

The following will help player to be able to chalk more efficiently, Know the guidelines for etiquette that goes with darts and the sportsman ship that should exist at all times, some stuff will be repeated but it is necessary to make players and officials aware of rule infringements and poor ETIQUETTE

Time and time again we hear how newer players to the world of darts have never had anything formally explained to them and, since you can't know it unless you have it explained to you, we're going to cover some of the basics that should ensure a fun evening of darts for you and your opponents.

### Chalking:

Chalking is probably the number one issue and the truth is that few people enjoy it. Let's face it, however - if you allow others to chalk for you it's only fair that you do the same. We'll get to the math issue in a moment, but for now here are a few things to watch out for:

1. Face the chalkboard and in the direction of the dartboard. You shouldn't be able to see the players and you need to stand still. If you have to move - like to scratch an itch or to erase some of the chalkboard, for example - wait until a player has thrown all 3 darts to do it. It's unlikely that a player's missed dart would be your fault but most people would agree that the fewer distractions a player faces while throwing, the better.
2. You are to be indifferent toward both players. Even if one is a friend or a teammate, you are there to simply chalk their match and not to root for one player or another.
3. Don't speak unless spoken to. The only time you should say anything is to call out a player's score immediately after he or she has thrown 3 darts. Most times a player will simply call out the score as he or she grabs their darts from the board but you always retain the right to confirm the score prior to any darts being removed. If a player is removing his or her darts before you get a chance to confirm the score, politely request that they leave them in the board until you can do so. If you need to go right up to the board to figure it out, do so.
4. You are permitted to tell a player what they have hit and what they have remaining, but only if they ask and you cannot suggest how to finish. Period. Even if you are asked "what they should go for", **you cannot tell them**.
5. If you reach the bottom of the chalkboard and run out of room, let the players know you will be erasing some of the board. Do not erase everything, but rather leave the previous 2 or 3 scores at the bottom of the chalkboard and only erase the top two-thirds for the new scores. This serves to show the players how their scores have gone down and eliminates any second-guessing that there were errors.
6. When recording scores, use two columns on each side of the chalkboard for scores hit and scores left and always keep them in the same order on both sides. When a new score is to be recorded, simply draw a line at 45 degrees through the score hit and score left so that only the current score is showing. This provides everyone with an account of how the scores have transpired throughout the match and it gives the players a chance to agree or disagree with you before their next throw.
7. All scores become absolutely final once a person has thrown a dart on his or her next turn. These are the rules. Everyone has a chance to examine the scores while their opponent throws and if he or she wasn't paying attention, so be it.
8. Do not touch another player's darts while they are in the board.
9. Lastly, be on time. If you know that you're chalking, be courteous and go to the bathroom or for that smoke well before the match is to begin. Nothing's worse than having to wait for a person to come staggering in, Beer in hand, 5 minutes after you've been ready to start. At the very least, pre-arrange with a teammate to chalk for you.

People really do appreciate your help and both players should, as a matter of etiquette, both thank you for chalking and shake your hand. We've all known people who mysteriously disappear when a chalker is needed and there will always be people like that, unfortunately. Our advice to you is to not be that person and to at least offer to do your share. If your league plays 14 matches a night and you have 8 players, 6 of you will need to chalk twice. One approach is to chalk a match or two at the beginning of the night, even if it's just to get them out of the way. Just do it. You'll be surprised at how quickly you become good at it, too.

## The Math:

For some reason, a lot of people are just plain afraid of counting in public. The thought of having to figure out 336 minus 93 on the spot and in front of everyone freaks them out and chalking a match is the last thing they want to do. Well, the bad news is that if you're going to play league darts, you'll have to chalk some matches. Don't think that your trips to the bathroom just before it's your turn to chalk are fooling everyone - they've all seen it before and will call you nasty names behind your back for it! All kidding aside, here are some tips that with a little practice will help you greatly:

1. If the score is near 100, round up to 100 and then subtract the difference. For example, if a player has 336 points and hits 93, just subtract 100 and then add 7 (100 minus 7 is 93). 336 minus 100 is 236. 236 plus 7 is 243. Simple.
2. Round up or down to the nearest "10" and either add or subtract points as need be. 53 points is the same as 50 plus 3 or 60 minus 7, right? If a player has 162 points and hits 53, subtract 50 and then another 3. 162 minus 50 is 112 and 112 minus 3 is 109.
3. Some people even think in terms of money and change. If you have a dollar and something costs 48 cents, most people quickly calculate that their change should be 52 cents. Well, hitting 48 points when you have a 100 to begin with is the same thing.
4. Here's one that you're sure to love: chalk every match that you possibly can until you get good at it. If your teammates routinely practice on a Monday at the pub, go and chalk games all night. If you go to a blind draw somewhere, offer to chalk matches for people whenever you're free. If you're really new to it, simply explain to people that you're offering because you're new and want to get better at it. 99% of the time no one will argue with having a chalker.

And that covers the chalking and counting aspects of league play.

## Talking Trash:

Now we'll move on to the grand old tradition of talking trash. You know these guys, they're the ones who tell you how great they are, how bad you are, and how they're going to go about beating you. That's all fine and good in some situations but there are a few things you should consider before you engage in that sort of thing:

1. Know your opponent. Some people like to have a bit of fun with it and some don't. If you haven't established some sort of rapport with the person throughout the evening, err on the side of caution and just be respectful.
2. Never talk down to a weaker opponent. This is just bad form and bullying and no one appreciates that. You can do it to a player of equal ability or to a better player but never to a weaker player. Also keep in mind that the weaker player may soon become a stronger player and you could be in for a rough evening on the board one night.
3. Keep it light. A little bit of teasing is OK but any time you have a room full of males and beer flowing freely someone is bound to take something the wrong way.

## Unsavory Tactics:

It's an unfortunate thing, but you may run into a player or two who try to throw you off of your game by engaging in some of the following behaviours:

- Standing near an opponent and rattling the darts in their hand.
- Standing behind an opponent and mumbling "26, 26, 26" after they've just hit 26 points.
- Taking their time going to and walking away from the board because they've noticed that you have a fairly quick pace to your rhythm.
- Bending the wires on the board or slightly tilting the board while removing their darts.
- Saying things like "great dart" or "wow, another triple" after you throw each dart.
- Turning to look at you after they've had a good throw.

- Squeeze your throwing hand tightly during a handshake or fist-bumping your throwing hand harder than need be.

The list goes on but we're sure that you get the idea.

Now, and depending on how much you care, there are a few things you can do. Accusing someone of cheating without proof is never a good plan, but if you find someone's behaviour to be distracting, you can always politely ask them to stop. If the board seems crooked after that player has just taken his darts out, politely ask the chalker if the board looks straight or not. If he's taking his time because you like to play quickly, stand well back and don't hurry to get to the line when he's done. You can also avoid the whole handshake problem by simply fist-bumping with your non-throwing hand.

Some people call it "gamesmanship" and some call it "poor form". Whichever way you choose to view it, be prepared for it and, more importantly, be prepared how to react to it.

### **Always Shake Hands:**

Every organised sport or game has its traditions and darts is no different. You should always shake the hands of your opponents before and after every match, followed up with a quick "thanks" to your chalker. If hygiene's an issue - and for some it is - simply do the classic "fist-bump". You may, from time to time, come up against someone who, for whatever reason, will choose not to shake your hand. Just be sure to offer all the same.

### **Knowing Your Outs:**

It goes without saying that you probably want to do things as efficiently as possible and knowing your outs definitely falls into that category. This is even more true if you're playing a team game with a partner and you should make an effort to know some of the more basic outs. If your partner leaves you a double 20, for example, and your opponents are at 163 (not an out), try not to leave your side with a 5. If you hit a single 20 and a single 10, use your 3rd dart to bust the score. Your opponents can't win on their next throw anyway and it's just selfish to try and hit that double 5 with your last dart.

You should also be familiar with anything under 100. If you have 74, for example, and 3 darts in your hand, you should know that triple 14 is your first shot and that a single 14 will leave you 60 with 2 darts, which is single 20 + double 20. Do yourself a favour and practice these - you'll not only increase your chances of winning, but you'll save your partner some grief as well.

## Pegout Guide for Beginners

No.Left	1stDart	2ndDart	3rdDart	No.Left	1stDart	2ndDart	3rdDart	No.Left	1stDart	2ndDart
170	T20	T20	Bull	113	T19	S16	D20	56	S16	D20
169	Not Possible.			112	T20	S12	D20	55	S15	D20
168	Not Possible			111	T19	S14	D20	54	S14	D20
167	T20	T19	Bull	110	T19	S13	D20	53	S13	D20
166	Not Possible			109	T19	S12	D20	52	S12	D20
165	Not Possible			108	T18	S18	D18	51	S11	D20
164	T20	T18	Bull	107	T19	S10	D20	50	S10	D20
163	Not Possible			106	T20	S6	D20	49	S17	D16
162	Not Possible			105	T19	S16	D16	48	S16	D16
161	T20	T17	Bull	104	T18	S10	D20	47	S15	D16
160	T20	T20	D20	103	T19	S6	D20	46	S6	D20
159	Not Possible			102	T20	S10	D16	45	S13	D16
158	T20	T20	D19	101	T17	S10	D20	44	S4	D20
157	T20	T19	D20	100	T20	D20		43	S3	D20
156	T20	T20	D18	99	T19	S10	D16	42	S10	D16
155	T20	T19	D19	98	T20	D19		41	S9	D16
154	T20	T18	D20	97	T19	D20		40	D20	
153	T20	T19	D18	96	T20	D18		39	S7	D16
152	T20	T20	D16	95	T19	D19		38	D19	
151	T20	T17	D20	94	T18	D20		37	S5	D16
150	T20	T18	D18	93	T19	D18		36	D18	
149	T20	T19	D16	92	T20	D16		35	S3	D16
148	T20	T16	D20	91	T17	D20		34	D17	
147	T20	T17	D18	90	T18	D18		33	S17	D8
146	T20	T18	D16	89	T19	D16		32	D16	
145	T20	T15	D20	88	T20	D14		31	S15	D8
144	T20	T20	D12	87	T17	D18		30	D15	
143	T20	T17	D16	86	T18	D16		29	S13	D8
142	T20	T14	D20	85	T15	D20		28	D14	
141	T20	T19	D12	84	T20	D12		27	S11	D8
140	T20	T20	D10	83	T17	D16		26	D13	
139	T20	T13	D20	82	T14	D20		25	S17	D4
138	T20	T18	D12	81	T19	D12		24	D12	
137	T20	T15	D16	80	T16	D16		23	S3	D10
136	T20	T20	D8	79	T13	D20		22	D11	
135	S25	T20	Bull	78	T18	D12		21	S9	D8
134	T20	T14	D16	77	T15	D16		20	D10	
133	T20	T19	D8	76	T20	D8		19	S3	D8
132	S25	T19	Bull	75	T17	D12		18	D9	
131	T20	T13	D16	74	T14	D16		17	S13	D2
130	T20	S20	Bull	73	T19	D8		16	D8	
129	T19	T16	D12	72	T16	D12		15	S11	D2
128	T20	S18	Bull	71	T13	D16		14	D7	
127	T19	S20	Bull	70	T18	D8		13	S9	D2
126	T19	S19	Bull	69	T15	D12		12	D6	
125	T20	S15	Bull	68	T20	D4		11	S7	D2
124	T20	S14	Bull	67	T17	D8		10	D5	
123	T19	S16	Bull	66	T10	D18		9	S5	D2
122	T18	S18	Bull	65	T11	D16		8	D4	
121	T17	S20	Bull	64	T16	D8		7	S3	D2
120	T20	S20	D20	63	T13	D12		6	D3	
119	T19	S12	Bull	62	T10	D16		5	S1	D2
118	T20	S18	D20	61	T15	D8		4	D2	
117	T20	S17	D20	60	S20	D20		3	S1	D1
116	T19	S19	D20	59	S19	D20		2	D1	
115	T19	S18	D20	58	S18	D20				
114	T20	S14	D20	57	S17	D20				

S=Single Number

D=Double Number

T=Triple

**Don't Blame Your Partners:**

Part of playing in a league usually involves some team games. Some people enjoy them more than others, but the one thing that remains the same is that you really do need to be supportive of your partner and not blame him or her for a loss. Blaming doesn't help anything, and you might want to try talking to the person alone to explain your thoughts on his or her focus level or their level of play. There's nothing wrong with wanting to play well, but just keep in mind that not everyone is coming out to play amazing darts and that some people actually come out for the fun of it all.

**Play To Your Level Or Above, But Never Below:**

This is always a hot topic but it needs to be mentioned because we've all seen it. We're talking about the players who routinely play a division (or two, or three) below where they should be and even then they tend to play lower in their lineups, get virtually guaranteed personal points, and pat themselves on the back for being so skilled. Don't be that person. Weaker players know they're weaker players and don't need to play people twice as good as them. If you find that your skill level has grown to the point where you are consistently winning each week, approach a team captain in one of the higher divisions and ask about joining another team. Your teammates may be disappointed to lose you but they will understand and respect you for it.

**Have Some Fun With It:**

Above everything else, try to have some fun. Unless you're being sponsored and looking to make money out of this, it's just a night out and a chance to be with new friends. No one will remember 3 weeks from now who hit what double, so try to be a good teammate, remember your etiquette, and throw your darts.

We have touched on two other maths problems when we came to higher scoring Multiplication and Division. You may have heard the words 'Times Table' before in a maths lesson at school or may have built your own 'Times Table' sheets which may have looked something like this:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

This is a handy device to help you to learn and memorise basic Multiplication. So if I wanted to know what 5 x 9 totalled I would move down to the 5 and across to the 9's column and before long I didn't need the sheets at all. In darts you only need to know up to your 3 Times table up to 20 and of course know that 2 outer bulls (2 x 25 = 50)

**So here are all the numbers on a darts board.**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Single
2x	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	Double
3x	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	Treble

**Bullesye = 50 Outer Bullseye = 25**

## **More Simple Dart Etiquette :**

- 1. Show up on time for a match or call and let someone know you are running late!**
- 2. Inform your team captain if you cannot make it to the match as early as possible so that he/she can secure a replacement! It is not just your time, but also the other players on your team and your opponent's team that should be considered. If you make a commitment to play, put the time aside in your schedule!**
- 3. A gentleman's game that always starts and ends with a handshake! Always shake your opponents hand prior to and at the end of a match and encourage good play!**
- 4. Respect your opponent by keeping your distance when they are at the oche! Try to stay at least two feet behind them while they are throwing!**
- 5. Stay quiet and still during your opponents throw!**
- 6. Acknowledge a good throw by your opponent only if it is a good throw, otherwise you can come across as patronizing someone and that can be humiliating! Encouragement is always a good thing!**
- 7. Show your opponent respect by not engaging in conversation or chitchat during your match with them! There is plenty of time after the match to talk or have a drink together!**
- 8. Control your emotions and outbursts! These tirades are a distraction to the matches, a detriment to our sport, and a lack of respect to your teammates, opponents, and other patrons dining or drinking in an establishment!**
- 9. Always end your matches the way they were started! A handshake promotes competition and respect.**
- 10. Treat your partner with respect, even if he or she does not play up to your level! Things have a way of changing fast!**
- 11. Stay positive!**
- 12. Do not touch your darts until the scorekeeper has tallied up your score and you are both in agreement on the score!**
- 13. Be patient! Throw your darts AFTER your opponent returns from the board and is BEHIND you!**
- 14. If you are keeping score, stand still while facing the board, and do not say anything unless the player at the oche asks a question about his or her score, where a dart landed, or what he or she might have remaining. DO NOT TELL A PLAYER WHAT TO THROW FOR, EVER!**
- 15. Throw only one dart at a time unless you are "SPLASHING IN" to determine a line up!**
- 16. NEVER throw your darts at anything but the dartboard! Not only is it embarrassing for the sport, but also you look pretty silly throwing or kicking your darts into the wall after a bounce out or bad throw!**
- 17. Play by the rules!**
- 18. Take responsibility for your poor throw! Do not try and pass the blame on to the scorekeeper, lighting, ceiling fan, or the person throwing at an adjacent line!**
- 19. Stay involved! If you are between throws or games, stay involved with your teammates' efforts at the oche!**
- 20. Promote the sport of darts: Join a league Hold a league position Be a team captain Attend league meetings Keep score when needed Introduce the game to friends Run blind draws Play in the qualifiers Volunteer to help set up tournaments Hold dart clinics Recruit league members**

21. Always play your best every game, even if you are in a "Round Robin" or "Luck of the Draw" and have nothing to gain except practice! Your opponents expect your best at all times and look forward to the challenge of playing a better thrower!

22. Thank your league directors and tournament organizers for a job well done! It truly is a thankless job!

23. If you are a team captain, do everyone a favor by putting bad sportsmanship complaints in writing and sending them to your league officers so that the behavior does not continue and be a detriment to your league and our sport!

# Dart averages for 501 game

Darts Thrown	Dart Average	Throw Average	Darts Thrown	Dart Average	Throw Average	Darts Thrown	Dart Average	Throw Average	Darts Thrown	Dart Average	Throw Average
9	55.67	167.00	32	15.66	46.97	55	9.11	27.33	78	6.42	19.27
10	50.10	150.30	33	15.18	45.55	56	8.95	26.84	79	6.34	19.03
11	45.55	136.64	34	14.74	44.21	57	8.79	26.37	80	6.26	18.79
12	41.75	125.25	35	14.31	42.94	58	8.64	25.91	81	6.19	18.56
13	38.54	115.62	36	13.92	41.75	59	8.49	25.47	82	6.11	18.33
14	35.79	107.36	37	13.54	40.62	60	8.35	25.05	83	6.04	18.11
15	33.40	100.20	38	13.18	39.55	61	8.21	24.64	84	5.96	17.89
16	31.31	93.94	39	12.85	38.54	62	8.08	24.24	85	5.89	17.68
17	29.47	88.41	40	12.53	37.58	63	7.95	23.86	86	5.83	17.48
18	27.83	83.50	41	12.22	36.66	64	7.83	23.48	87	5.76	17.28
19	26.37	79.11	42	11.93	35.79	65	7.71	23.12	88	5.69	17.08
20	25.05	75.15	43	11.65	34.95	66	7.59	22.77	89	5.63	16.89
21	23.86	71.57	44	11.39	34.16	67	7.48	22.43	90	5.57	16.70
22	22.77	68.32	45	11.13	33.40	68	7.37	22.10	91	5.51	16.52
23	21.78	65.35	46	10.89	32.67	69	7.26	21.78	92	5.45	16.34
24	20.88	62.63	47	10.66	31.98	70	7.16	21.47	93	5.39	16.16
25	20.04	60.12	48	10.44	31.31	71	7.06	21.17	94	5.33	15.99
26	19.27	57.81	49	10.22	30.67	72	6.96	20.88	95	5.27	15.82
27	18.56	55.67	50	10.02	30.06	73	6.86	20.59	96	5.22	15.66
28	17.89	53.68	51	9.82	29.47	74	6.77	20.31	97	5.16	15.49
29	17.28	51.83	52	9.63	28.90	75	6.68	20.04	98	5.11	15.34
30	16.70	50.10	53	9.45	28.36	76	6.59	19.78	99	5.06	15.18
31	16.16	48.48	54	9.28	27.83	77	6.51	19.52	100	5.01	15.03