



Cleveland Darts Organisation

PLAYERS HANDBOOK





Introduction

The Cleveland Darts Organisation (CDO) would like to offer our congratulations on you being selected to represent your county.

This is a fantastic achievement and we wish you every success in every match you play.

The purpose of this manual is to provide all players and officials with an understanding of Cleveland Darts Organisation, its operational requirements and general culture.

It also aims to provide guidelines for all players in respect of required standards and conduct when representing Cleveland on and off the oche.

All players are encouraged to read the enclosed information thoroughly and to ensure that this document remains in your possession at all times for ready referral.

This hand book has been prepared for you as a ready reference to information for each competition and should be referred to on a regular basis.



Darts Mission Statement

Values

- We are ONE team. This means we hold the following values and are constantly guided by them.
- We are relentless in our pursuit of improvement and success.
- We strive to develop an atmosphere that is conducive to darting success.
- We aim to be an organisation that promotes and supports the aspirations of players aiming to play at a higher level.
- We base recognition and promotion on consistent performance.
- We value open and honest and constructive communication.

Vision

We will:

Be renowned as the most consistently competitive County in the competitions in which we are represented and excel in the way we go about;

- Playing darts on and off the oche.
- Preparing to play darts
- Socialising through darts.
- Be perceived by our competitors as a worthy opponent whenever we play.



“Golden Rules”

To play at for Cleveland is a privilege and one that you deserve. We have included a number of “Golden Rules”, the contents of which are totally endorsed by the committee.

1. Do your very best at all times and never criticise your team mates.
2. Present the best Cleveland Darts image possible, incorporating a hard attitude and mental toughness clearly evident to others.
3. Plan to succeed leaving nothing undone in terms of preparation.
4. Give 100% support to your captain and team-mates, both on and off the oche.
5. Players and friends are to treat the venues and fellow visitors with a courteous, respectful manner i.e. noting appropriate dress codes, language and behaviour in general.

Darts Etiquette

1. Under no circumstances should anyone bring their own food or drink into the venue.
2. No player may racially vilify another on or off the field of play at anytime.
3. In times of disappointment, players are expected to control their language and behaviour.
4. If you are unable to play, please advise the manager & captain as early as is possible. Equally, if you are going to be late to a game, let your captain know.
5. Make sure you have a contact number for team manager and captain, please call if you have any problems attending a match.



Cleveland Darts – Child Protection Policy

Everyone who participates in the Sport of Darts under the jurisdiction of the Cleveland Darts Association is entitled to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment. The Cleveland Darts Association has a moral and legal obligation to ensure that, when given responsibility for young people, we provide them with the highest possible standard of care.

The Cleveland Darts Association is committed to devising and implementing policies so that everyone in the sport of darts accepts their responsibilities to safeguard children from harm and abuse. This means to follow procedures to protect children and report any concerns about their welfare to appropriate authorities.

The aim of the policy is to promote good practice, providing children and young people with appropriate safety/protection whilst in the care of the Cleveland Darts Association.

A child/young person is defined as a person under the age of 18 (Children's Act 1989)



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Cleveland Darts Association is committed to the following:

- the welfare of the child, whatever their age, culture, ability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity should be able to participate in the sport of darts in a fun and safe environment
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes and feelings
- all suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- people who work with children will be recruited with regard to their suitability for that responsibility
- working in partnership with parents and children is essential for the protection of children



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To provide children with the best possible experience and opportunities in the sport of darts everyone must operate within an accepted ethical framework.

It is not always easy to distinguish whether there has been some form of abuse. Therefore It is **NOT** the responsibility of Cleveland Darts members to make judgments' about whether or not abuse is taking place. It is however their responsibility to act if they have concerns about the welfare of a child.

As mentioned members of the Cleveland Darts Association are not child protection experts and it is not their responsibility to determine whether or not abuse has taken place. All suspicions and allegations must be shared with professional agencies that are responsible for child protection.

Stockton Borough Councils' Social Services unit have a legal responsibility under The Children Act 1989 to investigate all child protection referrals by talking to the child and family (where appropriate), gathering information from other people who know the child and making inquiries jointly with the police.

NB: If there is any doubt, you must report the incident: it may be just one of a series of other incidences which together cause concern.



Youth Team Manager

Marie Dobson

The team manager will communicate to players and parents:

- Game/ practice schedules
- County match schedules and details
- Times of coaches and directions to venue
- Times players are expected to report for games, tournaments and practices
- Set up player/ parent team meetings as required.
- Compile and distribute a contact list for each player on your team.
- Coordinate player information with Northern Youth Darts



Chairman

Barry Davies

Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide leadership to the Executive and General Committee.
- Ensure that all committee meetings are constructive and deal with issues that concern the county.
- Attend all County Team selection meetings and put forward selections for discussion. Chairman will only have deciding vote if decision is tied between selectors
- Attend all BDO meetings or arrange for a delegate to attend.
- Act responsibly as a figurehead for the County.
- Liaise with the media, actual sponsors and potential sponsors.
- Call meetings of the Executive Committee when required.
- Establish clear responsibility and accountability within the Committee.
- Liaise with all Committee members.
- Ensure that work is appropriately distributed amongst the Committee members.
- Remain aware of the CDO's financial status.
- Any other duties as required.

Period of Office: Two Year, (renewable by re-election)

Responsible to: All Members:



General Secretary Claire Stainsby

Role and Responsibilities

- Ensure that all players BDO Inter County registration papers are completed and submitted.
- Ensure that all Inter County results are reported in accordance with BDO rules.
- Set all dates prior to the start of playing season for BDO compulsory competitions.
- Liaise with The Chairman on agenda setting for all meetings.
- Ensure that any matters arising from meetings are appropriately dealt with, giving the responsible member the completion date and reporting procedure.
- Maintain and distribute an up-to-date list of the Membership.
- Co-operate with other Executive Committee in liaising with the media, current sponsors and potential sponsors.
- Any other duties as required.

Period of Office: Two Year, (renewable by re-election)

Responsible to: All Members:



Treasurer

Liz Maw

Role and Responsibilities

- Be responsible for all Cleveland Darts Organisations accounts.
- Liaise with all executive committee members to ensure that they are aware of the financial status of CDO.
- Act responsibly at all times.
- Produce a financial report by 30th June each year.
- Distribute audited accounts and financial report for AGM.
- Ensure that all monies due are received.
- Act as main signatory on all cheques.
- Liaise with the media, actual sponsors and potential sponsors.
- Liaise with all Committeemembers.
- Any other duties as required.

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Responsible to: All Members:



Super League Secretaries

Ladies: Tonilee Bowstead

Mens: PaulNicholson/Claire Stainsby

Role and Responsibilities

- The principal Role of the Super League Secretary is to compile fixtures which are satisfactory to the smooth running of the Super League for the duration of the BICC Inter County season.
- To provide an up to date record of all Super League Games including Scores, Averages and League Tables.
- Be the main point of contact for any questions regarding fixtures, averages and league table positions throughout the season.
- Attend all committee meetings to provide updates on compliance with fixtures.
- Provide an up to date average table for the team selectors
- Organise regular Super League meetings with team captains.
- Work with the General Secretary and the Competition Secretary during the playing season to ensure dates that are set aside for BDO major competitions do not clash with Super League games.
- Attend the county team's selection meeting to provide information on performance and ranking of individuals being picked for playing.

Period of Office: One Year, (renewable by re-election)
Responsible to: Executive Committee and All Members:



Team Managers

Ladies: Shirley Witten
Mens: Brian Henderson

Roles and Responsibilities

- Ensure that the respective players are informed whether they have been selected to play, to be a reserve or if they have been dropped from the team via phone calls or texts.
- Ensure that the team list is given to General Secretary immediately after the meeting before going public.
- Ensure that they or the Team Captain are available to shake the hand of opponent and their own player, both at the commencement and at the conclusion of every game.
- Communicate with the Superleague Secretaries regarding who has ticked the box to be available for County prior to each selection.
- Contact all players prior to selection to make sure available for each match.

Period of Office: Two Year, (renewable by re-election)

Responsible to: Executive Committee and All Members:



General Committee Member

Role and Responsibilities

- Attend all Inter County games (home and away).
- Assist in all County fund raising activities.
- Assist in organising and running competitions.
- Ensure refreshments are available for players on stage during matches.
- Ensure that all stage crew (marking and electronic scoring) positions are filled for every match.
- Assist in erecting and dismantling the stage equipment when required.
- Any other duties as required.

As a member of the committee they will be committed to the success of Cleveland Darts Organisation (CDO). They will act in accordance with the Cleveland Constitution and all the relevant British Darts Organisation's (BDO) and English Darts Organisations (EDO) Rules and Regulations.

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Disciplinary Proceedings

The CDO shall adopt the procedures laid down in the BDO Code of Practice No 3 on Disciplinary Proceedings in any matters concerning the discipline of any 'CDO Players, Officials, and Members that have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute.

A copy of the Code of Practice is held by all the BDO Directors and Maintained by the Chairman who will issue all updates to the Counties..

In the instance of an 'incident' occurring at a CDO function, or darts event which is deemed to have been occasioned by any player, or any official, or any outside person, then the chairman shall be empowered to suspend that player, or official, or outside person from all CDO activities pending the result of a Disciplinary Hearing.

Such suspension shall be confirmed in writing to the person concerned and a detailed written report prepared for consideration at the subsequent Disciplinary Hearing.



Drugs & Alcohol

It is not our intention to impact on or influence how people live their lives in private, except where that entails substance abuse, which results in impairment of his/her performance at CDO events, or there is good reason to believe it is likely to do so.

We follow guidance provided in the UK NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING POLICY (Version 1.0, 14th December 2009) and The UK Anti-Doping Rules (Version 2.0, dated 14th December 2009).

Please note that it is possible for drug testing to be carried out at any BDO events

Drinking moderate amounts of alcohol doesn't often cause any serious problems. However, drinking too much can be harmful and could impact on your performance.

Please make friends or family attending events aware of our stance regarding drugs and alcohol abuse.

If you have any issues about the above please advise the team manager and captain as early as is possible.



Hotel Bookings

If you require a hotel room for an away match, it is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that the committee member taking details knows your requirements.

Any player or supporter booking a hotel room will be liable for the full cost if someone can not be found to take their room.

All payments must be made at the game before the hotel booking in question.

Hotel details will be available on Cleveland Darts website as soon as all bookings are confirmed.

In order to keep costs down, no guarantees can be made with regards to sharing twin rooms.

If you would like to stay additional nights please advise asap.

You are welcome to book your own hotel, but the coach will only deliver and collect from the team hotel.

Please contact Claire Stainsby for any hotel bookings or queries.

Payments to be made to Tonilee Bowstead.



Coach Pick Up Points for Away Matches

M&D Travel Offices – Crofton Road, Stockton. TS18 2QZ

Thornaby Sports and Leisure Club - Tedder Avenue, Thornaby TS17 9JP.

To book your place on the bus please contact Claire Stainsby.

**If you are in the Members Draw the bus is free.
Non Members Draw is £10 each game.**

If you are running late for the pick ups please contact Claire Stainsby on 07779346355.

We will only wait a maximum of 10 minutes at each pick up point so please be on time.

**Please note pick up times will vary depending on the travel distance.
Times will be available on Cleveland Darts website.**



Cleveland Website

<https://www.clevelanddarts.co.uk>

This a new site under development. If you would like to have anything added to the site please contact Zoe Holland

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Cleveland County and Superleague Darts

LADIES SUPERLEAGUE ▾

MEN'S SUPERLEAGUE ▾

CLEVELAND COUNTY ▾

LOCAL COMPETITIONS



Cleveland Darts Organisation Website

Welcome to the Cleveland Darts Organisation website. For all the latest news and information on cleveland county darts and cleveland superleague darts. Plus don't forget to check out our competitions page!

Thornaby Sports and Leisure (TSL) are proud Cleveland County Sponsors and home venue to Cleveland County Darts. Visit their website @ www.thornabysportsandleisure.com

Cleveland men's and ladies superleague have 30 registered teams and over 300 players playing across the whole of Teesside.



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