**WORCESTER WEDNESDAY DARTS LEAGUE SPRING 2022**

CHAIRMAN:        DARRELL BUTLER (07741494385)

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COMMITTEE: SU ROBERTS, GRAHAM SMITH, DARREN FIANDER, ADD WILLIAMS

1. The league shall be called the **Worcester Wednesday Darts League.**

2. The management of this league will be under complete control of the elected

     Committee.

3. League fee: Nil.

4. All players must be registered before playing. Signing on may continue during the season by using the back of match sheets. Signing on during the season must be confirmed by Chairman or Secretary before a new player can play.

5. Any player found registered for more than one team shall not be allowed to play in this league.

6. Transfers allowed: there is a £5 fee to the league. Transfer will be permitted only with the agreement of both captains and of the committee. A player may only transfer once a season and a team may only sign one transferred player per season.

7. Team playing an ineligible player will lose the game 7 - 0. And will be fined £5.

8. Minors under the age of 18 may play – Landlord’s discretion will be used on away games. The league must be notified of any player under the age of 18. It is the responsibility of the visiting side to check that under 18s may play away matches. The league can and will not over-rule a landlord’s decision on under 18s.

9. **Format:** All league games start no later than 8:30pm. At 8:15 pm the board must be declared open for both teams to practice. At 8:30 the board is closed to practice, only players playing the next game may do so. Players may have maximum 9 darts practice, once the Chalker and shouter are in place.

**LEAGUE MATCHES;**

1. League matches are the best of 7 sets, and will consist of 5 singles sets and 2 doubles sets.
2. Singles sets will be 501 straight start, double finish – best of five in division one and best of three in all other divisions.
3. Doubles sets will be 701 straight start, double finish – best of three in all divisions.
4. Captains will alternate nominating their player first in each set. In sets 1,3,5 and 7 the home side will nominate first. In sets 2, 4 & 6 the away side will do so.
5. At the start of each set the team which nominated first will throw for bull. i.e. Home side throws for bull in sets 1,3,5 and 7. Away side in sets 2, 4 & 6. Winner of the bull throws first in legs 1, 3 and 5 if applicable, there is no bull up for the decider.

**TEAM KNOCK OUT MATCHES**

1. KO matches are the best of 7 legs, and will consist of 5 singles and 2 doubles. (1 leg)
2. Singles legs will be 501 double start, double finish
3. Doubles legs will be 701 double start, double finish
4. Blind draw, Captains to write down the names of their singles players and the opposing captain will draw them out. After the singles have been played, the doubles will be drawn. For the doubles the captains will nominate 4 players and the opposing captain will draw them out.
5. The home side throws for bull in legs 1,3,5 and 7. Away side in legs 2, 4 & 6. For matches at neutral venues, the side listed first on the fixture will be the nominated home side. In the final, the toss of a coin will decide.
6. All sides will enter the Knockout Cup – sides losing in the preliminary round will enter the Knockout shield, sides losing in the First Round will enter the Knockout Vase. For more details see the knockout page at www.worcesterdarts.co.uk

**ALL MATCHES**

1. All league matches to be scheduled on a Wednesday night. Rearrangements may be made on the agreement of both captains. If any matches are re-arranged, BOTH captains MUST inform Chairman/Results Secretary of any changes. A captain may refuse to re-arrange a match regardless of any notice period given. Failing to inform the chairman/secretary, or provide proof of re-arrangement with opposing captain will result in forfeit of said match.
2. No time limit on players arriving at the game. No game can be delayed awaiting a player’s arrival. If any team is short of players, then only the final set/s can be conceded. If both teams are short of players, then the legs where both teams are short shall be void. Doubles should be played as doubles but may be played as 1 v. 2 with the consent of the opposing captain.
3. Two points awarded for a win, zero for a defeat, if two sides are tied, set difference will separate the sides, if still tied a play-off will take place if required. The winners and runners up of each division will be promoted and the 2 bottom placed sides relegated. Further promotions/reprieves will be discussed by the committee prior to a new season starting.
4. Dimensions of 5’8’’to the centre of the bull from the floor and 7’ 9.25’’from the toe of the oche to the face of the board. No electronic score boards are allowed to be used. All oches are to be permanently marked, and raised if possible.
5. A caller and chalker to be nominated by team captains (one from each side), caller’s decision is final. No mistake in scoring can be rectified once the player has delivered the first dart of his next throw or after game shot has been called. NO prompting from other team members is allowed.

10.  **All teams are to text results, ton-plus checkouts and 180s** to **C GURNEY on 07495886330 immediately**. Winning team must send in a photograph of the match sheet to Chris Gurney or to [worcesterdarts2020@gmail.com](mailto:worcesterdarts2020@gmail.com)

11. Any complaints are to be put in writing to a committee member within 3 days. **A £5** f**ee is to be included** (this will be returned if the complaint is upheld).

12; Doubles K.O. Fee £1 per player, Singles K.O £2 per player.  All singles / doubles knockouts players must register by 8:15 pm. Singles knockout and doubles knockout will be played as the same format as league matches for the relevant division up to and including the semi-finals. Finals will be played over two additional legs.

There will be a separate singles/doubles tournament for each of division.

*Doubles knockout: -* must be played as a double no single player can play if their partner fails to turn up.

 Ladies singles & U25s singles will be played as the same format as division 2 & 3 singles

**DIVISIONAL SINGLES FINALS WILL BE PLAYED ON PRESENTATION NIGHT**

13. Any team not turning up without informing the opposition will be subject to a £10 fine.

14. Home teams are NOT obliged to provide food; however, we encourage them to do so!

**15. Any item not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the elected committee.**