

G.D.A. League Regulations 2016

1. The league shall consist of as many divisions as the committee may decide prior to the commencement of the season. This shall depend upon the number of teams registering. If 10 or more teams register there shall be two or more divisions. The allocation of teams to their respective divisions shall be at the discretion of the committee, who shall take into account the team's performance in the previous season, and the players who have registered to play in the forthcoming season. If 4 or more members of a team transfer to another team, that new team is liable to be placed in the division that those players would have played in the following season.
2. The league will proceed as per the fixtures set by the committee. If the two teams concerned wish to alter the date, time or venue of a fixture, they must request permission from the committee prior to the scheduled time of said fixture. The match must be played within 7 days of its scheduled date. If any fixture fails to take place the Captain of the Home team shall notify the Secretary within 7 days. Failure to do so will result in the deduction of three points.
3. The format of the matches shall be as follows;

First Division;

- i. 6 singles games, best of 5, 501, straight in, double out.
- ii. 3 Doubles games, best of 3, 701, straight in, double out.
- iii. 1 Trebles games, single leg, 901, straight in, double out.
- iv. The Home team shall start on all odd numbered legs, the Away team on all even numbered ones.

All Other Divisions;

- i. 6 singles games, best of 3, 501, straight in, double out.
- ii. 3 Doubles games, best of 3, 501, straight in, double out.
- iii. 1 Trebles games, single leg, 701, straight in, double out.
- iv. The Home team shall start on all odd numbered legs, the Away team on all even numbered ones.

4. The order of play shall be decided as follows;

All Divisions;

- i. There will be 2 draws; one for all singles matches and one for all pair's matches. The pairs draw will be drawn after all the singles matches.
- ii. A team that has a minimum of 6 players present when the draw is taking place may include any player of their choosing in the draw even if that player is not yet present. In the event that a player in the draw fails to appear in time for the last singles match the Captain may substitute that player for one of his reserves (i.e. one of the original 6 who were present). The same procedure shall apply for the draw for the pairs matches.

- iii. The draws will be carried out by Team Captains who will place their membership cards face down, to be picked by the opposing Captain.
 - iv. In the event of a team not having sufficient players for all fixtures, they shall forfeit any such fixtures, assuming the opposing team does have sufficient. The team that does have a full line up shall be entitled to choose which of his players to leave out and claim the game.
5. The team winning most games shall be declared the winner.
6. Results shall be filled in on the approved current GDA League Result sheet only. All sections are to be completed. They shall be signed by both Captains at the conclusion of the game, and deposited by the Home Team within 7 days at a location to be nominated by the committee. In addition to this by the following day after the fixture the Home Team shall send an SMS Text message, email or Facebook message to the Secretary. Any team not complying with this shall be liable to have up to three points deducted, as well as not receiving any points, legs or other awards won in the match.
7. Players may be registered at any time during the season, but only registered players, for whom a membership card has been issued may play. Players must be registered before the draw takes place.
8. Players may switch teams before 31st December but may only play after the new team has received a membership card for that player. A player may only switch teams once in a season, and must pay another membership fee as a player for his new team. After the 31st December no player may change teams.
9. Three points are to be awarded for a win, one for a draw and none for a loss. If at the end of the season any teams are equal on points, the positions shall be decided on game difference, the team with the biggest difference taking precedence. If this is also tied the team with the most wins shall take precedence. In the event that it is still tied the head to head games between those teams shall be taken into account, with the team with the best record taking precedence. In the event that matters are still tied then the teams shall participate in a play-off match with the winner of said match taking precedence.
10. A team finishing top of their division shall be declared that year's Champion, and shall be promoted to the next higher division for the following season.
11. A team finishing bottom of their respective division shall be demoted to the lower division for the following season.
12. Smoking shall not be permitted by either player or the scorer.
13. 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 game of the season.