

G.D.A. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS (2016)

1. Tournaments shall take place at a date, time and venue to be decided by the Committee.
2. The entry fee for a tournament shall be decided by the Committee at its discretion.
3. The closing time and date for entry into a Tournament shall be decided by the Committee. The draw shall take place as soon as possible after this.
4. The draw for the 4 main Ranking Competitions shall be seeded. All ranking competitions of the season shall take the seedings as per the Ranking Standings at the end of the previous season. In competitions with up to 64 entrants, the top 4 Ranking players will be seeded. In competitions with more than 64 entrants the top 8 Ranking players shall be seeded. Seeded players will be planted in the draw in a manner that the first possible meeting of seeded players will be the first seed meeting the last seed and then working towards the centre (i.e. 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5). All other competitions will be unseeded.
5. The format for the competition shall be decided by the committee at its discretion. Such decision shall depend on the number of entries for said competition.
6. Scorers will be designated by Officials for the opening games, and all subsequent games shall be chalked by the losing player on that board, or on any other board designated by the Officials. Any person unable to chalk a game shall be responsible for finding a substitute. Any player neglecting this responsibility shall be reported to the disciplinary committee, who will prescribe the following penalties;
 - i. First occasion: £50 fine & deduction of 10 ranking points.
 - ii. Second occasion: £50 fine & deduction of 10 ranking points.
 - iii. Third occasion: £50 fine, deduction of 10 ranking points and suspension from all GDA events for the remainder of the Season.
 - iv. Players sanctioned under this section shall be suspended from all GDA events until the fine is paid. A player sanctioned under this section on the last tournament of the season shall have his points deduction carried over to the following season.
7. The four main Ranking Tournaments (Masters, Carmelo Ellul, Dave Obee, Joe Goldwin) plus the Tender Venue Open, the Kronenbourg 1664 and the National Champion shall be played in the following format;
 - i. All games will be 501, straight in, double out.
 - ii. Players shall throw for bull to decide who starts, with the player appearing first in the draw throwing first. The dart must

remain in the dartboard in order to count and re-throws shall be made until a dart remains in the dartboard. If the dart enters the "25" or "Bull" sector it shall be removed before the opponent takes his/her throw. Re-throws shall be called for if the Referee cannot determine which dart is nearer the Bull, or if both darts are in the Bull, or if both darts are in the '25' ring. A re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw. The player who throws nearer the centre of the dartboard shall throw first in the match. Subsequent legs will be thrown in alternate order.

- iii. The player winning most legs in a game shall be the winner and pass to the next round of the competition.
- iv. Opening rounds shall be best of 5, Quarter finals shall be best of 7, Semi finals shall be best of 9, Finals shall be best of 11.
- v. The following points shall be awarded at Ranking tournaments;
All entrants = 1 point.
Preliminary round & 1st Round loser = 0 points.
2nd Round = 3 points.
3rd Round = 5 points.
Semi finalist = 8 points.
Finalist = 12 points.
Winner = 20 points.
- vi. Points shall only be allocated to players that have attained a placing by winning at least one match. IE: if a player attains a placing through a BYE, or the default of the opponent, then there shall be no points awarded for that placing.

7.1 Only male players who are Gibraltar residents of over 2 years standing or who appear on the Register of Gibraltarians are entitled to participate in Ranking Tournaments. Any eligible player who intends to play in Ranking Tournaments is required to pay the full £20 membership fee.

8. The Doubles & Trebles Tournaments will be played in the following format;
- i. All games will be 501, straight in, double out.
 - ii. Players shall throw for bull to decide who starts, with the player appearing first in the draw throwing first. The dart must remain in the dartboard in order to count and re-throws shall be made until a dart remains in the dartboard. If the dart enters the "25" or "Bull" sector it shall be removed before the opponent takes his/her throw. Re-throws shall be called for if the Referee cannot determine which dart is nearer the Bull, or if both darts are in the Bull, or if both darts are in the '25' ring. A re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw. The player who throws nearer the centre of the dartboard shall throw first in the match. Subsequent legs will be thrown in alternate order.
 - iii. All rounds shall be best of 5.

9. The Mixed Doubles & Mixed Trebles Tournaments will be played in the following format;

- i. All games will be 501, straight in, double out.
- ii. Players shall throw for bull to decide who starts, with the player appearing first in the draw throwing first. The dart must remain in the dartboard in order to count and re-throws shall be made until a dart remains in the dartboard. If the dart enters the "25" or "Bull" sector it shall be removed before the opponent takes his/her throw. Re-throws shall be called for if the Referee cannot determine which dart is nearer the Bull, or if both darts are in the Bull, or if both darts are in the '25' ring. A re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw. The player who throws nearer the centre of the dartboard shall throw first in the match. Subsequent legs will be thrown in alternate order.
- iii. All rounds shall be best of 3.

10. The Johnny Neale Charity Shield shall follow the following format;

- i. All games will be 501, double in, double out.
- ii. Players shall throw for bull to decide who starts, with the player appearing first in the draw throwing first. The dart must remain in the dartboard in order to count and re-throws shall be made until a dart remains in the dartboard. If the dart enters the "25" or "Bull" sector it shall be removed before the opponent takes his/her throw. Re-throws shall be called for if the Referee cannot determine which dart is nearer the Bull, or if both darts are in the Bull, or if both darts are in the '25' ring. A re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw. The player who throws nearer the centre of the dartboard shall throw first in the match. Subsequent legs will be thrown in alternate order.
- iii. All rounds shall be best of 3.

11. The Superstars tournament will take place in the following format;

- i. Top 8 Ranked players, which will take the following format;
- ii. All games will be 501, straight in, double out.
- iii. Players shall throw for bull to decide who starts, with the player appearing first in the draw throwing first. The dart must remain in the dartboard in order to count and re-throws shall be made until a dart remains in the dartboard. If the dart enters the "25" or "Bull" sector it shall be removed before the opponent takes his/her throw. Re-throws shall be called for if the Referee cannot determine which dart is nearer the Bull, or if both darts are in the Bull, or if both darts are in the '25' ring. A re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw. The player who throws nearer the centre of the dartboard shall throw first in the match. Subsequent legs will be thrown in alternate order.

- iv. All rounds shall be best of 5, except the Final, which will be best of 7.

12. The Pedresa (180) Cup will take the following format;

- i. All players who have scored a 180 during the season, in any competition shall be entitled to enter.
- ii. No practice shall be allowed prior to this competition.
- iii. Order of throw shall be determined as per number of 180's thrown, the lowest first. Players who are tied shall throw in alphabetical order.
- iv. Each player shall be permitted 6 practice darts after which they may throw 9 darts. Players scoring over 180 with 9 darts shall progress to the second round, those scoring less are eliminated.
- v. The second round shall be played in order of the previous round's score, lowest throwing first. Each player shall be permitted 6 practice darts after which they shall throw 9 darts with the player achieving the highest score winning.

12. The top 10 ranked players after the final ranking tournament shall, subject to committee approval and available funding, be entitled to represent Gibraltar at the following International Tournaments and shall be entitled to receive financial assistance for attendance. The Top four ranked players shall go to World Cup or European Cup. Only if they are not eligible to play will they be offered the opportunity to attend the Med Cup as a replacement otherwise their position is given to someone down the rankings that can attend. In addition the two top ranked Second Division players shall be similarly entitled.

- i. The World Cup or European Cup.
- ii. The Mediterranean Cup.
- iii. The BDO Torremolinos Festival of Darts.

14. Any player so entitled, who signifies his intention to attend such an event shall be required to pay a deposit by a date to be specified by the Committee, 50% of which shall be returned to him upon attendance at the event. The amount of the deposits shall be as follows;

World / European / Mediterranean Cup = £200

BDO Torremolinos Festival of Darts = £50

14.2 In the event of an entitled player declining to attend, or failing to pay the deposit on time, his place shall be offered to the next ranked player. If a qualified player declines to represent the GDA without good reason accepted by the committee for 2 years running, then that player would be disqualified from Ranking Tournaments the following year. Any player who has failed to attend more than 50% of events in the GDA Calendar may have his Ranking Points forfeited by the Committee.

15. The winners of the Gibraltar Open Tournament, Gibraltar National Championship and the Best of the Rest Tournament shall, subject to committee approval be entitled to entry for the Winmau Tournament with any entry fee met by the GDA.
16. The Best of the Rest Tournament shall be played as the final tournament of the Season and players who have qualified to represent Gibraltar at International Tournaments, and the National Champion will not be eligible for entry.
17. Smoking shall not be permitted by either player or the scorer.
18. Any proposals to amend these regulations must be made in writing to the Secretary prior to the AGM, following which a Captains meeting shall be called to discuss and decide on all proposals. Final decision will be made by the Committee as per Para 20.10 of the Constitution. No amendments may be made after the first tournament of the season.