



Portsmouth Darts Academy

Dart Etiquette

1. At the start of any match, you always shake your opponent's hand. It's polite to wish your opponent 'good luck'. **Fist bumps are currently accepted.**
2. If 'bulling up' to decide the order of throw; the second player to throw for the bull should always retrieve their opponents dart along with their own from the board and hand it back to their opponent politely.
3. You should never speak or make noises when your opponent is throwing their darts.
4. If your opponent shoots a good score or gets a high check-out then its sporting to say 'good darts'.
5. Always stand behind the player throwing and leave some space for them to move around the oche. Never stand at the side or in front of them.
6. When standing behind the player throwing, you should never rattle your darts, cough, sneeze or do anything that might put them off. If you do cough or sneeze, remember to apologise.
7. Never throw your darts until it is safe to do so.
8. NEVER, EVER throw a dart in anger. You could injure someone.
9. If you are unsure of your score or what score you have remaining, ask the marker/scorer (chalker).
10. Always take your darts out of the board and return to the rear of the oche to allow your opponent time and space for their throw. Do NOT walk down the oche.
11. Regardless if you win, lose or draw your match. ALWAYS shake your opponent's hand and say well done. (Nobody likes to lose, but always be a good loser).
12. At the end of the game always thank your marker/scorer (chalker) for their work.

Dart manners:

Players are encouraged to compliment academy teammates and even opponents on good play. When a player is throwing, whether they are an opponent or a teammate, they deserve certain courtesies from all of us.