Sevenoaks and District Charity Darts League
CONSTITUTION & RULES (Issued Sept 2025)

1. **THE LEAGUE.**

1.1 The League shall be known as The Sevenoaks Charity Darts League.

1.2 Membership is restricted to teams which fall within an **EIGHT** mile radius of Sevenoaks Tubbs Hill Railway Station, and is by invitation only to teams and players, and the formation of the League is at the absolute discretion of the Committee.

1.3 The aim of the League is to organise competition darts through League and knock-out competitions.

1.4 The nett profits of the League are to be donated to specified charities for specified purposes. The responsibility for naming these Charities and purposes will be at the absolute discretion of the Committee.

1.5 The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held at a date and place specified by the outgoing Committee at anytime between the end of the Season and the 30th June.

1.6 The minimum of twenty-eight (28) days notice must be given for the A.G.M.

1.7 Each team which has completed in the League during the Season may send one voting delegate per team to the A.G.M. for that season.

1.8 Alteration to rules shall only be made at the A.G.M., notice of any proposed alterations must be submitted to the League Secretary in writing not later than the 30th April each year.

2. **THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE.**

2.1 The Committee is charged with the responsibility for observing the conduct of the League during its term of office, and has final ruling over all League matters.

The Committee shall consist of Honorary:-
1) Chairman.
2) Secretary.
3) Fixtures Secretary.
4) Treasurer.
Plus five other members all with one vote.
No Club shall have more than two Committee members on the Committee at any given time.

2.2 The Committee shall meet regularly during the year to conduct League business on any dates, which it deems suitable.

2.3 Removal of a Committee member requires the unanimous agreement of the other voting members.

2.4 A vacancy on the Committee, for whatever reason, is to be filled by the Committee co-opting a replacement who must fulfil the same criteria as the retiring member.

3. **THE CLUBS (OR PUBS)**

3.1 Each competing team shall form its own Club for the purpose of participation in the League.

3.2 Each Club has sole jurisdiction over its own internal affairs.

3.3 There is no limit to the number of individual members which a Club may register during the Season, and up to the date below (rule 3.4).

3.4 **No new signings are allowed on or after the 1st March each Season, except by special permission of the Committee.**

3.5 Players are registered to their Club and not a team.

3.6 A player can play for more than one team within a Club, but cannot play for a different team in the same week (Sunday to Saturday) in either League games or Knock-out competitions.

3.7 The League shall be divided into Divisions at the discretion of the Committee, who will take into account the number of teams to be involved and the Committee will, from time to time, frame regulations concerning the creation and disbandment of such Divisions and promotions and demotions as circumstances dictate.

4. **ACCOUNTS.**

4.1 The Treasurer shall open a Bank Account in the name of " The Sevenoaks and District Charity Darts League".

4.2 All monies received shall be deposited in this account.

4.3 The disbursements shall be by cheque and shall require the signatures of the Treasurer and one voting Committee member.

4.4 The Committee shall be responsible for producing Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts which will be presented for approval at the A.G.M.

4.5 The books of the League will be audited by two (2) members of the League who are not members of the Committee.

5. **FEES.**

5.1 The annual fees per **TEAM** are **THIRTY** pounds to be paid at the start of the Season. Tournament fees are £3 for Singles, £6 per Pair.

6. **LICENSEES.**

6.1 It is the responsibility of each Licensee to provide and safeguard the Charity Box and to pass its contents to the Treasurer as requested.

6.2 Nothing whatsoever in this Constitution is to be held as being prejudicial to the rights and responsibilities of individual Licensees in the conduct of their businesses.

7. **RULES FOR TUESDAY LEAGUE DIVISIONS.**

The Names of a Team's players taking part MUST be marked up on the Match Board and Result Sheet before play starts.

7.1 <u>PREMIER DIVISION ONLY</u>:-

For a given League match the order of play shall be three (3) Pairs of 601, best of 3 legs for 1 point equals 3 points total. Six (6) Singles of 501, 3 legs for 3 points equals 18 points in total. Giving a total of 21 points a match. A team shall consist of Six (6) Players plus up to Four (4) Substitutes if they so wish. The first 6 names as shown on the Match Board and Result Sheet to be drawn for order of play in the three (3) Pairs games. Before the Draw for the Singles games the Team Captains may if they wish, substitute any of their players named on the Match Board and Result Sheet, to play the six (6) singles games.

7.2 **<u>'A' DIVISION ONLY</u>:-**
For a given League match the order of play shall be three (3) Pairs of 601 best of 3 for 1 point equalling 3 points total. Six (6) Singles of 501 best of 3 legs for 1 point each equals 6 points in total. Giving a total of 9 points a match. A team shall consist of Six (6) Players plus up to Four (4) Substitutes if they so wish. The first 6 names as shown on the Match Board and Result Sheet to be drawn for order of play in the three (3) Pairs games. Before the Draw for the Singles games the Team Captains may if they wish, substitute any of their players named on the Match Board and Result Sheet, to play the six (6) singles games.

7.3 **<u>'B' DIVISION ONLY</u>:-**
For a given League match the order of play shall be three (3) Pairs of 601 1 leg for 1 point equalling 3 points total. Six (6) Singles of 501 best of 3 legs for 1 point each equals 6 points in total. Giving a total of 9 points a match. A team shall consist of Six (6) Players plus up to Four (4) Substitutes if they so wish. The first 6 names as shown on the Match Board and Result Sheet to be drawn for order of play in the three (3) Pairs games. Before the Draw for the Singles games the Team Captains may if they wish, substitute any of their players named on the Match Board and Result Sheet, to play the six (6) singles games.

7.4 The Home Captain shall collect a Pound from each player in their team for the charity. This money to be passed at the end of the season to the Secretary or Chairman who will be expecting at least £54 from each team (10 teams in a division). If this is not fulfilled the offending team would not be allowed to enter for the following season until payment made.

7.5 Matches are to commence at 8.30 p.m.

7.6 All matches are to be played straight start, finishing on a double. The bull to count as a double. The 'Bust' rule to apply. **STARTING A MATCH:- The <u>Away Team</u> to throw first in first game alternating thereafter.**

7.7 The names of the players taking part must be recorded in **BLOCK CAPITALS** on the **RESULT FORM** provided **before play starts** and the captain of each team must sign the form certifying that the names are correct as to the persons playing.

7.8 The Captain (or Secretary) of the HOME team must send the completed Result Form by email to the Fixtures Secretary no later than the following day of the match to ensure publication of up to date League tables. There may be points deducted for late result cards and fielding unregistered players, this will be at the discretion of the Committee.

7.9 The Arranged day for all League Matches to be a Tuesday evening.

7.10 **In the event of very inclement weather, the visiting team must contact their opponents team Secretary and the Pub or Club by 6.30p.m. of the evening of the fixture, and inform the Fixtures Secretary at the same time.**

7.11 **Any team unable to fulfil a fixture for any reason apart from weather must notify the opposition, and the Fixture Secretary** by the previous Sunday. The offended team shall pick the new date which should be as soon as possible, if the match is still not played it should be referred to the League Committee, who will decide on the action to be taken, and who can rule that the team who was offended against could be awarded a winning margin of eleven points to nil (11-0) for 21 points ('P') and a winning margin of Five points to nil (5-0) for 9 points ('A','B')

7.12 A Team must play no less than 5 (Five) players in any League Match.
In the event of a team not fielding the full six players the following will apply:- **Their opponents may decide who they will drop from their team before the draw for the singles is made.** In the event of both teams being equally short, **ONLY** that number of players shall be drawn. And will therefore only be eligible for points for the games played.

Any team playing with five players lose three points for singles in the Premier division and a point for their singles for A & B divisions. In pairs they either miss every other throw or lose two points in the premier division or a point in the A & B divisions.

7.13 In the event of a Club withdrawing from the League before the Season is completed, all points for and against will be deleted from the relevant League Tables.

7.14 The height of the dartboard will be 5ft 8ins from the centre of the 'Bull' to the floor and the throwing distance shall be 7ft 9¼ins from the 'Oche' to a line plumbed from the face of the board. The score board must be as near to the dartboard as possible in front of the player. **Electronic Score Machines must have the facility to show a minimum of (5) five previous scores at all times during the game in progress. In case of failure of these machines, provision must be available to score the game with the use of a chalk board or white board and pen.** The quality of the dartboard and the above stipulations will be the subject of inspection by a member of the Committee at any time.

7.15 The **HOME** team is to supply a **SCORER** and the **AWAY** team a **CALLER** for all matches. The Caller to ensure that the players score is correct and that the running score on the scoreboard is correct. A player may ask the caller what score he has thrown, or what score is left. The caller must not name a double and no player from the team may call out to a player during his throw.

7.16 A minimum of two leading teams in each Division will be promoted and the two bottom teams will be relegated the following season. The final composition of the League will be left to the discretion of the League Committee.

7.17 Any Teams tied on points for the top or bottom two places in a Division, will be decided as follows:-
Most matches won, if still tied, by most wins against each other during the season, if still tied a play off Match will be played on a neutral board arranged by the Committee.
Note: This Rule will not apply to the Bottom Teams in the lowest Division.

7.18 Any team failing to complete their Seasons fixtures may not be invited to re-join the League for the following Season.

7.19 The team **MUST** elect a **Secretary** for each team to have all the information sent straight to them. They must give an address and phone number where they can be contacted.

8 COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS.

8.1 All complaints and protests are to be made in writing to the League Secretary within 48 hours of the incident.

8.2 The ruling of the Committee will be final in all matters.

9 SUBSIDIARY COMPETITIONS.

9.1 The following Knock Out competitions will be held each year. **Singles and Pairs.**
Each Division will play its own competition in the Singles and Pairs.
The Premier Division Winners will represent the League in the Kent Champion of Champions and any other Similar competition.

9.2 Only players registered for member Clubs of The Sevenoaks and District Charity Darts League are permitted to enter the competitions.

Provided they have played a minimum of Three (3) League matches for their team during the current season, will be considered for entry into K.O. Competitions.

9.3 The draw shall be made by the Committee who will fix the date. Matches must be played on the stated date. The normal days for the Competitions will be Tuesdays.

9.4 The venue shall be fixed by the Committee.

9.5 A match shall consist of the best of three (3) games to be played straight start, finish on a double. The 'Bust' rule to apply. To decide first in, toss of a coin, alternating thereafter, further toss of a coin for final leg if required. First named in draw has first call, opponent has call on third or fifth leg.

Semi-Finals and Finals to be best of five (5) games.

The games will be as follows: -
Singles 501 up
Pairs 601 up