

KWIDL Dart Etiquette

To ensure a positive and respectful atmosphere in dart matches, it's important to follow proper etiquette. These guidelines are essential for good sportsmanship. Understanding and practicing these etiquette points will enhance the experience for both players and spectators.

General Dart Etiquette

1. ****Be Silent While Your Opponent Is Throwing: ****
Maintaining silence allows your opponent to concentrate and perform at their best.
2. ****Keep Your Distance: ****
While your opponent is at the toe line, stand back to avoid distractions and maintain a respectful distance behind your opponent and not to their side while they are throwing to avoid distracting them and to ensure safety
3. ****Verify Your Score ****
Do not remove your darts until your score has been verified and finalized. Check your score! It is YOUR responsibility! Once your score is verified, remove your darts and reset BEHIND your opponent.
4. ****Resolve Disputes Before Your Shot: ****
If any scoring discrepancies arise, settle them before the next throw.
5. ****Show Sportsmanship: ****
Shake hands or give a fist bump with your opponent(s) before and after the match, which fosters goodwill and camaraderie.
6. ****Promote Respect and Encouragement: ****
A respectful attitude encourages a positive environment. Be supportive of your opponent's efforts.
9. ****Emphasize Respect: ****
Above all, remember that respect is fundamental in sports. Treat your opponents with dignity and integrity.

Chalking Etiquette

While we now have automatic dart scoring systems, they are not a cost-effective way to run our league, and we have you! The skill of scoring properly takes focus and practice; everyone on your team should participate. Chalking is a crucial part of keeping the game organized, keeps you, the chalker, involved in the game, and solidifies outs and number patterns you may not be aware of. Follow these guidelines for effective scoring:

General Chalking Etiquette

1. **** Stay Silent: ****

Do not speak to the player who is throwing darts. Avoid making sounds such as "oohs" and "aahs" after each dart is thrown. Wait until all three darts have been thrown before saying "good darts" or offering any congratulations.

2. **** Stay Still: ****

Do not make sudden movements in front of the shooter. Scorekeepers should concentrate solely on the dartboard while a player is at the throw line and should not look at the shooter during their throw, fidget, walk away etc. Scorekeepers should not follow the trajectory of the darts with head movements. Wait until all three darts have been thrown before approaching the board to check the scores, unless the shooter specifically asks you to verify where a dart has landed.

3. ****Be Clear and Precise: ****

The scorekeeper should only announce what has been scored or what score remains if the shooter asks for this information.

4. ****Remain Neutral: ****

As a score keeper, you are not a teammate. You are Neutral. No one except a teammate should instruct the shooter on what to aim for next or how to finish a game. – SEE BELOW

5. **** Verify The Score****

It is the shooter's responsibility to verify the remaining score after the scorekeeper has recorded it. Practice your math! If you are prompt, fewer issues will arise. Verify with the shooter that the score is correct.

Our league is a recreational league, so we allow certain exceptions to the rules. If a player is clearly struggling, if you are aware of any outs, or if your math skills are strong, you may assist some players, although we suggest asking for a teammate to help to reduce risk. If you provide incorrect information, the responsibility lies with you, regardless of the outcome.

We have permitted score changes after several throws; however, it's important to note that once the darts in your hand are thrown, there is generally no recourse for memory of previous throws. Once the next player throws, there is no recourse.

In the end, the community will enforce what they know to be the "rules".

Following these guidelines will help ensure a fair and enjoyable game for everyone involved.