



B.D.O. MEMBER ONLY DARTS EVENTS SERIES
THE MEN'S BRITISH CHAMPIONS CUP
THE WOMEN'S BRITISH CHAMPIONS CUP
 involving
MEMBER COUNTY SUPER LEAGUE CHAMPION TEAMS

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INTRODUCTION

- a. The British Champions Cup establishes an annual means of determining the overall Men's Champion Super League Team and the Women's Champion Super League Team for the current BICC playing season [i.e. Between 1st September in one year and 30th June in the following year]
- b. The Championship is a 'Stand Alone' event and as such does not provide for any direct player qualification into any other BDO Member Tournaments or inclusion in any BDO Ranking Tables
- c. The Championship will be played as a one day event
- d. All Member Counties are invited to submit for participation those Men's and Women's Teams that have attained first place in the final Tables of their respective Super League for the qualifying season subject to the entry qualifying conditions as detailed below

1.00 ENTRY QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1.01 MEMBER COUNTY ELIGIBILITY

- a. Providing all BDO criteria is met with regard to the constitution of and control a Bona Fide Super League as detailed in BDO Handbook Section D – Membership then a Member County may submit for entry into the British Champions Cup Tournament its qualifying Men's Super League Team and its Women's Super League Team

1.02 TEAM QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- a. The respective Team must have attained the top position in the relevant Super League Table at the end of the season to which the Tournament is applied
- b. In any instance where a Member County operates within its Super League structure a 'Divisional' system based on promotion/relegation within those divisions then the qualifying team must be the Team that won the uppermost Division
- c. In any instance where a Member County operates within its Super League structure a 'Regional Super League' system based on internal geographical boundaries then the qualifying team must be determined by a play off comprising the winning team from each Regional Super League
In such instances where players may represent teams in more than one Regional Super League then any such player must declare his or her 'priority team' for the purpose of entry into the Champions Cup or other internal play off
- d. Member County Super Leagues that permit the registration of players from other Member County Super League should be aware of the criteria laid down in Rule 1.03 (a) & (b) below
- e. A Men's Team must comprise of at least 9 x registered members
- f. A Woman's Team must comprise of at least 5 x registered members

1.03 PLAYER QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- a. If a Member County Super League Player is also registered to play in that Member County Team then that player can **ONLY** qualify for participation in the British Champions Cup through that Member County
- b. If a Member County Super League Player is not a registered Member County Player but is a member of more than one team that has qualified for the British Champions Cup then he/she must declare when the entry forms are submitted which Team he/she intends to represent
- c. All players in the qualifying team must be properly registered as a BDO Super League Member and registered as such on the relevant BDO Super League database

2.00 ENTRY PROCEDURES

2.01 ENTRY FEES

- a. Each participating Member County shall pay a Fee for each of their Men's and Women's Super League Teams as entered
- b. This Entry Fee shall be made payable to the British Darts Organisation Enterprises Ltd
- c. This Entry Fee shall be set by the BDO Board of Directors and is subject to review in each BICC playing season

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2.00 ENTRY PROCEDURES [Continued]

2.02 ENTRY DOCUMENTATION

- a. The BDO will provide the relevant documentation for completion by the respective Member County
- b. The Member County must provide to the BDO Executive a copy of its own Super League Registration Forms that contain the signatures of all qualifying team members

2.03 SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FEES & DETAILS

- a. All fees and completed documentation shall be forwarded to the nominated BDO Executive Officer:
B.D.O. – Unit 4 Glan-y-Lyn Industrial Estate, Cardiff Road, Taffs Well, Cardiff CF5 7JD
- b. Means of electronic submissions will be as advised by the BDO when applicable

2.04 VALIDATION OF ENTRIES

- a. Upon receipt by the BDO Executive Officer all players names will be checked against the BDO Database of currently registered Super League players together with the names of their respective County Super League Teams
- b. Any irregularities as found may invalidate the respective Team's right of entry

2.05 CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION

- a. The closing date for submission of Entry Fees and Documentation shall be **15th JUNE** in each playing season
- b. Late submissions are not eligible and will not be accepted
- c. A member County failing to meet the obligations of submission by the laid down closing date shall forfeit the right to participate in the British Champions Cup for the particular season

2.06 MEMBER COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Each Member County General Secretary shall be responsible for the correct submission of their Member County Teams and in ensuring that all Teams are aware of the Playing Rules and Formats

2.07 DECLARATION OF NON ATTENDANCE

- a. It is the responsibility of the respective County Secretary to inform the BDO if a Team or Teams have withdrawn from participation and therefore will not be attending The British Champions Cup Finals
- b. This declaration must be made to the BDO Office by at least 7 x days prior to the event
- c. The BDO Reserve the right to refuse future entry into the British Champions Cup to any County failing to observe this courtesy without valid reason

3.00 PLAYING VENUE & DATE

- a. The Playing Venue for the Great Britain Finals of the British Champions Cup shall be set by the BDO Board of Directors
- b. The Date for the Great Britain Finals of the British Champions Cup shall be set in the month of August each season by the BDO Board of Directors
- c. The Venue and date will be notified by the BDO to each participating Member County

4.00 DRESS CODE & REGISTRATION

4.01 PLAYING ATTIRE

- a. Each Player in a Men's or Women's Team must wear uniform Super League Team or County Playing attire
- b. This ruling shall require uniformly designed and coloured playing shirts to be worn together with uniformly coloured trousers/skirts
- c. Players are not permitted to wear Jeans, neither shall they wear trousers or skirts made with denim, or corduroy material which have been fashioned in a 'Jeans style. This restriction shall also apply to any form of track suit attire
- d. Any player in breach of the above rulings shall not be permitted to play in any match at the British Champions Cup Final

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4.00 DRESS CODE & REGISTRATION [Continued]

4.02 ADMISSION INTO THE VENUE

- a. Admission will be by Ticket only at a purchase price to be advised by the BDO
- b. All participating Teams shall receive 1 x free admission ticket for each player listed on the entry forms

4.03 TEAM REGISTRATION

- a. Each Team shall register as directed and collect the form necessary for obtaining the participating player signatures

5.00 PLAYING FORMATS & DRAWS

5.01 THE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

A. MEN'S BRITISH CHAMPIONS CUP

Stage ONE = A 'Round Robin' series of Matches whereby the total entry of Men's Teams shall be divided into 8 x groups and every team in each respective group will play every other team in that group once only

Each Group shall determine a winning team by virtue of the application of a points system within each group and this shall reduce the number of teams to 8 Group winning teams

Stage TWO = A Bracket Knockout system comprising the 8 x group winning Men's Teams from Stage One will determine the overall Men's Champion Team

The Bracket Quarter Finals Draw will be determined by the Round Robin Group number won i.e.

Group 1 v Group 2, Group 3 v Group 4, Group 5 v Group 6, Group 7 v Group 8

B. WOMEN'S BRITISH CHAMPIONS CUP

Stage ONE = A 'Round Robin' series of Matches whereby the total entry of Women's Teams shall be divided into 8 x groups and every team in each respective group will play every other team in that group once only

Each Group shall determine a winning team by virtue of the application of a points system within each group and this shall reduce the number of teams to 8 Group winning teams

Stage TWO = A Bracket Knockout system comprising the 8 x group winning Teams from Stage One will determine the overall Women's Champion Team

The Bracket Quarter Finals Draw will be determined by the Round Robin Group number won i.e.

Group 1 v Group 2, Group 3 v Group 4, Group 5 v Group 6, Group 7 v Group 8

5.02 THE MATCHPLAY FORMAT

- a. The Championship shall be played on a multiple Board system
- b. The Matches shall comprise of singles sets as follows:
 - Men's = Best of 9 x Sets, each set the best of 7 x legs
 - Women's = Best of 5 x sets, each set best of 5 x legs
- c. All legs are 501 up start and finish on a double

5.03 THE MATCHPLAY DRAWS

- a. The Draw to determine the 8 x Round Robin Groups in each of the Men's and Women's will be conducted by the BDO Directors
- b. The Draw for the order of Play between opponents in each Match shall be conducted at the Control Desk between the respective Men's and Women's Team Managers at times as stipulated by the Organisers
- c. The Team that wins the Toss as conducted at the time of the draw shall throw first in legs: 1,3,5 & (7) in all odd numbered sets in that respective match
- d. The Team that loses the Toss as conducted at the time of the draw shall throw first in legs: 1,3,5 & (7) in all even numbered sets in that respective match

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5.00 PLAYING FORMATS & DRAWS [Continued]

- e. The players entered into the Draw may be changed for each match played providing the number of players used only includes those declared and registered on the BDO Team Registration Form
- f. These numbers must not exceed a maximum of 16 x players for any Men’s Team and a maximum of 12 x players for any Women’s Team
- g. All players entered into the respective Team Draws must be present in the Playing Venue when the Draw is conducted
- h. There will be no alteration to the Order of Play as determined by the Match Draw
- i. In the instance of a Men’s or Women’s Team arriving at the Playing Venue with less than the number of players required to fulfil a match then that team shall play ‘short’ but the offending team shall forfeit one singles set for each player missing from that team
- j. A ‘complete’ team may select a reduced number of players to be placed in the Draw against a ‘short’ team that has been allowed to participate under rule (i) above
- k. No County may field a team whose numbers do not meet the number required to win a match

5.04 MATCH MARKERS

- a. Once the numbers of Teams participating in each of the Men’s and Women’s playing Groups has been determined a schedule shall be produced detailing which Teams shall be responsible for marking which respective matches
- b. This marking schedule shall be made known to all participating teams on completion of the draws

6.00 POINTS ALLOCATIONS

6.01 TEAM ROUND ROBIN STAGE

- a. One point will be awarded for each set won in each respective match
- b. One bonus point will be awarded for each match won
- c. The Team amassing the highest tally of points in each Group of the Round Robin section shall go forward to the Knockout Stage of the Championship
- d. In the event of a tie on points then the team with most match wins shall be the group winning team
- e. If after [d] has been applied there is still a tie on points won then the legs won over the legs lost difference shall decide the group winning team

6.02 TEAM KNOCKOUT STAGE

- a. The overall match result will determine which team progresses into the next round

7.00 PRIZES & PRESENTATIONS

7.01 PRIZE ALLOCATION

- a. Prizes will be allocated from the Knockout stages of the Championships i.e. Will involve those teams that Won their Round Robin Group

7.02 CHAMPION TEAM TROPHIES

- a. A perpetual solid Silver Challenge Trophy shall be presented to each of the Men’s and Women’s overall Champion Super League Teams which shall be held by each respective Champion Team for a period not exceeding one year

7.03 POSITIONAL PRIZE MONIES

- a. The level of Prize money awarded to each placing shall be set by the BDO Board of Directors and is currently

Men’s		Women’s	
Position	Prize	Position	Prize
Winners	£1,500.00	Winners	£750.00
Runners Up	£700.00	Runners Up	£350.00
Joint 3rd	£350.00	Joint 3rd	£250.00
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7.00 PRIZES & PRESENTATIONS [Continued]

7.04 PRESENTATIONS

- a. Unless prior permission is granted then all players in Teams reaching the Knockout stage of the Champions Cup Finals must be present at the official presentation ceremony
- b. Failure to comply with the above shall forfeit the right to any prize monies and /or trophies won

8.00 GENERAL PROCEDURES

8.01 ADVERTISING

- a. All the Terms of BDO Playing Rule No 27 shall apply to all matches played in the British Champions Cup Finals

8.02 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- a. The Terms and conditions laid down in the BDO Code of Practice No 6 – Anti-Doping Policy shall apply to all players and officials participating in the British Champions Cup

8.03 DRINKS CONSUMPTION

- a. No drinks shall be allowed to be consumed or introduced into the area designated for Matchplay
- b. Any breach of this Rule may lead to the player or team incurring disqualification from the respective match

8.04 PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CONDUCT

- a. Any Players or Officials conduct which is considered to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute shall be liable to Disciplinary Action being taken against them
- b. Such Disciplinary Action may be instigated by the Promoters or by the respective County Darts Body, whichever is more appropriate
- c. Any Disciplinary Action taken shall be conducted in accordance with the BDO Code of Practice No 3 – Disciplinary Proceedings – as laid down in Volume One of the BDO Authorised Handbook



8.05 INTERPRETATIONS

- a. The interpretation of the Playing Rules and Format for the BDO British Champions Cup Finals shall be determined by the BDO Director as appointed to that duty and whose decision on any matter shall be final and binding
- b. Information concerning such interpretations under 7.04 (a) shall be forwarded to the BDO Board of Directors for consideration and possible inclusion in a revised version of the Playing Rules and Format of the BDO British Champions Cup

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9.00 Specimen Entry Forms

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