

BDO BRITISH CHAMPIONS CUP - PLAYING RULES & FORMAT



**a BDO Members-Only darts tournament
for
Member County Super League Champion Teams
Men & Women**

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INTRODUCTION

All Member Counties may enter their County Super League Champion Men's and Women's Teams into the BDO British Champions Cup, which shall be played off in two stages.

The first stage is in a Regional play-off, held after the end of the current BICC Playing Season, with a group of Member County Super League Champion Men's and Women's Teams taking part in one of eight Regional venues, under the control of a nominated BDO Executive Officer/BDO Organiser.

The second stage is the Great Britain Finals, held prior to the following BICC Playing Season, where all eight Regional Men's and Women's Qualifying Teams play-off to determine the overall BDO British Champion teams.

1.00 ENTRY

- 1.01 Each member County shall pay an Entrance Fee for each Men's and Women's Super League Champion Team, that has participated in that Super League during the current BICC Playing Season. IE: between 1st September in one year and 30th June in the following year.
- 1.02 A Champion Team must have won their Member County Super League table in the current BICC Playing Season.
- 1.03 A team that came Runner-up in the Member County Super-League shall not be permitted to represent that County in the British Champions Cup.
- 1.04 Champion teams shall not be permitted to include any player from any other Super league team in that County, or any other County.
- 1.05 Any player entering the BDO British Champions Cup must be able to demonstrate that he/she has met the terms of commitment made when signing the Super League Registration Form – if not then the entry will not be accepted.
- 1.06 The Entrance Fee shall be made payable to the British Darts Organisation Enterprises Ltd.
- 1.07 The Entrance Fees shall be set by the Board of Directors, and shall be subject to review in each BICC Playing Season.
- 1.08 The Entrance Fees must be forwarded together with the completed Entry Form and accompanied by a composite Super League Team Registration Form for the current BICC Playing Season to the nominated BDO Executive Officer, Mike Stephenson, 5 Tynning Road, Peasedown-St-John, Bath, Somerset. BA2.8HT. by the **15th June** in each BICC Playing Season. (See Rule 2.02 below)
- 1.09 Late entries are not eligible and will not be accepted.
- 1.10 A Member County failing to pay the appropriate Fees by the closing date shall forfeit the right to play in the BDO British Champions Cup.
- 1.11 A levy will be drawn off from the Entrance Fee, which shall be used to subsidise the travelling costs of the eight Regional Men's and Women's Team Qualifiers to the Great Britain Finals. The amount of the subsidy being determined 'pro-rata' to the distances of the Regional Qualifiers from the playing venue for the Great Britain Finals.

2.00 REGISTRATION

- 2.01 Each Member County General Secretary shall be responsible for the correct registration of their member County Super League Champion Men's and Women's Teams on the official BDO Team Registration Forms, and ensuring that teams comply with the Playing Rules & Format.

The Forms must be forwarded to the nominated BDO Executive Officer by the **15th June** in each BICC Playing Season, together with a covering letter confirming the validity of entries.

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REGISTRATION Continued

- 2.02 A copy of the 'original' Super League Registration Form, with each player's own signature upon it shall be forwarded with the 'official' BDO Entry Form, to verify that each player is a 'bona - fide' Member County Super League Player.
- 2.03 All players names will be checked against the BDO Database of registered County Super League players, together with the names of their respective County Super League teams. Any player not found in the database shall not be eligible to play in the BDO British Champions Cup.
- 2.04 Each player shall also be required to countersign the BDO Registration Form when registering to play at a Regional play-off, and the Great Britain Finals.
- 2.05 After collation the nominated BDO Executive Officer in charge of the whole event will then inform the respective County Secretaries/Organisers and BDO Directors of the dates and playing venues for the Regional play-offs and the Great Britain Finals.
- 2.06 Only those players registered on the 'original' Super League Registration Form and on the BDO Registration Forms shall be eligible to play in the Regional play-offs and the Great Britain Finals.
- 2.07 If a Member County Super League Player is also registered to play in that Member County Team, then that player may **ONLY** enter the BDO British Champions Cup through that Member County.
- 2.08 If a member County Super League Player is **NOT** a registered Member County player, but is a member of more than one entrant into the BDO British Champions Cup he/she must declare when the entry forms are submitted, which team the player intends to represent.
- 2.09 Each Men's Team shall declare and register a maximum of '16' players on the day of the Play-Off, or the Great Britain Finals.
- 2.10 Each Women's Team shall declare and register a maximum of '12' players on the day of the Play-Off, or the Great Britain Finals.

3.00 PLAYING FORMAT

- 3.01 In the Regional play-offs and in the Great Britain Finals, each men's match result will be determined by the playing of each match as follows; '9' Sets of Singles - 501 up, each set being the best of 5 legs.
- 3.02 In the Regional play-offs and in the Great Britain Finals, each Women's match result shall be determined by playing each match as follows; '5' Sets of Singles - 501 up, each set being the best of 5 legs.
- 3.03 All matches shall be played on a multiple Match board system, with a minimum of '5' Match boards for a Men's match, followed by a Women's match using the same '5' Match boards. This will provide simultaneous match play, with team players being assigned to a Match board by the Control Desk Officials.
- 3.04 No drinks shall be allowed to be consumed or introduced into the area designated for matchplay – any breach of this rule may lead to a player, or team's disqualification from the match in question.
- 3.05 The BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the BDO British Champions Cup.

4.00 DRAW

- 4.01 A designated BDO Executive Officer who shall be deemed to be in control of the whole event, shall allocate the groups of Member County Super League Champion Men's and Women's team playing at each Regional play-off, on a geographical basis

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DRAW Continued

- 4.02 The draw for the matches to be played off at each Regional play-off or the Great Britain Finals shall be conducted at the stipulated time by the nominated Executive Officer/Organiser in control of that Regional play-off, or the Great Britain Finals, in the presence of the respective Team Managers that have duly registered Teams to play on that day, and the bracket system shall be adopted for each draw.
- 4.03 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 stipulated by the nominated BDO Executive Officer/Organiser in control of that Regional play-off or Great Britain Finals and shall be indicated on the Match Draw Sheet.
- 4.04 The Team **winning** the Draw or toss of a coin, shall throw first in all **odd** numbered sets in that respective Match.
- 4.05 The Team **losing** the Draw or toss of a coin, shall throw first in all **even** numbered sets in that respective Match.
- 4.06 The players entered into the Draw may be changed for each match played off at a Regional play-off, or Great Britain Final, providing that the number of players used does not exceed those declared and registered on the BDO Team Registration Form for that stage of the event, up to a maximum, of '16' players for the Men's Teams and up to a maximum of '12' players for the Women's Teams.
- 4.07 The Players entered into the Draw must be present in the Playing Venue at the time that the Draw is conducted, there will be no alteration to the Order of Play as determined by the Match Draw.
- 4.08 In the instance of a Men's or Women's Team arriving at a Playing Venue with less than the minimum number of players, then that Team may play 'short' but the Team shall forfeit one Singles Set for each player missing from that Team.
- 4.09 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 play under Rule 4.08.

5.00 **PRIZES**

- 5.01 A perpetual solid silver Challenge Trophy shall be presented to each Champion Super League Men's and Women's Team, which shall be held by each respective Champion Team for a period of one year.
- 5.02 Prize Money shall be awarded to all Regional Qualifying teams based on the positions obtained during Matchplay.
- 5.03 The level of prize money awarded to each position shall be set by the BDO Board of Directors and shall be subject to an annual review.
- 5.04 All players registered to play on the day of the Great Britain finals must be present at the official presentation ceremony. A lesser number may be in attendance **ONLY** at the discretion and prior permission of the tournament organisers.
- 5.05 Failure to comply with Rule 5.04 may mean the withholding of prize money and/or trophies from the respective team.

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6.00 PLAYING ATTIRE

- 6.01 Each player in a Men's or Women's Team must wear **uniform** Super League Team or County Playing attire at the Regional play-off, at the Great Britain Finals, and in the official presentation ceremony.
- 6.02 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.
- 6.03 Any player in breach of Rule 6.01 or 6.02 shall not be allowed to play in any match at a Regional play-off or at the Great Britain Finals.
- 6.04 All terms of the BDO Playing Rule No 25 shall apply to all matches played in the BDO British Champions Cup.

7.00 ADVERTISING

- 7.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No 27 shall apply to all matches played in the BDO British Champions 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 each stage of the BDO British Champions 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 Action being taken against that player or official.
- 9.02 Such Disciplinary Action may be instigated by the Promoters, or by the respective County darts body, whichever is more appropriate.
- 9.03 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 Authorised BDO Handbook.

10.00 INTERPRETATIONS

- 10.01 The interpretation of the Playing Rules & Format for the BDO British Champions Cup in Regional play-offs and at the Great Britain Finals shall be determined by the nominated BDO Executive Officer/ Organiser in control of the respective Playing Venue, whose decision shall be final and binding on the day of the event.
- 10.02 Information concerning such interpretations under 10.01 shall be forwarded to the BDO Board of Directors for consideration and possible inclusion in a revised version of the Playing Rules & Format for the BDO British Champions Cup.