee according to the strength of the team.
12. Any Competitions not on the fixture list will be at a venue and date decided by the Competitions Secretary and Committee members and played on a Tuesday night.
13. Any team or player bringing the League into disrepute will be banned for a period of time determined by the Committee.
14. If a player is under 14 years of age at the time of registration, his age must be stated to the Secretary on registration.
15. Any rule changes made at the AGM, shall take immediate effect. This now includes Money changes.
16. For any clarification on playing rules that are not covered in these rules, please refer to the Darts Regulation Authority rules, as adopted by the UKDA. In particular, section 5 – playing rules.
<https://ukdartsassociation.com/general-playing-rules-tournament-rules/>
17. The final interpretation of all Rules shall be left to the discretion of the Committee whose decision shall be final.

COMPETITION RULES

18. Competitions are open only to registered players of the league and they must enter from the team they play for in the League. No player under 14 years of age at commencement of competitions is eligible to enter. To be eligible to take part in competitions, a player must play in a minimum of 3 league matches. This can be either singles or doubles games but must be on 3 separate league weeks.
19. Competition entries to be submitted, with the appropriate entry fee, by the date stated by the Competition secretary. No entries will be accepted after this date. The entry fee for all competitions is £2.00 per player, with the exception of the Jubilee Cup and Bernie Welch Memorial Cup which are free to enter when these Competitions are held.
20. Substitutes will be allowed in singles competitions; however, the competition secretary must be notified of any changes at least 7 hours in advance. For all other competitions, one substitution is permitted per team, in the first round. They must then continue throughout the competition. The adjudicator at the venue should be notified of any substitutes prior to the draw being made. In addition, if a team has qualified for finals night and a player is subsequently unable to play, either through illness or unavoidable absence which was not known at the time of qualification, a substitute may play in their place; however, this must be agreed in advance by the committee (this does not apply for singles competitions). The substitute must be a player who has not already been entered in the competition and who was eligible to play in that competition when the first round was played. The exception to this being the Jubilee Cup Competition wherein any registered player for the team entered can play in the first round and/or subsequent rounds for that team. The Captain and Vice-Captains Competition (if played) shall be for the sole named persons on the registration form. If there are any changes of these persons during the season, the Committee must be informed in writing as soon as the event as possible, wherein the committee will discuss the eligibility of the player change for the competition or not.
21. In all competitions, the player named first in the draw throws (by hand) first for bull. The winner of bull throws (by hand) first in first leg. Loser of bull throws (by hand) first in second leg. If a deciding leg is needed, winner of bull to also throw (by hand) first in deciding leg.
22. In all Competitions that are drawn on the night of the competition, one draw will be made at the start of the night and all player/team names to be entered on a draw sheet in the order drawn. The winner of the first match to play the winner of the second match in the next round and so on.
23. Competitors must arrive to play their matches at the time stated by the Competition Secretary or match organiser. Only those players/teams present at the stated time will be entered into the draw. Any player/team arriving after this time will not be able to play. For singles competitions this applies to each individual player. For team competitions (pairs, triples, fours) at least one representative from each team must be present to be entered into the draw. Where Competitions take place in one venue, additional players registered with the League and who qualify to enter may register by 8pm with the appropriate Committee Member adjudicating. Entry fee to be £2.00 per person payable on the night.
24. If a team does not have all of its players present when called to play by the adjudicator then they shall sacrifice a throw for each player missing. If the missing player(s) subsequently arrive at the venue then they will be permitted to join their team, but only at the beginning of the next match (they cannot join in part way through a game).

25. Competitions will be organised as follows:

- (a) Presidents Trophy (formerly the Sussex Express Singles) 501 straight start
- (b) Tamplins Pairs 501 straight start
- (c) Tamplins Mixed Pairs 501 straight start
- (d) Ladies Singles 501 straight start
- (e) Ladies Pairs 501 straight start
- (f) Elimination Singles 501 straight start
- (g) Mens Singles 501 straight start
- (h) Mens Pairs 501 straight start
- (i) Triples 601 straight start
- (j) Captain & Vice-Captains 501 straight start

The Elimination Singles Competition is only open to non-winners of the Presidents Trophy (formerly the Sussex Express Singles) and Elimination Singles Trophies.

Under 25s (when held) & Over 50's (when held) - to be eligible to play a player must be under 25 / over 50 years of age on the 1st September at the beginning of the season.

All competitions to be best of three legs. The exceptions being the Jubilee Cup which is 6 singles - 401 double start and 3 doubles - 601 straight start, 1 leg each game. Last qualifying round, Semi-finals (if applicable) and Final of the Presidents Trophy (formerly the Sussex Express Singles Competition) to be best of 5 legs.

The mens singles competition is to be played on the same evening as the ladies singles competition. The mens pairs competition (when held) is to be played on the same evening as the ladies pairs competition.

26. Results. Committee member or representative at the venue of the competition to forward the results sheet to the Competition Secretary.