



## The Paphos Darts Association Constitution

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These rules are to be used in conjunction with the CDF rules & are subject to change.

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### 1. General

- a. The Paphos Darts Association (hereafter known as the PDA) is formally recognised by the Cyprus Darts Federation, The World Darts Federation, The Cyprus Olympic Committee & the Cyprus Sport Organisation as the official darts league in the Paphos district. The aim of the PDA is to promote darts in the Paphos region & to improve the standard of darts & participate island wide.
- b. An annual general meeting will be called at a suitable time every year to elect a committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary & a suitable number of committee members to equal an odd number of persons.
- c. By participating in any of the Paphos Darts Association competitions, all the players will agree to abide by the social & financial requirements. The PDA is trying to portray a better image for darts in Paphos. **Foul or abusive language or unreasonable/unsporting behaviour will not be tolerated** & offenders will face expulsion from the league at the committee's discretion.
- d. Disciplinary action will be taken against those teams or individuals who do not conduct themselves in the spirit of fair play & sportsmanship. This will take the form of financial fines, loss of league points or match bans.
- e. Initially the PDA league competition will be made up of only one division of between six & ten teams. In the future if there are a larger number of teams that make a single division unpractical then the league competition will be split into suitably sized divisions.

- f. Where more than one division exists, demotion from higher divisions will be the teams that finish in the last two positions & promotion from the lower divisions will be the teams that finish in the top two positions.
- g. Every team must supply e-mail addresses of at least 2 players within each team as communication within the association will predominately be electronic.
- h. Each Venue will be inspected by members of the PDA & must comply with the Certificate of Worthiness criteria.
- i. Any disputes will be adjudicated on by the committee & must be submitted in writing to the association email address no less than 24 hours after the incident causing the dispute.
- j. Match results must be sent by text to 96578513 on the night of the match & the completed result sheet must be delivered to Cockatoos Monday evening. A €10 fine shall be imposed on teams which do not return their result sheet to the appropriate place by the evening of the following Monday after the game. The team then has 10 days to pay the fine or points shall be deducted from their league total. 1 win point each shall deducted from the players statistics that played in the match where the result was late.
- k. The PDA representative team selection is based on the individual ranking from the league statistics, based on a minimum of 70% of league games played, therefore only PDA league registered players are eligible. Should a player in the top eight of the statistics be unavailable to play then a player in ninth place will be asked and so on and so forth. So that players lower down in the individual stats will have a chance to represent Paphos.
- l. Only members of teams that participate in the PDA league will be eligible to represent Paphos in any Paphos association matches (including friendly fixtures) or the selection process for the Cyprus national team. It is recognised that individual members of the CDF should not have the same benefits as PDA team registered players who fully support the PDA.

## **2. Registrations & Transfers**

- a. Teams must be registered using the CDF Team Registration form & include all the necessary information including the relevant signatures.
- b. A player wishing to transfer from one team to another must complete a Player Transfer Form (form 2) & get it signed by the original team captain & the new team captain.
- c. A player may only make one transfer during any league season up to half way through the season.
- d. A list of all players will be displayed on the PDA website.
- e. The closing date for team registrations will be 7 days prior to the start of the league competition. Teams wishing to register after the closing date must seek approval from both the committee & the other teams in the division.
- f. Registration for the PDA league will cost 100 Euros per team per venue. This entrance will cover the registration for five players from each team. Additional players (more than 5) shall have their registration of €10 each paid by the team or the venue. E.g. a team of 6 players will pay €110, 7 players will pay €120 & a team of 8 players will pay €130. *See notes.*
- g. Any team will consist of a minimum of 5 players and a maximum of 8 players.
- h. Players wishing to register for a team after the start of the league competition must do so in writing to the association committee & will not be eligible to play until approval has been given.

## **3. League & Knock-Out Competitions**

- a. League matches will start at 8p.m. prompt
- b. Food will be provided by the home venue which will be served in a break after the 15th leg.
- c. The match board provided by the Cyprus Darts Federation must be used for all PDA league competition. The board shall only be used for PDA matches & should be removed when no official match is taking place.

- d. The match board surround shall be used in conjunction with the match board & shall display any sponsors logos & information during PDA league matches where provided.
- e. A minimum of 3 players per team should be ready to play at 8p.m. Where less than 5 players are present, points will be awarded for the un-played games to the opposition. Late arrivals will not be able to play unless they are used as one of the allowed substitutes.
- f. Each player plays each other in a round-robin format (25 legs per match).
- g. 1 point is awarded for each win.
- h. Only six practice darts are allowed before each leg.
- i. The start of each leg is to be decided by throwing for the 'Bull' first with the home team throwing first in every leg.
- j. Each leg is played over 501, straight start & double finish.
- k. Substitutions: a maximum of 2 substitutions can be made in a match. Once a substitution has been made the change is final until the end of the match. Players substituted out can not rejoin the match as a subsequent substitution.
- l. Throw scores are to be recorded on either a chalk or wipe board in a suitably prominent position. A computer/electronic display can be used (as long as the previous scores can be displayed) as an aide to display the scores but the written scores will be used & will be final.
- m. Each team takes alternate responsibility for marking with the home team marking the first & odd legs of the match
- n. The result sheet must be completed & signed by both team captains & include any information on high out shots or 180s.
- o. Any team wishing to cancel a fixture must do so at least 48 hours before the fixture & must rearrange the fixture. Games must be played by the following week or a definite date be given to the committee by text or email for the rearranged fixture. Failure to play in either instance will result in the cancelling team forfeiting the match with a 13-0 score to the non cancelling team. In the event of each team cancelling the fixture & not following the criteria above both teams shall receive no points.
- p. A full list of fixtures, results & player statistics will be available on the website.
- q. For knock-out competitions, all participants will be placed into a draw to determine the matches. Where necessary this may result in preliminary or bye fixtures to adjust the number of participants to a suitable number.
- r. The dates & venues for knock-out competitions will take place at the end of the normal league season.
- s. Team knock-out competitions will follow the same format as the league fixtures
- t. Singles & Doubles knock-out competitions will be on a 501 straight start double finish basis with a bull-off to decide the first & third leg starter.
- u. The singles & doubles will be best of 3 legs to the quarter-final. The best of 5 legs in the quarter-final. The best of 7 legs in the semi-final & the best of 9 legs in the final.
- v. If there are significant enough numbers of entries for the singles & doubles knockout competitions to be held in more than one venue, the competitions will be held in multiple venues until the finalists have been reached in each format.

#### **4. Awards & Presentations**

- a. League: A reciprocal trophy will be presented to the winner of the division(s) at the end of each season which will be returned to the league at the conclusion of the following season for presentation to the new winner. Individual mementos will be presented to every member of the winning teams.
- b. Doubles: A reciprocal trophy will be presented to the winner of the division(s) at the end of each season which will be returned to the league at the conclusion of the following season for presentation to the new winners. Individual mementos will be presented to the winners & runners-up.
- c. Singles: A reciprocal trophy will be presented to the winner of the division(s) at the end of each season which will be returned to the league at the conclusion of the following season for presentation to the new winners. Individual mementos will be presented to the winners & runners-up.

- d. 180s: When possible a reciprocal trophy will be presented to the player who records the highest number of 180 throws for the season in the division(s) which will be returned to the league at the conclusion of the following season for presentation to the new winner.
- e. Highest checkout: When possible a reciprocal trophy will be presented to the player who records the highest checkout score for the season in the division(s) which will be returned to the league at the conclusion of the following season for presentation to the new winner.

*It is intended that these rules be as concise & as straightforward as possible without being unmanageable. An environment of common sense should prevail. Where possible, darts should be the main consideration & any reasonable requests should be given every consideration.*

*These rules are subject to amendment & addition without prior notice but the committee will notify the association of any changes. Where clarification of these rules is required, please contact the committee.*

### **Notes:**

2f The entry structure allows the PDA to generate some revenue. In the previous season most of the team registrations was used for membership into the CDF. Changing the way the league entrance fees are used allows the PDA to use some of the monies collected for trophies and running costs etc.

### **Change Notes**

02.03.09 - Gramatical & spelling errors corrected & change made to bulling off, rule 3i.

24.08.09 – Amendments made to rules:

1j regarding punishments for lateness with results sheets

1k regarding selection of the Paphos representative team from the statistics only.

3e regarding the minimum number of players available for a match

3o regarding cancellation & replaying of games

08.01.10 - Amendment to rule 2f, regarding the registration fees & the addition of the note justifying the change.

08.01.10 – Rule 3v. added.

09.01.10 – Rule 3e amended for the minimum number of players at the start of the game.

