

VERY IMPORTANT - REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COMPLETE POSTING.

**Partners Promoting Darts (PPD) “CODE OF CONDUCT”, applicable to all sanctioned PPD players**

**A player who registers for, and or participates in, any PPD sanctioned activity accepts and agrees to abide by the PPD Code of Conduct and agrees to accept the consequences for failing to uphold these Standards**

1, All PPD players are required to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- A. PPD players shall exhibit high ethical standards at all times when engaged in any activity involving\* the sport of darts. Failure to maintain this Code is deemed “Actions Detrimental to the Sport” and cause for penalty.
- B. PPD players are required to exhibit leadership and good sportsmanship at all times, to assist others whenever possible and share information about darts without animosity, complaint or sarcasm. PPD players shall refrain from derogatory comments intended as humor because humor is often misunderstood, especially in the context of a written comment. Confrontational behavior (physical or verbal), insulting, demeaning, rude or arrogant comments are never acceptable. All persons involved in any darting activity and interaction are to be treated with utmost respect at all times.
- C. Drinking alcohol, competitive outburst or any other loss of emotional control is not an excuse for any misbehavior or nefarious comment.

\*“involvement” in darts extends beyond actual darting activities such as league or tournament competition. “Involved” also includes interactions and discussions of any kind relating to darts, or because of darts, including personal interactions and within the context of social media, electronic messaging, texting and every other interactive scenario.

2, An action deemed “detrimental to the sport of the darts” is cause for penalty. Penalties are assessed by PPD staff at any time following an incident deemed detrimental to the sport by PPD staff in addition to or in lieu of penalties assessed by a player’s local PPD member/vendor. Access to all privileges associated with PPD sanctioning are at stake and may be lost to the player without player recourse whatsoever.

PPD assessed penalties may include any or all of the following and at PPD staff discretion:

- a) TOC Standings and/or Rank list point deductions,
- b) Deletion or suspension from PPD controlled social media groups,
- c) Suspension from PPD leagues and tournaments,
- d) Loss of prize monies earned to date including entry fees paid for pending activities.

**3, Additionally, All TOC Qualifier entrants are considered “Elite Players”.**

**Elite players inherit additional responsibility to exhibit leadership to those who aspire to achieve your level of accomplishment in darts.**

**By accepting entry into a Tournament of Champions Qualifier you concurrently pledge the following:**

***“I pledge to exhibit leadership at every opportunity. I will represent the sport of darts in a positive manner at all times and in all my darting activities, both public and private. Should I make a mistake, I will not defend it but instead take immediate action to correct my mistake without hesitation. I understand that anything less is detrimental to the sport of darts.”***