

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 matchplay area at any time during the event.
- (b) Players found to be smoking within the matchplay area will be disqualified from the event in question.

DRINKING

- (a) Officials should advise all players that the consumption of any intoxicating liquor will not be allowed within the matchplay area at any time during the event.
- (b) Players found to be consuming any intoxicating liquor within the matchplay 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.

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 1st January may play in all under 18 events in that year until 31st December in that year.
- (c) Teenage - over 13 years of age, but under 20 years of age on the final day of play.

PLAYING ATTIRE

- (a) All young players must be respectably dressed, and in particular the wearing of jeans will not be allowed.
- (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

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.