

PREMIER LEAGUE (open to male players ONLY)

1.0 QUALIFICATION FOR THE PREMIER LEAGUE

- 1.01 Five qualifying tournaments are organized.
- 1.02 An unqualified player may compete in all tournaments.
- 1.03 Two players qualify from each tournament.

2.00 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 2.01 Male players registered with the M.D.A. only can compete.
- 2.02 The game is played on a knock out basis.
- 2.03 Draws are based on a bracket system.
- 2.04 The participation fee is - see 8-a-side 3.02.

3.00 THE GAME

- 3.01 Games would be best of 5 legs.
- 3.02 The loser of the game must mark the next game.
- 3.03 No one may smoke or drink alcohol during the course of their game.
- 3.04 Violators of regulation 3.03 will be disqualified immediately.
- 3.05 Infringement of regulation 3.02 will result in a fine of €20 to be paid before the next ranking tournament. A player is not allowed to play until he pays the fine. A losing player may find a volunteer to mark the game instead.
- 3.06 If it is the last ranking tournament the fine must be paid before the first ranking tournament of the following season. A player is not allowed to play until he pays the fine.
- 3.07 If a player registers for a qualifiers and does not attend he will automatically be disqualified from the next qualifier.

4.00 TOSS (BULL)

- 4.01 The toss is performed once. The winner of the toss starts the first and third leg and if necessary the fifth leg.
- 4.02 The looser starts the other legs (those not mentioned in 4.01).

5.00 SPONSOR

See 8-a-side league.

6.00 PREMIER LEAGUE FORMAT

- 6.01 The ten qualifiers from the 1.00 tournaments make up the Premier League.
- 6.02 The game is played once a week in a Round-Robin format, with each player playing against the other nine opponents.
- 6.03 The game is played on 7 legs. If a Player wins 4 legs the game stops and the result is the final one.
- 6.04 At this stage the winner of the bull at the beginning keeps the throw in case of 3-3.

6.05 After the end of the round robin automatically the first four players will be the players representing Malta as part of the National team competing in International competitions that the M.D.A. may participate in as a team, unless there is a breach as in 7.03 of the Malta Singles Champion. In this case, this/these player (s) may be excluded from the National team.

7.00 MALTA SINGLES CHAMPION

7.01 The Champion of Malta will be determined during the FINALS NIGHT of the Premier League.

7.02 The first four players to finish in the Premier League standings play the finals.

7.03 In the event that one, or more, of the first 4 players do not participate in the finals as required by the M.D.A., no other player will automatically qualify. The selection of substitute players is a decision of the Council alone.

7.04 In the Semi-Final, the player who finishes first plays against the player who finishes fourth while the player who finishes second plays against the player who finishes third in the round robin.

7.05 The semi-finals are played first to five.

7.051 The semi-final last leg in case of 4-4 who won the bull in the bid holds the throw.

7.06 The Final is played first to seven.

7.07 The winner of the Final will automatically be crowned Champion of Malta and Premier League Winner.

8.00 SUDDEN DEATH

8.01 In case in the final game, the result will read 6-6, the game will continue until a player wins 2 clear legs.

8.012 In case the result is 9-9 the 19th leg will be the sudden death.

8.02 The player who started the game throws for the bull first.

8.03 If this player hits the semi bull or bull, the referee must remove the dart before the second player throws.

8.04 In the event that the second player scores the same as the first player, both players must re-throw for the bull.

8.05 In case of 8.04 a re-throw shall be in the reverse order of the previous throw.

8.06 The winner of this leg will be the winner of the final.

9.00 PRIZES

9.01 The Premier League winner will be presented with a trophy for one year and another forever.

9.02 The Premier League winner will also receive €350.

9.03 The Premier League finalist receives the sum of €150.

9.04 Joint Third win €50 each.

9.05 Prize Money may vary from year to year as required.

10.00 ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

10.01 During the last ten games they have to wear trousers. Bermuda, shorts or trousers of denim material are not allowed. Trousers with more than one back pocket are considered unacceptable material.

10.02 A player may not wear runners unless with the written permission of a physician/specialist who gives such consent for medical reasons.

10.03 A player must wear a shirt provided by M.D.A. A player may add one personal sponsor against a donation of €20, on his shirt unless it is a competitor of the current sponsor. The M.D.A. may add other rules due to its official Sponsors or reasons regarding streaming/television.

10.04 Swearing, misconduct, intimidation or injury will be considered serious offenses. Before, during and after the game.

10.05 Any breach of 10.04 may lead to loss of points, fines or suspensions depending on the gravity of the case.

10.06 Decisions taken in case of 10.05 will not be appealable.