

# ***Scottish Darts Association***

## Introduction

The Competition shall be known as the Scottish Darts Association County Championship.

The purpose of the Competition is to foster and encourage darts nationally and to provide a level of expertise to enable the Scottish Darts Association (SDA) to select their international side.

Scotland will be divided into Scotland North and Scotland South and the membership of each Division will be confirmed at the AGM of the SDA.

Currently for season 2021/22 the area split is Scotland North - Highland, Moray, Grampian, Angus, Perthshire, Tay Valley and Fife while Scotland South would be Greater Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Ayrshire, Borders, and East Stirlingshire.



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## Playing Rules

Each county would select a team of 16 men and 8 ladies, to be played in the following order, 3 Ladies, 6 Men, 5 Ladies, 10 Men, No Player can Play Twice on the same day.

Each set would comprise best of 7 x 501 in the Men's matches and best of 5 x 501 in the Ladies matches.

Order of play would be as laid down in the draw with the away side playing first in the opening set and thence forward alternate starts would apply.

The match would commence at 10.30 am with the draw taking place not less than 30 minutes before the start.

A point would be gained by each county after each win and the points would be totalled to determine the overall winner of the fixture, this would be recorded in the Mens and Ladies tables in the first instance and then in the Accumulative Table.

The Accumulative Table would determine any prize-money on offer at the end of the season.

If a county does not have the required number of players to fulfil the fixture they would automatically forfeit the set 4-0 in the men's and 3-0 in the ladies. However a substitute must be supplied in order that the opponent gains an average for the match.

If a player takes ill during the match or in emergency circumstances, after the draw has taken place, one substitute per county will be permitted in the form of a player not originally in the draw.

If both managers are agreeable then any two men and one lady can be moved up or down the order of play.

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### Playing Attire

All counties will be obliged to record their county uniform in the registration form at the start of the season.

County shirts must be worn by all players and officials.

Players must be dressed in trousers or skirts in the nominated colour of the county, no denim will be allowed.

Footwear must be of a closed nature, no sandals etc, but the colour is the players choice.

Headgear cannot be worn unless for religious or medical reasons.

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## **Playing Venue**

All counties must inform the visiting sides no less than four weeks before the fixture of their home venue, address, postcode and telephone number, also importantly whether the match will be played on the Saturday or the Sunday.

Venues must be of adequate size to accommodate both the home side and the visiting team.

The match board and a minimum of two practise boards used must be of the current board sponsor, this year Mission Samurai Boards will be used.

Where possible the practise boards must be in the room where the main match is taking place.

WIFI should be supplied at the venue and if this is not possible the visiting team should be informed at least four weeks before the fixture.

A raised oche must be supplied and adequate lighting should be used for the match.

A PA system must be supplied to enable the Caller to call out the scores as they occur.

Adequate seating near the playing area must be provided for both home and away side to enable the score recording.

Water must be available adjacent to the playing area and no alcohol will be permitted in the playing area.

Venues must be capable of supplying hot and cold food for spectators and players attending the match.

A match programme must be provided showing the season's fixtures, the current league tables, all sponsors requirements and the team pools playing that day. The visiting side will pay £70 to the home side on arrival, the home side will provide them with their programmes and at the end of the match the home side will forward £48 to the SDA.

All visiting counties must forward their playing pools to the home side no less than four weeks before the fixture.

## **Presentation of Match & Dartboard**

Stage for an County Championship match shall comprise of a raised platform minimum 6ins [15.2cm] of dimensions that will cater for a throwing distance and standing space as per SDA Playing Rules i.e. 144ins [365.8cm] along a horizontal line from the Stage edge to a plumb line at the face of the Dartboard.

There should be a minimum of 18ins [45.7cm] from the top of the dartboard to ceiling. Stage width should be sufficient to permit the match MC, any Markers and players to be present without congestion or interference with matchplay

Allowances must be made in board height for any 'raked' stage

The stage setting for an Inter-County Championship match must be up to acceptable standards as required by the Scottish Darts Association

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The Host County Organisers shall ensure that ONLY SDA approved Tournament Dartboards are used in the presentation of a County Championship match on stage.

The Oche dimensions shall be as laid down in the SDA Playing Rules

The visiting County Organiser shall be invited to verify all dimensions as correct prior to the commencement of a fixture

All SDA events must be played on dartboards that meet the approved specifications, as laid down in the SDA/WDF Playing Rules.

Currently the SDA stipulated dartboard for County and Super League matches is the Mission Samurai Board.

A new dartboard shall be provided for each fixture and that dartboard to be rotated after each series of 6 x sets throughout the match

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## Registration

Each Member County shall complete a COUNTY TEAM REGISTRATION FORM as supplied by the SDA

The Member County Secretary or Organiser shall ensure that ALL details as required are correctly entered onto the Team Registration Form.

The Team Registration form shall be held by the County Organiser and used to update the County Portal

At the start of each season it is the County Organiser's responsibility to ensure that all players taking part in the first fixture are registered on the Darts Connect site.

All counties will be invoiced for the first 26 signed players at £25 per player, any further players will be invoiced at £15 per player.

After the completion of the first fixture any players over the initial 26 that remain on the Darts Connect site will be invoiced at £15 per player at the end of the season. It is imperative that if you are not going to select a particular player he or she must be removed from the system before the second fixture. This does not affect the ability of every County to sign a player at any time during the season with the usual counter signature from the opposing county manager.

## Player Eligibility

Subject to any restrictions incurred as a result of disciplinary proceedings or restrictions under the International Player Registration criteria each player that has completed and signed a SDA COUNTY SUPER LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FORM as a bona fide and Registered member of a SDA Member County Super League is eligible for selection into the respective Men's or Women's County Playing Squads

This Section of the Form necessitates the requirement for the respective players to complete in full all details on a SDACC / INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS REGISTRATION FORM for the British International / SDA Counties Darts Championships

All County players, both Men and Women, must sign an official SDA Registration /Agreement Form for each, and every Playing Season, declaring which Member County they will be playing for.

A player may only register for ONE Member County and may only play for that Member County during that Playing Season.

Any player discovered to have signed for more than ONE Member County in ONE Playing Season shall be suspended for the remainder of that Playing Season.

A player shall also declare his/her Nationality i.e. English, Scottish, Welsh or other on the official SDA Registration/Agreement Form when registering for a Member County.

A player's Nationality is defined by one of four conditions as being: 1. The player's own Country of birth, OR, 2. The player's father's own Country of birth, OR, 3. The player's mother's own Country of birth, OR, 4. By proving that the player is currently residing in, and has resided in the Country for which he/she wishes to play, for a term of not less than 3 x years.

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All players must be Registered under their own names, no aliases, or substitute names shall be allowed.

In the act of signing the official SDA Registration/Agreement Form a player shall undertake to play within, and abide by, all the Rules and Regulations of the Scottish Darts Association and if found to be in breach of any of the Rules and Regulations then that player shall accept that he/she is liable to Disciplinary Proceedings in respect of such breach, always providing that the player's Right of Appeal is properly maintained

Additional players may be registered for a Member County at any time during the Playing Season providing the following procedures are followed:

With the exception of International players no residential qualifications are enforced when selecting players to represent a Member County, but ALL selected players MUST be registered playing members of the Member County's own Super League, wherever they may live.

No County player shall re-register for the existing County Organisation or register for a different County Organisation until after the end of the current Playing Season. [i.e. after 30th June]

A player who is registered for a Member County, BUT has NOT played for that Member County during the Playing Season, may apply for a transfer to another Member County by making an application in writing to the respective Divisional Executive in charge of the player's existing Member County. The application must be made on County headed notepaper through the Secretary of the Member County to which the player wishes to transfer.

A copy of the application must also be sent to the Secretary of the player's existing Member County.

The Divisional Executive shall then authorise the transfer subject to any objections or problems, in which instance

The transfer application shall be referred to the Board of Directors together with a report by the respective Divisional Executive.

County players wishing to change from one County Organisation to another, after the end of the Playing Season, shall be eligible to do so, subject to the granting of a release application by the Member County as previously registered with

A Member County may withhold a release until such time as all articles deemed to be the property of the County Organisation have been returned, and all legitimate financial commitments to the existing County Organisation have been met in full by the player wishing to change to another County Organisation.

It is the player's responsibility to submit a Form of application for release

Form of application can be completed on their behalf by another party, but the player must sign the Form as acknowledgement of intent.

No application for release will be granted by a Divisional Director unless it is supplemented with the completed and signed form of application for release

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Copies of the completed release form shall be made available to the respective Member County Secretaries to the players concerned, and to the respective Divisional Executives for the County Organisations that are involved.

A copy of the completed release form should be attached to the player's new Registration Form when it is submitted to the relevant Divisional Executive so that the SDA system can be adjusted to accommodate the transfer of the player from one County to another.