

Shrewsbury Premier 501 Darts League

1. Terms :

The League	The League shall be known as Shrewsbury Premier 501 Darts League in association with CRF UK Limited. The League shall be governed by Premier Severn Limited.
The Teams	The League shall consist of no more than 14 Teams selected from Public Houses in or around Shrewsbury
Representative Member	All Teams shall have a Representative Member on the Committee who shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM")
The Committee	The Committee shall consist of The Chairman, The League Secretary, The General Secretary, Treasurer and the 14 appointed Representative Members.
Players	Other signed on members of the Teams ("Players")

2. General

(a) Committee/Meetings

- (i) The AGM will take place at the end of each season on a day and time to be set by the General Secretary. Extraordinary Meetings may be called from time to time at the discretion of the General Secretary, each Representative Member shall be given at least seven days' notice of any such meetings.
- (ii) No alteration shall be made to these rules without due notice of the proposal being forwarded to the General Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM.
- (iii) Only Representative Members of the Committee are entitled to vote at the AGM and Extra Ordinary Meetings and each Team will be permitted only one vote.
- (iv) All matters not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by The Committee whose decision shall be final.

(b) Fees

All participating Teams shall pay an entry fee to the league of £50.00 per season. Each Player will pay a signing on fee of £3.00 per player.

(c) New Applications

New Applications to join the League must be received by the League Secretary not later than 14 days prior to A G M.

(d) New Teams

New Teams elected at the AGM must pay their entry fee immediately after the closure of the AGM.

(e) Players

- (i) Players can be signed on in the first half of the league season only.
- (ii) Players can transfer to another team only in the first half of the season. The transfer has to be authorised by the League Secretary before the player can play for their new team. Transfer Fee is £5.00.

(f) Match Dates

- (i) All matches will take place on the Friday shown in the fixture sheet.
- (ii) A change in fixture date can be requested by a Team once per season but this must be agreed by the Representative Member of the opposing team.
- (iii) The Representative Member of the opposing team must notify the League Secretary of the change in date and 24 hours notice must be given.
- (iv) Only one change in fixtures is allowed per Team per season.
- (v) All rearranged games must be played in the week before the original fixture.
- (vi) A fixture date may be changed due to bad weather conditions or certain exceptional circumstances and if agreed by the League Secretary this will be in addition to the aforementioned change.
- (vii) Any Team failing to comply with the above will be fined £5 and lose the Match 8-0.

(g) Match Procedures and Rules

- (i) The match will consist of 8 games - 6 singles and 2 doubles (or 3 doubles for the playoffs).
- (ii) Any Player must only play a maximum of one single game and one doubles game.
- (iii) Singles games best of 5 legs 501 flying start finish on a double. Doubles games best of 3 legs 501 flying start finish on a double.
- (iv) Each player throwing one dart on the board shall determine order of starting first and third game. The player whose dart is nearest the centre of the board shall throw first. A dart failing to stick in the board shall be re-thrown. (This rule only applies to start a game). The Loser of the bull throw shall start the second game.
- (v) One game at a time shall be placed on the result card.
- (vi) The Captain of each Team will keep a book in which to record the names of players taking part in each match and the result of each game. These books must be produced for inspection to any Committee Member on request during the season and presented to the League Secretary at the end of the season. Failure to produce a completed book at any time during the season will result in a penalty to be determined by the Committee ie fine or expulsion.
- (vii) All matches are to commence not later than 8.30pm.
- (viii) The first players must start their game at 8.30 pm and each subsequent game must commence within 5 minutes of the completion or forfeiture of the previous game. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a penalty determined by the Committee ie fine or expulsion
- (ix) In the event of a Team playing less than 6 players, each absent player shall forfeit their game, which shall be awarded to the opponent. A dash must be inserted on the result card in place of the absent players name. False names are on NO account to be used.
- (x) Teams that field less than 6 players can be penalised at the discretion of the Committee ie fine or expulsion.
- (xi) The Result of each match must be forwarded to the League Secretary by the home team by means of photograph of Result Card on The League's Facebook group page on the night of the match. , printed result cards and average sheets must be signed by both Team Captains, and be with the League Secretary by no later than the Wednesday following the night on which the match was played.
- (xii) Any club who does not forward a result card/average sheet in accordance with rule 2 (g) (xii) shall be fined a sum of £5.00.
- (xiii) Any Team that leaves the League before the end of the first half of the season will forfeit all previous results and these will be declared null and void.
- (xiv) Any Team that leaves the League during the second half of the season will forfeit all previous results from the second half of the season and these will be declared will be null and void. The first half season results will stand.
- (xv) Two points shall be awarded for a team win and one point for a draw.
- (xvi) Boards must be of any type providing they comply with the following standards. Diameter 18 inches, outer bull 1-1/4 inches, inner bull ½ inch, doubles and trebles 3/8 inch, inside treble and double circles 7-1/2 and 12-1/2 inches diameter respectively. Any type of darts may be used.
- (xvii) The throwing distance shall be 7ft 9 1/4 inch. The centre of the bull to be 5ft 8 inches from the floor and a line parallel to the floor 8ft long shall consist of the actual throw. The board to be firmly fixed to the wall and there shall be no obstacle between the player and the board. The pitch must be kept clear.
- (xviii) A Raised Oche is preferred and shall be fixed on the floor to denote the 7ft 9 1/4 inch mark and shall be at least 18 inches long. Players shall have their feet behind the mark or the score made by the darts shall not count.
- (xix) Each team shall provide one person for scoring, one for taking the averages and one for marking the board. The scoreboard must be in view of the player in play and any error cannot be corrected after the next dart of the player whose score is incorrectly shown.
- (xx) The first game a player competes in goes towards their individual ranking.
- (xxi) Averages will not be taken for doubles matches.
- (xxii) The League Winners shall be the team with the most points in each case, with aggregate to count in the usual way in the event of two teams finishing with equal points, if points and aggregate are equal then goes to number of wins then head to head if still equal toss of a coin.
- (xxiii) The Championship Trophies will be presented on finals night. In addition, the first, second, third & fourth placed teams will receive individual trophies or cash prizes as decided by the Committee and will qualify for the playoff finals.
- (xxiv) All teams are bound by the rules of the league to fulfil all fixtures. Failure to do so will result in said team being fined and having to reapply for league status.

(h) Competitions

- (i) The League shall also run individual Competitions and such other Competitions as may be decided from time to time at the AGM or Extra Ordinary Meeting with The Committee.
- (ii) Registered players entering any Cup/Individual Competitions must have played a minimum of five league games in the league to be eligible for entry. Any Players not complying with these rules may lead to a penalty being incurred by the team which will be determined by the Committee ie fine or expulsion.

(i) Player/Team Conduct

- (i) The Captain and Representative member of each Team is responsible for the conduct and welfare of all Players. The strictest of order must be kept during play. If a Captain or Representative Member of

any Team feels that a venue is not conducive to a darts match they are permitted to leave the venue but must first inform the Captain or Representative Member of the opposing Team and reason why by way of verbal conversation. The Captain or Representative Member must inform the League Secretary on the same night and then in writing within 48 hours.

- (ii) An Extra Ordinary Meeting will then be called by the General Secretary to discuss the events which led to the Match being cancelled and a penalty to be determined by the Committee may apply ie fine or expulsion.
- (iii) Fines not paid by the end of the season will result in the offending Player/Team's membership of the League being cancelled for a minimum of one season.
- (iv) Any Player not invited to play in a season or who had been expelled from the League will be invited to apply for the coming season. All requests must be received within 14 days of the next Annual General Meeting.
- (v) Any decisions by the Committee at the AGM made will be reported in writing within
- (vi) Any Player can request an Extra-Ordinary Meeting be called of the Committee by giving written notice to the Secretary of the League. A meeting will be called within 14 days of receiving such request. The Committee will then respond in writing within 30 days.
- (vii) If any Player wishes to appeal any decision made then this must be made in writing to the Secretary within 14 days of receiving any written decision. Again, a meeting of the Committee will be called within 14 days of receiving such request and a written response sent in writing within 30 days.