



NATIONAL FINALS Singles and Pairs Player Information

Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July 2024

Venue: Bolton Stadium Hotel, De Havilland Way, Bolton, BL6 6SF
(Entrance 1 – Opposite Club Shop)

Opens: 4.30pm Friday and 8.30am Saturday and Sunday

CAR PARK 'A' TO BE USED WHERE POSSIBLE, CAR PARK 'C' AS OVERFLOW.

This is a card-only venue

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT

1) RULES

The UKDA **General Playing Rules and Tournament Rules** Version 1.01 apply to this tournament, available on the UKDA website

<https://ukdartsassociation.com/general-playing-rules-tournament-rules/>

2) Registration / Toe the Oche

- a) All players must register at the control desk
 - i) **PAIRS** Registration times
 - ii) Both players must be in the hall before the pair can be registered
 - (1) (a) Friday 26th July – Men's and Women's Registration 4:45pm-5:45pm
 - (2) (a) Friday 26th July – Men's and Women's Matches Commence 6.30pm
 - iii) **SINGLES** Registration times
 - iv) Players must be in the hall before a player can be registered
 - (1) (a) Saturday 27th July – Women's Registration 9:30am-10:15am
 - (b) Sunday 28th July – Men's Registration 9:30am-10:15am
 - (2) (a) Saturday 27th July – Women's Matches Commence 11:00am
 - (a) Sunday 28th July – Men's Matches Commence 11:00am
 - b) A Player/Pair failing to register by the notified time will, save in exceptional circumstances decided by the Tournament Committee, be eliminated from the tournament
 - c) Players must be at their allocated board number prior to the previous game being completed.
 - i) Any Player or Pair that is not in attendance at the Match Board when required to play at the nominated time, save in exceptional circumstances to be decided by the Tournament Committee, forfeit that match.

3) Format

- a) The National Singles and Pairs will be run on a knockout basis.
 - i) **Mens Singles**
 - (1) Up to and including Quarter Finals Best of 7 legs of 501
 - (2) Semi Finals Best of 9 legs of 501
 - (3) Final Best of 11 legs of 501

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- ii) **Womens Singles**
 - (1) Up to and including Semi Finals Best of 7 legs of 501
 - (2) Final Best of 9 legs of 501
- iii) **Mens and Womens Pairs**
 - (1) All games Best of 7 legs of 501
- b) **For all Pairs matches:** Each pair shall nominate which player throws first in the first leg for that pair and the nominated player must then throw first for that pair in each subsequent leg for the duration of the match.

4) Scoring

- a) Scoring system will be Darts Connect via tablets mounted to the side of each match board and used by the following
 - i) Scorers will be nominated for the first game on each board
 - ii) Subsequent games shall be scored by the previous loser on that board unless directed otherwise by a UKDA official
 - iii) Failure to score after losing a previous match will be recorded and will result in player(s) being banned with immediate effect from UKDA tournament(s) for a minimum 12-month period

5) Board Allocation

- a) Board Numbers will be allocated via the Darts Connect System and each board will be clearly marked with the Number

6) Practice boards

- a) Practice boards will be available around the venue where space allows and are available to all players

7) Draw

- a) The Tournament Committee or assigned UKDA personnel shall perform the draw for the competition and once the draw has been made no changes will be made even if a Bye is created by non-attendance.

8) Order of play

- a) The Order of Play for a Match shall be determined by a throw at the bull
- b) The player/team with the first throw will be as shown by the draw
 - i) Darts that hit and remain in the Bull or the 25 bed shall be retrieved by the Player before the opponent throws a dart. Only those darts that hit the bull or 25 will count in deciding the order of play.
 - ii) If a dart rebounds from the board or falls out of the board during a throw then the Player shall throw a further dart, or darts, until one remains in the board.
 - iii) If the darts thrown for the Bull prove to be a tie, then the players shall throw again in reverse order until one dart is nearer the Bull.
 - iv) The winner of the throw at the Bull shall throw first in the first leg and all odd alternate legs thereafter in that respective Match.

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Order of play continued....

- v) For pairs if the first players tie then the other player from each pair throws for the bull in reverse order.

9) Practice Darts

- a) Each Player is entitled to six practice darts to be thrown at the assigned Match board prior to the Match commencing. No other practice darts may be thrown during that Match without the prior permission or instruction of the Referee or appropriate Official.

10) Results

- a) Winner of a match is responsible for notifying the control desk and confirming that the result has been registered correctly

11) Playing Attire

- a) All Pairs teams must wear matching dart shirts/polos
 - i) Any request for special dispensation will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be addressed to the control desk prior to event commencing (*see tournament start time in point 4. 'Registration'*)
- b) Players are not permitted to wear earphones or headphones during Match play

12) Alcohol

- a) No alcoholic drinks shall be consumed during a match by any Player or Scorer and any suspected breach(es) must be reported to a UKDA Official at the time. Retrospective complaints will not be entertained.
 - i) *Any Player found to be in breach of the above will be liable to forfeit that respective Match and shall be reported to the UKDA for disciplinary proceedings to be considered.*
- b) The UKDA shall reserve the right to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic drinks at this event under its jurisdiction if it is in the best interests of the promotion of the sport of Darts to do so.

- 13) *The Promoter reserves the right to alter scheduled times and the playing format whenever it is deemed necessary.*

Tournament directors forming the tournament committee are Gary Brown, Matt Doe, Danny Weidner. Decisions made by the tournament committee shall be final and are not subject to appeal.