

Lancashire Darts Organisation

Constitution (July 2021)

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COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	DAVID MARCROFT
VICE CHAIRMAN	PETER HARPER
GENERAL SECRETARY	DAVID BALLANTINE
SUPER LEAGUE SECRETARY	ALAN HODGSON
MINUTES SECRETARY	SARAH HARPER
TREASURER	DAVID MARCROFT

HON PRESIDENT	STEVE CUSICK
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TRAVEL MANAGER	MARK KILGANNON
COMPETITION SECRETARY	ALAN HODGSON
COMMUNICATIONS	DAVID BALLANTINE
MEDIA OFFICER	ROBIN ELLISON

MENS TEAM MANAGER	RAY STONE
MENS CAPTAIN	GARY DAVEY

LADIES TEAM MANAGER	SUE CUSICK
LADIES CAPTAIN	ALLY SMITH
LADIES VICE CAPTAIN	JO CLEMENTS

YOUTH MANAGER	TO BE CONFIRMED
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HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS / LIFE MEMBERS

PETER AND MARGARET CORRIGAN
MARGARET BONIFACE
DANNY BURNS
MAUREEN PARR
DOUG SMITH

OFFICIALS DUTIES (ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES)

CHAIRMAN (Period of office -2 years)

The Chairman shall be responsible for ensuring LDO complies with the Lancashire Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of the UKDA and EDO.

Responsibilities

Provide leadership to the Executive and General Committee.

Ensure that all committee meetings are constructive and deal with issues that concern the county.

Act responsibly as a figurehead for the County.

Represent the county at UKDA meetings or arrange another official to attend.

Liase with business partners, sponsors and potential sponsors

Establish clear responsibility and accountability within the committee.

TREASURER (Period of office - 2 years)

Be responsible for all LDO accounts

Liase with all executive committee members to ensure they are aware of the financial status of LDO.

Act responsibly at all times

Produce a comprehensive financial report by 30th June each year.

Produce a financial statement for AGM

Ensure all debts are recovered and monies owed are paid.

Keep up to date records which are simple and easy to follow.

Have up to date account balances available for viewing by members at meetings and gatherings.

VICE CHAIRMAN (Period of office 2years, alternate to the Chairman)

To work alongside the Chairman to oversee the smooth running of the organisation.

In the absence of the Chairman to take control of any situations arising.

To be the Counties stage presence at National League matches.

To act responsibly at all times.

GENERAL SECRETARY (Period of office - 2 years)

Ensure that all players UKDA National League Registration Forms are completed and submitted within the relevant timescales.

Ensure LDO National League Registration Form is annually updated and returned to UKDA.

Ensure all National League results are reported in accordance with UKDA rules

To have a comprehensive knowledge of UKDA and EDO rules

To make sure all competition entry forms are forwarded to relevant darts bodies making sure that the information required is correct.

Act responsibly at all times.

Ensure that all matters arising from meetings are appropriately dealt with.

Deal with all correspondence from governing body and ensure the executive are made aware of any changes, notices or amendments.

For National League fixtures announce the team selections and communicate with new players and the players leaving the squad.

For away fixtures send our hosts our player list for programme purposes.

For home fixtures pass on any relevant information to the programme editor.

SUPER LEAGUE SECRETARY (Period of office – 2 years)

The principal role of the Super League Secretary is gathering of match results, collecting player registrations and forwarding to relevant body.

To deal with any disputes in league.

To have final word on Division structures and fixture compilations.

To produce up to date Team, Delegate and Venue details and display within relevant platforms

To assist in maintaining a comprehensive database of all SL player information

To make available on request any/all information to Executive and Selection Committees.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Period of office -1 year)

All General Committee Members will be committed to the success of LDO.

They will act in accordance with the LDO constitution and all relevant UKDA and EDO Rules and Regulations.

Attend where possible all National League Fixtures and Committee Meetings

Assist in the running of County competitions and fundraising activities.

Ensure that all aspects of the running of National League matches are covered. ie assisting in match score recording, erecting and dismantling the stage equipment, darts shop, tombola, front desk duties.

Any other duties required.

Act responsibly at all times.

MINUTES SECRETARY

Keep an accurate record of all LDO meetings

Prepare previous years AGM minutes for display at AGM.

To copy all minutes to Chairman.

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT MANAGER

To arrange coach transport to away matches including dealing with coach company on pick ups and drop offs, costs and payment.

To book hotels, sign contracts, provide rooming lists and collect the relevant information from those travelling to enable these duties to be fulfilled.

Collect monies from the travelling party and pass on to Treasurer or arrange safe banking of these funds.

Pass on any invoices to Treasurer

Ensure that players, committee and supporters are notified of travel details using various media platforms etc.

FUNDRAISING MANAGER

To oversee fundraising initiatives at National League fixtures and competitions

To create new fundraising ideas and promote these events.

Actively seek new sponsors and business partners.

To pass on regular updates to Executive Committee.

COMPETITION SECRETARY

Liase with venues to secure dates and create a calander

Organise work parties to assist in setting up of and smooth running of competitions.

Advertise the competitions.

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Design and maintain the LDO website

Ensure the LDO database is up to date

Attend all National League fixtures and manage the computers and staff on the stage desk.

MEDIA OFFICER

To promote LDO in a positive and creative manner via social media.

Create National League programmes

Act as Editor of programme

TEAM MANAGERS

The role of Team Manager is to be committed to the success of LDO and to be a member of the selection committee.

To attend all matches on both days.

To work in conjunction with the Team Captains.

To be involved in the administration of team rules.

Abide by team rules.

Promotes appropriate team behaviour and attitude at matches and throughout the weekend.

Any problems arising from a county weekend to be brought to the attention of the committee for discussion at the next meeting.

Assist in the recruiting of players.

Holds the players accountable for attendance at matches and make any changes necessary to ensure a full team in the event of a player failing to attend.

Will introduce any new players to the current team and pass on any information through team meetings.

Encourage open and frank communication within the team.

Request information from Communications Manager and Super League Secretary so its available at selection meetings.

TEAM CAPTAIN

To assist the Team Manger in their duties.

Attend all matches.

Be committed to the success of the team.

Promote good moral and behaviour within the team.

Encourage any player needing help or assistance to confide in you.

Any complaints from players should be brought to the committee by the Captain.

LDO CONSTITUTION

Aims

To provide, manage, improve and promote the Sport of Darts within the county and to work together regardless of age, disability, ethnic origin, ability, sexual orientation, religion or political affiliation.

Rules

LDO shall be governed by the contents of this constitution.

All Darts events ran under LDO jurisdiction shall be organized in accordance with UKDA Playing Rules at the discretion of LDO Competition Secretary.

Objectives

LDO shall organise and promote the sport of darts within our geographical area. LDO shall undertake to organize and control sections relative to LDO participation in activities of UKDA and EDO.

Management

LDO shall be managed by an elected committee of more than 10 members of which Four(4) shall be executive positions. This committee will share responsibility for the management of LDO.

Executive committee members shall be elected for two years on a rotary basis with half retiring each year but eligible for re-election. For this to be put in place in this first year the Chairman and General Secretary shall be voted for two years and the Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Super League Secretary for one year. Following on these will be elected every two years.

All other officials will retire at AGM and seek re-election. These can seek re-election without nomination. They will automatically be re-installed unless their position is opposed by other members.

In this case a secret ballot, with each team receiving one vote each shall take place. In event of a tied vote the chairperson shall have a second casting vote

All nominations for Committee Members shall be made by One(1) Super League Team and seconded by another. These must be submitted in writing not more than 21 days or less than 7 days prior to AGM.

In this event, ballot papers will be issued for voting process. Two delegate will be elected from the floor to scrutinize and count the ballot papers.

If a Committee Member leaves before the end of term the Committee can co-opt a replacement.

These will then serve until the end of the term and can seek re-election.

Any Committee Member considered to be failing in their duties or acting in a manner beyond their permitted role may be asked to resign.

Committee Officers may also call an EGM to replace any of the Executives if they are deemed to be failing their elected duties.

MEETINGS

LDO shall hold an AGM annually. No more than 15 months shall elapse between AGM's. The venue and time shall be specified not less than 21 days prior to the meeting.

Should an EGM be called it will be held to address only the relevant issue.

Committee meetings shall be held at regular intervals

Delegates meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Each Super League team will be allowed one vote on any issue. Each Committee Member will also be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a second and deciding vote. No member or official may vote by proxy.

For an AGM or EGM to take place there must be a quorum of more than 50% of the combined Committee and Super League Teams.

Any item a Super League Delegate may wish to place on agenda should be put in writing to the General Secretary not more than twenty one (21) days not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting.

FINANCES

All of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the Organisation's Finance in good order.

Treasurer to prepare Cashflow Projection and Finance Report for committee meetings. Also the Committee shall have sight of the bank balance.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered prior to the beginning of each season to decide the level of Entry Fees and how they are to be paid by the Super League teams wishing to enter.

The Executive Committee in considering the League Income, expenditure and Reserve Balance for the County teams will decide the Prize Structure to be paid at the end of each season. This structure may be altered depending on teams leaving the league without being fully paid up.

Treasurer to prepare Financial Report at end of each season. A copy of this must be distributed to each team's delegate and the committee.

All financial records belong to LDO.

In the event of LDO being wound up, the assets, funds, equipment and any proceeds derived from such winding up shall be transferred to another darts body and not to any member of LDO.

COUNTY TEAM SELECTION

The selection of players to represent Lancashire in the UKDA National League shall be done by two selection committees. One for the Men and one for the Ladies.

Mens Panel

**Mens Team Manager
Mens Team Captain
Super League Secretary
Chairman**

Ladies Panel

**Ladies Team Manager
Ladies Team Captain
Ladies Vice Captain**

Each panel shall appoint a chairperson who will be responsible for calling meetings. These must be in reasonable time for the selections to be sent to our hosts for away games and to our programme editor for home games.

Information must be sent to General Secretary so he can inform players of the team and the arrangements.

All members of selection committee are expected to attend A and B matches.

Only players who are registered with LDO Super League shall be eligible for selection.

Players who have been selected to play for the county must continue to play Super League matches. Failure to do so will result in the player being withdrawn from the squad.

Team selections are at the total discretion of the selection panels.

Players selected must wear the uniform provided and black trousers/skirt and black shoes. No cords, tracksuit bottoms or denim allowed also no sandals.

All players must conduct themselves as befitting representatives of LDO. Failure to comply will result in the most stringent sanctions being taken against the players responsible.

ORGANISATION

In the instance of an 'incident' occurring at an event in which a Lancashire player/team is participating, the respective Committee Member deemed responsible for the LDO party shall be empowered to suspend any Player or Official from all activities pending the result of a Disciplinary Hearing.

LDO shall adopt the procedure laid down by the UKDA and regulated by DRA.

The Executive Committee through their elected officers will be responsible for organizing and the running of the county teams and hold final responsibility for the Super League rules and discipline within the organization.

The Executive Committee through the powers invested in them at AGM will be the deliberative body regarding all the organisation's policies.

All suggestions, complaints or enquiries should be sent in writing to the General Secretary and a copy to the Chairman for consideration by the committee.

LDO committee shall have the power to declare any tournaments under their jurisdiction as 'Open' to all players or as a member's only event.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to recommend or enforce amendments to the constitution until such time that they can be voted upon at AGM

Constitution/ Super League 2021-22.

GENERAL..

- 1. The reason for the Lancashire GMC Super League to exist is to help fund the Lancashire GMC county set up and also to allow all players the chance to get to a standard to be considered for selection.**
- 2. Prior to the start of a season an application to join the new season will be submitted to the Super League secretary. This may be refused if there are reasonable grounds to do so. This application will also only be confirmed upon the minimum financial requirement for the new season being met.**
- 3. The current Super League secretary has the authority to place teams in either higher or lower divisions in the interest of keeping the league competitive.**
- 4. Any teams picking up fines or owing any must pay these on demand or risk not being allowed to play the remainder of the season.**
- 5. If a team drops out at any point during a season then the following will be used.**
 - A. Up to the point where teams have not played each other once (twice in a 3 times a season scenario) ALL games will be removed.**
 - B. If teams have played each other once (twice in a 3 times a season scenario) then only the games where the complete set will be removed.**
- 6. No games/points at anytime may be claimed.**
- 7. Any team failing to comply with mandatory Lancashire events risk a £100 fine and a 10 point deduction.**
- 8. All teams must use the DFW scoring system to record matches and use a Mission dartboard.**

MATCHDAYS..

- 1. A team will consist of 8 lady players or 10 men and may not be mixed teams.**
- 2. In the event of a team not having enough players they may play 1 game in a season "short" of a maximum 2 players. If they need to do this then the advantage of throw must be given to the non offending team.**
- 3. All players should be at a venue when the draw is made (unless prior agreement has been made between both captains). This should be 12.30pm men and 7.15pm ladies. Once the draw has been made no substitutes will be permitted.**
- 4. As soon as possible after a match has been played a member of BOTH teams need to place the result onto their divisional FB page.**

eg. Moston 5-5 Astley. Legs 27-28. MOM Fred Bloggs (Moston) 83.33.
Moston 4-4 Astley. Legs 22-23. LOM Freda Bloggs (Moston) 83.33.

And then the DFW file needs to be sent by BOTH teams via email ASAP but no later than 10am on the Tuesday morning following a match to the Super League Secretary at fataldart1967@yahoo.co.uk

Failure to do these 2 simple things may result in a £20 fine and/or 10 point deduction.
- 5. Matches are 1 point per match won and 2 points bonus for a team win. When a draw happens then the bonus points will be split.**

6. Matchday awards. £100 shall be awarded to the men in each division achieving the highest WINNING average in each set of fixtures. This will only be paid if their team is up to date with payments. If a winning players team is behind he will not receive the award and it will go to the next highest player whose team is up to date, but the offending team will still owe the monies.

7. Any games that can not be played on the correct match date must be played before the next date. BOTH captains must agree a date and let the Super League Secretary know for confirmation.

8. NO Super League games can be played on a county HOME date. Any teams wishing to play matches on county AWAY dates may only do this with permission of the Super League Secretary whose decision will be final on this matter.

SUPER LEAGUE/COMPETITION PLAYING FORMAT.

1 All games to be played to UKDA Rules.

2 Teams to consist of 10 players (Men) 8 Players (Ladies).

3 Men's Super League to be played best of 7 Legs 501 up straight start ,finish on a double, no equal darts. Ladies Super League to be best of 5 legs of 501 up straight start finish on a double. No equal darts.

4 The bulls-eye to count as double 25 (50) and the outer bull as a single 25.

5 The actual score achieved and the score required must be visible in front of players and markers/referees.

6 No prompting by the referee or score recorder will be allowed unless the player concerned first asks the referee/marker.

7 A player may at any time ask what score he/she has scored or what score is remaining but may not be advised as to the method of achieving said score.

8 The burst rule will apply in all games. Eg. If a player scores more than the score requires he/she then reverts back to the score he/she required before the previous throw.

9 Under no circumstances will prompting be allowed.

10 There must be adequate lighting over the match board. And a practice board available.

11 One point is awarded to every player who wins during a match, with a bonus point added should the result be 5 games all (Men) 4 games all (Ladies), and 2 bonus points added to the team achieving 6 wins (Men's) 5 games (Ladies)

12 Players can only play for one team in one season.

13 A maximum of 2 players that play in another UKDA National League Team will be allowed to play on any matchday.

14 If at the end of the season two teams finish on the same points total then the teams will be separated by the methods of "least legs lost", this will decide promotion/ relegation and all teams potentially attaining prizes.

15 All teams must at their home venues provide a raised oche of a minimum of 2 Feet and the said oche must be placed a distance of 7 feet 9 1/4 inches from the front of the dart board in a plumb line to the floor. The diagonal distance from the bulls-eye to the floor is 9 feet 7. 1/2 Inches.

16 All venues to be of an acceptable standard and must provide a practise area and board.

17 Lancashire events such as play-offs, opens, national qualifying events, players will be

responsible should they lose their match to mark the following game or find a substitute marker, failure to do this may result in that player being excluded from future participation in events run by L.D.O.

18 Teams winning the Men's and Ladies Premier Super League Division will qualify to represent Lancashire in a Champions Cup and will be expected to field a full team at this event. Should a team then win through the regional play-offs and then qualify for the National Final then the L.D.O. will consider making a financial subsidy for the costs of attending the final.

19 The Lancashire Cup Men's & Ladies events will be held annually and all teams have to enter at least one team in the event, failure to do this may result in penalties. Failure to attend this event more than once could result in the team losing their membership of the Lancashire Darts Organisation.

20 The format of The Lancashire Cup Men's & Ladies events, are 5 players per team, Super League teams can enter as many teams of 5 players as they like at no cost.