

The Ten Commandments for Keeping Score

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1. Scorekeepers Shall Not talk while keeping score!
2. Scorekeepers Shall Not move about while keeping score, stand still!
3. Scorekeepers Shall Not look at the shooter, stand facing the board!
4. Scorekeepers Shall Not call out a score, of one dart or all three -- unless the shooter asks you!
5. Scorekeepers Shall Not tell a shooter what to shoot or what combination to shoot for an out!
6. Scorekeepers Shall Not change a score unless it is brought to the attention of both shooters (teams).
7. Scorekeepers Shall Not change a score - regardless - if that player (team) has shot again and a second score written down. An error in a shooter's score MUST be corrected before he (team) shoots again or it stands.
8. Scorekeepers Shall Not lean out to see where a dart is or is going nor shall he follow the darts with body or head movement!
9. Scorekeepers Shall Not show any sign of disgust or excitement while at the scoreboard!
10. Scorekeepers Shall Not change the side of the scoresheet of the player in three leg matches..if you start a player on the left side of the scoresheet, continue to keep his score on the left- regardless of what the bull shots are.

Darter's Manners

Players like to encourage teammates and even compliment opponents on good play. As in most games, there is also a certain amount of sportsmanship. When a player is throwing, whether he is an opponent or teammate, he deserves certain courtesies from each of us. When a player is on the line:

- Don't stand beside him/her and stare at him/her. Stay well behind the line; don't shuffle or move around.
- Don't drop or rattle your darts.
- Don't talk to him/her, tell him/her their score or the number he/she needs. If he/she wants help, they can step off the line and ask for you or look at you.
- Limit encouragement and gamesmanship to before he/she steps to the line and after his/her turn is over.
- In short, do nothing to break a player's concentration while he is on the line. This applies to opponents and teammates alike.

Have fun and a good time, but remember your manners too!