

Basingstoke Ladies Club Winter and Summer Invitation Darts Leagues

Rules

01. The League shall be open to clubs only. The object of the league is to promote friendship between clubs. Only players who reside within the Borough of Basingstoke may register to play in the league. Existing players who have been registered to play for a local team for a complete season and move away from the area are exempt from this rule. Only two (2) super league/county players may be registered per team. Entry to the league is by invitation only.
02. That all clubs pay an entrance fee of £20.00 per team per season, which includes payment for end of season singles and pairs knockout competitions. All monies paid to the League shall become the League property. This was amended previously but not updated on the rules - no entry fees until future notice
03. A registration fee of £2.00 per player shall be paid to the Honorary Treasurer. No member shall be eligible to play until seven days after registration. This was amended previously but not updated on the rules - no entry fees until future notice
04. That all trophies shall remain the property of the League and handed back to the Honorary Secretary upon request.
05. The rules of the B.L.C.S.I.D.L & B.L.C.W.I.D.L can only be changed at an Annual General Meeting. Any proposed rule change must be sent, in writing, to the Secretary at least seven days before the AGM. Only one (1) member of each team may vote at the AGM.
06. That all matches be played on a Wednesday at 8.15 start and any player arriving after 9pm will be unable to play in the match.
07. That the visiting team shall have first throw and then alternately – but if one game all, toss a coin for the third game.
08. The throw shall be a minimum of 7ft. 9 ¼ ins. The board to be 5ft 8ins from the floor to the centre of the bull. All boards must have a raise oche. The home team to score and the visitors may put up a checker. Only the chalker may tell a player what she has left to score. The exception being for a less able player playing in the pairs who may receive help discreetly from her partner.
09. Games to be as follows: Four (4) singles, best of three (3), 301 up. Two (2) pairs, best of three (3), 401 up. One (1) triple, best of one (1), 701 up. A player can only play one (1) game of singles and/or one (1) game of pairs in a match. Teams are encouraged to utilise the whole of their team for the triple. The captains from both teams must nominate their players and a blind draw will take place before the singles, before the pairs and, again, before the triple is played.
 - Amended rule as a trial for the Winter 2025/26 season - that all singles games will be 401 and all pairs games will be 501. No change to the triple. This remains at 701 and 1 leg.
10. All games will be straight in, finish on a double, BUST RULE. Players must toe the oche or stand further back, **but not stand on it**. Once the player has taken her throw, she must return behind the oche. Once the winning double has been scored then the leg is over – throwing a further dart will not bust the throw. Should a player ask the chalker the score needed to finish a leg and she hits that double, but it is then revealed that the chalker was incorrect, the player must be awarded the leg.
11. A score is counted at the point of entry of the dart e.g., if a dart should enter the board between the wires of a treble but the point of the dart slides under the wire into a single then the treble score will count.
12. Four (4) players can constitute a team, but up to nine (9) players can be used. There is no maximum number of players that can be signed on to any one team.

The current format of the match is 4 singles, 2 pairs and 3 a side. If only four (4) players arrive, the match will take place.

13. At the end of the match each Captain is to sign the other team's book to confirm they agree with the final score and the Captain takes a picture of both books, side by side, with any high scores and get-outs, to the Secretary. Team names, players full names & the scores must be shown on the text. Scores should be indicated in numbers (1-2, 2-0) not letters (W-L). The Secretary must receive the information by the end of the day following the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £2 rising to £5 if not received by the end of the weekend.

- Agreed at Summer 2025 AGM that an electronic system will be used - once in place this will be used each week

14. Any team who plays an ineligible player (not registered with B.L.C.S.I.D.L or B.L.C.W.I.D.L or signed on with another team) shall forfeit the match and the opposing side will be awarded the five points.

15. If a team ceases to be a member during the season, its points record shall be deemed void.

16. Protests or objections must be sent, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary within 48 hours of the match. The Captain and Secretary of the clubs concerned will be invited to attend a committee meeting when the protest or objection will be heard. Should an extraordinary or special meeting be called, then one person from each team should attend. Any team or individual player who has been disruptive, behaved offensively or continually broken the rules will be asked to leave the League.

16a. Protocol/procedure to deal with disruptive players.

In the first instance any issues should be raised on the night with the opposing team captain. If the disruptive player is the captain, all teams have a vice captain or secretary and any issues should be discussed with them. Please then inform the committee using the email address contactusatladiesdarts@gmail.com. The committee can then monitor any issues or recurring themes. No other form of contact should be used.

If the above action does not resolve the issues the following will apply -

1. Action can only be taken once a complaint, in writing, has been sent to the current secretary.
2. The secretary or chairperson speaks to the captain of the team about her player's conduct, hoping she can deal with the issue.
3. If this fails then the secretary or chairperson talks to the person concerned relaying the complaints about her and warning her that she needs to check her behaviour.
4. If this doesn't work, then the secretary would send a letter to the miscreant inviting her to a committee meeting to discuss a way forward.
5. If the problem hasn't been resolved then she would be invited to an S.G.M (Special General Meeting) or the A.G.M, if due soon, involving a representative from all teams to decide if the player should be allowed to stay in the league. She would be given the chance to express her views but asked to leave the room whilst the vote takes place.
6. If the vote goes against her then she would be banned from the league with immediate effect and a formal letter would be sent to her.
7. If the problem player is also the captain, number 2 is skipped and number 3 applied.

If captains do not send the committee their concerns in writing about players, **no** action will be taken.

17. When a player has thrown her darts, she must leave them in the board until the chalker has recorded the score. Once the darts have been removed from the dartboard, the score cannot be altered. Failure to comply will result in a void (0) score.

18. No more registration of players after the midpoint of games played for the season. This does not include any free weeks or competitions. **This will vary season to season depending on the length and games played each season.**

19. Any team failing to turn up for a match will forfeit the points for that match and the opposing team will be awarded five (5) points. The captain of the opposing team must be informed as soon as possible, and also the League Secretary. Should any team cancel more than three (3) matches they will be fined £5. If they should cancel four (4) or more matches, the fine will increase to £10. Should a team feel unable to play a match because of inclement weather, the team Captain must contact the Chairperson, who will decide whether the game should take place. Matches for this reason, and extreme emergencies only, may be postponed to the end of the season.

20. Any club failing to send a representative to a league meeting, called by the Secretary, will be fined £5 and have 5 points deducted at the beginning of the season

21. At the end of the season, should teams be tied on points for first or second place, then a play-off match will take place to decide the winners.

22. The minimum age for signing on is 12 years.

23. All mobile phones of players and supporters must be switched off or placed on silent mode for the duration of league matches and competitions.

24. Raffle - no raffles to be held at any competitions in the Summer 2025 league. A football card will be sold and all funds to be divided out to the winner, 2nd and 3rd place.

25. Should a problem arise during the season that is not covered by current rules, then the Committee shall have the power to deal with the matter and the Committee's decision will be final.

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