

Sturminster Newton Winter Darts League

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League Rules 2019/20

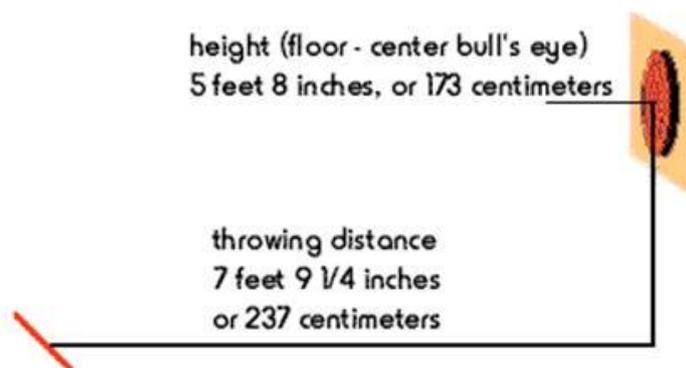
1. League games to start at 8:30 p.m. and consist of 7 games, Team game (4 players) (1001, 1 leg), 2 pairs (701 best of 3 legs), and 4 singles (501 best of 3 legs for Div 3 and 501 best of 5 legs for Div 1 & 2). 7 points to be won. **All games are double in and double out.**
2. A **draw for order of play** is to be made for the pairs and singles games.
3. Captains cup match to be played at the start or end of the match (to be agreed by the captains) (501 best of 3 legs (5 legs in Div 1 & 2), double in and out). Team Captains only to play, but Vice-Captain may cover for holidays or sickness **only**. If another player plays for the captain when he is available then the point will be awarded to the opposing captain.
4. Players can only change teams with agreement of both team captains and the League Committee. Any team playing a player who has played for another team within the season, in a competitive match, without agreement will forfeit each game the player plays in 7-0.
5. Any team wishing to retain its membership of the league from the previous season must consist of at least two players who played in that team the previous season (Summer or Winter League), otherwise it will be deemed to have forfeited its place in the league. In the case of any dispute on team names if a team splits up, the captain from the previous season played will be deemed to have priority over team name and league status
6. The official waiting list for the league is as published on the League website. Any queries should be directed to the Chairman or Secretary. Teams will only be accepted from pubs and clubs that fall within the shaded area on the map attached. (A 7.5 mile radius from Sturminster Newton).
7. Each team must have at least one member at the AGM to sign the team on for the coming season or forfeit their place in the league. Team members can text or phone to apologise beforehand if they can't make it to the AGM and put a team in the league.

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8. League subs of £40-00 per team are to be paid within a week of the AGM at the start of the season to the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. Any team that has not paid its subs by that time will not be entered into the league.
9. Result cards must **reach** the League Secretary by the Friday after the match. **Late cards will result in loss of 2 points from the winning team.** (Winning captains responsibility). Scans or photos of cards can be emailed to the Secretary at results@sturdarts.co.uk.
10. League positions will be decided using the following criteria. Second and subsequent criteria are only to be used in the event of a tie. If after 'e' below the teams are still level then the position will be shared.
 - a. By the number of points a team has gained.
 - b. By the number of matches a team has won.
 - c. By the number of 1001 games a team has won.
 - d. By the number of legs a team has won.
 - e. By the number of Captains Cup matches won.
11. In the event of the 1001 cup being tied at the end of the season, teams will play off on presentation night starting at 7.30pm before the Blind Pairs competition starts.
12. The Divisions Marksman trophy will be awarded to the player who wins the most league singles games in the season. In the event of a tie the player losing the least number of legs will be the winner. If there is still a tie a playoff will be played on finals night.
13. All dart boards are to be in good order, meeting BDO league standards with lighting of a good standard. Score Boards are to be clearly visible to the players and if an electronic score board is in use please ensure it is a league approved one and also a chalk or white board must be used as well. Any discrepancy on the state of a board should be raised with the Chairman and Secretary at the earliest instance.
14. The oche will be set up as follows:
 - a. Div 1 will throw from 7'9 ¼, all other divisions to have the option of 7'6 and 7'9¼ (228.6cm and 237 cm respectively).
 - b. In divisions 2, 3 & 4 it is the home team's decision on whether it is 7'6 or 7'9¼. If 7'9¼ is opted for then all players in that match throw from that distance. If 7' 6" is opted for players may stand back from the oche if they wish
 - c. The board is to be 5' 8" from the floor to the centre of the bull's eye.

dartboard setup



- d.
- e. Knock out competitions and Finals Night will throw from the Venues marked oche.

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- f. All venues must ensure that they provide a clearly marked floor system.
- g. Any discrepancy with the oche should be raised with the Chairman and Secretary at the earliest instance.
15. **Both team captains are to check and sign the scorecard.** Any omissions on the card when they reach the secretary will not be rectified later.
16. The home team captain is to inform the League Secretary (07905 924197 or secretary@sturdarts.co.uk) if any game is unable to go ahead at the earliest opportunity. Cancelled games are to be rearranged at the earliest opportunity. If a team is unable to fulfil a fixture they are to play it short-handed, forfeiting a throw in the 1001 game and pairs and a singles leg. All league games must be completed by the date of the last league fixture of the season (the week before the knock out competitions). If the last game of the season needs to be re-arranged, it is to be played early. If a team is unable to fulfil a fixture by then, all their results from the season will be declared void and all their previous matches will be deemed to have been a bye for the opponents. Any exception to this must be approved by the League Committee prior to the last league fixture of the season.
17. **Knockout competitions draw will be held at 8:15 p.m. with games starting at 8:30 p.m.** Finals Night Blind Pairs draw will take place at 8.00 p.m. There will be a £1.00 per head entry fee for the knockout competitions. Playing formats are as per the league rules. Singles and Pairs competitions will be grouped as Divisions 1 & 2 together, and Division 3 & 4 together and a separate Ladies competition. However the ladies may choose to play in the Men's competitions for their respective Division if they wish. The Mixed Pairs competition is open to all divisions. The Team Knock Out will be played within each division, i.e. 4 draws. Competitions (except Team Knockout, see 17. Below) may be best of 3 legs or 5 legs to be agreed by the majority on the night of the competitions. All competitions are best of 5 in the final. KO competitions will be played at the most suitable venue for the event and not necessarily tied to venues from teams in that division, i.e. a Division 1 competition could be played at a division 3 venue for example. **If you are going to be late for the draw, phone the venue to let the organiser know. ALL COMPETITIONS ARE TO BE PLAYED TO A FINISH INCLUDING THE FINAL.**
18. The Team Knockout competition will be played in modified league match format with the **pairs played first** followed by **singles** and **1001 at the end**. All games must be played except that no Captains cup is required.
19. Any player wishing to play in the pairs or singles competitions must have played in at least 1 pair or singles match or the Captains Cup in the league prior to the competition.
20. Teams are responsible for ensuring trophies are returned to Sturminster Newton RBL Club 2 weeks prior to presentation night. If any trophies are lost or stolen the team holding them are responsible for their replacement with trophies of at least the same standard.
21. Any disputes during a game will be sorted out by the marker whose decision will be final.
22. All players are to adhere to the League Code of Conduct and be aware of the disciplinary procedure as attached to these rules and published on the League Website (<http://www.sturdarts.co.uk/rules/>). In the case of any changes the version on the website will be the definitive version.
23. Promotion and relegation will be decided as follows:
- In a division consisting of 8 teams 2 teams will be promoted/relegated.
 - In a division consisting of 7 teams or less 1 team will be promoted/relegated.
24. The AGM for the league will be held approximately 4 weeks before the league starts. The AGM will be the forum for making league rules, electing Officers and Committee and any disciplinary hearings.

All league players are eligible to attend and vote. Each team should have at least one representative present.

25. The League Committee will consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least 6 league members, preferably team captains from all Divisions. The committee members will be responsible for making urgent decisions that cannot wait until the next AGM. A quorum must exist for a committee meeting to be valid and shall consist of at least 4 members of the committee, two of whom shall be the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

26. Committee for this season are:

Chairman – Joe Spicer

Secretary – Dougie Dyke

Treasurer – Michelle Haynes

Committee Members

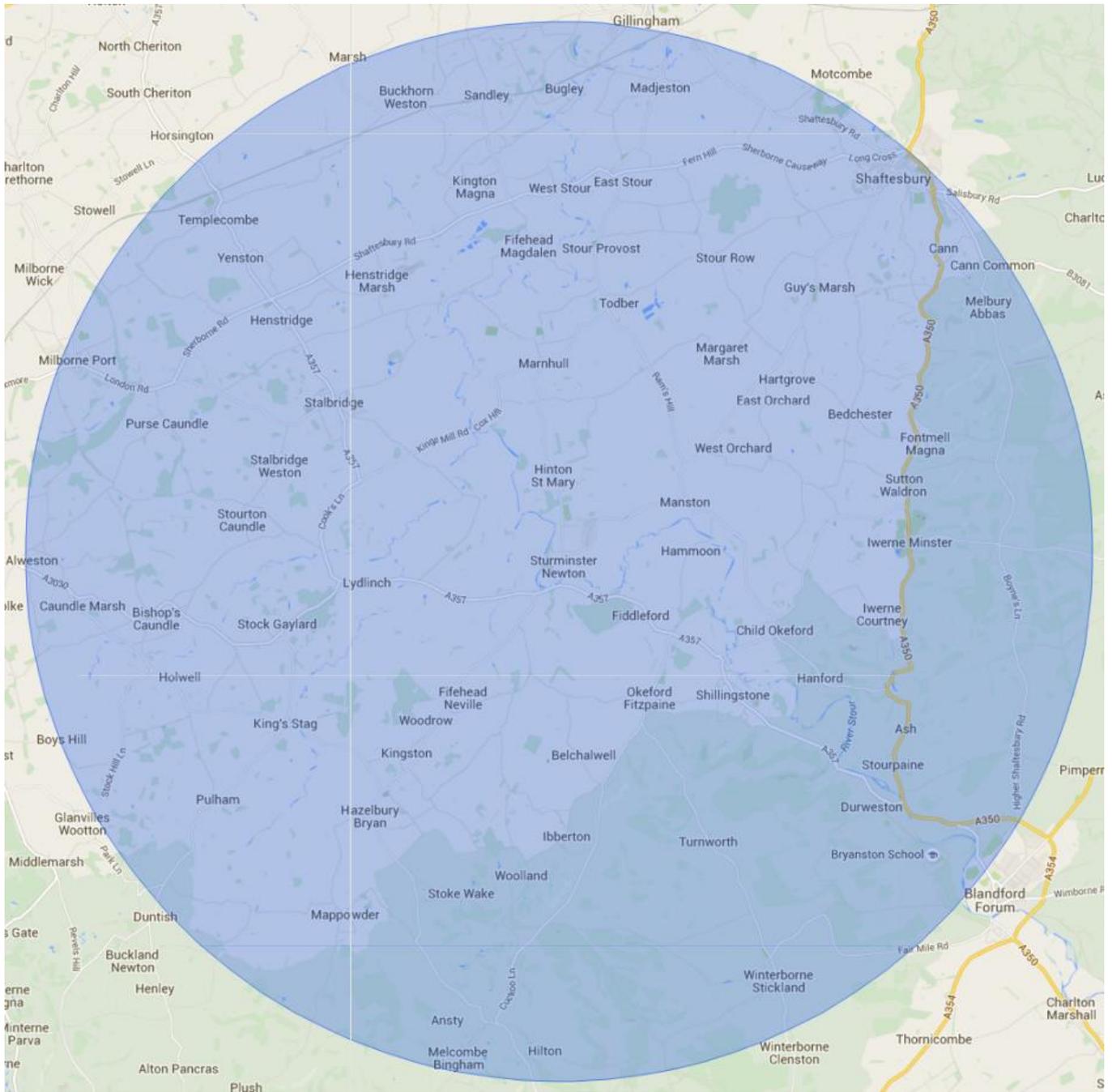
Div 1 – Cathy Campbell, Graham Taylor & Antoni Dyke

Div 2 – Kim White, Lee Williams & Sue Plummer

Div 3 – Julie Vincent, Toby Greenfield & Mark England

Div 4 - Sue Dyke & Chris Williams

Map showing area of league coverage



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