
DARTS CORNER

NATIONAL LEAGUE DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Comprising of

MEN'S 'A' TEAMS

WOMEN'S 'A' TEAMS

MEN'S 'B' TEAMS

WOMEN'S 'B' TEAMS

PLAYING RULES & FORMAT

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Darts Corner National League Darts Championships are integral to the UKDA playing system and is responsible for producing players who regularly go on to achieve success at national, international, world and professional levels within the sport. Played approximately every 3-4 weeks, typically from September to May/June, the Darts Corner National League is comprised of 46 English National League Organisations and 7 Welsh National League Organisations, which produces a combined total of 5 divisions – Premiership, Championship, One, Two and Three in England and Wales.

Each National League Organisation (titled “NLOs”) field a Men’s and Women’s A and B teams, each team consisting of 12 men players and 6 women players. This produces a total of 36 players (men and women) per NLO competing at National League level approximately every 3-4 weeks throughout the season. The points scored produce annual league tables. Each NLO has its own Super League from which players are selected to represent their Organisation at National League level. This produces thousands of UKDA players (men, women, and youth) who compete within the Darts Corner National League and their respective Organisations’ Super League annually.

2. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

All current and fully financially compliant and Associate NLOs are eligible to UKDA participate in the United Kingdom Darts Association Darts Corner National League.

3. ADMINISTRATION

The National League shall be administered as follows:

3.1 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE DIRECTOR

- A** The National League Director shall be appointed from the current Board of UKDA Directors.
- B** The UKDA National League Director shall oversee the operation of the National League.

3.2 NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

- A** The Board of Directors shall approve the appointment of Divisional Administrators, who shall be jointly responsible for controlling the UKDA National League

4. FINANCE

4.1 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE ANNUAL FEES

- A** Fees Payable being:

<i>i</i>	<i>Annual Full NLO Membership Fee</i>	£10.00
<i>ii</i>	<i>Public Liability, Trophy, Equipment Insurance</i>	£100.00
	<i>Sub-Total of</i>	£110.00
<i>iii</i>	<i>UKDA National League Entry Fee</i>	£800.00

UKDA fees are payable, within the current playing season, as follows:

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Annual Full NLO Membership Fee	30 th September	£10.00
Insurance Fee(s)	30 th September	£100.00
National League Fees (1)	31 st October	£200.00
National League Fees (2)	30 th November	£300.00
Super League Player Fees	31 st December	£10.00
	(x number of S/L Players)	
National League Fees (3)	31 st January	£300.00
Total Payable (Exc. £10.00 per S/L Player)		£1,110.00

B NON-PAYMENT PENALTY CLAUSES

Failure to pay the UKDA Membership and Insurance Fees (£110.00) by 30th September will incur penalties as set out below:

- i An automatic (pre-)season deduction of 12 National League penalty points (attributed to the Promotion Table)*
- ii 3 Point deduction from each of the NLO Team Tables (Men's A, Men's B, Women's A and Women's B Tables)*

C PAYMENT ARREARS PENALTY CLAUSE

(Applicable to NLOs more than 2 months in arrears with payments)

- i The Board of Directors agreed to impose an additional penalty to the effect that an NLO shall forfeit the right to receive any money due at the end of Playing Season in question*

4.2 MATCH PROGRAMME FEE

These are set out as follows:

Divisions: Premiership, Championship, One	£4.00 per programme *
Divisions: Two, Three	£3.00 per programme

* The additional £1.00 charge for Divisions Premiership, Championship and One programmes re to assist with the funding of the payers of the weekend incentive prizes that are allocated as agreed for each fixture by the NLOs in each of these divisions.

5. UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

5.1 PLAYING GROUPS

- A** The NLOs that have committed to participation in the UKDA National League shall be formed into 'Playing Groups' (England and Wales NLOs shall be combined to form such Playing Groups) for the 2022/2023 playing season:

PREMIERSHIP	12 TEAMS
CHAMPIONSHIP	12 TEAMS
DIVISION ONE	10 TEAMS
DIVISION TWO	10 TEAMS
DIVISION THREE	9 TEAMS

5.2 DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

Each Division shall comprise of a set number of NLOs, as determined by the total number of NLOs in membership with the UKDA, with the NLOs situated in England and Wales forming divisions: Premiership, Championship, One, Two and Three.

5.3 LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Under the criteria as set out in their respective Super League system, each member NLO shall select, for participation in each of their UKDA National League fixtures, 4 Teams as follows:

Men's A Team,
Women's A Team
Men's B Team
Women's B Team

5.4 PLAYING SEASON

- A** The UKDA National League shall be played on an annual basis.
- B** Each Playing Season shall be set, per division, extending from no earlier than August and end by the officially scheduled final fixture date issued by the UKDA.
- C** No fixture shall be scheduled or rearranged to take place on a date that does not fall within the playing season.
- D** The UKDA reserves the right to adjust the programme of scheduled fixtures in each playing season to ensure that all matches can be played with the playing season

5.5 FIXTURE DATES

- A** The UKDA Board of Directors shall liaise with the UKDA National League Director in drawing up a series of fixture dates to cover 5 full seasons and shall be set, taking into consideration the known major player participation darts events occurring in the respective playing season.
- B** Regard shall be given in striving to maintain a three / four week interval between each National League scheduled fixture, although there is no guarantee of this.
- C** Fixture dates are available on the UKDA website and are updated on an annual basis.

5.6 DIVISIONAL NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURE ALLOCATIONS

- A** Each National League Divisional Administrator shall allocate match fixtures to the series of approved fixture dates for the member NLOs within their respective division
- B** Each National League Divisional Administrator shall strive to ensure that no NLO must fulfil a greater number of away fixtures than home fixtures in any 2 consecutive seasons, although there can be no guarantee of this.

5.7 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES – TEAM STRUCTURE

Each respective National League fixture shall comprise of the team matches, as set below:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Men's 'A' team match | 1 Women's 'A' team match |
| 1 Men's 'B' team match | 1 Women's 'B' team match |

5.8 FIXTURE PLAYING SCHEDULES

- A** Each Member NLO shall play every other member NLO in its respective division, either home or away, as allocated by the respective Divisional Administrator.
- B** Men's and Women's 'B' team matches shall be played on the Saturday of the allocated fixture weekend.
- C** Men's and Women's 'A' team matches shall be played on the Sunday of the allocated fixture weekend.
- D** On each day, the Women's team matches shall be played before the Men's team matches commence.
- E** All allocated fixtures must be played in their entirety and shall all count in the UKDA National League tables.

5.9 NON-FULFILMENT OF FIXTURE OBLIGATIONS

Any member NLO not fulfilling its scheduled National League fixtures, due to a default, adjudged to be of their own making, shall be liable to suspensions, fines and any other penalties the UKDA Board of Directors may deem suitable.

5.10 RE-ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES

- A** In cases of unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, a NLO may apply to rearrange a fixture. This is permissible providing:
 - i The allocated 'Away' NLO is not to rearrange any match dates except in extreme and unavoidable, extenuating circumstances and must be sanctioned by the National League Administrator.*
 - ii In the instance(s) of problems with securing a match venue, the allocated 'Home' NLO may rearrange only 1 match fixture per season.*
 - iii There is mutual agreement between the NLOs involved.*

- iv *That the respective Divisional Administrator is officially informed.*
- v *That the UKDA National League Director is officially informed.*

The only exception being that no fixture in each playing season may be arranged to take place on any date after the allocated date of the final fixture.

6. MATCH VENUE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 VENUE SPECIFICATIONS

- A** When selecting a venue for the staging of a National League fixture, the host NLO must ensure that the following points are taken into consideration:
- i *The presentation of a National League match must be up to acceptable standards as required by the UKDA.*
 - ii *The Host NLO shall ensure that the conditions of use appertaining to suitable premises for the match venue should allow that only the darts shall be played during the period of use for a Darts Corner UKDA National League match. Such terms shall not exclude the running of a raffle, or tote, nor the playing of background music in the venue at times suitable to the playing schedule of the matches being played.*
 - iii *Both the Home and Away NLOs shall ensure that all members of their respective NLOs shall comply with all the Rules and Regulations that are applicable to a venue being used to present a National League match (this is not limited to only the Players during this period).*
 - iv *The host NLO shall advise the visiting NLO if children are NOT allowed into the match venue.*
 - v *The host NLO shall advise the visiting NLO of any applicable rules or policies regarding any age, or other, limitations set out by and/or enforced by the venue.*
 - vi *It is strongly recommended that the match venue be compliant with all statutory legislation appertaining to disabled and wheelchair access, plus the provision of disabled toilet and other facilities. Should any NLO match venue be non-compliant in any of the foregoing, then it is the host NLO's responsibility to advise all visiting NLOs accordingly, at least 6 weeks prior to any National League fixture being hosted.*
 - vii *The match venue must be capable of catering for all the players, officials, and supporters of both NLOs attending that fixture*
 - viii *A hot food facility shall be made available at, or in close vicinity to, all playing venues.*

6.2 WI-FI CONNECTION

- A** It is preferable for each venue to have Wi-Fi facility suitable for connection of computers to the internet (to allow for live scoring and to send match database immediately after the fixture has concluded)
- B** If in-house Wi-Fi is not available, then it is the duty of the host NLO to inform the visiting NLO of this fact at least 6 weeks prior to the fixture.

- C If Wi-Fi is not available, then providing there is amply signal strength, mobile internet devices, dongles, hubs, or other applications may be used.

6.3 MATCH PLAY – VISUAL PRESENTATION

- A The UKDA shall not be held responsible for any financial commitment incurred with any match venues used the Member NLOs for the purpose of presenting a National League match.
- B The UKDA shall not be held responsible for the actions of any person(s) at a match venue used by a Member NLO for the purpose of presenting a National League match.
- C The UKDA Board of Directors reserve the right to visit any match venue for the purpose of an assessment of suitability for presenting a National League match.
- D The UKDA Board of Directors will uphold and support any bans or suspensions imposed by venues on any person(s) or team(s) within the UKDA National League structure – the venues decision is final. UKDA sanctions may be used dependent on investigation and enquiry.

7. MATCH PRESENTATION

7.1 STAGE SPECIFICATIONS

- A The stage for a National League match shall comprise of a raised platform minimum 6in (15.2cm) of dimensions that will cater for a throwing distance and standing space as per UKDA General Playing Rules. i.e., 144 in (365.8cm) along a horizontal line from the stage edge to a plumb line at the face of the dartboard. There be a minimum of 18in (45.7cm) from the top of the dartboard to the ceiling. Stage width should be sufficient to permit the match MC, any markers, and players to be present without congestion or interference with match play.
- B Allowances must be made in board height for any 'raked' stage.

7.2 STAGE SETTING

- A The stage setting for a National League match must be up to acceptable standards as required the UKDA.
- B The host NLO shall ensure the only UKDA approved tournament dartboards are used in the presentation of a National League match on stage.
- C The oche dimensions shall be as laid down in the UKDA General Playing Rules.
- D The visiting NLO shall be invited to verify all dimensions are correct prior to the commencement of a fixture.
- E The logos for the UKDA, the UKDA National League title sponsor, and the respective divisional sponsor, must be displayed as part of the Stage Setting by the NLO hosting a fixture, and each be no less than A3 size.

7.3 PRACTICE FACILITY

- A** The host NLO shall also provide at least Two practice dartboards of the same specification and manufacture and set at the same standard oche dimensions.
- B** One practice board shall be for the exclusive use of players of each NLO that have been selected to play on that day of the scheduled National League fixture.
- C** Such practice boards shall be restricted to 'Practice Only'.

7.4 DARTBOARDS & DIMENSIONS

- A** All UKDA Events must be played on dartboards that meet the approved specifications, as laid down in the UKDA General Playing Rules.
- B** Currently, the UKDA stipulated dartboard for all UKDA National League matches, is the Mission Samurai II dartboard.
** For 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons, the stipulated dartboard for all UKDA National League matches is to be the Samurai Infinity dartboard.*
- C** A new dartboard shall be provided for each fixture and that dartboard is to be rotated after each series of 6 sets throughout the match.

7.5 DARTBOARD LIGHTING

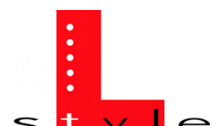
- A** Dartboards used in UKDA National League stage match-play shall be adequately lit by either:
 - i At least Two suitably positioned light fittings of 1600 LM (100 Watts) minimum intensity, or*
 - ii A commercially manufactured low-power LED board surrounding lighting system.*
- B** All stage lighting systems shall be designed in a manner that diverts all direct light away from the Players eyes when standing at the oche.
- C** Practice board lighting shall replicate as close as possible the lighting system used on stage board.
- D** If an LED lighting surround is used for the stage board, then a surround of the same design must be used on all practice boards.

8. PRE-SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 MATCH VENUE NOTIFICATON – HOST NLO RESPONSIBILITY

- A** At least 6 weeks prior to the allocated fixture date, the host Member NLO shall supply the visiting Member NLO with the full details of the match venue. These details include:

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- i Full name of the match venue.*
- ii Full postal address, post code and telephone number of the match venue.*
- iii A detailed road map of the general location of the match venue with the exact position of the match venue clearly marked indicating the best route(s) of access from the main highways.*
- iv The scheduled starting time of matches.*

8.2 PLAYING SQUAD NOTIFICATION – BOTH NLOs RESPONSIBILITIES

- A** Visiting Member NLOs shall supply the host Member NLO with the National League squad lists at least 6 weeks before the allocated fixture date, to enable the completion of match programme compilation.
- B** Most Member NLOs now adopt the squad system for each National League match. A list of such squads should be forwarded by each Member NLO to its opponents, the respective Divisional Administrator and Regional Operations Manager for the playing season before the start of any matches so as to avoid any delays in setting up the match programmes. This should include the names of any players or officials banned from the premises or event held under the auspices of the host Member NLO.
- C** All Member NLOs reserve the right to amend, and / or add, to the published squads listed in the match programme for a National League match.

8.3 ACCOMMODATION BOOKING – HOST NLO RESPONSIBILITIES

The host Member NLO Secretary or Organiser, is only responsible for nominating suitable accommodation for the use of the visiting Member NLO. Such information should be circulated to visiting Member NLO Secretaries and the UKDA Commercial Director, prior to the start of the playing season.

8.4 ACCOMMODATION BOOKING – VISITING NLO RESPONSIBILITIES

- A** It is the visiting Member NLOs responsibility for making advance booking(s), and providing rooming lists as required by the hotel management, and for settling all financial commitments incurred during a visit.
- B** Member NLO Secretaries, or Organisers, must advise all their personnel of their responsibilities for settling all personal financial commitments to the hotel, before leaving the on the Sunday morning, in particular for any items or hotel services as charged to their room bills at the hotel.
- C** Member NLOs should appoint One person to be responsible for group bookings using the UKDA Partner Hotel Brochure. Bookings must be done via:
www.hotel.bookings@ukdartsassociation.com to qualify for partner rates, no need to contact hotels direct. Only to be used for UKDA National League and UKDA Events. Bookings are monitored and any breach will be cancelled immediately. For all bookings, the nominated team booker is responsible for amendments, cancellations, rooming list and payments.

8.5 UKDA DISCLAIMERS – ACCOMMODATION

- A** The UKDA shall not be held responsible for any financial commitments incurred with any hotels used by the Member NLO when attending a National League match.
- B** The UKDA shall not be held responsible for the actions of any person(s) at a hotel used by Member NLOs for the purpose of attending a National League match.
- C** The Board of Directors will uphold and support any bans or suspensions imposed by hotels on any person(s) or team(s) within the UKDA National League structure. The hotels decision is final. UKDA sanctions may be used, dependent on investigation and enquiry.

9. MATCH PROGRAMMES

9.1 MANDATORY REQUIREMENT

- A** It is mandatory that every scheduled National League match must have a printed match programme and the host Member NLO is responsible for arranging the compilation and printing.
- B** Failure to produce a match programme will incur a fine as approved by the UKDA, which will be imposed by the respective National League Divisional Administrator, who shall inform the UKDA Director with financial responsibility of the imposition of the fine.

9.2 APPROVED CONTENT

The printed match programme shall provide details including at least: match venue, start times of the schedule matches, the full forenames and surnames of players that constitute the Men's and Women's team squad for both participating teams.

9.3 CHAMPIONSHIP LOGOS

- A** The logos for the National League Championship Cup, the UKDA and the Sponsors/Partners must be incorporated into the match programme cover layout.
- B** The artwork for all UKDA logos will be forwarded to all Member NLOs from UKDA Marketing.

9.4 CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO VENUE

- A** The purchase of the match programme shall secure the admission of one person into both days of the advertised 'A' and 'B' team matches for that fixture only.
- B** NLO organisers should state on their programmes that:

- i The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission, if necessary, without assigning a reason for so doing.*
- ii The organisers reserve the right to eject any person(s) from a match venue without assigning a reason for so doing.*
- iii Any person(s) found consuming drink, which has not been purchased on the premises, shall be liable to be ejected from the premises for at least the duration of the match in question. This shall also apply to food if the venue has an on-site food sales facility.*

9.5 STATISTICAL CONTENT

Wherever possible the Host NLO shall include the latest set of league tables for their respective division, which will be supplied by the NLO's respective National League Divisional Administrator.

9.6 ADMISSION CHARGE

- A** The match programme shall be sold at a price, which is subject to review by the Board of Directors in each playing season. (See Section 4.2)
- B** Admission fees and programme monies, for a National League match, are not refundable and are to be retained by the host NLO.

9.7 MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

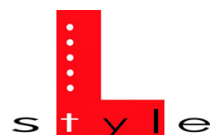
- A** Programme – National League Director copy – The host NLO shall send one edition of the relevant match programme to the respective National League Divisional Administrator to be received by the first post on the Wednesday following each home fixture.
- B** UKDA Terms of Compliance – All match programmes are issued subject to the Rules and Regulations as laid down by the UKDA. In the interest of maintaining the standard of match presentation and promotion, the Board of Directors reserves the right to advise, and instruct NLO Secretaries on the content and quality of match programmes.
- C** UKDA National League Title Sponsorships – In those instances where an overall sponsorship for the National League Championships has been secured, the host Member NLO shall ensure that such wording and logos deemed necessary to convey the sponsor's involvement in the Championship shall be incorporated on the programme cover, or within the contents of the programme, as per UKDA National League Playing Rules and Format. These include wording/logos, as instructed by the UKDA for Darts Corner, divisional title sponsors and any deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The artwork for all UKDA logos will be forwarded to all NLOs from UKDA Marketing.

10. TEAM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

10.1 REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS

- A** Each Member NLO shall complete a National League Team Registration Form as supplied by the UKDA.

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- B** The Member NLO Secretary or Organiser shall ensure that all details as required are correctly entered on the team registration form.
- C** The team registration form shall be returned to the respective National League Divisional Administrator by no later than the relevant UKDA Annual General Meeting as being the official closing date for acceptance of Member NLOs into the National League championships for that season.
- D** Any Member NLO failing to meet the submission criteria shall be liable to a fine of £100.00 being imposed by the respective National League Divisional Administrator, who shall also inform the UKDA Financial Director of the imposition of the fine.
- E** Each National League Divisional Administrator shall forward the team registration form information to the Director responsible for collating the UKDA Directory with further copies to the UKDA Headquarters, UKDA National League Director, UKDA Registrar and UKDA Financial Director.

11. PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

11.1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Subject to any restrictions incurred because of disciplinary proceedings or restrictions under the International Player Registration criteria each player that has completed and signed a UKDA Super league Membership Application Form as a bona fide and registered member of a UKDA NLO super league is eligible for selection into the respective men's and women's National League playing squads.

11.2 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

This section of the form necessitates the requirement for the respective players to complete in full all details on a UKDA National League players form of registration & agreement for the UKDA National League darts championships.

11.3 REGISTRATION CRITERIA

- A** All National League players, both male and female, must sign an official UKDA registration/agreement form for each playing season, declaring which Member NLO they will be playing for.
- B** A player may only register for one Member NLO and may only play for that Member NLO during that playing season.
- C** Any player discovered to have signed for more than one Member NLO in one playing season shall be suspended for the remainder of that playing season.

11.4 DECLARATION OF NATIONALITY

- A** A player shall also declare his/her nationality (i.e., English, Scottish, Welsh, or Other on the official UKDA registration/agreement form when registering for a Member NLO.

- B** This point of reference must be checked by the Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, deemed responsible for the collation of the Member NLO team squad's records.
- C** A player's Nationality is defined by one of the four conditions as being:
- i The player's own country of birth, OR*
 - ii The player's father's own country of birth, OR*
 - iii The player's mother's own country of birth, OR*
 - iv By proving that the player is currently residing in and has resided in the country for which (s)he wishes to play, for a term of not less than 3 years. Such proof may be provided by information from the Electoral Roll.*

11.5 VERIFICATION

The UKDA registration/agreement form must be countersigned by the Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser appointed to that duty, and who shall be responsible for the accuracy of all the registration details.

11.6 DECLARATIONS

All players must be registered under their own names, no aliases or substitute names shall be allowed.

11.7 UKDA COMMITMENT

In the act of signing the official UKDA registration/agreement form, a player shall undertake to play within, and abide by, all the Rules and Regulations of the UKDA, and if found to be in breach of any of the Rules and Regulations then that player shall accept that (s)he is liable to disciplinary proceedings in respect of such breach, always providing that the player's Right of Appeal is properly maintained.

11.8 START OF SEASON REGISTRATIONS

- A** The UKDA shall provide to each Member NLO a form headed 'List of National League Players Registered at Start of Season' on which must be listed those players that have been registered to form the Teams at the of the relevant season and thereby confirm the NLOs ability to compete in the UKDA National League.
- B** The numbers of players listed on the initial submission of this form must be sufficient to complete a full National League fixture (i.e., a minimum of 21 Men and 10 Women, allowing for reserves).
- C** The form to be forwarded, together with the completed and signed UKDA registration/agreement forms of the players that are listed, to be in the hands of the respective National League Divisional Administrator by 1st August or at the UKDA Annual General Meeting in each playing season.
- D** Failure to comply will be interpreted as a declaration of withdrawal from participation in the UKDA National League for that respective season.

11.9 MID-SEASON REGISTRATIONS

To avoid any duplication on the UKDA database system, all new players as properly registered at any match during the season shall be included in the email as sent with the relevant DfW database as follows:

- i New UKDA National League players – should be listed as:
John Smith – Not previously registered as a UKDA National League player,
Date of Birth: _____*
- ii Players previously registered with another NLO should be listed as:
John Brown – Previously registered with _____ NLO,
Date of Birth: _____*
- iii Players returning to same NLO after more than 1 season absence to be listed as:
John Green – Last played for _____ NLO in season ____ / ____,
Date of Birth: _____*

11.10 ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS – CRITERIA

- A** Additional players may be registered for a Member NLO at any time during the playing season providing the following are followed:
 - i On each occasion the UKDA registration/agreement form must be countersigned by an authorized signatory from the opposing Member NLO.*
 - ii Such countersigning must take place before a player may play for his/her respective Member NLO.*
 - iii For the purpose of fairness, it is recommended that any players that been registered after the initial 1st September issue should play at least one match in the 'B' team before being allowed to play in an 'A' team match. Note – Although worded as a recommendation, any excessive abuse of this practice could lead to the imposition of penalties by the Board of Directors.*

11.11 RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

With the exception of international players, no residential qualifications are enforced when selecting players to represent a Member NLO, but all selected players must be registered playing members of the Member NLOs own super league, wherever they may live.

11.12 INTERNATIONAL PLAYER REGISTRATION CRITERIA

- A** A Member NLO may only register One man or woman overseas full international player in any one playing season.
- B** A Member NLO may only register Two current home full international men players unless the players reside in that county.
- C** A Member NLO may only register One current home international woman player unless the player resides in that county.

11.13 EXEMPTIONS

- A** An international player residing outside a Member NLO area and who has played for that Member NLO for a minimum of five seasons, shall be exempt from the above clauses.
- B** A National League player residing outside a Member NLO area, who attains international status whilst playing for that Member NLO shall also be exempt from the above clauses.
- C** Any overseas full international player that has played for playing season and has taken up full term residency in either England, Scotland, or Wales, is eligible to apply for exemption from the above clauses.

11.14 RE-REGISTRATION

No National League player shall re-register for the existing NLO or register for a different NLO until after the end of the current general season (i.e., after 30th June)

11.15 MID SEASON TRANSFER

- A** A player who is registered for a Member NLO but has not yet played for that NLO in the current playing season, may apply for a transfer to another Member NLO by making an application in writing to the respective National Divisional Administrator in charge of the players existing Member NLO. The application must be made on NLO headed notepaper through the NLO Secretary to which the player wishes to transfer.
- B** A copy of the application must also be sent to the Secretary of the players existing Member NLO.
- C** The National League Divisional Administrator shall then authorize the transfer subject to any objection(s) or problem(s), in which instance the transfer application shall be referred to the National League Director together with a report by the respective National League Divisional Administrator.

11.16 POST SEASON PLAYER RELEASE

- A** National League players wishing to change from one NLO to another, after the end of the playing season, shall be eligible to do so, subject to the granting of a release application the Member NLO as previously registered with.
- B** A Member NLO may withhold a release until such time as all articles deemed to be the property of the NLO have been returned, and all legitimate financial commitments to the existing NLO have been met in full by the player wishing to change to another NLO.

11.17 RELEASE APPLICATION

- A** It is the players responsibility to submit a form of application for release.
- B** A form for this use will be made available on the UKDA website.

- C** The form of application can be completed on their behalf by another party, but the player must sign the form as acknowledgement of intent.
- D** No application for release will be granted by a National League Divisional Administrator unless it is supplemented with the original and signed form of application for release.

11.18 RELEASE FORMS

- A** Copies of the completed release form shall be made available to the respective Member NLO Secretaries to the players concerned, and to the respective National League Divisional Administrator for the Member NLOs that are involved.
- B** A copy of the completed release form should be attached to the players new registration form when it is submitted to the relevant National League Divisional Administrator so that the UKDA National League system can be adjusted to accommodate the transfer of the player from one NLO to another.

12. PLAYING ATTIRE & NATIONAL LEAGUE ORGANISATION UNIFORM

12.1 NATIONAL LEAGUE ORGANISATION PLAYING ATTIRE

The National League Organisation playing attire shall comprise of playing shirt, playing trousers/skirt, and permitted footwear detailed below

12.2 PLAYING SHIRTS & PLAYING SHIRT COLOURS

- A** All Member NLOs shall declare their playing shirt colours on the official NLO registration form prior to the start of the respective playing season.
- B** Each NLO's Men's and Women's teams and reserves playing shirts must be uniform in colour and style.

12.3 PLAYING TROUSERS / SKIRTS

- A** All Member NLOs shall declare their playing trouser / skirt colours on the official NLO registration form prior to the start of the respective playing season, Black and/or Grey is permitted.
- B** The wearing of jeans, trousers or skirts made from denim or corduroy material is not permitted.
- C** The wearing of any form of 'tracksuit' attire is not permitted.
- D** Each NLO's Men's and Women's teams and reserves playing trousers and skirts must be uniform in colour.

12.4 FOOTWEAR

- A** For Men and Women players, all footwear shall be predominantly Black, Brown or Grey.

- B** Footwear shall conform to shoes, trainers, ankle, and knee length boots only.
- C** The wearing of footwear manufactured in 'flip flop', or 'sandal' style will not be permitted unless worn for certificated medical reasons and approved as such by the UKDA National League Director.

12.5 HEADGEAR

- A** No headgear shall be worn unless officially permitted as follows:
 - i As prescribed by statute on religious grounds (e.g., A Sikh would qualify for such permission).*
 - ii In cases of bona fide and medically certificated health reasons.*
- B** The wearing of earphones or similar sound transmitting devices other than for medical reasons is not permitted.

12.6 SWEATBANDS

- A** The wearing of wrist sweatbands is permissible.
- B** The wearing of forehead sweatbands is not permissible unless sanctioned under Rule 12.5.

12.7 OUTER GARMENTS

The playing attire must not be partially or fully covered by a cardigan, pullover, sweater, jacket, waistcoat, blazer or scarf at any time during Matchplay involving the respective player.

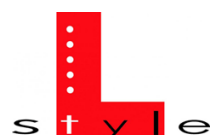
12.8 PLAYING ATTIRE – GENERAL CRITERIA

- A** All 'selected', and 'reserve' NLO players must wear the playing attire that has been provided or approved by their Member NLO when representing that Member NLO either by playing in or attending as a reserve at a UKDA National League match.
- B** All National League players representing their Member NLO at regional play-offs and Great Britain finals of any darts event under the jurisdiction of the UKDA, or any of its subsidiaries, shall wear the official NLO playing attire.
- C** NLO Organisers are advised to have suitable 'advertising free' NLO playing attire available for any occasions when any advertising rights applicable to an event are likely to be infringed.

12.9 NATIONAL LEAGUE UNIFORM

The NLO uniform may consist of the NLO playing attire plus any other designated garments which are considered by the respective team to constitute the official NLO uniform for its registered players. Such additional garments as detailed above shall not be worn by players whilst participating in National League Matchplay.

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12.10 DRESS CODE – OFFICIALS

- A** All National League Officials must be suitably dressed in the attire as approved by the respective NLO.
- B** Outer garments shall be as approved by the respective NLO.
- C** Match referees and MCs shall be dressed as per (A) and (B) above or in a manner that befits their role.

13. PLAYING FORMAT

13.1 MATCH FORMAT

Playing formats shall be as follows:

Men's 'A'			
All Divisions	-	12 x Sets	- Each Set being the best of 7 legs 501 up.
Men's 'B'			
Premiership and Championship	-	12 x Sets	- Each Set being the best of 7 legs 501 up.
Divisions One, Two and Three	-	12 x Sets	- Each Set being the best of 5 legs 501 up.
Women's 'A'			
All Divisions	-	6 x Sets	- Each Set being the best of 5 legs 501 up.
Women's 'B'			
All Divisions	-	6 x Sets	- Each Set being the best of 5 legs 501 up.

The UKDA Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the UKDA National League.

13.2 PLAYER DART AVERAGES [DAV]

Calculated by multiplying legs played by 501, subtracting any scores left, and dividing this figure by the number of darts thrown.

13.3 PLAYER DYNAMIC DART AVERAGES [DDAV]

Calculated by adding 1 bonus point to the 'DAV' for each set won.

13.4 TEAM DARTS AVERAGE

Calculated thus: The Team's total points scored divided by the Teams total darts used.

14. MATCHPLAY – INTER TEAM 'A' TO 'B' AND 'B' TO 'A' TRANSFERS

14.1 'A' TEAM TO 'B' TRANSFER CRITERIA

- A** No 'A' team player, man or woman, shall be eligible to play in a National League 'B' match unless that player had lost or not played in that team's previous 'A' match in the current season.

- B** Regardless of which National League Team a player was registered with this Rule does not apply retrospectively to any previous season.

14.2 'B' TEAM TO 'A' TRANSFER CRITERIA

A player having played solely for the 'B' Team in their most recent previous appearance in the current season shall be eligible to play in either the 'B' Team, the 'A' Team, or both the 'B' and 'A' Teams of that players next appearance in the current season. This applies regardless of any absence(s) between the

players most recent previous appearance solely in the 'B' Team, and their next appearance, within the current season.

15. MATCHPLAY – PARTICIPATION IN BOTH 'B' AND 'A' TEAMS IN THE SAME WEEKEND

15.1 PLAYERS WITH CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO A PARTICULAR NLO

A player who was registered for the respective NLO in the previous season will only be eligible for selection into both the 'B' and 'A' teams of his or her first UKDA National League match of the current season if that players' last appearance in the previous season was in the 'B' team.

15.2 NEWLY REGISTERED PLAYER

A player who was not registered for the respective NLO in the previous season will be eligible for selection into either the 'B' or 'A' team only of his or her first UKDA National League match of the current season. i.e., such a player cannot play in both 'B' and 'A' teams.

15.3 OTHER RELEVANT CRITERIA

- A** A player winning a match in the 'A' team cannot be selected for the 'B' team in the following match in the current season.
- B** A player losing a match in the 'A' team can be selected for the 'B' team in the following match in the current season but cannot also play in the 'A' team of that match.
- C** If a players most recent previous appearance in the current season was in the 'A' Team and the player is then absent for one or more fixtures, the player will be eligible for selection in their next appearance in the current season into either the 'B' Team or the 'A' Team. The player shall not be eligible to play in both the 'B' and 'A' team.
- D** A player may only be eligible to play in both the 'B' and 'A' Teams of the same fixture providing the player played only in the 'B' Team in their most recent previous appearance in the current season. Once having played in the 'B' Team then the terms of Rule 14 continue to apply.

15.4 CLARIFICATION OF RULES 15.1 – 15.3

The foregoing rules reduce the risk of incurring penalty points by removing the requirement of a NLO to be aware of the previous National League team appearance records of newly registered players.

15.5 APPLICATION OF RULES IN THE EVENT OF A REARRANGED FIXTURE

In the event of a fixture, or fixtures, being rearranged then the above rulings shall be applied as per the actual sequence of matches played regardless of whether this sequence conflicts with the original fixture list.

15.6 CLARIFICATION OF RULE 15.5

To enable the correct application of Rule 15, the actual date order in which matches are played is the overriding sequence regardless of where matches are originally scheduled to take place.

E.g., If fixture 1 is rearranged to be played on a date between fixtures 3 and 4, then the sequence for the application of the Rules will follow the sequence: Fixture 3 – Fixture 1 – Fixture 4.

15.7 PENALTIES

Any Member NLO found guilty by the respective National League Divisional Administrator of any infringement of the terms of Matchplay as laid down in Rules 14 and/or 15 shall incur penalties as set out

here below:

- i The Championship Point in the Set in which the infringement applies shall be awarded to the non-offending team.*
- ii The Bonus Point(s) in the respective match shall be awarded in accordance with the amended result.*
- iii The offending team shall be penalized Two penalty points which shall be deducted from the total points column in the respective championship league table.*
- iv The legs won and lost in the set in which the infringement has occurred shall be declared in favour of the non-offending team as the minimum number of legs required to win that respective set.*
- v The playing average of the bona fide player in the respective set in which the infringement applies shall be recorded exactly as it was attained, however, the set score will be amended in his/her records unless it was a straight to nil legs victory and in which case it will remain as attained.*
- vi The playing record of the offending player shall be declared void and the playing status remain as that held in the previous match.*

16. CONDUCT OF FIXTURES

16.1 RESERVES

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|------------------------|---|--|
| Men's 'A' team match | - | Only 3 x players may be named as reserves. |
| Women's 'A' team match | - | Only 2 x players may be named as reserves. |

16.2 CLARIFICATION OF RULE 16.1

- A** This rule determines that over a match weekend only a set number of players can be named as Reserves for the 'A' matches.

- B** This restricts the number of players who can be promoted from the 'B' to 'A' fixture in a particular match regardless of how many players may be eligible for promotion.

16.3 MATCH DRAWS & START TIMES

- A** The match draws shall be carried out 30 minutes prior to the match starting times.
- B** Each Division may set their own match start times, but the schedule of match draw and match start times shall not in any instance be later than, mutually agreed start times are allowed on the day subject to all players being in attendance at the venue:

Day	Matches	Match Draw	Match Start
Saturdays	Women's 'B' and Men's 'B' Matches	11.30am	12.00 Noon
Sundays	Women's 'A' and Men's 'A' Matches	10.30am	11.00am

Divisions with Men's 'B' format of best of 7 legs 501 shall apply Saturday times as follows:

Day	Matches	Match Draw	Match Start
Saturdays	Women's 'B' and Men's 'B' Matches	10.30am	11.00am

- C** On each day, all match draws must be completed prior to the start of any matches.
- D** Any player who is not present in the playing venue cannot be included in the respective match draw.
- E** Once the match draw has been completed, both Men's and Women's, then NO substitutions for drawn players may take place, but in order to comply with the Trades Description Act, all men's singles sets and all women's sets must be played.
- * Rule amendment pending approval, as per AGM – Written clarification of rule to be electronically circulated to all NLOs upon approval, or otherwise, if required.*
- F** The points won in any substitute sets played will be awarded to the 'non offending' team by the respective National League Divisional Administrator.
- G** The first substitution shall be allowed 'free', any additional substitutions shall each incur an automatic fine of £20.

16.4 ORDER OF THROW

- A** Away Teams shall throw first in the odd numbered legs [1, 3, 5, 7,] of all odd number sets.
- B** Home Teams shall throw first in the odd numbered legs [1, 3, 5, 7,] of all even number sets.

16.5 MATCH PROTOCOL

- A** The host NLO shall ensure that all Matchplay shall be reasonably continuous.

- B Mid-session breaks should be kept to a minimum.

16.6 SMOKING & DRINKING ON STAGE

- A During Matchplay, no player and no match official shall be allowed to smoke or use an electronic cigarette or similar.
- B No player or official may partake of any alcoholic drinks at any time whilst on the stage.
- C It shall be the duty of the host NLO to ensure that vessels or bottles of iced drinking water and drinks glasses, cups are available on stage for players and officials and replenished as necessary.

16.7 LATE ARRIVAL

- A In the instance of a Member NLO, host or visiting, arriving later than 60 minutes before the scheduled and publicized starting time of the match, then that match shall be played, but UNDER PROTEST which fact shall be recorded on the match result sheets by both Member NLO Secretaries or Organisers.
- B After such action, a letter of protest, or explanation, shall be forwarded on NLO headed notepaper to the respective National League Divisional Administrator, who shall make such enquiries as he/she deems necessary to prepare a report and recommendation, to the Board of Directors for a decision concerning what action shall be taken and the nature of any penalties that should be imposed.

16.8 MATCHES SCORES RECORDING

- A Each Member NLO shall ensure that they are in possession of the necessary computer equipment to enable the operation of software Darts for Windows.
- B The completed database files shall be sent electronically to the respective National League Divisional Administrators.

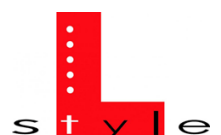
16.9 LIVE SCORING

- A It is the responsibility of the host NLO only to transmit the live scoring facility to www.dartsforwin.com.
- B In the instance of any host NLO equipment malfunction then the visiting team shall then assume the responsibility to transmit the live scoring facility.
- C To ensure the most efficient relaying of information only one live scoring transmission shall be during each fixture.

16.10 DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATORS – COMPILATION OF STATISTICS

- A The National League Divisional Administrator shall be responsible for the processing of group league tables, databases copies of which shall be circulated to each Member NLO Secretary in his/her group as soon as is practical after the fixture.

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- B** Files of the group league tables shall also be circulated to each other National League Divisional Administrator and UKDA National League Director.
- C** And to all approved darts media contacts.
- D** The National League Divisional Administrator shall also compile a players' darts average table from the information supplied on the DfW files for 'A' and 'B' team matches. Each table one for Men, 'A' and 'B', one for Women, 'A' and 'B', will be collated by the Records & Statistics Officer to produce an overall players' darts average table for the championship year.
- E** An award will be made to the players achieving the highest dynamic darts average in the collated tables.
- F** A player must have played in two-thirds (66%), or more, of all scheduled National League championship matches to be included in the final darts averages tables.
- G** The National League Divisional Administrator shall also be responsible for determining the highest Men's and Women's 'A' and 'B' players winning darts averages directly following each fixture during the playing season.
- H** This information shall then be conveyed to the UKDA National League Director responsible for the collation of such information and the issuing of achievement awards and certificates.

16.11 OFFICIAL PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS

- A** Should there be any necessity to make a protest, or raise an objection, to any aspect of a UKDA National League match, then that protest, or objection shall be made through the respective Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, representing the person making the protest or objection.
- B** Failure to rectify the cause of the protest, or objection, before or during the match shall not prevent the match being played.
- C** The match shall be played but "under protest", which fact shall be relayed to the National League Divisional Administrator by electronic mail when sending the match DfW databases.
- D** This action shall be followed up by the respective Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, giving a written protest, or objection, on National League team headed notepaper to the respective National League Divisional Administrator, with a copy sent to the Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, of the other Member NLO involved.
- E** In any instance of protest or objection, all details must be relayed to the National League Divisional Administrator within 14 days of the match in question as submissions will not be acted upon.

17. POST MATCH SUBMISSIONS

17.1 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

- A** Both Host and Visiting NLOs must send by electronic mail the Darts for Windows database to the respective National League Divisional Administrator which must be received within 2 hours of the match concluding on the Sunday of each respective fixture.
- B** To alleviate any spelling errors or use of 'shortened names' all NLOs must use the 'Ready To Go' databases which can be downloaded via the DfW software.

17.2 POSTED SUBMISSIONS

- A** Programme – The host Member NLO shall send One edition of the relevant match programme to the respective National League Divisional Administrator to be received by the first post on the Wednesday following each home fixture.
- B** Host NLOs shall send the requisite edition of the match programmes by first class post to the National League Divisional Administrator to be received by the first post on the Wednesday following each home fixture.

18. LEAGUE TABLES' STRUCTURE

18.1 LEAGUE TABLES POINTS

- A** 1 Point for each set won – Men's and Women's teams.
- B** Separate Tables are compiled for each of the following:
Men's 'A', Men's 'B', Women's 'A' and Women's 'B'

18.2 LEAGUE TABLES STRUCTURE

- A** Using the Darts for Windows software league tables shall be structured as follows:
- B** Column Headings for Men's & Women's League Tables are:

NLO	P	W	D	L	FR	AG	TP	LD
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Key:

NLO	= National League Organisation
P	= Matches Played
W	= Matches Won
D	= Matches Drawn
L	= Matches Lost
FR	= Sets Won
AG	= Sets Lost
TP	= Total Points
LD	= Legs Difference

- C** Penalty Points will be indicated with asterisks.
- D** League Tables shall be circulated to all NLOs after each fixture.

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- E Tables shall also be placed on the UKDA website.

18.3 TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE FOR PLACING A TEAM IN A LEAGUE TABLE

- A In the instance of a tie on points the following procedure shall be adopted to determine the positions in a league table.
- B Consider the tally for matches won – the team with the highest number of match wins shall be uppermost in the table.
- C If the matches wins are also tied, then consider the totals of matches drawn – the team with highest number shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- D If matches drawn are also tied, then the totals of Legs Won and Legs Lost shall be determined for all matches played in that league to date. i.e., total legs won – total legs lost = remainder.
- E The team with the highest remainder shall be the highest placed team.
- F Conversely if the Legs Lost is greater than the Legs Won then the team with least remainder shall be the highest place team.
- G If legs difference are also tied, then the teams combined average shall be determined for all matches played in that league to date. The team with the highest combined average shall be placed uppermost in the table.

19. ACCUMULATIVE TABLES STRUCTURE

19.1 ACCUMULATIVE POINTS TABLE

- A Divisions: Premiership, Championship, One, Two, Three only
- B After all points have been allocated a NLO attaining 19 or more sets will be awarded 3 bonus points, to be added on to the total points column in the accumulative points table.
- C In the instance of a tie on sets played both teams will receive 1 bonus point, to be added on to the total points column in the accumulative points table.
- D The above playing format and points system shall apply to all scheduled and re-arranged National League Championship matches.

19.2 PROMOTION & RELEGATION

- A The promotion and relegation procedures to be adopted at the end of playing season shall be as follows.
- B After the completion of all fixtures in the playing season, the number of points attained by each Member NLO, for teams shall be tallied and an accumulated points league table shall be produced for each playing group.

- C The accumulated points league table shall be used to determine the promotion and relegation from each playing group as indicated in the procedure below.
- D The 'accumulated points league tables' shall be used to determine any prize monies awarded in the National League Championships.

19.3 PROMOTION & RELEGATION SCHEDULE

PREMIERSHIP	There is no promotion from this playing division
CHAMPIONSHIP	The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to CHAMPIONSHIP The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to PREMIERSHIP
DIVISION ONE	The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to Division ONE The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to CHAMPIONSHIP
DIVISION TWO	The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to Division TWO The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to Division ONE
DIVISION THREE	The TWO bottom placed teams are relegated to Division THREE The TWO highest placed teams are promoted to Division Two
	There is no relegation from this playing group.

19.4 TIE BREAKER - PROCEDURE FOR PLACING A NLO IN AN ACCUMULATIVE TABLE

- A In the instance of a tie on points the following procedure shall be adopted to determine the placings order in an accumulative table. Firstly, consider the total bonus points the NLO with highest number of Bonus Points shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- B If the total bonus points are also tied then consider the aggregate legs difference, the NLO with the highest positive number (+) shall be placed uppermost in the table. Conversely, if the legs lost for both NLOs are greater than the legs won then the NLO with the lowest negative number (-) shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- C If the aggregate legs difference is also tied then consider the overall team averages for the full season. The NLO with the highest overall team average shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- D If the overall team average is also tied, then consider in turn the individual team averages for the full season in order thus:

i Men's 'A', Women's 'A', Men's 'B', Women's 'B'

Once a higher team average is ascertained at any stage using the above sequence then that team shall be placed uppermost in the table.

- E If the individual team average is also all tied, then consider in turn the highest player averages for the full season in order thus:

i Men's 'A', Women's 'A', Men's 'B', Women's 'B'

Once a higher player average is ascertained at any stage using the above sequence then that team shall be placed uppermost in the table.

19.5 NEW MEMBER NLO – DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT

Any new Member NLO will be allocated a place in the Championship. New Member NLO from England or Wales will be allocated a place in Division Three.

20. PRIZE MONIES & TROPHIES & CERTIFICATES

The UKDA will provide, or obtain, prizes and mementos for the National League Championship as follows:

A PRIZE MONIES:

Each team shall receive prize monies in relation to their final placing in their respective division accumulative table the prize monies per division will be calculated based.

- i *Income from all National League Fees (not inclusive of Insurance Premium and UKDA Membership Fee) plus Super league player levy payments less the actual costs of trophies, certificates and youth donations.*
- ii *The resulting balance will be divided between the 53 Member NLOs and allocated to each division pro rata to the number of teams within each division.*
- iii *The total sum per division will be allocated in a sliding scale of prize monies in descending order of each NLOs position in the division.*

B TROPHIES

The allocation of UKDA supplied trophies will be as below:
(Extra trophies will be at the respective NLOs own cost)

	MENS [A]	MENS [B]	WOMEN'S [A]	WOMEN'S [B]	TOTALS
PREMIERSHIP	15	15	8	8	46
CHAMPIONSHIP	15	15	8	8	46
DIVISION ONE	15	15	8	8	46
DIVISION TWO	15	15	8	8	46
DIVISION THREE	15	15	8	8	46
TOTALS	75	75	40	40	230

- i The numbers of trophies are set by the Board of Directors subject to an annual review.*
- ii The overall Divisional Champions shall be presented with the perpetual trophies to be held by the winners for a period of twelve months.*
- iii The NLO shall be deemed to be responsible for the safe keeping of the trophies during the period that they are held by that darts body. Each perpetual trophy shall be returned to the UKDA Headquarters when required – this is usually at the April / May UKDA full council meeting.*
- iv In the instance of the loss / theft of a perpetual trophy, a telephone report must be made to the UKDA Director with Financial responsibility within 24 hours, followed by a written report within seven days.*

C CERTIFICATES

- i Certificates will be awarded by the UKDA for outstanding performances attained during the season.*
- ii Loyalty appearance certificate templates will be supplied to each NLO who are responsible for printing and presenting at their own cost.*

21. OFFICIAL PRESENTATION CEREMONIES

- A** If a player is not present at an official presentation ceremony, to receive a trophy, memento, prize, or prize money, without the prior permission of the respective team manager, then that player shall forfeit the right to receive such trophy, memento, prize, or prize monies that may be due to that player.
- B** If a Member NLO is not present at an official presentation ceremony, to receive trophies, mementoes, prizes, or prize monies, without the prior permission of the match official then that Member NLO shall forfeit the right to receive such trophies, mementoes, prizes, or prize monies, that may be due to that NLO.

22. INTERPRETATIONS

- A** The interpretations of the UKDA National League Playing Rules and Format for the National League Championships shall be determined by the National League Divisional Administrators in control of the respective playing groups.
- B** The National League Divisional Administrators may consult with one another in order to reach a decision on an interpretation of the National League Playing Rules and Format.
- C** Information concerning any interpretations shall be considered by the UKDA Board of Directors, which shall make recommendations for amendments and additions to the National League Playing Rules and Format.
- D** Recommendations made by the UKDA Board of Directors will be heard in the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

- E** Any matters not expressly covered in the National League Playing Rules and Format shall be determined by the UKDA Board of Directors.
- F** Information concerning matters resolved under clause 22 (E) shall be used to form a recommendation to be heard in the respective part of the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

23. AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

- A** Items concerning the amendment, addition, or revision of the National League Championship Playing Rules and Format must be submitted to the UKDA Rules and Discipline Director responsible for UKDA Playing Rules by 31st May in each playing season.
- B** Each submission must be made in writing, on NLO headed notepaper, in the form of a proposal by one full Member NLO and seconded in a similar manner by another full Member NLO.
- C** Such proposals or Amendments must be submitted on NLO letter-heading, countersigned by Two team executive officers, and accompanied by an extract from the Minutes of the relative meeting in which the Member NLO resolved to put forward a proposal or amendment.
- D** Any sheets attached to Member NLO proposals should also be written on NLO headed notepaper and duly signed to validate their authenticity.
- E** Each item in the submission must be clearly identified with the specific National League Rule number / clause numbers involved, with precise instructions relating to the affect that the item, if passed, shall have on the existing National League Rule / Clauses.
- F** Any submission which does not comply with the above procedure, in any respect, shall be declared invalid, and will not be placed on the agenda of that meeting.
- G** Submissions which are in compliance with the above procedure shall be circulated to all UKDA Member NLO Secretaries for consideration and discussion at National League level prior to the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

24. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

Any Member NLO Secretary, or Organiser, that discovers any errors, or omissions, in the National League Playing Rules and Format should immediately inform the UKDA Director responsible for compiling the UKDA Rules and Formats so that copies of amended pages can be issued as soon as it is practicable.

25. RULE INFRINGEMENT PENALTIES

The Board of Directors may also instruct a National League Divisional Administrator to deduct penalty points from teams that have been found guilty of infringements of the National League Playing Rules and Formats which are not listed under the terms of Matchplay.

Date	Reminder
June-July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Squad Selection 2. Signing on of players (after 1st July) 3. Book away match hotels 4. Arrange fixture dates with venue 5. Submit home venue details and location to visiting NLOs
1 st July	Official start of the National League general season
1 st August	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay UKDA full county fee (£10) and Insurance Fee (£100) 2. Submit first match squad lists to host NLOs 3. Complete and submit team registration form 4. Complete the list of players' form 5. Submit team and player registration form to national league divisional administrator. Minimum player registrations, for all divisions, being: 21 Men and 12 Women
30 th September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay Annual Full NLO Membership Fee (£10) 2. Pay Insurance Fee (£100)
31 st October	Pay National League Fee [1] (£200)
30 th November	Pay National League Fee [2] (£300)
31 st December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Super league database up to 31st January 2. Submit Super league player levy (£10 per player) to UKDA
31 st January	Pay National League Fee [3] (£300)
31 st May	<p>Important Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final date for receipt of and Super league registrations and levy payments as processed after 31st December 2. Any registrations received after this date will be declared void and will not be placed on the UKDA database for that season. 3. This will render those players as ineligible to participate in UKDA Member Events i.e., National League, UKDA National Singles & Pairs, UKDA National Super league Cup.
30 th June	Final date of the UKDA National League general season

UKDA Match Requirement Reminders

Pre-Match	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ensure venue information has been sent to visiting team. B. Ensure new player registration forms are completed and signed. C. Ensure databases are updated.
Post-Match	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Send DfW database file to National League Divisional Administrator. B. Send 1 copy of the match programme to National League Divisional Administrator.

Note: that the above list is not exhaustive, and NLOs must be aware of their full responsibilities as laid down within the UKDA Rules and procedures.

Penalties & Impositions

1. Failure to provide a registered National League Player List by 1st August (or UKDA A.G.M)
- Financial Imposition of £100.00
2. Failure to submit a National League Team Registration Form by 1st August (or UKDA A.G.M)
- Financial Imposition of £100.00
3. Non-Payment Penalty Clauses: Annual Full National League Fee and Insurance Fee. Failure to pay the UKDA Membership and Insurance Fees by 30th September or at the UKDA A.G.M incurs:

- (A) An automatic pre-season deduction of 12 National League penalty points.
- (B) 3 Points deduction from each of the Men's 'A', Women's 'A', Men's 'B' and Women's 'B' divisional tables.
4. Payment Arrears Penalty Clause:
Applicable to National League Organisations with more than Two Months in arrears with payments. The Board of Directors agreed to impose an additional penalty to the effect that a Member NLO shall forfeit the right to receive any prize money or incentives due at the end of playing season in question.
5. Non-Fulfilment of Fixture Obligations
- (A) Any Member NLO not fulfilling its scheduled National League fixtures, due to a default, adjudged to be of their own making, shall be liable to suspensions, fines, and other penalties depending on the nature of the offence and shall be as prescribed by the UKDA Board after consideration of the circumstances.
6. Non-Fulfilment of Playing Commitments
- (A) Non-fulfilment of any National League playing commitments, or any other infringements of the Rules and Regulations of the UKDA, may incur suspensions or fines and/or other penalties depending on the nature of the offence and shall be as prescribed by the UKDA Board after consideration of the circumstances.
7. Infringement of matchplay procedures:
In any instance where under the National League Rules a player or players participate in contravention of the said rules then the following shall apply on each occasion.
 - (A) The Championship Point in the Set I which the infringement applies shall be awarded to the non-offending NLO.
 - (B) The Bonus Points in the respective match shall be awarded in accordance with the amended result.
 - (C) The offending NLO shall be penalized Two Penalty Points which shall be deducted from the Total Points column in the respective Championship League Table.
 - (D) The Legs Won and Lost in the set in which the infringement has occurred shall be declared in favour of the non-offending NLO as the minimum number of legs required to win that respective set.
 - (E) The playing average of the bona fide player in the respective set in which the infringement applies shall be recorded exactly as it was attained, however, the set score will be amended in his/her records unless it was a straight to nil legs victory and in which case it will remain as attained.
 - (F) The playing record of the offending player shall be declared void and the playing status shall remain as that held in the previous match.
8. Failure to produce a match programme
- (A) A financial imposition of £100.00 per instance.
9. Omission of current National League tables from a match programme
- (A) A financial imposition of £5.00 per instance
10. Failure to provide spectator electronic visual display
- (A) Financial imposition of £100.00 per instance.
11. Failure to communicate match results by specified time
- (A) Financial imposition of £20.00 per instance.
12. Player Substitutions
- (A) First player substitution allowed free, any additional substitutions = £20.00
13. Non-Payment of all financial commitments with the UKDA
- (A) Default (including any fines) on the 31st of May in any playing season = £50.00 [this is in addition to loss of Bond money and forfeit of all end season incentives]
- (B) Each Member NLO cheque not honoured by the bank = £25.00
14. Other circumstances
- (A) Disciplinary proceedings taken against Players, Officials, or full Member NLOs may incur suspensions or fines and/or other penalties depending on the nature of the offence and shall be as prescribed by the UKDA Board after consideration of the circumstances.

15. Right of Appeal

- (A) The suspensions, fines, and other penalties referred to in the above shall be determined by the Board of Directors, however, any declared findings and the resultant decisions taken are always subject to the Right of Appeal.
- (B) Any appeal lost or considered frivolous could incur an increase in the penalty initially imposed.

PLAYER REGISTRATION – TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Note that these Terms of Agreement apply to all persons completing and signing:

Form – PART ONE – UKDA SUPERLEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

And

Form – PART TWO – NATIONAL LEAGUE FORM OF REGISTRATION

UNITED KINGDOM DARTS ASSOCIATION

UKDA FULL MEMBER REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

1. I agree and acknowledge that on signing the UKDA Super league Membership Application Form Part One I am making application to become a Full Member of the United Kingdom Darts Association Limited [UKDA].
2. I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the UKDA and the UKDA NLO with which I have registered as a member and which may be amended from time to time.
3. I undertake to make a commitment to the NLO Super league that I am registered to play for whenever possible and thereby establish my eligibility as a Playing Member of the UKDA to enter all other UKDA Member darts events as practical subject to complying with the relevant qualifying and entry conditions.
4. I understand that on signing this agreement I am indicating that I recognize the UKDA/DRA as the governing body of the Sport of Darts in the UKDA National League and UKDA Events.
5. I agree not to do, or omit to do, anything that might disrupt the activities of the UKDA or its subsidiaries from time to time, or act contrary to the interests of, or bring into disrepute, the Sport of Darts, or the activities of the UKDA or its subsidiaries from time to time.
6. I agree, provided I am selected or invited to participate in any events promoted and/or sanctioned by the UKDA or its subsidiaries from time to time, subject to the Member NLO I represent and with which I have been registered being a fully paid-up member of the UKDA, and subject to any suspension or other disciplinary proceedings which might have been taken against me since the date of my selection or invitation as aforesaid.
7. I agree that my failure to participate in any such event, without providing satisfactory explanation, will entitle the UKDA, without prejudice to any of its other rights and remedies, to institute disciplinary proceedings against me in accordance with the rules and regulations of the UKDA as amended from time to time.
8. I understand that I can transfer from the Member NLO with which I am presently registered to another Member NLO after the end of the season for which I have currently registered for the following season, subject to clearance in writing by letter of release from the Member NLO with which I am presently registered, and to my signing a new agreement with the UKDA.
9. I understand that provided the Member NLO with which I have registered has complied in full, with its financial and other obligations in relation to the insurance scheme maintained by the UKDA then I will be covered by any relevant UKDA insurance policy for the period in respect of which the premium has been paid.

10. I understand that on signing this agreement that any previous agreement of this type I may have signed prior to this date is now superseded.
11. The UKDA reserves the right to withhold acceptance of an application without assigning a reason for so doing.
12. I further understand that I am entitled to a copy of this agreement as signed and witnessed hereafter by written application to the UKDA.
13. Important Note – Subject to compliance with Item 10 above, it is recommended that all personnel involved in the playing and administration of the UKDA National League Super League [i.e., players, officers, and committee] complete and submit a UKDA Super League Membership Application to be included in the terms of the insurance policy.

Note also:

UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER REGISTRATION AND AGREEMENT FORM

Upon selection into the National League then players will be required to complete a:

PLAYERS FORM OF REGISTRATION & AGREEMENT UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE

These will be made available by the respective NLO Secretary at the of selection and will form PART TWO of the UKDA Full Membership Form.

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