

BRITISH DARTS ORGANISATION

BRITISH INTER-COUNTY KNOCKOUT CUP – PLAYING RULES AND FORMAT

The British Inter-County Knockout Cup shall be played off on one weekend at a Playing Venue large enough to cater for all Member County teams.

Other supplementary darts events may be staged on the same weekend to enable all darts players present to participate in darts matches on each day.

1.00 ENTRY

1.01 Every Member County shall be eligible to enter the British Inter-County Knockout Cup.

2.00 REGISTRATION

2.01 Every member County that enters the British Inter-County Knockout Cup shall register their Men's and Women's squads of players on the official BDO players squad registration form.
(See page C5 – Specimen Copy of BDO players squad registration form)

2.02 All BDO players squad registration forms must be handed in by the time stipulated for registration, at the control desk on the day of the event.

2.03 Only those players named on the official BDO players squad registration form may be entered into the draw for a match to be played.

2.04 Each Men's squad shall consist of a minimum of '5' players.

2.05 Each Women's squad shall consist of a minimum of '5' players.

2.06 All players listed must be registered County or Super League members, who have registered with a County during the season in which the British Inter-County Knockout Cup is being played

2.07 Additional players may be registered for the purpose of completing a squad allocation, providing that the registration procedure complies with BICC playing Rule 10.10
(See section 'B' – Volume Two – BDO Authorised Handbook)

2.08 The completed Players Form of Registration and Agreement must be handed in together with the Official BDO players squad registration form, by the stipulated time for registration at the BDO control desk on the day of the event.

3.00 PLAYING FORMAT

3.01 The BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the British Inter-County Knockout Cup

3.02 Men's Teams will play the best of '5' Sets of singles, each set shall be the best of '7' legs of 501 up, with a straight start, and a double or the Bull to finish.

3.03 Women's Teams will play the best of '5' Sets of singles, each set shall be the best of '5' legs of 501 up, with a straight start, and a double or the Bull to finish.

3.04 All matches shall be played off on a multiple match board system, with the Team Players assigned to the match boards by the Control Desk Officials.

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4.00 DRAW

- 4.01 A separate draw for team opponents shall be conducted for the Men's and the Women's matches, the bracket system for a knockout event shall be adopted.
- 4.02 Team Managers shall draw for match pairings in a Men's or Women's match at the Control Desk, approximately one hour prior to the scheduled start of each respective match
- 4.03 A complete Men's or Women's Team must be present in the Playing Venue at the time that the Draw for pairings is conducted.
- 4.04 At the Quarter-Final stage the Draw for match pairings shall be conducted directly following the previous match.
- 4.05 The players entered into a Draw for match pairings may be changed for each respective match played on the day of the event providing that the maximum number of players used by a Team during the event does not exceed '6' for the Men's Teams, and '6' for the Women's Teams.
(See Pages C 6 & C 7 – Specimen Match Draw Cards for Men's and Women's Teams).
- 4.06 The Team winning the Draw, or toss of a coin, shall throw first in the 'odd' numbered legs in all 'odd' numbered sets.
- 4.07 The Team losing the Draw, or toss of a coin, shall throw first in the 'odd' numbered legs in all 'even' numbered sets
- 4.08 All Match Draw Cards, complete with all results are to be returned to the Control Desk by the respective Team Managers directly after each match is concluded.
- 4.09 Results of matches may be announced from the Control Desk or the Stage Area whichever is more appropriate.
- 4.10 Team Managers are responsible for directing their players to the assigned Match Boards, and also for advising each player at the Match Board, who is to throw first.

5.0 PRIZES

- 5.01 Team Challenge Trophies will be presented to the Champion Teams, which are to be held by the Champion Men's and Champion Women's Teams for one year.
Plus a maximum of '6' Men's and '6' Women's Individual Players Trophies to be retained by the Team members.
- 5.02 Second placed Men's and Women's Teams will receive a maximum of '6' Men's and '6' Women's Individual Players Trophies to be retained by the Team members.

Joint Third placed Men's and Women's Teams will receive a maximum of '6' Men's and '6' Women's Individual Players Trophies to be retained by the Team members.

Joint Fifth placed Men's and Women's Teams will receive a maximum of '6' Men's and '6' Women's Individual Players Trophies to be retained by the Team members.
- 5.03 Cash prizes may also be presented, subject to the availability of sponsorship

A Minimum of '5' Team Members must be present at the Official Presentation ceremony – failure to comply may mean the withholding of any Prize Money or Trophies.

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6.00 PLAYING ATTIRE

6.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No 25.00 shall apply to all matches played in the British Inter-County Knockout Cup.

7.00 ADVERTISING

7.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No 27.00 shall apply to all matches played in the British Inter-County Knockout Cup.

8.00 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

8.01 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 Inter-County Knock-out Cup.

9.00 PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CONDUCT.

9.01 Any player's or official's conduct, which is considered to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute shall be liable to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against that player or official.

9.02 Such Disciplinary Action may be instigated by the promoters, or by the County Darts Body, whichever is the more appropriate body concerned.

9.03 Any Disciplinary Action taken shall be in accordance with the BDO Code of Practice No 3 as laid down in Volume One of the BDO Authorised Handbook.

10.00 INTERPRETATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

10.01 Any interpretation of the Playing Rules and Format for the British Inter-County Knockout Cup shall be determined by those BDO Directors present in the Playing Venue on the day of the event.

10.02 Information concerning such interpretations shall be forwarded to the BDO Board of Directors for their consideration and possible inclusion in a revised version of the Playing Rules and Format for the British Inter-County Knockout Cup.