

GUERNSEY DARTS



ASSOCIATION

(2010)

Playing Rules

First Edition – 26th June 2020

Playing Rules

1. All dart boards shall be of the "bristle" type, and also shall be of the 1-20 clock pattern. The outer narrow ring shall score "Double" the segment number and the inner narrow ring shall score "Treble" the segment number. The outer circular ring shall score "25" and the inner circular ring shall score "50" and be named the "Bull".
2. The dart board shall be fixed such that the perpendicular height from the floor to the centre of the Bull, at the same level as the Oche, shall measure 5 foot 8 inches (1.73 metres).
3. A raised Oche of 1½ inches (38 mm) high and 24 inches (610 mm) must be placed in position at the minimum throwing distance from the dart board and shall measure from the back of the Oche 7 feet 9¼ inches (2.37 metres) along the floor to a plumb line at the face of the board.
4. Players shall have the right to request a check on the height of the dart board and the throwing distance from the throwing line (Oche).
5.
 - (a) All darts must be thrown by, and from the player's hand.
 - (b) A throw shall consist of three darts, unless a leg, set or match is finished in less than three darts.
 - (c) Any darts bouncing off, or falling out of the dart board, do not count and shall not be re-thrown.
6.
 - (a) In all darts events, each leg shall be played with a straight start, and the finish must be on a double, unless otherwise stated in the playing format of a particular event eg. "double in, double out".
 - (b) The Bull shall count as a score of 50 and if 50 is required in order to complete a leg, set or match, then the bull shall count as double 25.
 - (c) The "Burst" or "Bust" rule shall apply. If a player scores more than the number which is required, then that score shall not be counted and the player shall automatically revert back to the score which they required prior to the opponents' last throw.
 - (d) A "Game shot" which has been called by the match referee, or caller, is valid only if the darts which have been thrown achieve the required finish and remain in the dart board until retrieved by the thrower at the time when that "Game shot" has been called.
 - (e) Any dart which is mistakenly thrown by a player after scoring the required "double" shall not be counted, as the respective leg, set or match has been concluded by the dart which has scored the required "double".
7.
 - (a) A dart shall only score if the point remains in, or touches the face of the dart board within the outer double wire, and having been "called" shall be retrieved from the dart board by the thrower.
 - (b) The score is counted from the side of the segment wire in which the point of the dart enters and remains in, or touches the face of the dart board.
 - (c) The darts shall be retrieved from the dart board by the thrower, except only in those circumstances when a physical disability or physical injury requires a player to have assistance,

but only after the score has been called by the match referee or caller, and said score has been recorded by the score or marker.

- (d) A protest about the score which has been attained by the thrower, or called after the retrieval of the dart or darts, may not be upheld.
 - (e) All requests to check the scores which have been recorded, or subtractions, must be made where practicable, before the player or team's next throw.
 - (f) The actual score required by a player, or team, must be shown on the score sheet, or score board, and be clearly visible at eye level in front of the players, and the match referee or caller.
 - (g) A player is not bound to go for the double which is required, but may obtain the number required in his / her own way, provided that the player obtains the exact number in order to finish the game. A player may be told either the number they have scored, or the number which is required but not how to obtain it (eg. The match referee or caller may call 32 left, but not double 16).
 - (h) The first player, or team, to reduce the score to exactly zero, by obtaining the required "double" out, is the winner of that leg, set, or match, whichever may be applicable at the time.
 - (i) If an official challenges a player for overstepping the minimum throw line, and the player concerned persists in doing the same, his / her score will not be counted for that throw. i.e. the score for his / her three darts shall be zero.
 - (j) The match referee, or caller, shall act as an umpire in all matters attaining to the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Playing Rules when officiating a darts match, and shall if necessary, consult with scorers and other officials before announcing any decisions during the course of a leg, set or match.
8. The Guernsey Darts Association (2010) formally reserves the right to seed players or teams in certain events when it is deemed necessary.
9. (a) There will only be one draw for match opponents, which shall be conducted prior to the respective darts event, with the bracket system being adopted. The only time this will not be adhered to will be in the instance of an event being pre-advertised as of being an "FA Cup" format which would necessitate an open draw prior to the beginning of each round in the competition.
- (b) The event organisers who have been appointed by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) shall arrange preliminary matches so as to eliminate all "Byes" from the first round proper of the darts event, with all "Byes" to be drawn first.
10. (a) The order of play shall be determined by a "Bull-up" prior to the commencement of a match.
- (b) Each player shall throw one dart at the Bull. The player whose dart is closest shall be deemed as the winner.
- (c) The winner of the "Bull-up" shall throw first in the first leg / set, and in all odd alternate legs / sets thereafter in that respective match.
- (d) The loser of the "Bull-up" shall throw first in the second leg / set, and if applicable in all even alternate legs / sets thereafter in that respective match.

11.
 - (a) Any player may enter competitions from any league where they are a registered player. However, they may only enter for any one specific competition from any one league at any one time.
 - (b) The previous year's winners of the Guernsey Open Singles (Men and Women), Guernsey Open Pairs (Men and Women), Guernsey Open Mixed Pairs and Guernsey Open Fours are to be granted automatic free entry to the following year's tournaments. Players will be invited to enter the competitions and will have to accept the invitation before the advertised closing date. If the invitation is accepted after the closing date then any entry monies must be paid and the automatic free entry will have expired and rescinded. In the Pairs and Fours competitions the automatic free entry would only be applicable to the original pair / four.
12.
 - (a) Completion of an entry form by a player or team, for a Guernsey Darts Association (2010) event, and the acceptance of that form by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010), shall be deemed as an acceptance by that player, or team, of the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Playing Rules applicable to and covering that event.
 - (b) The event organisers appointed by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) reserve the right to refuse or cancel any entrant at any stage during a darts event, to withhold any prize monies won or to not return any entry monies paid in advance. Their decision shall be deemed as final and binding in all matches relating to that darts event without right of appeal.
13.
 - (a) All players are expected to be dressed in a suitable manner for the Finals of any Guernsey Darts Association (2010) event, for example, the Herm Open and Herm Classic. **Players must wear a collared darts shirt, and black trousers / skirt.** Players are not permitted to wear jeans, neither shall they wear trousers or skirts made of denim or corduroy material, which may be fashioned in a "jeans" style. This restriction shall also be applied to garments considered to be a form of "tracksuit" attire.
 - (b) **Formal black "dress" shoes must be worn at all times**, trainers are not permitted unless special dispensation has been attained from the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) prior to the date of the match. Any application for the wearing of trainers on medical grounds must be accompanied with reasons in writing from a qualified medical practitioner. Open-toed shoes or sandals are also not permitted.
 - (c) No headgear or headphones shall be worn unless special dispensation has been attained from the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) prior to the date of the match. Only headgear which was relating to either religious or medical grounds would qualify for such permission to be granted. Any application for the wearing of headgear on medical grounds must be accompanied with reasons in writing from a qualified medical practitioner.
 - (d) Players are permitted to wear sweatbands on their wrists.
 - (e) In the course of any match in the event, players shall conduct themselves in a manner which conveys respect to the opposing player(s), and shall refrain from annoying the other player(s) or by using foul or offensive language, or by making offensive or obscene gestures, and shall refrain at all times for displaying unsportsmanlike conduct such as deliberately losing a leg or match, deliberately delaying match play, or interfering with the throw of another player, in accordance with Clause 15.01 of the World Darts Federation Playing and Tournament Rules.

- (f) When leaving the stage area after a Finals match has concluded, players must show the appropriate level of respect to both their opponent(s) and the match referee. If any player has reason to take issue with either their opponent or the match referee, then it is their duty to immediately inform the event organisers appointed by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) in order to resolve the issue in a professional and dignified manner.
 - (g) Any player in breach of Clause 15.01 of the World Darts Federation Playing and Tournament Rules shall be deemed to have brought the sport of Darts into disrepute and shall be subject to Disciplinary proceedings either by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) or another appropriate Darts Regulatory body, whence disciplinary proceedings will be considered and if necessary, enforced.
 - (h) No alcohol is to be consumed on stage during the Finals of an event, in accordance with Clause 18.01 of the World Darts Federation Playing and Tournament Rules. Any player in breach of this clause shall be liable to the forfeiture of the match in which they are participating in, during which the offence took place. They shall then be reported to either the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) or another appropriate Darts Regulatory body, whence disciplinary proceedings will be considered and if necessary, enforced.
14. All darts players or teams shall play under the supervision of organisers and officials appointed by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010), in all events run under the jurisdiction of the Guernsey Darts Association (2010).
 15. Unless otherwise stated, all Tournaments and Competitions which have been sanctioned by, and under the jurisdiction of the Guernsey Darts Association (2010), shall be run on a “Knock-out” basis.
 16. The Guernsey Darts Association (2010), or its approved organisers, reserve the right to cancel or change, all dates, venues and scheduled darts events, without giving prior notice.
 17. Decisions on all matters pertaining to the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Playing Rules, in any tournament or championship sanctioned by, and under the jurisdiction of the Guernsey Darts Association (2010), shall be made by the appointed organisers, whose decision shall be deemed as final and binding without the right of appeal.
 18. All tournament players or teams shall play within the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Playing Rules, and where necessary, any supplementary Rules laid down in any darts event entry form or programme, relating to that particular tournament.
 19. No player or team, having once been knocked out of a “Knock-out” tournament shall play again in that tournament, either as a substitute player or team, or in their own right, excepting in those circumstances when a breach of the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Playing Rules has occurred, which materially affected the losing player or team, such breach not having been committed by the losing player or team. The organisers appointed by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) may, at their own discretion, reinstate the player or team in the tournament, either in substitution for, or in addition to, the winning player or team who committed the breach.
 20. If a player or team representative, is not present at the official presentation ceremony to receive trophies, prizes or prize monies, without the prior permission of the organisers, officials or promoters appointed by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010), then that player or team representative shall

forfeit the right to receive such trophies, prizes or prize monies that may be due in relation to the tournament.

21. Any player or team, that has not fulfilled their playing commitments of the tournament, by failing to complete all scheduled matches, including Finals matches, shall forfeit the right to receive trophies, prizes or prize monies that may be due in relation to the tournament.
22.
 - (a) Entry forms for Guernsey Darts Association (2010) tournaments and events may not, after acceptance, be altered or added to for any reason. Where provision has been made for reserve players for team events, and a team fails to include named participants for any or all of the reserve places, then that team shall forfeit the right to have reserve players for any of the positions not filled on the official entry form. This may only be appealed against in exceptional circumstances, in which case a formal request may be made where possible in writing to the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) prior to the advertised start date of the tournament or event clearly stating the reason for including a reserve player not originally named in the submitted event form. The Guernsey Darts Association (2010) reserves the right to make a decision which shall be deemed as final and binding and without the right of appeal.
 - (b) Any team which participates in any Guernsey Darts Association (2010) tournament or event, must have the required number of players present, as nominated on the official entry form, to complete all stages of any match in which they are involved. Any team which cannot fulfil the required total commitment for any match at any stage throughout the tournament or event, will automatically be eliminated from competition at that stage of the tournament or event.
23. All names of players / teams qualifying for Guernsey Event Finals must be in the hands of the organisers appointed by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) no later than fourteen days before the scheduled date of the Finals. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £** *(this amount to be decided upon at a meeting of Directors of the Guernsey Darts Association, but should be no lower than £20 and no higher than £50).*
24. Any matter which is not expressly covered above by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Playing Rules shall be determined by the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Board of Directors / Executive Committee, whose decisions shall be deemed as final and binding without the right of appeal. Furthermore, the Guernsey Darts Association (2010) Board of Directors / Executive Committee reserve the right to amend, alter or add to the Playing Rules at any time.