

Dear MVDL Member,

There has been some interest in a differently formatted Dart League. This new MVDL Dart League would not change or compete with the current Sunday Doubles League that is now being run. The new MVDL Dart League will run on a weeknight along with the Sunday league next season. This letter is to introduce you to this format so your interest level can be weighed prior to spending a lot of time and effort developing this new league.

I will outline the format and expand on some of the concepts that are being talked about.

All teams will have 4, 5 or 6 players

With enough players and teams, there will be divisions of 4, 6 or 8 teams each. Divisions will have teams with equally matched skill levels. The newest players will not have to compete against the most accomplished players.

At the end of the season the top 1 or 2 teams will move up a division while the bottom 1 or 2 teams will move down a division. This rewards good play and gets teams into a division that they can compete against opponents of a similar skill level.

Each league night will consist of a total of 13 games or matches (best 2 of 3)

- 4 Single 501 SIDO or 301 DIDO games or matches
- 2 Doubles 501 SIDO or 301 DIDO games or matches
- 4 Single Cricket games or matches
- 2 Doubles Cricket games or matches
- 1 team game of 701 SIDO or Burma Road

Top division(s) will play matches (best 2 of 3)

Lower division(s) will play single games if time is an issue with how long the overall match takes.

Who you play in each singles or doubles match is random. The home team captain writes their 4 players names down in order and then covers the scoreboard with a piece of paper or napkin. The visiting team captain, without peeking, writes their 4 players names down and then the cover is removed revealing which home team players play which visiting team players. The match begins. This process is repeated before all singles, doubles and team (players order) matches begin. Teams with more than 4 players will have to sit extra players out each round. The extra players can rotated in the next round of matches.

All singles games will be chalked by either a team member or opposing team member. How is this possible?

- Only 2 boards are used for a match. Potentially allowing more bars to participate in MVDL.
- Only 2 singles matches are thrown at a time leaving a minimum of 4 people to chalk or cheer.
- Doubles matches are thrown at the same time. If teams have more than 4 players the extra players can chalk if they would like. Chalking is a good way to learn a lot of different strategies.
- Team games are usually not chalked but can be if extra players are present.

The season can be either:

- Two 12 week seasons
- One 24 week season

AWARDS

- 1st and/or 2nd place teams in each division
- Most MVP points in division
 - 4 points for singles win
 - 2 points for doubles win
 - 1 point for team win
- Most high ins (70 or higher) in each division
- Most high outs (over 60) in each division
- Most tons in each division
 - No total tonnage. Just total tons. A 121 or 140 counts as a single ton marked as a single slash.

180 Awards

Highest out in each division

This is not a money league. At the beginning of every season all players will pay a season fee to cover awards for that season. This will be determined when interest in this league is determined. It will be dependent on the number of participants, teams and divisions.

Bars that have a league play will have a league fee which will be determined later.

This format has a lot of flexibility. It can be modified and tweaked to make it enjoyable for most dart players. It will be a couple of

seasons to iron out any bugs. I know you will like it if you give it a chance.

I would like to hear what all MVDL members think at the end of season party. I will spend time answering any questions you have at that time. If you are not going to attend the end of season party, I will be attending various Sunday Blind Draws. Ask me then.

Sincerely,

Mark Massa