

DART PROFESSIONALS OF THE WEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dart Professionals of the West (DPOW) operates as a professional organization described in the US IRS code 501(c)(6) incorporated in the state of Colorado, with the mission of organizing, promoting and supporting professional dart events and players in the United States, west of the Mississippi River.

Programs of DPOW include:

Dart Players Colorado (DPCO) working in coordination with Dart Players US;
DPOW Tournaments following American Darts Organizations (ADO) Rules;
Horsetooth Hotshots (HH) long format singles league;
Double Vision Darts (DVD) long format doubles league;
Dart Women of the West;
And ADO league and qualifiers organized by DPOW

Rules outlined here apply to all DPOW events, except where noted. Player attire, for example, varies from event to event. These rules and future rules are **not** intended to cover every scenario or situation, but the intent is to hold players/members and their guests accountable to a professional and respectful standard.

The DPOW board can amend/update the rules and regulations as necessary and as frequently as needed **without prior notice** to players/members.

Information concerning DPOW and its activities can be found at www.dpow.org. Rules and regulations, along with any updates, will be posted on the website.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

1.1 Players shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of disability, religion, military status, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

1.2 Each player shall participate in all DPOW dart events in a fair and sporting manner and shall cooperate with DPOW or any partner organization to promote and develop the sport of darts.

1.3 Each player shall perform and compete to the best of their ability in each match and/or darts event in which they compete and will complete all matches. A player who concedes a match when it still can be won will be in breach of this rule.

1.4 All players and guests will desist from any behavior that may reasonably be construed as gamesmanship (any action carried out by a player during an event that is intended to gain an advantage by putting off an opponent) before, during, or after any match at any DPOW event.

1.5 During match play, players must not use offensive language or “mouth” any offensive language or be seen to be making offensive gestures.

1.5 Players must not recklessly throw their darts at any time.

CODE OF CONDUCT SPECIFIC TO DPCO EVENTS

1.6 Players will conduct him/herself in a professional manner at all times during DPCO events. Players understand that negative publicity can be damaging to both players and DPCO and as such players will behave in a manner that does not bring DPCO or the sport of darts into ill repute.

1.7 When a player is required to mark a match under the rules of a DPCO event, any failure to fulfill this responsibility either in person or by securing a replacement, will be a breach of DPOW rules.

2. GENERAL PLAYING RULES

Any reference to “referee and/or promoter” in the DRA Rulebook (attached below), is interpreted at DPOW events as the event director.

DPOW utilizes the following sections of the Darts Regulations Authority Rulebook:

DRA 5.1 Administration - item 1, 2 and 6

DRA 5.2 Throw - items 1,2,3,4, 5, and 7

DRA 5.3 Starting and Finishing - items 1 - 9

DRA 5.4 Scoring - items 1 - 8

DRA 5.5 Dartboards - items 1 - 10

DRA 5.8 Tournament Playing Rules - items 1-4

DRA 5.10 Entry - items 1 and 3

DRA 5.11 Registration - items 1 - 4

DRA 5.13 Order of Play (corking) - items 1, 5, 6, and 7; (start of game) items 13 and 14

DRA 5.14 Practice - items 1 and 3

DRA 5.15 Tournament Play (event play) - items 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10

DRA 5.16 Tie Break - items 1 and 2

3. PLAYING ATTIRE

3.1 Torn clothing, clothing with obscenities, and open toed shoes are discouraged.

3.2 PLAYING ATTIRE FOR DPCO QUALIFIERS - Torn clothing, clothing with obscenities and open toed shoes are not allowed. Since winners of DPCO qualifiers earn placement in DPCO Main Event, adherence to playing attire for DPCO Main Events is encouraged.

3.3 PLAYING ATTIRE FOR DPCO MAIN EVENTS - Select matches in DPCO Tour Events will be live streamed. As such, more professional dress is required. Closed toed shoes and collared shirts must be worn during competition. No torn clothing or profanity on clothing will be allowed. No headgear, other than on religious grounds or medical grounds shall be worn during play. This includes hats, bandanas, headphones, earbuds.

3.4 PLAYING ATTIRE FOR DPCO GRAND FINALS: Business casual dress. Players must wear solid-color dress pants, khakis or a skirt that reaches to the knees or below. All players must wear a collared shirt. Footwear must be solid-color dress shoes or all-black trainer/gym shoes. No headgear, other than on religious grounds or medical grounds shall be worn during play. This includes hats, bandanas, headphones, earbuds.

4. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND PROCESS

4.1 The DPOW Board has ultimate decision making power concerning establishment of rules, consideration of rule infractions and decisions regarding sanctions. The DPOW Board extends this authority to event directors for any decisions that need to be made on site during the running of an event.

4.2 During match play in any DPOW event, sanctions may be issued by the event director in the following circumstances:

- a) Persistent gamesmanship
- b) Aggressive behavior
- c) Physical contact
- d) Visible or verbal obscenity
- e) Encouraging the director to issue a warning to an opponent

4.3 Where the circumstances as itemized in 4.2 occur, the DPOW event director will:

- a) In the first instance issue a formal warning to the player
- b) If the behavior continues, or any other sanctionable behavior occurs, a second warning will be given to the player and the player will be told that continuation of the behavior will result in the player being docked one leg.
- c) If the behavior continues, the player will immediately be docked the leg in progress, or the leg that has just concluded, and warned that they will forfeit the match if the behavior continues.
- d) If the behavior continues, the player will forfeit the match.
- e) Depending on the severity of the infraction, accumulated warning may carry from one match to the next. Depending on the infraction, the accumulated warning may carry from one event to the next DPOW event. The event officials will inform the offending player if this is deemed necessary.

- 4.4 In the case where a player makes serious physical contact with their opponent or anyone else while in the general playing area during a DPOW event, the event director will immediately disqualify that player and ensure that the player is removed from the venue.
- 4.5 Violation of local, state, and federal laws may result in immediate suspension from the current event and possibly future events.
- 4.6 Any misconduct and/or rule infractions not addressed during an event by the event director will be considered by the full DPOW Board.
- 4.7 SANCTIONS - Where a player or other person concerned is found guilty of misconduct or otherwise in breach of rules, the DPOW Board may impose upon that person one or more of the following sanctions:
- 4.7.1 temporary suspension for a period fixed in time or by reference to particular events;
 - 4.7.2 permanent suspension (with or without the possibility of reinstatement, which may be conditional);
 - 4.7.3 a fine;
 - 4.7.4 the withholding of all or a proportion of any prize money earned from a DPOW event;
 - 4.7.5 the withholding of Order of Merit points from a DPCO event;
 - 4.7.6 a reprimand or censure in respect to conduct;
 - 4.7.7 a suspended sanction
- 4.8 In the absence of other agreement, a fine and any related costs imposed on a player or other person concerned pursuant to these rules must be paid within 14 days of notification. If a player fails to make payment by the due date, fines will be increased by 50% and the player concerned will be automatically suspended from all DPOW events.
- 4.9 Sanctions related to infractions at any DPOW event may apply to just that event, all events in that DPOW series, and/or additional DPOW event series.
- 4.10 APPEALS - Decisions made by event directors can be appealed to the full DPOW Board.
- 4.11 Decisions of the full DPOW Board can be reconsidered at the request of a sanctioned player. A DPOW Board decision after reconsideration is final.

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