


Nottingham Central Men's, Mixed & Ladies


Darts Leagues Rules

1. The League formed under these rules shall be known as the NOTTINGHAM CENTRAL MEN'S, MIXED & LADIES DARTS LEAGUES. In joining the above leagues your team agrees that the Men's, Mixed and the Ladies Independent Darts matches; which include League, KO Cup, singles, pairs and fours competitions will take precedence over any other darts competitions held by other leagues in the same or adjoining areas.
2. The executive committee's decision is binding in all matters. The executive committee shall have power to deal with any contingency that may arise which the following rules do not cover. Any information/ correspondence/ match sheets are the sole property of Nottingham Central Darts leagues and shall NOT be forwarded or disclosed in any manner to any third party without the agreement of the executive committee. Furthermore, matters of confidentiality discussed at executive committee meetings shall not be voiced or communicated to any persons outside of the executive committee membership. A league committee shall consist of no more than 10 members. No more than two members related though blood or by law shall be allowed to serve on the committee at the same time.
3. All correspondence relating to the Nottingham Central Darts League should be sent to the Chairman/ General Secretary, Mr Dave Bull 25 Larchdene Ave, Wollaton Nottingham NG8 2PF. Telephone No. 9284458. Mob/txt. 0795 291 0984. E-Mail: d.bennett-bull@ntlworld.com.
 - a) The committees shall make the decisions with regards to all rule amendments and nomination acceptances. Nominees for the committee must be tendered in writing to the Gen.Sec. no later than 14 days prior to the AGM. Committee members must be registered with the league.
 - b) All rule revision meetings shall be a combined meeting of both Nottingham Central & Beeston, Chilwell darts leagues committees. Any amendments or additions to the rules to be forwarded to the General Secretary in writing no later than 14 days prior to the revision meeting date set by the joint committees.
4. All teams are obliged to send a representative to each monthly meeting. Only one apology will be accepted from teams failing to send a representative to meetings, after which 1 point will be deducted from their overall league standings for each missed meeting. At Dance & Presentation nights winners and runners up teams must provide a minimum of 5 representatives in the men's, 7 in the mixed and 4 in the ladies leagues in order to receive their trophies. Failure to comply with this rule will mean that all trophies will be withheld and used for future events. (*Subject to committee's discretion*). ALL major trophies are, and will remain, the sole property of the leagues. Winning or runner up teams, Pubs or clubs shall become the holders of the appropriate major trophies and shall be responsible for the upkeep and safety of any said trophies entrusted to their care. Major Trophies will only be issued to Pubs/Clubs who continue to participate in the League. Holders of trophies shall reimburse the league for any replacement or repairs to lost, stolen or damaged trophies. ALL trophies are to be returned to the leagues at least one month prior to the end of the appropriate successive season.
5. A roll call will be taken at each meeting. A representative from each pub or club MUST attend each monthly meeting. Each registered team is allowed 1 vote, therefore if a pub or club has a men's, ladies and mixed team that pub or club shall be allowed 3 votes. However if only 1 representative is present at the meeting that representative will only be allowed 1 vote. Non-represented pubs or clubs will be deducted 1 point per registered team, albeit the first missed meeting will be counted as an apology.
6. All registered players are required to conduct themselves with a manner of respect to other registered players within the league and to ALL committee members. Any abusive or threatening behaviour of a verbal, physical or sexual nature will not be tolerated. The committee will discuss each misconduct case on its remit, and the circumstances involved, and decide the appropriate action to be taken. Registered players have the right of appeal against a committee decision

which must be lodged in writing within 7 days of the said decision. Exclusion from the league shall include exclusions from any KO competitions and joint all day KO's, for the period of exclusion.

REGISTRATIONS.

7. A team registration fee of £20 per team is payable to the Nottingham Central Darts League, this also includes cup competitions. In order for a team to register in any of the above mentioned leagues the following criteria must be adhered too; Minimum player's registration for a men's team is 9; mixed is 7 Ladies & 7 Men, and the ladies 7, failure to comply with this and with rules 16, 17 & 18, will automatically nullify the team's registration. New teams, and teams re-applying under Rule 33, must register the minimum number of required players with their team registration and fees before entry to the league would be granted. All new teams or returning teams are to register no later than the AGM date. Once the season has commenced, no teams shall be allowed to enter the league. Any monies paid to the league are non refundable.
8. A fee of £2.50 is payable by the player requiring registration and is eligible to play, upon the Fixture Secretary receiving the Players registration name and address 24 hrs prior to the match being played, in writing, text or e-mail or feedback form on the website. This players name shall then be placed on a register and all monies and fully completed forms to be brought to the next meeting failure to comply will nullify the registration. If the correct player registration form in full along with appropriate fee is NOT submitted at the following meeting, and the players registration has been nullified, then any legs, matches or KO comps played by that player shall be expunged and awarded to them opposition team/player. ** REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON THE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FORM. NO PLAYER REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORRECT FEE. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ALL SINGLES AND PAIRS ENTRANTS AND ALSO ANY OTHER KO COMPETITION ENTRANTS, INCLUDING ALL DAY KO COMPETITIONS, THAT THEY WISH TO ENTER. **
9. The League will accept registrations for players who are 16 years of age or over. It is up to the discretion of independent Landlords, Landlady's and Stewards etc. as to whether that particular player is allowed to participate at their pubs/clubs if they are under the age of 18 years. It is up to the team captain/secretary to inform the away venue that they have a registered player under the age of 18. It is the responsibility of the team, who has registered a player under the age of 18, to ensure that their player behave and conduct themselves in a proper manner. Players under 18 shall tick the relative box on the registration form Registration cards of players under 18 will be marked with: 
10. It shall be deemed an offence for a player to SIGN, REGISTER OR PLAY under an assumed name or attempt to do so whatsoever. Any team allowing this transgression of the rules will be penalised by having the complete match awarded to the opposing team.
11. A player registration card will be issued and must be signed by the player and the secretary. The secretary must produce the signed card when a player signs a match score sheet. If a card cannot be produced due to it being in the committees' hands, the game may continue but the opposing team secretary has the right to enter on the match score sheet please **Check Signature.** If the signature is proven false then *Rule 10* shall apply.
12. Once a player has registered and played for his/her team for which they have signed on, there is NO transfer allowed. Players may transfer from one team to another only if they have NOT thrown a dart for their original team he/she has registered with. The player transferring MUST re-register and pay a fee of £2.50p. A Player is only permitted to play once in a match. Player Registrations & transfers shall cease on no later than 24 hours prior to the turnaround match of that season.
13. No team shall include a barred player when visiting premises from which that player is barred, unless the Landlord concerned has agreed. It is hoped amicable arrangements can be achieved.
14. All social clubs entering the league are only accepted on the understanding that all visiting league registered players are accepted as temporary members for that night.
15. The League has an inclusion policy with regards to players with a disability affecting their capability to do maths. Players with disabilities affecting their capability to work out their finish must state this on their player registration form. Help can only be given by the opposing marker and it is up to the player to ask their opposing marker what is required to finish from 70 downwards. Please remember that the markers are in charge of the game and 'coaching' any

players on the Oche will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of that players Captain or Secretary to inform the marker of the player's disability before the match commences and also before that player commences his/her leg. Players with disabilities affecting their capability to work out their finish will have different coloured registration card marked with a 

DARTBOARD & SETUP.

16. The board shall be hung 5ft 8in (1.73 metres) from the floor measured in a plumb line from the centre of the Bull. The Oche will be a fixed mark 6ft (1.83 metres) from the base of the plumb line. *(See additional sheet 'Guidelines for Board set up')* The dartboard shall be a standard trebles and doubles clock pattern board showing the twenty, and all even segment singles in black and all odd segment singles in white, with ALL other colours and condition of board pertaining to BDO and WDO match board standards. Promotional boards are NOT allowed unless colours comply with this rule with regards to the board's colours.
17. The Oche shall be 2ft 6in minimum length, the rear of which will be the recognised as the throwing point. Players are not permitted to stand on or over the Oche line. Chalked or felt pen lines, tape or 'moving' Oche's are NOT tenable. *(See additional sheet "Guidelines for Board set up" these guidelines formulate part of these rules)*
18. Scoreboards shall be mounted on each side of the dartboard and scores are marked by subtraction with the score obtained marked in the column furthest from the dartboard, and the score required in the column nearest the dartboard.

RULES GOVERNING PLAY.

19. Match nights will be Mondays for ladies sevens. Tuesdays for mixed pairs sevens and on Wednesdays for men's nines. Knockout cup matches will whenever possible be played on normal match nights or as delegated on your fixture sheets.
20. All league matches shall be 501 with a straight start and a double to finish. All KO cup matches shall be 701 with a straight start and a double to finish. The BULLS EYE is recognised as a double 25. Once the correct double is scored *(to finish either 501 or 701)* the game is concluded. We do NOT play the bust rule
21. The match board will be in place and made available for both teams to practice on 15 minutes prior to the commencement of matches. In league matches the away team will throw first in odd legs and the home team first in the even legs. Away teams players register their names first on the match sheet. Once both teams' players are registered and signed in on the match sheet then only THOSE TWO PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE ON THE BOARD.
22. Each mixed league match shall comprise of 7 men and 7 women, playing 7 legs of mixed pairs, each men's League match shall comprise of 9 men playing 9 legs of singles and each Ladies league match shall comprise of 7 ladies playing 7 legs of singles.
23. In order for a team to qualify for two points, i.e. 'winning a match', the following minimum number of legs must be won; men's 5, mixed 4, ladies 4. A drawn match will be accepted under the following criteria; men's 4-4, ladies and mixed 3-3 one point awarded to each team. Any other result outside the aforementioned permutations legs for and against will awarded to each team with no points to either team. No legs to be played / claimed without player's signature.
24. All teams must provide at least four pairs in mixed leagues, four players in Ladies leagues and five players in men's leagues to constitute a match being played. Teams failing to do this on a regular basis will face enquiry from the league as to their future conduct. Any teams failing to constitute a side for a league match will forfeit their right to play in any KO Cup competition that falls prior to their next league match. Teams must fulfil 75% of the league fixtures, failure to do so will result in the team being deemed to have dropped out and rule 33 applies.
25. The captains of the two teams shall be in charge of the league matches with the secretaries responsible for the completing the team match sheet as won (W) or lost (L) and recording any high finishes, highest scores and 180's on the match sheets. The winning team secretary (Home team Sec. in the event of a draw) is responsible for informing the relevant Fix. Sec. of the result within 24 hours for men's, ladies and mixed divisions by Tel, text or e-mail, with the match sheet to be in no later than the Sun. meeting following the match. FAILURE TO PRODUCE A KO CUP MATCH SHEET MAY RESULT IN THE TEAM BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION. FAILURE TO INFORM THE FIX. SEC. OR PRODUCE THE MATCH SHEET WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS

OF ONE POINT FOR EACH OFFENCE. It is the duty of each secretary to keep a record of individual player and team scores and to keep track of the published league tables and should they not tally with the figures of their club the General Secretary should be contacted immediately and not left for several weeks. This ensures a true publication.

26. League matches will be played on dates stipulated. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LEAGUE MATCHES BE ALLOWED TO BE CANCELLED (except at the discretion of the committee and due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. the death or funeral of a registered team member, and sudden & severe snow and ice conditions making it unsafe for players to venture out and travel to darts venues and only with prior consultation of the Gen.Sec or the fixture secretary who shall in turn inform the opposition team). Any matches cancelled, due to the reasons above, must be played within 4 weeks of cancellation date and the relevant Fix. Sec. informed. Should the 2 teams be unable to agree a date then this will be set by the Gen.Sec & Fix. Sec. The Committee and the League are NOT responsible for any cost incurred for transport, food etc. in respect of matches claimed due to cancellations or non turn-out of teams.
27. ALL LEAGUE, KO CUPS, PAIRS & SINGLES matches must commence by 9pm all subsequent games should commence 10 minutes after the end of the previous game. During the course of the match a 20 minute break will be allowed if food is to be served. In the event of a team arriving late then the home team can claim the 1st leg at 9pm and every 10 minutes subsequently until the match is constituted as a win. Should a delay in arrival by the visiting team become unavoidable then the visiting team secretary must telephone the home team secretary and advise him or her of the reason for the delay and the estimated time of arrival. Failure to do so will entitle the home team to claim legs as above.
28. In the event of a match being played under protest then **under protest** must be clearly written on the score sheet and the opposing team secretary and the respective league fixture secretary informed of the reason why. It then becomes the secretary of the protesting team responsibility to return the score sheet with a protest fee of £5.00, refunded if protest found valid, and a letter explaining the reason for the protest. This must be done within 7 days of the match being played otherwise the protest will be declared void. Only written protests will be heard. Should a protest be lodged then both teams secretary`s and captains will be invited to attend the next executive committee meeting to put their case. The findings of the executive committee will be binding and final in all cases. **The executive committee will not deal with any protest unless the above is complied with.** A complaint written on match sheets is NOT classed as a protest, whilst the committee will take the nature and points of the complaint into account and monitor the situation, it will NOT be dealt with as a protest
29. Any team not completing a full winter or summer season will have all points and legs expunged. Teams and team members dropping out of the league will also forfeit their place in any KO cup, pairs and singles competitions. Any individual player who has played in a match for the expunged team will be allowed to re-register for another team up to the turnaround point limited to 4 men, 3 mixed pairs & ladies en bloc to another team. Re admission of the team to the men`s, mixed and ladies leagues will be at the discretion of the respective fixture secretary. Promotion & relegation between divisions is at the discretion of the Committee and may vary albeit usually two teams up & two teams down.
30. In all KO competitions & league tables the winners shall be determined by the highest number of points achieved. In the event of a tie then the legs for and against will determine the winner. If all is tied on points and legs then the matches played against each other will determine the winner i.e. if team/player A beat team/player B on both occasions or obtained the highest leg difference then team A is the winner. If all is still tied then a play off will determine the winner.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKERS

31. Once a game is in progress the player is NOT allowed to ask or receive advice on finishes or working to a finish either from other persons or from written material both on and off the oche, this is deemed to be coaching. The only exception is in a pair`s match whereby players may consult with their **partners only** whilst off the oche. Again, interjection from any third party, verbal or written, is deemed as coaching.

32. All markers must be registered players of the league. Players may only remove arrows after the marker has declared the score. A dart point must remain touching the board to score.
33. The markers will mark by subtraction. The score obtained (SCORED) will be marked in the column furthest from the dart board and the score required (WANTED) in the column nearest the dart board.
34. The markers, once a leg is in progress, shall not look towards the Oche and they must be prepared to announce the score obtained and the amount still required if so requested by the throwing player. The amount required must be called only as i.e. **32 wanted not double 16** only the markers are permitted to announce any score once a dart's thrown in any leg.
35. The guidelines listed are incorporated within the rules and are to be adhered to:
 - a) Markers are in charge of the game in progress.
 - b) Markers are to announce scores required from a finish and below to the player, before He/She commences the throw.
 - c) Do keep still whilst the player is throwing.
 - d) Do not state a finishing double. Unless the player is registered with permission. *See rule 15.*
 - e) Should a player request of the marker what score is left the marker must write down the correct score as well verbally telling the player, however do not state a double.
 - f) Do check the player's feet before the first dart is thrown then face the board.
 - g) Any form of coaching on or off the oche, will NOT be tolerated.
 - h) Please ensure that ALL mobile telephones are turned off before the match commences.

LEAGUE KO CUP MATCHES.

36. KO cup games will be played on the dates stipulated. No cancellations will be allowed. Cup games will start as normal (9:00pm Commence 1st Leg). 701 start Away team enter names on the match sheet first and have the arrows, In ALL KO cup Semi' finals & Final matches' the ref shall toss for the arrows, winners of the toss shall have the choice of being the 'Home' or 'Away' team. In ALL KO semis and Finals matches the players' card shall be handed to the ref face down by each team's captain/secretary, the referee will enter the players name on the match sheet. No one, apart from the referee will see whose names are entered on the match sheet prior to each leg commencing.
37. All KO Cup matches MUST constitute a result. In the event of a draw due to lack of players from either or both sides then one final deciding leg must be played between two players (or two pairs in mixed teams) one from each side, who have already played in the drawn match. The players are selected by the team captains with the away team having the arrows.

PAIRS, SINGLES & SPECIAL EVENT KO COMPETITIONS.

38. Entry fees for ALL pairs and singles knockout competitions will be £2.50 per player these fees should be made payable to the Nottingham Central Darts League. Men's and Ladies pairs and singles and mixed pairs league KO competitions shall receive cash prizes, in addition to trophies, for winners and runners up. This shall be permutated as follows: winners of pairs KO competitions shall receive £100 (£50 each) and runners up £50 (£25 each). Winners of singles KO competitions shall receive £50 with the runner up receiving £25. Fours (*Beeston*) prize monies shall be £100 to winners and £50 to runners up. Should entrance fees in ANY KO competition be insufficient to cover the prize monies then the committee have the right to adjust payouts of any prize monies accordingly. In ALL cash Prize monies KO competitions players/teams shall toss for the arrows once only.
39. A player is only permitted to enter a knockout competition if he or she is a registered league player and then only once per competition within the league jurisdiction provided that he or she has paid the relevant knockout competition entry fee.
40. On the request of the referee if any player in any knock out competition is asked to mark, they must do so or find a substitute marker. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to the player/s concerned being banned from this years competition and also will not be allowed to enter for the forthcoming season.

41. Any players entering pairs or singles KO competitions must turn out for their registered team a minimum of 25% of the league games from season commencement up to the 1/4 finals or finals night (*whichever is first*). A record will be kept, by means of the team Sec's entering names of players in attendance who have not played, on the back of the match sheet. Each player's name shall be authenticated with their signature. Any names NOT authenticated will be deemed an invalid match attendance. Each team secretary or representative shall authenticate the opposition register by signing immediately below where the last player has signed. Players attaining the 1/4 finals stages of any KO competition will have their attendance records checked by the committee. Players not adhering to this rule will be disqualified from the competition.
42. Any registered male player in the men's league can only play in the men's pairs and singles competition. Any registered female player in the ladies league can only play in the ladies pairs and singles competition. Any registered mixed player whether it is male or female can only formulate a mixed pair and can only play in the mixed pairs competition.
43. All pairs and singles knockout competitions will be best of 3 legs of 501, until reaching the last 16, which will be best of 5 legs 501.
44. All pairs and singles matches will commence at 9:00pm prompt. Any player not signed in by this time will have deemed themselves disqualified. The Players shall spin a coin once at the start of the match to determine the arrows.
45. In all knockout competitions & KO cups it is the responsibility of the individual, the team secretary & the referee to **ensure** any highest finishes or 180s scored are recorded on the appropriate match sheet. Hear say and word of mouth will not be accepted. (*See rule 25*).
46. Substitutes will only be permitted in the first round only of any knockout competition and only then if the player is a member of the same pub or club team and NOT already entered in that particular pairs/singles KO competition, the substitute continues forward in the competition. The fixture secretary must be notified, prior to the match, of any changes. Any players found in breach of this rule will be disqualified from the competition. This also applies to any special events KO's
47. Players who have registered and played for Pubs/Clubs registered with the above leagues, either Summer or Winter, shall be eligible to compete in any KO competitions as organised by the exec. committees. Players can only enter for the pubs/clubs to which they have registered & played. Rules for All day KO competitions will be in addition to the league rules.
48. At Crucial stages of the season's competitions i.e. cup semi finals, finals and pairs, singles and foursomes finals should be refereed by bone fide committee members only from either committee.

SPECIAL EVENTS

49. Captains' & Secretary's of respective teams within the Ladies leagues will be eligible to enter the Leslie Quinn's Captains' & Secretary's KO competition at the end of each Summer season.

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