

Greater London Darts Organisation Handbook & Rules 2016-2017 (Men's Super League Section Only)

SUPER LEAGUE SECTION - MEN

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16.3 The GLDO operate strict policies on discrimination and intimidation, whether at any GLDO event or on social media. The policies cover the following:

1. Physical harm to any person.
2. Damage to any person's property.
3. Reasonably causes another person to be fearful of physical or emotional harm.
4. Derogatory remarks against a person e.g. race, nationality, gender or disability.
5. Homophobic remarks.

16.4 The G.L.D.O. will take a strong stance on any of the above, deleting content which is discriminatory, hateful or threatening and any writings or actions which may offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate. The authors of such writings may be deemed to have brought the good name of the G.L.D.O. into disrepute and may therefore, at the discretion of the G.L.D.O. Executive face disciplinary proceedings as laid down in Sections 11.1 – 14.1 of the G.L.D.O. County Constitution and Rules.

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- 16.5 However, in cases where writings considered to have offensive content that can be immediately proven as directly attributed to an individual then there shall be a procedure of automatic periods of suspension applied to that individual as directed by the G.L.D.O. Executive and laid down as follows: (All effective from the date that any posting is submitted)
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 3. Third proven instance: Twelve months suspension of G.L.D.O. Membership.
 4. Fourth proven instance: Expulsion from G.L.D.O. Membership.
- 16.6 Incidents of discrimination and intimidation should not be discussed on social media. A signed and dated letter or an e-mail from the person/persons concerned should be sent to the **General Secretary** with as much information as possible, including witness statements if applicable. This will enable the matter to be dealt with at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the G.L.D.O. Handbook & Rules (County & Super Leagues).

Conditions

- 16.7 It is important to note that the aforesaid conditions of disclaimer and terms of use are likely to change without notice.

Disciplinary/Appeal Committee

- 16.8 All teams must enter on their Team Registration Form the person who has been elected to represent their team on a Disciplinary or Appeal Committee. **No persons who are or will in the coming season become affiliated to, an Official of or a Player for another County shall be eligible to be part of a Disciplinary or Appeal Committee.**

Boundaries, Playing Venues & Playing Formats

- 17.1a The boundaries of the GLDO Men's Super League to be defined by the Greater London postcode areas.
- 17.1b All playing venues will be vetted by the Men's League Organiser before the start of each season.

For Season 2016-2017 the Men's Super League will comprise of Division 1 and Division 2.

The format for the playing season 2016-2017 is as follows:

Playing Format: 7 x singles – best of 7 legs of 501.

Points won per game, e.g. 7-0, 6-1, 5-2, 4-3, etc. Total points available = 7.

- 17.2 The Home Team will throw first in 2nd, 4th and 6th Singles.
The Away Team will throw first in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th Singles.
- 17.3 **FULL NAMES MUST BE ENTERED ON THE SCORESHEET AND MATCH CHALK BOARD.**
- 17.4 **PLAYERS MUST BE IN THE VENUE BEFORE THE DRAW UNLESS AGREED WITH OPPOSING TEAM MANAGER.**
- 17.5 **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR RESERVES ON THE SCORESHEET OR E-MAIL TO THE MEN'S LEAGUE ORGANISER, TO ENABLE THE % FOR ATTENDANCE TO BE RECORDED.**
- 17.6 All computerised score-sheets must be sent to the League Organiser **no later than TUESDAY night.** (cliffo1981@btinternet.com).

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- 17.7 The **home team** should **text** the match result to the League Organiser **after the match**.
- 17.8 Manual score-sheets, averages, tons and high checkouts etc., should be phoned in to the League Organiser between **10am and 2pm TUESDAY** following the match.
- 17.9 Manual score-sheets **without** calculating the averages must be received by **WEDNESDAY** night. So please ensure score-sheet is posted **1st Class on TUESDAY morning** for verification purposes.
- 17.10 If teams do not text the result or do not e-mail the computerised **by Tuesday**, or fail to do any of the above, a **£5.00 fine will be imposed the first time**.
- 17.11 For failing to comply for a second or subsequent time, a **£5.00 fine will be imposed plus 6 points deducted**.
- 17.12 Matches must start at 8.45pm. If a match has not started by 9.00pm, the 1st singles game will be awarded to the non-offending team. If the match has not started by 9.15pm, the 2nd singles game will be awarded to the non-offending team. If the match has not started by 9.30pm, the 3rd singles game will be awarded to the non-offending team and so on at 15 minute intervals.
- 17.13 To be eligible to play in the GLDO Men's Super League, Team **venues must have a match practice board that can be used by the players for the whole of the match**. All match dartboards **MUST** be staple free blade type boards and **MUST** be in excellent matchplay condition.

Registration of Players

- 18.1 **Applications for entry into the Men's Super League must first comply with Rules 17.1a and 17.1b and then be made directly to the Men's League Organiser at the earliest opportunity.** Team Managers will then receive all relevant information on the new teams and **within a period of 7 days** they will inform the Men's League Organiser if they accept the new team's venue into the League. New teams will then be eligible to attend the Men's Super League AGM to be voted in.
- 18.2 New teams that were not present at the Men's Super League AGM may be allowed into the League **at the discretion of the Men's League Organiser** as long as the new team complies with **Rules 17.1a and 17.1b**.
- 18.3 All teams must complete their Team Registration Form and return to the Men's League Organiser **before** the start of the playing season. **The League Organiser will, in turn provide the London General Secretary with a copy of each Team Registration Form before the beginning of each season.**

Transfer of Players

- 19.1 Transfers of players from one team to another team within an existing season will be at the discretion of the Men's League Organiser and the Team Managers involved and will be dealt with on its individual merits. A player must apply **IN WRITING** to the Men's League Organiser stating their reasons for wanting to leave. This must be done in compliance with that player's existing Team Manager and receiving Team Manager. Full consultation will then take place with the Men's League Organiser and **BOTH** Team Managers, if the existing Team Manager gives permission for the transfer to go ahead **AND** the receiving Team Manager is happy with any conditions imposed pertaining to the transfer, then the transfer may go ahead.

TRANSFERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED UP TO AND INCLUDING 31st DECEMBER EACH YEAR.

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- 20.1 If any grey areas arise within the Men's Super League section of the GLDO Handbook and Rules, whether they are brought to the attention of the Men's League Organiser **OR** are found by the Men's League Organiser himself, he must then be allowed to amend such rules after having full consultation with **ALL** existing Men's Super League Team Managers and notifying the GLDO General Secretary. The responsibility for this task is that of the Men's League Organiser. If need be these matters will be brought to the attention of the GLDO Executive Committee for resolution.
- 20.2 All existing and new teams **must be represented** at the Men's Super League AGM by **ONE representative only.**
- 20.3 All Players must be registered **by the first match of the season** by completing the individual registration form provided. Each Player's individual form should be **returned to the Men's League Organiser within one week of registering.** **All players must also pay their £7.00 player registration fee within one week of registering and send all payments to the Treasurer.**
- The League Organiser will, in turn provide the London General Secretary with a copy of each Player's registration form for the purposes of the B.D.O. Database.**
- 20.4 Failure to adhere by rule 20.4 will result in a **£25.00 fine for fielding an unregistered player.**
- 20.5 No Lady dart's players are permitted to play in the G.L.D.O. Men's Super League.
- 20.6 Players may be registered during the course of the season and on the night of a match in which case the registration form **must be counter signed by the opposing team manager on the night.** Registrations forms signed during the season or on the night of a match **must be sent to the Men's League Organiser within one week of registering.** **Players £7.00 player registration must also be sent to the Treasurer within one week of registering failure to do this will result in the same penalty as rule 20.5.**

Outside County Players

- 21.1 An **"Outside County Player"** is defined as someone who:
- Is currently playing for another Member County.
 - Has played for another Member County other than London irrespective of how long ago they last played for that County and would therefore require their release (this is a B.D.O. Rule).
 - Has signed or intends to sign a B.I.C.C. County Registration Form to play for another Member County other than London in the current playing season.
- 21.2 Teams will be allowed to **sign 4 outside County Players** for the season but will only be allowed to **play 3 outside County Players on the night of any match.**
- 21.3 Once a Team has signed 4 outside County Players **they will not be allowed to sign any more players even if one of those players cancels their registration with their County.**
- 21.4 **All outside County players must be registered before 31st December of each year.**
- 21.5 Rules 21.1 to 21.3 **do not apply** to PDC/PDPA players

Cancellation of Matches

- 22.1 Teams will **NOT** be allowed to cancel any matches once the fixture list has been published at the start of the season.

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- 22.2 No cancellations except in adverse weather conditions/Public Transport strikes (when the whole fixtures for the week concerned would be cancelled).
Should a fixture be cancelled for any other reason, the non-offending team will be awarded 7 points. The **SEVEN** nominated players will then receive a running average for that match i.e. their averages from previous games added together then divided by the number of games they have played plus their win bonus.
- 22.3 A match can be completed with a **MINIMUM OF 4 PLAYERS**, playing 4 x Singles.
- 22.4 In cases where the home **OR** away team are short of players:
(4 Players) **THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM** will throw first in the 1st and 3rd games of the singles, with the **OFFENDING TEAM** throwing 2nd and 4th
(5 Players) **THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM** will throw first in the 1st, 3rd and 5th of the singles, with the **OFFENDING TEAM** throwing 2nd and 4th.
(6 Players) **THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM MANAGER** must decide which of his **SIX** players will play in the match
- 22.5 Teams that fail to field a full team will be fined **£10.00 per player short and docked 1 point per player short.**

League Fees

- 23.1 League Fees for Season 2016-2017 will be £160.00, payable in **TWO INSTALMENTS ONLY.**
First Payment by 14th October 2016: £80.00
Second Payment by 14th February 2017: £80.00
33% of all League Fees will be transferred to the GLDO County Account, this equates to £52.80 per team; i.e. £160.00 minus 33% equals £52.80.
The remaining £107.20 per team goes into the League Prize Money Fund.
Player registration fee of £7.00 per player as follows:
a. £1.00 to the B.D.O;
b. £4.00 to the Men's Super League prize fund.
c. £2.00 to the County account.
- 23.2 Where a team is fully or partially sponsored, it is the responsibility of the **Team Manager** to ensure that all payments are received by the due dates outlined in Rules 23.1 and 24.1. **Team Manager's** are also responsible for payments relating to Rule 25.1.

Presentation Night 2016/2017

- 24.1 Each team will pay £40.00. **TO BE PAID BY 30TH APRIL 2017**
- 24.2 £5.00 for guests (non-playing/registered players of a Super League Team).

BDO Registration Fees

- 25.1 £7.00 per player must be paid by **14TH OCTOBER 2016.** **Additional players must have the £7.00 paid within one week** after registering. All registration fees should be sent as soon as possible to the **GLDO Treasurer** to enable the £1.00 fee to be paid to the BDO. The remaining £6.00 is distributed as follows: £4.00 to League Prize Money Fund and £2.00 to the GLDO County account.

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- 25.2 The GLDO General Secretary will then be responsible for entering each London Super League Team and players (Men & Ladies) on to the BDO Super League Database (**including dates of birth**), **no later than 1st January 2017**. Subsequent registration fees will be paid to the BDO and the players names added to the BDO database. **Both are requirements of the BDO.**
- 25.3 **If a team is in arrears with their League Fees they will not be allowed to participate in ANY Men's Super League Knock-Out Competitions.** They will be **fined £15.00 for each payment missed** and if the fees are not paid by **one week** after the payment dates above **7 points will also be deducted.** If a team have not paid any fees **by 31st December 2016** they will receive a letter asking them to pay **ALL** outstanding fees **within 14 days** or be **suspended from the League.**

Bond Money (New Teams)

- 26.1 A "New Team" is defined as a team not participating in the previously season, irrespective if it is made up of players who played for another team or teams in the previous season.
- 26.2 Once voted in at the AGM, new teams will pay £50.00 Bond Money. **If not paid on the night of the AGM, the Bond Money must be paid immediately after the first fixture of the playing season (5th September in playing season 2016/2017).** The £50.00 Bond Money **will be paid back at the end of the playing season as long as the team has fulfilled all its financial and playing obligations to the League.**

Debt Suspended Players

- 27.1 Any Teams that have debt suspended players **MUST** pay that players' debt **IN FULL by 14th October 2016.**

All cheques should be made payable to "G.L.D.O." and sent to the Treasurer Mrs. M. Smithies 68 The Lindens, Fieldway, New Addington, Surrey, CR0 9EL

Financial Rules (Internal County Play-Offs & County Competitions)

- 28.1 Entry fees and travel expenses to be made up out of respective Men's and Ladies Super League funds and will also include play-off entry fees taken on the day of the respective County Play-Off.
- 28.2 The League Organiser to ensure that all Super League Team Managers are informed what players are eligible to play in these competitions.

Competition Prize Money Season 2016/2017

- 29.1 All League competition prize monies will be paid on a money-in, money-out basis

Prize Money

- 30.1 All Prize Money will be paid out at the end of the season and will be made payable to the **Team Manager only**, unless the Treasurer receives an instruction **in writing or via e-mail** to make a cheque payable to an individual player, or the Treasurer is instructed **in writing or via e-mail** to make the cheque payable to another member of the Team. In season 2016-2017 **ALL** teams will receive a League Prize Payout which will be distributed from the League Prize Fund and will be on a sliding scale **decided by the League Organiser** and is **dependent on funds received.**

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30.2 **No Prize Money will be carried over to the next season.**

30.3 **Any debt incurred by a Team will be deducted from their Prize Money total where possible. In the event that any debt incurred by a Team is not covered by their Prize Money, the Team will be "Debt Suspended" until such time as the outstanding debt is paid in full.**

League Competitions

31.1 All League Competitions will be played on a Monday night at a venue determined by the League.

Jim Granahan League Singles

31.2 To enter the above competition players and reserves must have played or attended at least 50% of all matches played up to the week before the competition. Entry Fee is £5.00 per player. Format is 5 x 501. Start time is 8:45pm and the competition will be completed on the night.

Lew Shannon League Pairs

32.3 To enter the above competition players and reserves must have played or attended at least 50% of all matches played up to the week before the competition. **All pairings must be from the same Super League team.** Entry Fee is £10.00 per Pair. Format is 5 x 601. Start time is 8:45pm and the competition will be completed on the night.

Mick Coonan 1001 Singles

33.4 To enter the above competition players and reserves must have played or attended at least 50% of all matches played up to the week before the competition. Entry Fee is £5.00 per Player. Format is 3 x 1001. Start time is 8:45pm and the competition will be completed on the night.

George Noble Senior Triples – *Not being played in season 2016/2017*

33.5 To enter the above competition players and reserves must have played or attended at least 50% of all matches played up to the week before the competition. Entry Fee is £15.00 per Triple. Format is 5 x 701 and the Final 7 x 701. Start time is 8:45pm and the competition will be completed on the night.

Champion of Champions – *Not being played in season 2016/2017*

33.6 The **TOP 16 PLAYERS** in the averages at the end of each season.

Plus 6 reserves who will be numbers 17 to 22 in the averages.

Entry is free. Format is 7 x 501 throughout the competition. Start time is 8.45pm.

To be played at Nolan's Free House who is sponsoring the competition for £250.00.

Prize Fund: This is a 'money in – money out' competition.

Payout: Winner £150.00; Runner Up £50.00; 3rd Place £25.00; 4th Place £25.00.

G.L.D.O. Mixed Pairs

33.7 The competition will be played at multi board venue which has a team entered in the London Super Leagues. To enter the above competition players and reserves in both the Men's and Ladies Super Leagues must have played or attended at least 50% of all matches played up to the week before the competition. **Only outside County players in Ladies Super League are eligible to play, as long as they meet the eligibility rule of having played or attended at least 75% of all matches played up to the week before the competition.**

Entry Fee is £10.00 per Pair.

Format is 5 x 601 for the early rounds and 7 x 601 for the Semi-Finals and Final.

Prize Fund: This is a 'money in – money out' competition plus a donation of £50.00 from the host venue. Payout: Winners, Runners-Up and Semi-Finalists.

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London County Cup

33.8 *Not being played in season 2016/2017.*

Plaques

Plaques will be presented at a Presentation Night to the following Winners & Runners-Up:

League Winners:	8 plaques + 1 perpetual trophy	
League Runners-Up:	8 plaques	
Winner Mick Coonan 1001 Trophy:	1 plaque + 1 perpetual trophy	
Runner-Up Mick Coonan 1001 Trophy:	1 plaque	
Winners Lew Shannon League Pairs:	2 plaques + 1 perpetual trophy	
Runners-Up Lew Shannon League Pairs:	2 plaques	
Winner Jim Granahan League Singles:	1 plaque + 1 perpetual trophy	
Runner-Up Jim Granahan League Singles:	1 plaque	
Winners George Noble Senior Triples:	3 plaques + perpetual trophy) <i>not applicable 2016/2017</i>
Runners Up George Noble Senior Triples:	3 plaques) <i>not applicable 2016/2017</i>
“Men's Player of The Season”:	(given to the player who tops the averages table)	1 plaque

Extra Plaques

Extra plaques will be available but it is the responsibility of the Team Manager to notify the League Organiser of any additional plaques required and the Team will have to pay for any additional costs incurred.

Perpetual Trophies

Perpetual trophies will be presented at a Presentation Night but remain the property of the GLDO and will be returned after the presentation.

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