
DARTS CORNER

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Comprising

MEN'S 'A' TEAMS

WOMEN'S 'A' TEAMS

MEN'S 'B' TEAMS

WOMEN'S 'B' TEAMS

PLAYING RULES

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www.ukdartsassociation.com

1.00 INTRODUCTION

The Darts Corner National League Team Championships are integral to the UKDA playing system and are responsible for producing players who regularly go on to achieve success at national, international, world and professional levels within the sport. Played every 3-4 weeks from September/October to April/May, the Darts Corner National League comprises 46 x English National League Organisations and 7 Welsh National League Organisations, which produce a Premiership and Championship Divisions plus Divisions 1, 2, and 3 in England and Wales, fielding Men's and Women's A and B teams, and each team has 12 men and 6 women players. This produces a total of 36 players (men and women) per National League Team competing at National League level every 3-4 weeks throughout the season. All National League Teams play as far as is practical alternate home and away fixtures throughout the season, and the points scored produce annual League Tables. Each National League Team has its own National League, Super League from which National League players are selected for each of its National League Teams. This produces thousands of UKDA players (men, women, and youth) who will compete within the Darts Corner National League and Super Leagues annually.

2. 00 PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

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

3.00 ADMINISTRATION

The National League shall be administered as follows:

3.01 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE DIRECTOR

- a. A UKDA 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.

3.02 NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

- a. The Board of Directors shall approve the appointment of Divisional Administrators, who shall be jointly responsible for controlling the United Kingdom Darts Association National League.

4.00 FINANCE

4.01 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE. ANNUAL FEES (Dates subject to change due to the current pandemic)

a. Fees payable being

1. One off Share Capital fee	£ 100.00 (paid at inception)
2. Annual Full County Membership Fee	£ 10.00
[Public Liability + Trophy + Equipment Insurance]	£ 100.00
	Total £ 110.00
3. UKDA National League Entry Fee	£ 800.00

UKDA fees are payable as follows:

Share Capital Fee	20 th September 2020	£ 100.00
Annual Full County Membership fee	20 th October 2020	£ 10.00
Insurance Fee	20 th October 2020	£ 100.00
National League Fees (1)	31 st October 2021	£ 200.00

National League Fees (2)	30 th November 2021	£ 300.00
Super League Player Fees	31 st December 2021	£ 10.00 x number of S/L players
National League Fees (3)	31 st January 2022	£ 300.00
TOTAL =		£ 1,010.00 (Excluding £10.00 per S/L player)

b. Non-payment Penalty Clauses:

1. Annual Full National League Fee and Insurance Fee

Failure to pay the UKDA Membership and Insurance Fees [£110.00] by 30th November will incur penalties thus:

- An Automatic pre-season deduction of 12 x National League penalty points.
- 3 x Points deduction from each of the Men's 'A', Women's 'A', Men's 'B' and Women's 'B' Divisional Tables 2. Payment Arrears Penalty clause [Applicable to National League Teams more than two months in arrears with payments].
- The Board of Directors agreed to impose an additional penalty to the effect that a Member National League Team shall forfeit the right to receive any money due at the end of Playing Season in question.

4.02 MATCH PROGRAMME FEE:

a. These are set thus:

Divisions: Premiership, Championship:	£4.00 per Match Programme	[See Note Two]
Divisions: One, Two, Three:	£3.00 per Match Programme	

Note Two: The Additional £1.00 charge for the Divisions: Premiership, Championship programme is to assist with the funding of the players of the weekend incentive prizes that are allocated as agreed for each fixture by the National League Teams in each of these Divisions.

5.00 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

5.01 PLAYING GROUPS

a. The Organisations that have committed to participation in the UKDA National League shall be formed into Playing Groups that shall be named as follows:

England/Wales combined Group

PREMIERSHIP	12 TEAMS
CHAMPIONSHIP	12 TEAMS
DIVISION ONE	10 TEAMS
DIVISION TWO	10 TEAMS
DIVISION THREE	09 TEAMS

5.02 DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

a. Each Division shall comprise of a set number of National League Teams as determined by the total of National League Teams in membership with the National Leagues Teams situated in England and Wales forming Divisions: Premiership, Championship, One, Two and Three.

5.03 LEAGUE STRUCTURE

a. Under the criteria as laid down in their respective Super League system each Member National League Team shall select for participation in the each of their UKDA National League fixtures 4 x Teams as follows:

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MEN'S 'A' TEAM
WOMEN'S 'A' TEAM
MEN'S 'B' TEAM
WOMEN'S 'B' TEAM

5.04 PLAYING SEASON (subject to change due to the current Covid-19 pandemic)

- a. The United Kingdom National League shall be played on an annual basis.
- b. Each Championship Playing Season shall extend from August/September in one year until the April/May in the following year.
- c. No fixture shall be scheduled or rearranged to take place on a date that does not fall within the playing season.
- d. The United Kingdom Darts Association Limited reserves the right to adjust the programme of scheduled fixtures in each Playing season to ensure that all National League Championship matches can be played within the Playing Season.

5.05 FIXTURE DATES

- a. The UKDA Board shall liaise with the UKDA National League Director in drawing up a series of Fixture Dates to cover 5 x 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, there is no guarantee of this.
- c. These Fixture Dates are available on the UKDA website and are updated annually.

5.06 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 National League Teams under his/her control,
- b. Each National League Divisional Administrator shall strive to ensure that no National League Team must fulfil a greater number of away fixtures than home fixtures in any 2 consecutive seasons, there is no guarantee of this.

5.07 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES – TEAM STRUCTURE

- a. Each respective National League Fixture shall comprise of the team matches listed below:

1 x	Men's	'A' Team Match	1 x	Women's	'A' Team Match
1 x	Men's	'B' Team Match	1 x	Women's	'B' Team Match

5.08 FIXTURE PLAYING SCHEDULES

- a. Each Member National League team shall play every other Member National League Team, in its respective Playing Group, once, 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 Saturday, and on Sunday, the Women's match shall be played before the Men's match commences.
- e. All allocated fixtures MUST be played in their entirety and shall all count in the UKDA National League Championship Tables.
- f. The inaugural 'Magic Weekend' shall comprise of all teams in the Premiership and Championship Divisions being required to play the final two fixtures of the playing season at an appropriate venue

chosen by the UKDA, National League 'B' & 'A' Teams to play Game 10 on the Saturday and National League 'B' & "A' Teams to play the final Game 11 on the Sunday of the event weekend. These matches will be held on a multi-board format.

5.09 NON-FULFILMENT OF FIXTURE OBLIGATIONS

a. Any Member National League Team not fulfilling its scheduled National League Championship fixtures, due to a default, adjudged to be of their own making, shall be liable to suspensions, fines, and other penalties.

5.10 RE- ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES

a. In cases of unforeseen and unavoidable extenuating circumstances a National League Team may apply to rearrange a fixture.

b. This is permissible providing:

1. The 'Away' side is not to rearrange any match dates except in extreme and unavoidable extenuating circumstances and unless sanctioned by the National League Divisional Administrator.
2. In the instance of problems with securing a match venue the 'Home' team may rearrange only 1 x Match Fixture weekend per season.
3. There is mutual agreement between the National League Teams involved.
4. That the respective National League Divisional Administrator is officially informed.
5. That the UKDA Board and UKDA National League Director are officially informed.

c. The ONLY exception being that the FINAL fixture of each Playing Season may not be arranged to take place on any date after the allocated date of the Final fixture.

d. NOTE: With the extension of 10 fixture dates now procured this should allow for those teams in the lower 3 divisions to have more flexibility but it is urged that all fixtures be completed by the allocated final fixture date.

e. NOTE: At release of this document National League Divisional Administrators allocation of Divisions is undecided until they are extensively trained in all aspects of Administering their Divisional Roles, this is expected to be completed by mid-June 2021 and until such time as decided, please forward all correspondence pertaining to the National League to your respective Regional Operations Manager who will forward all documentation onto the relevant National League Divisional Administrator.

6.00 MATCH VENUE REQUIREMENTS

6.01 VENUE SPECIFICATIONS

a. When selecting a venue for the staging of a National League fixture the host National League Team must ensure that the following points are taken into consideration:

b. The presentation of a National League Championship match must be up to acceptable standards as required by the United Kingdom Darts Association Limited.

c. The Host National League Team Organisers shall ensure that the conditions of use appertaining to suitable premise for the match venue should allow that ONLY darts shall be played during the period of use for the Darts Corner National League Championship 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.

d. The National League Organisers, Host, and Visiting, shall ensure that all members of their respective parties shall comply with all the Rules and Regulations that are applicable to a venue being used to

present a National League Championship match.

e. The Host National League Team Organisers shall advise the Visiting National League Team Organisers if children are NOT allowed into the match venue.

f. The Host National League Team Organisers shall advise the visiting National League Team Organisers if there are any rules regarding any age or other limitations as applicable to the venue.

g. It is 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, but should any National League match venue be non-compliant in any of the foregoing then it is the Host National League Team's responsibility to advise visiting teams accordingly at least 6 x weeks prior to the fixture.

h. The match venue must be capable of catering for all the players, officials, and supporters of both Member National League Teams attending that fixture.

i. A hot food facility shall be made available at, or in close vicinity to, all playing venues.

6.02 WI-FI CONNECTION

a. It is preferable for each Playing venue to have Wi-Fi facility for connection of computers to the internet.

b. If in house Wi-Fi is not available then it is the duty of the host National League Team to inform visiting National League Teams of this fact at least 6 x weeks prior to the fixture.

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

6.03 MATCH PLAY - VISUAL PRESENTATION

a. There should be visual display units, free standing, or drop-down projection screens to allow for images to be displayed for the benefit of the audience.

b. These screens should include images of the DfW score display, set/ match results, and the match board.

6.04 UKDA DISCLAIMERS - VENUES

a. The United Kingdom Darts Association Limited, shall not be held responsible for any financial commitment incurred with any match venues used by Member National League Teams for the purpose of presenting a National League Championship match.

b. The United Kingdom Darts Association Limited, shall not be held responsible for the actions of any persons at a match venue used by Member National League Teams for the purpose of presenting a National League Championship match.

c. The Board of Directors reserve the right to visit any match venue for the purpose of an assessment of suitability for presenting a National League Championship match.

d. The Board of Directors will uphold and support any bans or suspensions imposed by venues on any person/persons or teams within the UKDA National League structure, the venues decision is final. UKDA sanctions may be used dependants on investigation and enquiry.

7.00 MATCH PRESENTATION

7.01 STAGE SPECIFICATIONS

a. The Stage for a National League Championship match shall comprise of a raised platform minimum 6ins [15.2cm] of dimensions that will cater for a throwing distance and standing space as per UKDA Playing Rules i.e., 144ins [365.8cm] along a horizontal line from the Stage edge to a plumb line at the face of the Dartboard. There should be a minimum of 18ins [45.7cm] from the top of the dartboard to ceiling. Stage width should be sufficient to permit the match MC, any Markers, and players to be present without

- congestion or interference with matchplay.
b. Allowances must be made in board height for any 'raked' stage.

7.02 STAGE SETTING

- c. The stage setting for a National League Championship match must be up to acceptable standards as required by the United Kingdom Darts Limited.
d. The Host National League Organisers shall ensure that ONLY UKDA approved Tournament Dartboards are used in the presentation of a National League Championship match on stage.
e. The Oche dimensions shall be as laid down in the UKDA General Playing Rules.
f. The visiting National League Organiser shall be invited to verify all dimensions as correct prior to the commencement of a fixture.

7.03 PRACTICE FACILITY

- a. The Host National League Team Organisers 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 dartboard shall be for the exclusive use of players of each National League Team that have been selected to play on that day of the scheduled National League fixture.
c. Such practice dartboards shall be restricted to 'PRACTICE ONLY'.

7.04 DARTBOARDS & DARTBOARD ROTATION

- a. All UKDA EVENTS must be played on dartboards that meet the approved specifications, as laid down in the UKDA Playing Rules.
b. Currently the UKDA stipulated dartboard for UKDA National League matches is the Mission Samurai II dartboard.
c. A new dartboard shall be provided for each fixture and that dartboard to be rotated after each series of 6 x sets throughout the match.

7.05 DARTBOARD LIGHTING

- a. Dartboards used in UKDA National League stage matchplay shall be adequately lit by either:
➢ At least two suitably positioned light fittings of 1600 LM (100 Watts) minimum intensity. or
➢ 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 player's 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.

8.00 PRE – SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

8.01 MATCH VENUE NOTIFICATION - HOST MEMBER NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. At least 6 weeks prior to the allocated fixture date the Host Member National League Team shall supply the Visiting Member National League Team Organiser with the full details of the match venue. These details shall include;
b. Full name of the match venue.
c. Full postal address, Post code and telephone number of the match venue.
d. A detailed road map of the general location of the match venue with the exact position of the match

venue clearly marked and indicating the best routes of access from the main highways.
e. The scheduled starting times of matches.

8.02 PLAYING SQUADS NOTIFICATION – HOST AND VISITING NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Visiting Member National League Teams shall supply the Host Member National League Team with their National League Team Squad lists at least '6' weeks before the allocated fixture date, to enable the completion of the match programme compilation.
- b. Most Member National League Teams now adopt the squad system for each National League Team match, a list of such squads should be forwarded by each Member National League Team to each of its opponents, National League Divisional Administrator and Regional Operations Manager for that 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 National League team.
- c. All Member National League Teams reserve the right to amend, and, or add, to the published Squads listed in the match programme for a National League match.

8.03 ACCOMMODATION BOOKING - HOST MEMBER NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Host Member National League Team Secretary, or Organiser, is ONLY responsible for nominating suitable accommodation for the use of the Visiting Member National League Team. Such information should be circulated to Visiting Member National League Team Secretaries and the UKDA Commercial Director, prior to the start of the Playing Season.

8.04 ACCOMMODATION BOOKING - VISITING MEMBER NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. It is the Visiting Member National League Team Organisation's responsibility for making advance bookings, and providing rooming lists as required by hotel management, and for settling ALL financial commitments incurred during a visit.
- b. Member National League Team Secretaries, or Organisers, MUST advise all their personnel of their responsibilities for settling ALL personal financial commitments to the hotel, before leaving on the Sunday morning, in particular for any items or hotel services as charged to their room bills at the hotel.
- c. Member National League Organisations 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 & 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.

8.05 UKDA DISCLAIMERS - ACCOMMODATION

- a. The United Kingdom Darts Association Limited shall not be held responsible for any financial commitments incurred with any hotels used by Member National League Teams when attending a National League Championship match.
- b. The United Kingdom Darts Association Limited shall not be held responsible for the actions of any persons at a hotel used by Member National League Team for the purpose of attending a National League Championship match.
- c. The Board of Directors will uphold and support any bans or suspensions imposed by Hotels on any

person/persons or teams withing the UKDA National League structure, the Hosts decision is final, UKDA sanctions may be used dependant on investigation and enquiry.

9.00 MATCH PROGRAMMES

9.01 MANDATORY REQUIREMENT

- a. It is mandatory that every scheduled National League Championship match must have a printed match programme and the Host Member National League Team 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.

9.02 APPROVED CONTENT

- a. The printed match programme shall provide details as follows of the match venue, start times of the scheduled matches, the full forenames and surnames of the players that constitute the Men's and Women's National League Team Squad for both participating teams.

9.03 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 National League Organisations from UKDA Marketing.

9.04 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. National League Team Organisers should state on their programmes that:
 1. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse admission if necessary, without assigning a reason for so doing.
 2. The Organisers reserve the right to eject any person from a match venue without assigning a reason for so doing.
 3. Any person 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.

9.05 STATISTICAL CONTENT

- a. Wherever possible the Host Member National League Team shall include the latest set of League Tables for the Group, which will be supplied by the respective National League Divisional Administrator.

9.06 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 4.01)
- b. Admission Fees and Programme Monies, for a National League Championship match are not refundable, and are to be retained by the Host Member National League Team.

9.07 MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

- a. Programme – National League Director Copy - The Host Member National League Team 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 United Kingdom Darts Association Limited. In the interest of maintaining the standard of match presentation and promotion, the Board of Directors reserves the right to advise, and instruct Member National League Team 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 National League Team 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 Championships – Playing Rules and Format, these include wording/logos as instructed by the UKDA for Darts Corner, Elite Sports Management, AON Construction, L-style and any other deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The artwork for all UKDA logos will be forwarded to all National League Organisations from UKDA Marketing.

10.00 TEAM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

10.01 REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS

- a. Each Member National League Team shall complete a NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM as supplied by the UKDA.
- b. The Member National League Team Secretary or Organiser shall ensure that ALL details as required are correctly entered onto 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 National League Teams into the National League Championships for that season.
- d. Any Member National League Team 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.

11.00 PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

11.01 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a. 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 NATIONAL LEAGUE SUPER LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FORM as a bona fide and Registered member of a UKDA Member National League Super League is eligible for selection into the respective Men's or Ladies National League Playing Squads.

11.02 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- a. 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.

11.03 REGISTRATION CRITERIA

- a. All National League players, both Male and Female, must sign an official UKDA Registration/Agreement Form for each, and every Playing Season, declaring which Member National League Team they will be playing for.
- b. A player may only register for ONE Member National League Team and may only play for that Member National League Team during that Playing Season.
- c. Any player discovered to have signed for more than ONE Member National League Team in ONE Playing Season shall be suspended for the remainder of that Playing Season.

11.04 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 National League Team,
- b. This point of reference must be checked by the Member National League Team Secretary, or Organiser deemed responsible for the collation of the Member National League Team Squads records.
- c. NB: A player's Nationality is defined by one of four conditions as being:
 1. The player's own Country of birth, OR,
 2. The player's father's own Country of birth, OR,
 3. The player's mother's own Country of birth, OR,
 4. By proving that the player is currently residing in and has resided in the Country for which he/she wishes to play, for a term of not less than 3 x years.
- d. IE: Such proof may be provided by information from the Electoral Roll.

11.05 VERIFICATION

- a. The UKDA Registration/Agreement Form MUST be countersigned by the Member National League Team Secretary or Organiser appointed to that duty and who shall be responsible for the accuracy of all registration details.

11.06 DECLARATIONS

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

11.07 UKDA COMMITMENT

- a. 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 United Kingdom Darts Association Limited, and if found to be in breach of any of the Rules and Regulations then that player shall accept that he/she is liable to Disciplinary Proceedings in respect of such breach, always providing that the player's Right of Appeal is properly maintained.

11.08 START OF SEASON REGISTRATIONS

- a. The UKDA shall provide to each member National League Team 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 start of the relevant season and thereby confirm the National League Team's 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 Team Fixture [i.e.]:

Divisions: Premier, Championship, One, Two, Three = 21 x Men and 10 x 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 the 1st of August or at the UKDA AGM 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.

11.09 MID-SEASON REGISTRATIONS

a. 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

1. New UKDA National League Players – should be listed as:

John Smith – Not previously registered as a UKDA National League player

Date of birth: _____

2. Players previously registered with another National League Team should be listed as:

John Brown – Previously registered with -----‘X’----- National League Team -

Date of birth: _____

3. Players returning to same National League Team after more than 1 x season absence to be listed as: John Green – Last played for --- National League Team--- in Season -----/-----

Date of birth: _____

11.10 ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS - CRITERIA

a. Additional players may be registered for a Member National League Team at any time during the Playing Season providing the following procedures are followed:

b. On each occasion the UKDA Registration/Agreement Form MUST be countersigned by an authorised signatory from the opposing Member National League Team.

c. Such countersigning MUST take place before a player may play for his/her respective Member National League Team.

d*. For the purpose of fairness, it is recommended that any players that have 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.

*NB: 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

a. With the exception of International players, no residential qualifications are enforced when selecting players to represent a Member National League Team, but ALL selected players MUST be registered playing members of the Member National League Team’s own Super League, wherever they may live.

11.12 INTERNATIONAL PLAYER REGISTRATION CRITERIA

a. A Member National League Team may only register ONE Man or Woman Overseas Full International Player in any ONE Playing Season.

b. A Member National League Team may only register TWO current Home Full International Men players unless the players reside in that County.

c. A Member National League Team may only register ONE current Home International Women player unless the player resides in that County.

11.13 EXEMPTIONS

- a. An International player residing outside a Member National League Team Area and who has played for that Member National League Team for a minimum of five seasons, shall be exempt from the above clauses.
- b. A National League player residing outside a Member National League Team area, who attains International status whilst playing for that Member National League Team shall also be exempted from the above clauses.
- c. Any Overseas Full International Player that has played for a 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

- a. No National League player shall re-register for the existing National League Team/Organisation or register for a different National League Team/Organisation until after the end of the current Playing Season. [i.e., after 30th June].

11.15 MID SEASON TRANSFER

- a. A player who is registered for a Member National League Team, BUT has NOT played for that Member National League Team during the Playing Season, may apply for a transfer to another Member National League Team by making an application in writing to the respective National League Divisional Administrator in charge of the player's existing Member National League Team. The application must be made on National League Team headed notepaper through the Secretary of the Member National League Team to which the player wishes to transfer.
- b. A copy of the application must also be sent to the Secretary of the player's existing Member National League team.
- c. The National League Divisional Administrator shall then authorise the transfer subject to any objections or problems, in which instance.
- d. 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 National League Team/Organisation to another, after the end of the Playing Season, shall be eligible to do so, subject to the granting of a release application by the Member National League Team as previously registered with.
- b. A Member National League Team may withhold a release until such time as all articles deemed to be the property of the National League Team/Organisation have been returned, and all legitimate financial commitments to the existing National League Team/Organisation have been met in full by the player wishing to change to another National League Team/Organisation.

11.17 RELEASE APPLICATION

- a. It is the player's responsibility to submit a Form of application for release.
- b. A form for this use is 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 completed 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 National League Team Secretaries to the players concerned, and to the respective National League Divisional Administrator for the National League Team/Organisations that are involved.
- b. A copy of the completed release form should be attached to the player's 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 Team to another.

12.00 PLAYING ATTIRE & NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM UNIFORM

12.01 NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM PLAYING ATTIRE

- a. The National League Team Playing attire shall comprise of Playing Shirt, Playing Trousers/Skirt, and permitted footwear detailed below.

12.02 PLAYING SHIRTS & PLAYING SHIRT COLOURS

- a. All Member National League Team shall declare their Playing Shirt colours on the Official National League Team Registration Form prior to the start of the respective playing season.
- b. Each National Leagues Team's Men's and Women's Teams and reserves playing shirts must be uniform in colour and style.

12.03 PLAYING TROUSERS: PLAYING SKIRTS

- a. All Member National League Teams shall declare their Playing Trouser/Skirt colours on the Official National League Team Registration Form prior to the start of the respective playing season, Black and/or Grey 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 National League Team's Men's and Women's teams and reserves playing trousers and skirts must be uniform in colour.

12.04 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.

12.05 HEADGEAR

- a. No headgear shall be worn unless officially permitted as follows:
 1. As prescribed by statute on Religious grounds. [e.g. A Sikh would qualify for such permission]
 2. 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.

12.06 SWEATBANDS

- a. The wearing of wrist sweatbands is permissible.
- b. The wearing of forehead sweatbands is not permissible unless sanctioned under Rule 12.05.

12.07 OUTER GARMENTS

a. 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.

12.08 PLAYING ATTIRE – GENERAL CRITERIA

a. All 'selected', and 'reserve' National League Team players MUST wear the playing attire that has been provided or approved by their Member National League Team when representing that Member National League Team either by playing in or attending as a reserve at a UKDA National League Championship Match.

b. All National League players representing their Member National League Team at Regional Play Offs and Great Britain Finals of any darts event under the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom Darts Association Limited, or any of its subsidiaries, shall wear their official National League Team Playing Attire.

c. National League Team Organisers are advised to have suitable 'advertising free' National League Team Playing Attire available for any occasions when any advertising rights applicable to an event are likely to be infringed.

12.09 NATIONAL LEAGUE UNIFORM

a. The National League Team Uniform may consist of the National League Team Playing attire plus any other designated garments which are considered by the respective Team to constitute the official National League Team Uniform for its registered players.

b. Such additional garments as detailed in [a] shall not be worn by players whilst participating in National League Matchplay.

12.10 DRESS CODE – OFFICIALS

a. All National League Officials must be suitably dressed in the attire as approved by the respective National League Team.

b. Outer garments shall be as approved by the respective National League Team.

c. Match referees and MCs shall be dressed as per (a) & (b) above or in a manner that befits their role.

13.00 PLAYING FORMAT

13.01 MATCH FORMAT

a. Playing Formats shall be as below:

MEN'S 'A'

Premier, Champs, One, Two, Three	12 x Sets	Each Set being the best of 7 Legs 501 up
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MEN'S 'B'

Premier, Championship	12 x Sets	Each Set being the best of 7 Legs 501 up.
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One, Two, Three	12 x Sets	Each Set being the best of 5 Legs 501 up.
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WOMEN'S 'A'

All Divisions:	6 x Sets	Each Set being the best of 5 Legs 501 up.
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WOMEN'S 'B'

All Divisions:	6 x Sets	Each Set being the best of 5 Legs 501 up.
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b. The UKDA Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the UKDA National League Championships.

13.02 PLAYER DART AVERAGES [DAV]

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

13.03 PLAYER DYNAMIC DART AVERAGES [DDAV]

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

13.04 TEAM DARTS AVERAGE

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

14.00 MATCHPLAY – INTER TEAM 'A' to 'B' and 'B' to 'A' TRANSFERS

14.01 'A' TEAM TO 'B' TEAM 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.

15.00 MATCHPLAY - PARTICIPATION IN BOTH 'B' & 'A' TEAMS IN THE SAME WEEKEND

15.01 PLAYERS WITH CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO A PARTICULAR NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM

a. A player who was registered for the respective National League Team in the previous season will only be eligible for selection into both '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.

15.02 NEWLY REGISTERED PLAYERS

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

15.03 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 an 'A' Team player is absent from a match for whatever reason then that player is eligible for selection into the 'B' Team in the Match following the one in which he/she was absent but cannot also play in the 'A' Team of that Match.
- d. Once having played in the 'B' Team then the terms of Rule 14.01 continue to apply.

15.04 CLARIFICATION OF RULES 15.01 – 15.03

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

15.05 APPLICATION OF RULES IN THE EVENT OF A REARRANGED FIXTURE

a. 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.

15.06 CLARIFICATION OF RULE 15.05

- a. 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.
- b. i.e. 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.

15.07 PENALTIES

- a. Any Member National League Team found Guilty by the respective National League Divisional Administrator of any infringement of the terms of Matchplay as laid down in Rules 14.00 or 15.00 shall incur penalties as set out here below.
 1. The Championship Point in the Set in which the infringement applies shall be awarded to the non-offending Team.
 2. The Bonus Points in the respective Match shall be awarded in accordance with the amended result.
 3. The Offending Team shall be penalised TWO Penalty Points which shall be deducted from the Total Points column in the respective Championship League Table.
 4. 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.
 5. 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.
 6. The playing record of the offending player shall be declared void and the playing status shall remain as that held in the previous match.

16.00 CONDUCT OF FIXTURES

16.01 RESERVES

- a. Men's 'A' Team match - ONLY '3' x players may be named as reserves
- b. Women's 'A' Team match - ONLY '2' x players may be named as reserves.

16.02 CLARIFICATION – RULE 16.01

- a. This rule determines that over a match weekend only a set number of players can be named as Reserves or Substitutes 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.

16.03 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' match and Men's 'B' Match	11.30am	12.00noon
Sundays	Women's 'A' match and Men's 'A' Match	10.30am	11.00am

Note: Divisions with a Men's 'B' Format of best of 7 x legs 501 shall apply Saturday times thus:

Day	Matches	Match Draw	Match Start
Saturdays	Women's 'B' match and Men's 'B' Match	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 Descriptions Act, All Men's Singles sets, and ALL Women's sets must be played.

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.

16.04 ORDER OF THROW

a. Away Teams shall throw first in the odd numbered legs [1,3,5,7,] of all odd numbered sets [1,3,5,7 etc.]

b. Home Teams shall throw first in the odd numbered legs [1,3,5,7,] of all even numbered sets [2,4,6,8 etc.]

16.05 MATCH PROTOCOL

a. The host National League Team shall ensure that all Matchplay shall be reasonably continuous.

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

16.06 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 National League Team 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.

16.07 LATE ARRIVAL

a. In the instance of a Member National League Team, Host or Visiting, arriving later than "60" minutes before the scheduled and publicised 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 National League Secretaries or Organisers.

b. After such action, a letter of protest, or explanation, shall be forwarded on National League Team 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.

16.08 MATCHES SCORES RECORDING

- a. Each Member National League Team 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.

16.09 LIVE SCORING

- a. It is the responsibility of the Host National League Team ONLY to transmit the Live Scoring facility www.dartsforwin.com.
- b. In the instance of any Host National League Team 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 made 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 National League Team Secretary in his/her Group as soon as is practical after the fixture.
- 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 Player's 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's A and B will be collated by the Records & Statistics Officer to produce an overall Player's 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, 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 player's 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 Championship match, then that protest, or objection shall be made through the respective Member National League Team 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 National League Team 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 National League Team Secretary, or Organiser of the other Member National League Team 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 late submissions will not be acted upon.

17.00 POST MATCH SUBMISSIONS

17.01 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

a. Both Host and Visiting National League teams must send by electronic mail the Darts for Windows [DfW] database to the respective National League Divisional Administrator which must be received within 2 x hours of the match concluding on the Sunday of each respective fixture.

b. To alleviate any spelling errors or use of 'shortened names' all National League Teams must use the 'Ready to Go' databases which can be found at: www.dartsforwin.com.

17.02 POSTED SUBMISSIONS

a. Programme – The Host Member National League Team 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 National League Teams 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

18.00 LEAGUE TABLES STRUCTURE

18.01 LEAGUE TABLES POINTS

a. 1 x 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' WOMEN'S 'B'

18.02 LEAGUE TABLE 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:

National League Team: P W D L FR AG TP LD

Key: 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 National League Teams after each Fixture.

e. Tables shall also be placed on the UKDA website.

18.03 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 placed uppermost in the Table.
- c. If the matches wins are also tied then consider the totals of matches drawn - the team with the 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. IE: 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 the least remainder shall be the highest place team.
- g. If legs differences 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.

19.00 ACCUMULATIVE TABLES STRUCTURE

19.01 ACCUMULATIVE POINTS TABLE

- a. Divisions: Premiership, Championship, One, Two, Three only.
- b. After all points have been allocated a National League Team attaining 19 or more Sets will be awarded 3 x 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 x 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.

19.02 PROMOTION & RELEGATION

- a. The promotion and relegation procedures to be adopted at the end of each Playing Season shall be as follows.
- b. After the completion of all Fixtures in the Playing Season, the total number of points attained by each Member National League Team, four 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.

19.03 PROMOTION & RELEGATION SCHEDULE

PREMIERHIP	There is no promotion from this Playing Division.
CHAMPIONSHIP	The TWO bottom placed Teams are relegated to CHAMPIONSHIP Division The TWO highest placed Teams are promoted to the PREMIERHIP
DIVISION ONE	The TWO bottom placed Teams are relegated to Division ONE The TWO highest placed Teams are promoted to CHAMPIONSHIP Division The TWO bottom placed Teams are relegated to Division TWO

DIVISION TWO	The TWO highest placed Teams are promoted to Division ONE The TWO bottom placed Teams are relegated to Division THREE
DIVISION THREE	The TWO highest placed Teams are promoted to Division TWO There is no relegation from this Playing Group.

19.04 TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE FOR PLACING A NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM IN AN ACCUMULATIVE TABLE

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 National League Team with the highest number of Bonus Points shall be placed uppermost in the Table.
- If the Total Bonus Points are also tied then consider the aggregate Legs Differences the Team with the highest positive number (+) shall be placed uppermost in the Table. Conversely if the Legs Lost for both counties are greater than the Legs Won then, the Team with the lowest negative number (-) shall be placed uppermost in the Table.
- If the aggregate legs difference is also tied then consider the overall Team Averages for the full season The National League Team with the highest overall team average shall be placed uppermost in the table.
- If the overall Team average is also tied then consider in turn the individual Team averages for the full season in order thus:

- Men's 'A', 2. Women's 'A', 3. Men's 'B', 4. 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.

- If the individual Team average are also all tied then consider in turn the highest player averages for the full season in order thus:

- Men's 'A', 2. Women's 'A', 3. Men's 'B', 4. 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.

19.05 NEW MEMBER NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS- DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT

Any new Member National League Team will be allocated a place in the Championships as follows:

- New Member National League Team from England of Wales will be allocated a place in Division Three.

20.00 PRIZE MONIES & TROPHIES & CERTIFICATES

The United Kingdom Darts Association Limited will provide, or obtain, prizes, and mementos for the National League Championship as follows.

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.

- 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.
- The resulting balance will be divided between the 53 x UKDA Member National League Teams and allocated to each division pro rata to the number of Teams within each Division.
- The total sum per Division will be allocated in a sliding scale of Prize Monies in descending order of each team's position in the Division.

TROPHIES

The allocation of UKDA supplied Trophies will be as below:

[Extra Trophies will be at the respective Team's 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

- The numbers of trophies are set by the Board of Directors subject to an annual review.
- The overall Divisional Champions shall be presented with Perpetual Trophies to be held by the winners for a period of twelve months.
- The National League Team/Organisation, or Association, 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 UKDA Headquarters when required; this is usually at the April/May UKDA Full Council Meeting.
- 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.

CERTIFICATES

- Certificates will be awarded by the UKDA for outstanding performances attained during the season.
- Loyalty Appearance Certificate templates will be supplied to each National League Team who are responsible for printing and presenting at their own cost.

21.00 OFFICIAL PRESENTATION CEREMONIES

- 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.
- If a Member National League team 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 Team shall forfeit the right to receive such trophies, mementoes, prizes, or prize monies, that may be due to that Team.

22.00 INTERPRETATIONS

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 22.00 (e) shall be used to form a recommendation to be heard in the respective part of the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

23.00 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 National League Director responsible for UKDA Playing Rules by 31st May in each Playing Season.

b. Each submission must be made in writing, on National League Team headed notepaper, in the form of a Proposal by one Full Member National League Team and seconded in a similar manner by another Full National League Team Member.

c. Such Proposals or Amendments must be submitted on National League Team letter-heading, countersigned by TWO Team Executive Officers, and accompanied by an extract from the Minutes of the relative meeting in which the Member National League Team resolved to put forward a Proposal or Amendment.

d. Any sheets attached to Member National League Team proposals should also be written on National League Team 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 National League Team Secretaries for consideration and discussion at National League level prior to the UKDA Annual General Meeting.

24.00 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

a. Any Member National League Team 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.

25.00 RULE INFRINGEMENT PENALTIES

a. 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	1. Squad Selection 2. Signing on of Players [After 1st July] (FOR 1 ST SEASON PLEASE REGISTER ASAP) 3. Book Away Match Hotels

4. Arrange Fixture dates with Venue
 5. Submit Home Venue details and location to Visiting Counties
 6. Advise of any venue restrictions on access or food availability
- 1st JULY Official Start of the National League Season
- 1st AUGUST
1. Pay to UKDA Full County Fee [£10.00] and Insurance Fee [£100]
 2. Submit First match Squad Lists to Host Counties
 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 being:
Divisions Premiership, Championship, 1,2,3 = 21 x Men and 10 x Women
- SEPTEMBER 20th 1. Pay Share Capital fee – (one off payment) = £100.00
- OCTOBER 20th 1. Pay Annual Full County Membership Fee = £ 10.00
2. Pay Insurance Fee = £100.00
- OCTOBER 31st 1. Pay National League Fee (1) = £200.00
- NOVEMBER 30th 1. Pay National League Fee (2) = £300.00
- DECEMBER 31st 1. Complete Super League Database up to 31st January
2. Submit Super League Player levy [£10.00 per player] to UKDA
- JANUARY 31st 1. Pay National League Fee (3) = £300.00
- MAY 31st 1. IMPORTANT NOTES
- a. Final Date for receipt of and Super League Registrations and levy payments as processed after December 31st.
 - b. Any registrations received after this date will be declared void and will NOT be placed on the UKDA database for that season.
 - c. 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.
- JUNE 30th Final Date of the UKDA National League Season.

BICC MATCH REQUIREMENT REMINDERS

- PRE-MATCH
- 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
- 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 National League Organisations must be aware of their full responsibilities as laid down within the UKDA Rules and procedures.

PENALTIES & IMPOSITIONS Ref also UKDA Document – Section H - FINANCE – Page 5 – Clause 4.0

- 1. FAILURE TO PROVIDE A REGISTERED NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER LIST BY 1st AUGUST [OR UKDA AGM]**
 - a. Financial imposition of £100.00
- 2. FAILURE TO SUBMIT A NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM BY 1st AUGUST [OR UKDA AGM]**
 - a. 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 AGM incurs

- a. An Automatic pre-season deduction of 12 x National League penalty points.
- b. 3 x 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 Teams more than two months in arrears with payments.

- a. The Board of Directors agreed to impose an additional penalty to the effect that a Member National League team 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 National League Team 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 in which the infringement applies shall be awarded to the non-offending Team.
- b. The Bonus Points in the respective Match shall be awarded in accordance with the amended result.
- c. The Offending Team shall be penalised 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 team 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. Financial imposition of **£100.00** per instance.

9. OMISSION OF CURRENT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES FROM A MATCH PROGRAMME

- 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 National League Team cheque not honoured by the bank = **£ 25.00**

14. OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

- a. Disciplinary Proceedings taken against Players, Officials or Full Member National League Teams, 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 SUPER LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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 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 National League Organisation 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 National League Organisation 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 recognise 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 National League team 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 National League team with which I am presently registered to another Member National League team 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 National League Team with which I am presently registered, and to my signing a new Agreement with the UKDA.

9. I understand that provided the Member National League team 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 National League Organisation Secretary at the time of selection and will form PART TWO of the UKDA Full Membership Form.

ENDS

2021 -2022 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURE DATES

18 th September	&	19 th September	2021
2 nd October	&	3 rd October	2021
6 th November	&	7 th November	2021
27 th November	&	28 th November	2021
11 th December	&	12 th December	2021
8 th January	&	9 th January	2022
5 th February	&	6 th February	2022
26 th February	&	27 th February	2022
26 th March	&	27 th March	2022
23 rd April	&	24 th April	2022

2022 – 2023 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURE DATES

3 rd September	&	4 th September	2022
1 st October	&	2 nd October	2022
5 th November	&	6 th November	2022
26 th November	&	27 th November	2022
10 th December	&	11 th December	2022
7 th January	&	8 th January	2023
4 th February	&	5 th February	2023
4 th March	&	5 th March	2023
25 th March	&	26 th March	2023
22 nd April	&	23 rd April	2023

2023 – 2024 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURE DATES

2 nd September	&	3 rd September	2023
7 th October	&	8 th October	2023
4 th November	&	5 th November	2023
25 th November	&	26 th November	2023
16 th December	&	17 th December	2023
6 th January	&	7 th January	2024
10 th February	&	11 th February	2024
2 nd March	&	3 rd March	2024
23 rd March	&	24 th March	2024
27 th April	&	28 th April	2024

2024 – 2025 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURE DATES

7 th September	&	8 th September	2024
5 th October	&	6 th October	2024
2 nd November	&	3 rd November	2024
30 th November	&	1 st December	2024
14 th December	&	15 th December	2024
11 th January	&	12 th January	2025
15 th February	&	16 th February	2025
1 st March	&	2 nd March	2025
29 th March	&	30 th March	2025
26 th April	&	27 th April	2025

2025 – 2026 UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURE DATES

6 th September	&	7 th September	2025	10 th January	&	11 th January	2026
4 th October	&	5 th October	2025	14 th February	&	15 th February	2026
1 st November	&	2 nd November	2025	7 th March	&	8 th March	2026
29 th November	&	30 th November	2025	28 th March	&	29 th March	2026
13 th December	&	14 th December	2025	25 th April	&	26 th April	2026

Note that in future seasons consideration of all known major player participation darts events within the UK will be given

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