

BRITISH DARTS ORGANISATION

BDO CODE OF PRACTICE NO 5 - POLICY ON YOUNG PLAYERS

This Code of Practice has been drawn up for the guidance of BDO Member Darts Organisations on those occasions when called upon to organise darts events in which young players are participating.

SMOKING

- (a) Officials should advise all players that smoking will not be allowed within the match play area at any time Apart from the designated smoking area's.

DRINKING

- (a) Officials should advise all players that the consumption of any intoxicating liquor will not be allowed within the match play area at any time during the event.
- (b) Players found to be consuming any intoxicating liquor within the match play area will be disqualified from the event in question.
- (c) Players under 18 years of age shall not be allowed to consume intoxicating liquor in the playing venue.
- (d) All officials running and looking after youth players must have a CRB check .

AGE LIMITS

- (a) Junior - over 13 years of age, but under 17 years of age on the final day of play.
- (b) Youth - over 13 years of age, but under 18 years of age on the date of the finals.
- (c) Teenage - over 13 years of age, but under 20 years of age on the final day of play.

PLAYING ATTIRE

All young players must be respectably dressed, as in accordance with the BDO dress code players are **NOT** permitted to wear jeans, neither shall they wear trousers, or skirts made with denim, or corduroy material, which have been fashioned in a 'jeans style'.

- (a) This restriction shall also apply to any form of „track-suit“ attire.
- (b) In those events where players are representing a County Organisation, then they must be uniformly dressed in Playing Attire which has been approved by that County Organisation.

DISPENSATION – BICC Championships and BDO Members Only Events.

A dispensation will be allowed for players younger than '13' providing that written evidence is produced confirming that the player in question has achieved an acceptable playing standard and has been playing regularly in the Youth Inter-Counties System for at least one year.

A written request on a County letter heading must be submitted to the Player's Director for scrutiny and approval.

The care and welfare of any young player participating in senior BICC matches shall be the responsibility of the player's parents/guardian, or an approved County Official.

INSURANCE

All young players representing a County Organisation must be registered as playing members of that County Organisation.

This may be achieved by registering, as an Associate Member of the County, or for a Youth League controlled by the County, or for a Youth Section of the County Super League, or in exceptional cases, as County Team players.

Only if players are registered by one of the methods indicated will they be eligible to be covered by BDO Insurance Policies.