**WDO - LEAGUE NOTES WINTER 2023/2024**

**At last year’s 2022-2023 AGM:**

* Equal darts in any 501-league format was removed, and also, it was decided that the away team in any 501-league format would throw first in the odd numbered legs. The home team throwing first in the even numbered legs.
* It was decided that a player who has fallen down a team’s particular playing order, and wishes to seek a move to another team to gain more playing time then they could apply for a transfer as long as their current captain is in agreement. This will be done in a transfer window. This year’s transfer window will be from Friday 1st December 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023.
* Committee members voted in were:

 DEREK BILLINGTON – 07930248138

 KEITH EDMONDS – 07703724081

 PHIL SMITH – 07841480296

 CHRIS TINSLEY – 07917654551

 GARY BROOKES – 07879626230

1. **League matches**
2. Contacts sheet for your relevant night appear on the website. If for any reason you are unable to fulfil your fixture, you should let your opponent know at the earliest opportunity and also a committee member. If any phone numbers change, please let a committee member know so teams can be made aware.
3. Format for league activities is Round the board 6 x 2 singles, 3 x 2 doubles, and total of 18 legs in all. Played at a Bull centre of 5ft 8” and footer length of 7ft 9 ¼.
4. A draw is done beforehand to determine who plays who. The home side throws first in every leg and the away side chooses the order of play.
5. Teams are reminded they should arrive no later than 8.15pm and should be ready to start play by 8.30pm latest. A late start past 8.45pm will result in the offending team forfeiting legs unless it has been mutually agreed beforehand.
6. Footers

Teams should now have a raised footer, any teams who haven’t should be doing it as soon as possible.

1. The rearrangement of matches should be done on a date that is acceptable to the team initially being disadvantaged. It is strongly recommended that a rearrangement in the first half of the season is played as a double header in the second half at the original venue. There will be few blank weeks to play outstanding games and the couple of weeks at the end of the season if any are initially saved for play offs if required, it may be that the outstanding game has to be played mid-week.
2. Any un-played games that have not been played by the end of the season will result in the committee looking at the reasons why and then awarding points accordingly. This decision will be final.
3. **Results**
4. All results should be txt to Phil Smith, 07733214223, by both the home and away team within 24 hours and include the lease darts and the relevant team they play for. This number will collect information only and will not respond to questions. Alternatively, results can be posted on the Facebook discussion page.
5. Phil spends his own time updating the league tables and we need to assist him by sending the results promptly to him rather than him having to chase them.
6. Any results not received within 24 hours could result in no points being awarded for that game.
7. **Player registration and late signings.**
8. Please register player’s names to Derek Billington, 07930248138, by 8pm on the night of the game.
9. Please note no transfers are allowed other than in exceptional circumstances once a player has played a game for a team, or it is in the transfer window.
10. After half way in the season late signings are at the discretion of the committee.
11. Detailed player registration sheets should be in the hands of the committee prior to the beginning of the season.
12. **Meetings**
13. This is the time to bring up anything to discuss whether it is positive or negative.
14. We are all here to make it as successful as possible.
15. Meeting dates can be found on the fixture list.
16. Any proposals for voting on at the AGM must be put in writing and received by the committee at least 1 month before the AGM. This is so all teams get time to consider the proposal.
17. **Fines**
18. This year will again see a £5 fine given to a team that does not attend ‘monthly’ meetings or £10 for the AGM. The maximum a team will be fined is £20 in total for missed meetings. This will be taken from their winnings at the end of the season.
19. A team failing to fulfil a fixture without 24hrs notice will be liable to a £20 fine, £15 of which will go to the team inconvenienced. A team that offends more than once will be liable to expulsion from the league (exceptional circumstances will be at the committee discretion). Please note that the games can still be rearranged by mutual consent without incurring a fine.
20. There is absolutely no excuse for a team not to contact their opponent.
21. All teams are reminded we are here to play darts and not act inappropriately whilst there is a game on. If a team feels as though ‘behaviour’ is inappropriate, can the captain please inform the opponents’ captain. If the matter is unresolved, please, the following day, write out what happened and send to Keith Edmonds on 07703724081. He is in charge of disciplinary proceedings. The incident will be looked at and the offenders contacted. Disciplinary measures will include verbal warnings, fines, player expulsion or even team expulsion. Hopefully the vast majority will act in an appropriate manner whilst still enjoying a good night out.
22. **Friday Competitions**
23. You should now be in possession of the first two competition entry sheets – G. R. Taylor pairs – SHP Dennis Pucill Singles. These 2 competition entry fees will be £5 per player. This will then entitle the player to a free raffle ticket on the night of the competition. Ticket allocation numbers will be available to players on the night. Approximately half of raffle takings will go to prize competition monies and the other to the raffle winner/winners. Any extra tickets sold on the night will go to league funds for future competitions. The general idea behind this is to save someone going round the room on the night impacting on their own enjoyment.
24. Details of each competition can be found on the relevant entry sheets. If clarification is needed on any points, please ask a committee member.
25. Please note that only WDO registered players may participate in WDO competitions. Entrants will be given the benefit of the doubt on the first comp as to whether they are active within the league, after this, players are expected to be active within the league, if they are not, they will be refused entry. We would expect the person submitting the entries will have already looked into player eligibility, don’t accept entries unless you are sure.
26. All competitions will be a 5 ft 8” bull and 7 ft 9 ¼ “ throw.
27. The closing date for competitions will be adhered to; there are no late entries after the closing date or on the night.
28. The majority of draws will be done at the meeting following the closing date.
29. Can all entrants please note the registration time on the night of the competition. The later the start the later the finish!
30. Some of the competitions may have the quarter finals drawn on the night; this will be stated on the entry form. If it is not stated then the winner of group 1 will play the winner of group 2, the winner of group 3 will play the winner of group 4, the winner of group 5 will play the winner of group 6, and finally the winner of group 7 will play the winner of group 8. The semi-finals would then be winner of group 1/2 v winner of group 3/4. The other being winner of group 5/6 v winner of group 7/8.
31. Please note that the marking of games within a group should be by a player from that particular group. This would be most helpful as people disappear after losing, then resulting in a hold up whilst an alternative is found.
32. **Website**
33. Most things can be found on our website, league tables, fixtures, contacts, league notes and guidance, knockout rules, competition entry forms etc.
34. Contact numbers are on the website; use them to contact each other. If any number or contact changes please let someone know.
35. Our web address is: [www.wdodarts.co.uk](http://www.wdodarts.co.uk)
36. We also have 2 ‘Facebook’ pages, these being the official Warrington Darts Organisation page and also the Warrington Darts Organisation Discussion page.