



Portsmouth Darts Academy

Code of Conduct

These rules are in place to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all Portsmouth Darts Academy (PDA) members.

Students

- Maintain proper Dart Etiquette at all times. See separate Dart Etiquette document.
- Students should not run whilst inside the academy venue or when attending any academy event or activity. Particularly when holding darts.
- Before a student throws their darts, the throwing area must be fully clear. It is up to the student to ensure accidents are avoided by waiting for any opponent or fellow student to be behind the oche.
- Students must remain in the academy room, with the exception of going to the toilet, whilst the academy session is underway. Students must not leave the building until the end of the session, and only once collected by their parent/guardian.
- Students must not push, pull or mess around with any other student whilst at the academy.
- Students must never threaten to or pretend to throw a dart at another member, parent/guardian, spectator, coach, or Academy official. This will result in immediate disciplinary action being carried out.
- The use of inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Unsociable behaviour will not be tolerated towards any student, coach or Academy official.
- The Academy supports a zero-tolerance approach to bullying, racism, sexism or homophobia. Any incident will result in immediate disciplinary action being carried out.
- Behave appropriately with other members in and outside the academy setting, in person or through social media/remote contact. Respect other members rights to not accept social media friend requests, or delete or block as they may see fit at any time. Do not demand responses.

Parents/Guardians

- Encourage your child to read these rules, learn them and abide by them. Encourage good behaviour and discourage poor gamesmanship behaviours.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with Academy officials. Do not argue with academy officials yourselves.
- Help your child to recognise good performance and not just the score.
- Never force your child to take part in darts (or any game).
- Set a good example, by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all.
- Never punish, shout at, or belittle a child for a loss, poor performance, or a mistake.
- Publicly accept an Official's decision/judgement, whether you agree or not.
- Support your child's involvement and encourage them to enjoy participation. As well as having fun, they are there to learn.
- Please ensure your child's fees and subscriptions are paid on time.
- Respect that our academy staff are ALL volunteers. Respect their right to privacy, and to switch off once outside the academy sessions. Respect their boundaries and use appropriate communication channels to contact the academy directly.

If any parent or guardian has a complaint, remember to follow the proper procedure which can be found on our website. The full Academy disciplinary process can also be found online.