

JUNIOR/PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

3.1 : Players:

All players at all times shall conduct themselves in a fit and proper manner and refrain from engaging in any conduct or activity which will or likely to bring Darts Victoria or their officials or representatives into disrepute.

In particular the following expectations of behaviour are to be observed:

- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Do not argue with an official or board controller's decision, if you disagree ask for the game to be stopped and call for the Games Coordinator.
- Control your temper – no criticism by word or gesture of officials, sledging other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Be a good sport – encourage and support your own team members until completion of match, event or contest.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Show respect for your opponents and their skills.
- Treat all participants in the sport of darts, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Be friendly to all participants.
- Do not drink beverages or eat food in between the dartboard and the front of the team table.
- The taking of non-prescribed drugs is forbidden.
- No gambling – not betting, personal or commercial is forbidden.
- Observe common courtesies.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background religion or disability.

3.2 : Parents:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition. Encourage them for their efforts.
- Remember children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal abuse and sledging from sport of darts.
- No gambling – not betting, personal or commercial is forbidden.
- Respect official's decision and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the right, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background religion or disability.

3.3 : Coaches:

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake.
- Be reasonable in your demands on player's time and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport of darts and teach your players do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure facilities and equipment meets safety standards.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport of darts. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with latest coaching practices and the principals of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the right, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background religion or disability.

Note: it is the responsibility of the players, administrators, officials and coaches to obtain and keep a copy of the Darts Victoria Codes of Conduct