



These Official **DDO Terms & Conditions** are written and published by the **Deaf Darts Organisation**.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Deaf Darts Organisation of United Kingdom (DDO) is a non-profit organisation governing the sport of darts for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing in the UK. The DDO Board of Directors consists of 6 elected officers responsible for the day to-day operations of the organisation.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Hearing Impairment:** Participants must meet the criteria for hearing loss, which usually involves having a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels in the better ear, as verified by a medical professional.
- **Registration Requirement:** Players must be registered with the Deaf Darts Organisation or a recognised regional/national federation.
- **Age:** Players must meet the age requirement for the competition they wish to enter (e.g., junior, senior, open category).
- **Residency:** Participants may be required to reside in the country or region they are representing for a certain amount of time.

2. REGISTRATION & FEES

- **Sign-Up Process:** Players must submit their registration forms by the deadline, along with proof of eligibility (hearing loss documentation, ID, etc.).
- **Entry Fees:** A fee may be charged to participate in events, which covers administrative costs, prize money, venue, and other related expenses.
- **Late Registration:** Some events may allow late registration with an additional fee; however, this may depend on availability and event guidelines.
- **All competitions entry fees are nonrefundable unless a valid reason is provided. Refund requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.**

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

- **Sportsmanship:** All participants are expected to behave respectfully towards other players, officials, and spectators. Any form of unsporting

behaviour (e.g., verbal abuse, cheating, or disruptive conduct) may lead to disqualification or penalties.

- **Fair Play:** Players must follow all rules and regulations of the event and must not engage in activities such as match-fixing, drug use, or any other unethical behaviour.
- **Dress Code:** A specific dress code may be required (e.g., no offensive logos, appropriate footwear, or team uniforms).

4. EVENT RULES & FORMATION

- **Game Format:** All tournaments and competitions will follow specific formats, typically based on well-known darts rules such as 501, 301, or Cricket. Details about specific rules (e.g., number of legs, sets, or any variations) should be made available before the event. **Further reading on DDO Official Rules.**
- **Refereeing:** Matches will be overseen by referees who will use visual signals to communicate decisions. Players must comply with the referee's instructions, including those related to the start of play, pauses, and other official rulings.
- **Technology:** If electronic scoring or digital boards are used, players must respect the operation of such equipment. Any malfunction should be reported to the officials immediately.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY

- **Medical Clearance:** In some cases, players may need to provide a medical certificate confirming their fitness to participate in the event.
- **Emergency Procedures:** In case of an emergency (e.g., injury or health concerns), players should follow the emergency protocols set by the event organizers.
- **Injury:** If a player is injured during a match, they may be given medical attention. If the injury is serious, they may be disqualified or asked to withdraw from the competition for safety reasons. **Further reading on Health & Safety Policy**

6. PRIZES & REWARDS

- **Prize Money:** If applicable, prize money will be awarded to the winners of each category or tournament. Prizes may also include medals, trophies, or other forms of recognition.

- Disputes: Any disputes regarding results or prize distribution will be handled by the organising body. Decisions made by the governing body or referee are final.

7. COMMUNICATION & MEDIA

- Official Communications: Participants must provide accurate contact details upon registration. Any updates regarding the event (e.g., schedule changes or rule clarifications) will be communicated through the official channels (e.g., email, event website). **Further reading on Social Media & Communication Policy.**
- Photographs and Videos: By entering the event, players consent to being photographed, filmed, or interviewed by the event organisers or media outlets. These images and videos may be used for promotional purposes, including on social media platforms. **Further reading on Photography & Video Consent Policy.**

8. DISQUALIFICATION & PENALTIES

- Violation of Terms: Any violation of the event's terms and conditions can result in disqualification or penalties. This includes cheating, use of prohibited substances, abusive behaviour, or failure to follow rules.
- Appeals: If a player feels they have been unjustly disqualified or penalised, they may appeal the decision. The appeals process will be outlined by the governing body, and decisions will be made based on the evidence provided. **Further reading on Code of Practise on Disciplinary Processing.**

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES

- Trademarks: The use of the Deaf Darts Organisation's name, logo, or other intellectual property without permission is prohibited.
- Content Ownership: All content generated during events (e.g., photos, videos, written articles) is the property of the organisation and may be used at their discretion. **Further reading on Data Protection & Privacy Policy.**

10. PRIVACY & DATA PROTECTION

- Personal Data: The organisation will collect personal information for event registration and management. This information will be handled in

accordance with privacy laws and the organisation's Data Protection & privacy policy. **Further Reading on Data Protection & Privacy Policy.**

- **Third-Party Sharing:** Personal data may be shared with third parties for event-related purposes (e.g., sponsors or partners), but it will not be sold to unrelated organisations.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

- **Event Cancellation:** The Deaf Darts Organisation reserves the right to cancel or reschedule an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., natural disasters, public health crises, or other emergencies).
- **Refunds:** In the event of cancellation, participants may be offered a refund for entry fees or the opportunity to participate in rescheduled events, depending on the organisation's policy.

12. AMENDMENTS

- The Deaf Darts Organisation reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time, and any such amendments will be communicated to participants in advance.

13. SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE USE

Official Social Media Channels:

- **Usage Guidelines:** By participating in any event organised by the Deaf Darts Organisation (DDO), players and participants agree to comply with the guidelines regarding social media usage, including the proper and respectful use of DDO's official channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.).
- **Hashtags and Mentions:** Participants may be encouraged to use specific event-related hashtags or mention the official social media handles of the DDO when posting about the event. These may include but are not limited to:

Facebook: **@DeafDarts**
Instagram: **@DeafDarts**
Twitter: **@DeafDarts**

- **Content Sharing:** Participants consent to the DDO using any publicly shared content, such as posts, photos, videos, or comments, across

their social media platforms for promotional purposes. **Further reading on Social Media & Communication Policy.**

Content Ownership and Rights

- **Participant Content:** Any content (photos, videos, posts, or comments) shared by participants on their own social media accounts related to DDO events remains the property of the participants, but by tagging or mentioning DDO, participants grant the organisation a license to share or repost that content on official channels.
- **DDO-Generated Content:** Content created by or for DDO, including official event photos, videos, promotional materials, and branded content, is owned exclusively by the organisation. This includes all content posted on DDO's social media accounts and website.
- **Prohibited Content:** Participants are prohibited from posting content that is offensive, discriminatory, or harmful, or from using official DDO social media platforms to engage in harassment or spamming. Violators may face disciplinary actions, including disqualification from events. **Further reading on Social Media & Communication Policy.**

Official Website

- **Website Use:** Participants and visitors to the DDO website must comply with the Terms and Conditions provided on the website, which may include: www.deafdarts.org
- The website may feature content such as event information, registration details, news updates, rules, and other essential resources. Visitors agree to use the website for legitimate purposes and agree not to misuse the information or resources provided.
- **Intellectual Property:** All content on the DDO website, including logos, trademarks, event materials, and documents, is protected by copyright and intellectual property laws. Users may not copy, distribute, or reproduce any content without explicit permission from DDO.
- **Privacy Policy:** DDO's privacy policy governs the collection and usage of personal data on the website. By using the website, visitors agree to the terms outlined in the privacy policy, which will describe how data is collected, used, and stored.

- **Linking to the Website:** External websites may link to the DDO website for informational purposes. However, DDO reserves the right to request the removal of links if the website feels it is being misrepresented or linked in a way that could damage its reputation.

Social Media & Website Disputes

- **Dispute Resolution:** Any issues or disputes arising from social media interactions or website use (e.g., improper use of DDO content, violation of intellectual property rights, harassment, or negative publicity) will be handled according to DDO's dispute resolution process. Participants may be required to cease using DDO's social media or website if such disputes are unresolved.
- **Account Suspension/Termination:** DDO reserves the right to suspend or terminate the access of any individual or entity found to be in violation of the terms regarding the use of social media platforms or the website.

Updates and Changes to Social Media and Website Terms

- **Ongoing Modifications:** The DDO reserves the right to modify or update the guidelines and rules regarding the use of its social media platforms and website at any time. Participants are encouraged to periodically check the terms and conditions and privacy policy for any updates.
- **Notifications:** Significant changes to terms or privacy policies related to the website or social media may be communicated directly via email or public announcement on the DDO's official platforms. **Further reading on Social Media & Communication Policy.**

14. REVISION NOTES

Reviewed and approved by the DDO Executive committee on 9th January 2025

