



## **Rules & Regulations**

# **THE BRITISH INTER COUNTIES SOUTHERN YOUTH DARTS LEAGUE**

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## Introduction

These Rules and Regulations have been created for all members of The British Inter County Southern Darts League

### About Southern Section

The Southern Youth Darts Organisation is an independent organisation.

The Southern Section has its own dedicated website with the latest league tables and other useful information and can be found at [southernyouthdarts.uk](http://southernyouthdarts.uk)

### Our Mission players in the Southern Section

To promote the sport of darts to all youth

To offer competitive opportunities to all

To promote participation in the organisation within the South

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the organisation

To provide all of our services in a way that is fair to everyone

To ensure that all members are always treated fairly and equally at all times.

### Information Management

Southern Youth Darts will hold all personal data on its computer database and/or in paper format for its records. This information may be accessed, reviewed and used by Southern Youth Darts for administrative purposes only.

### GDPR & Data Retention

Southern Youth Darts is committed to protecting and respecting the privacy of its members. For any personal data you provide for the purposes of your membership, Southern Youth Darts is the Data Controller and is responsible for storing and otherwise processing that data in a fair, lawful, secure, and transparent way. Please see our separate Privacy Policy for further clarification.

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## Membership

There shall be no minimum age for a player to register for a County but each County is required to use discretion when registering players.

Players attaining the age of 18 years on or before 1<sup>st</sup> September in any season who are registered with a county shall be eligible to continue to play for that County but will only be eligible to play in the Under 21 section. No player over 21 years of age before and including 1<sup>st</sup> September in any season will be eligible to register to play for a County.

All Counties are required to inform the League Secretary by email as soon as possible after a match where a new player has been signed on, of the players name, age and D.O.B. Failure to comply with this may mean that points won by these players will be removed.

## Member Responsibilities

### Committee/Operating Group

It is recommended that all member counties form their own committee or operating group with their own constitution and develop their own policy documentation in support of this. As a minimum, each member county should have in place a 'code of conduct' statement or policy.

### Child Protection/Safeguarding

Southern Section acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

Southern Section has a child protection policy statement (*Appendix 1*)

All member counties have a legal and moral obligation to hold 'Enhanced' Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all adults working with them in any capacity, whether paid or unpaid. These should be declared to The Southern Youth Darts Child Protection Officer

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as soon as they are completed and should be carried out before the person is allowed direct contact with the relevant children and/or vulnerable adults.

DBS checks can be carried out via our Child Protection Officer

Further information on DBS checks can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/dbs-checkrequests-guidance-for-employers#volunteer-applications>

### Social Media

Many people now use the internet and social media to communicate with other. This brings important new opportunities for our work but also potential risks and challenges. As a result, we want all members to be clear about how we expect everyone to conduct online communication and a separate Social Media Policy has been drawn up which should be followed by all member Counties (*Appendix 2*).

The Southern Youth will also follow the *Social Networks/Social Media Services* with regard to any social media services (*Appendix 3*).

### Code of Conduct

The Southern Youth is committed to safeguarding its members. All members are subject to this Code of Conduct. Any breaches of these rules or a general code of conduct expected of members, will be classed as a Disciplinary Offence and subject to disciplinary proceedings (*Appendix 4*)

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## Finance (Bonds, Fees, Fines, Programme Fees)

### Payments

Cheques will no longer be accepted. All payments to be made by Bank Transfer

### Bond

All Counties joining the Southern Youth will be required to pay a Bond which currently stands at £100 per member team. This bond shall be paid in full prior to the mid-season meeting by the respective County. The bond may be paid in instalments providing the full amount is paid prior to the mid-season meeting – this arrangement must be agreed in advance with the Southern Section Treasurer.

The bond will be held for the duration of the County's membership of The Southern Youth. When a County terminates their membership of The Southern Section the bond will be repaid in full providing there are no outstanding monies owed to the organisation. A written summary will be provided for the County with the appropriate repaid sum of money.

### League Fees

A signing on fee will be levied on all Counties participating in the Southern Youth Darts League for each season that they remain a member. The current fee is £75.00 which shall be paid at the AGM or prior to the start of the season.

### Trophies

Trophies will be awarded for winners and runners up only.

### Fines

Any county that fails to have a representative in attendance at an AGM, Mid-Season meeting, or EGM convened in accordance with the Constitution, will be subject to a £25 fine and will be advised accordingly in writing.

Any fine unpaid at the end of the season in which it was imposed will render that County suspended from playing in the League during the next season.

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The match database, both home and away, must be emailed to the Website Administrator following each fixture. It is the Committee's discretion to fine Counties when late results and databases are being received.

Appeals against fines will be considered by the Executive Committee for extenuating circumstances and should be sent in writing to the Committee no later than 14 days after the relevant meeting/event.

### Programme Fee

All Counties shall provide a suitable programme for all HOME fixtures and a compulsory fee of £2.00 shall be charged for all players and spectators (very young children should be free of charge)

### Venue

Where possible, all Counties should play their matches at the same venue as the Senior Adult County and use the facilities in place for the seniors.

If a County does not use the Senior County facilities, the following requirements should be adhered to:

1. A raised stage for playing must be available;
2. A raised oche shall be provided which complies with the Southern Youth rules;
3. Suitable scoring facilities are provided which are clearly visible to both the home and away teams;
4. A minimum of one practice board;
5. Adequate catering facilities.

All venues should be checked to ensure that players under the age of 14 can legally be allowed into them. Where possible licensed bars should be in a separate room to the selected playing area.

The safety and well-being of all players and spectators is imperative and it is the responsibility of each County to ensure that the facilities that they offer are of a suitable standard.

Any complaints regarding the facilities of a member County should be directed in writing to the League Secretary.

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## Fixtures

These will be decided upon and notified to all Counties for approval on the agenda of the AGM.

All Counties will adhere to the dates wherever possible. If amendments need to be made this must be in agreement with both Counties.

Once a revised date is agreed a request must be made by both Counties to the League secretary using the appropriate form.

The League secretary will then formally notify each County if the revision is acceptable. Any changes must be made with 14 clear days' notice unless there are extenuating circumstances.

If agreement cannot be made by the Counties the Executive Committee will be asked to intervene.

The last match of the season shall not be put back under any circumstances. **All** matches must be played by the last fixture date of the season. This is mandatory and the Committee will instigate points deduction and fines to either one or both teams not fulfilling its fixtures.

Visiting Counties should notify the home team of their squad list for inclusion into the programme, preferably 10 days prior to the match date.

It is advisable for visiting Counties to check with the home venue if they have any special requirements (e.g. wheelchair access).

## Playing Format

### Under 18's

1. Players must be under 18 years of age before and including 1<sup>st</sup> September each season.
2. For County matches there are 7 players in this section.
3. This section is open to both male and female players who meet the age criteria.

### Under 21 Boys

1. Players must be under 21 years of age before and including 1<sup>st</sup> September each season.

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2. For County matches there are 5 players in this section
3. Players who are under 18 are eligible to play in the U21 age section if there are sufficient U18 players to fulfil the fixture and there is a shortage of U21 players however they may not play in both.
4. Girls over the age of 18 are allowed to play in this section if a team is short of U21 players

### Under 21 Girls

1. Players must be under 21 years of age before and including 1<sup>st</sup> September each season.
2. For County matches there are 3 players in this section  
No male players may play in this section.

### Match Play

<b>Under 18's – 7 Games</b>
501, Best of 5 Legs, Straight In – Double Out
<b>Under 21 Girls – 3 Games</b>
501, Best of 5 Legs, Straight In – Double Out
<b>Under 21 Boys – 5 Games</b>
501, Best of 5 legs, Straight In – Double Out

### First Throws

The away team shall throw first in each of the 3 matches.

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### Playing Attire

The standard dress code for County matches should always be observed. For players, this should be black trousers/skirts with the appropriate County shirt. There may be occasions whereby exceptional circumstances prevent the usual attire being worn. In these circumstances, agreement must be reached by both managers prior to commencement of games, and this should only be as an exception.

All Managers should be appropriately dressed at all times in black trousers/skirt and black polo shirt with the SCYD logo.

Full standard dress code should be observed by both players and officials at all SCYD competitions at all times.

### Match Results

Both teams must agree that all averages on both Darts for Windows databases agree before sending these to the Website Administrator.

Match results must be submitted, by both the home and away teams, to the Website Administrator on the same day as the match is played using the button on the match log screen. If, for some reason, this is not possible, it must be sent by email before the end of the day. The email address can be found on the Contacts Page of our website.

The following information should be submitted:

- The complete Darts for Windows Database

### Match Programmes

All Counties must provide a match programme to the following minimum specifications. It must:

- consist of 2 sheets of A4 (8 Pages)
- contain up to date league tables
- contain a page for match results

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*A person paying an admission fee or purchasing this programme for the purpose of attending an Inter-Counties match shall enter the playing venue at that person's own risk.*

*A member County organisation shall not be held responsible for the loss of that person's valuables or belongings.*

*Such declaration shall not absolve the Southern Youth Darts from claims under the public liability insurance scheme.*

*The organisers reserve the right to **refuse** admission, if necessary, without assigning a reason for doing so.*

*The organisers reserve the right to **eject** any person from the match venue, if necessary, without assigning a reason for doing so.*

*Any person found consuming food or drink which has not been purchased on the premises shall be liable to be ejected from the premises for the duration of the match in question.*

## League Championship Finals & Competitions

Finals and Competitions will take place over two days. Only players involved in Finals will be permitted to practice whilst matches are in progress. Players who have completed their games will not be permitted to practice whilst matches are in progress. Member County Officers involved in the finals must ensure that this rule is adhered to. All players participating in competitions are required to mark/chalk if they lose their game or find a responsible person to do this on their behalf. If this rule is not adhered to the player will be disqualified from any remaining competitions.

This also applies to the Pairs and Triples competitions where both players in the pairs and all players in the triples will be disqualified. Players who are disqualified will not be able to participate in any further events that day. In the pairs, an under 18 and an under 21 player may be paired together, as long as there are no other relevant players available to pair up.

### League Championships

A play off between the winners of each section will take place on a pre-arranged date at the end of each season to ascertain the overall champions of the Southern Youth. The playing format for this will be the same as for the League Format.

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Each Member County participating in the Championship Finals will be required to provide at least one Official to assist with the administration and organisation on the day. The Official will be required to wear the Official League uniform during the entirety of the event.

### Singles, Pairs & Triples

To be eligible to play in these competitions all players must be registered with the Southern Section prior to the competition and must play in their appropriate age category.

The following must be observed:

**Singles – players must be under 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the current season. If not, then they must play in the U21 section.**

**Pairs – Both players must be in the same age group (i.e. both players must be under 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the current season, to play in the under 18's pairs, and both players must be 18 and under 21 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the current season to play in the u21's**

**Triples – Must consist of one U18 player on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the current season, one U21 Girl and one U21 Boy on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the current season.**

All member Counties will be required to submit their entries and payments by a predetermined date. For the singles there will be a fee of £2 per player. There will be a flat fee of £50 for both the pairs and triples to be paid by each County.

Members will be advised of the date by which any amendments to entries will be permissible.

If on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the current season, one player is unavailable for the triples, the remaining players may continue to compete. However, they will be required to miss the throw of the missing player. It is not permissible to play triples with only one player and it is also not permissible for pairs to be played with only one player.

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## North vs South

Each year a mixed team of U18's, U21 Girls and U21 Boys are selected by the Competitions Secretary to represent Southern Youth Darts in a match against the Northern Youth Section. These matches are typically hosted one year by Southern Youth Darts and the following year by the Northern Section. Selection is made based on the players with the top averages in each section that have played 75% of the matches for that season.

The Southern Youth will advise Member Counties of the selected players and will invite them to attend. All players are provided with a Southern Section shirt to play in and receive a token award for competing on the day.

## Smoking & Drinking

1. No player under the age of 18 shall be permitted to drink or buy alcohol.
2. No person over the age of 18 shall buy alcohol for or encourage an Under 18 to drink.
3. No player will be allowed to drink alcohol whilst playing in a league match or any stages of a Southern Darts League competition.
4. Water will be supplied for all players during League matches and/or competitive games which are played on stage.

Anyone proven to be in contravention of these rules faces immediate disqualification from the match or final in question.

## Alcohol & Drug Testing

The Southern Darts League fully supports Drug & Alcohol-Free Sport and is committed to preventing drug & alcohol misuse in darts. Drug & alcohol misuse may prejudice the safety of the player and the safety of others. There is no place for the misuse of drugs in the sport of darts.

Southern Youth reserve the right to carry out random breath testing on U18's & U18 Girls playing in the U21 Ladies at any Southern Youth match or competition and **all** U18's

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including U18 Girls playing in the U21 Ladies reaching the semi-finals at the end of season finals.

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## League Tables & Player Averages

Each section (U18's, U21 Girls and U21 Boys) will be awarded an additional 2 bonus points for each match that they win:

1. The member county with the highest number of 'TOTAL POINTS' will go to the top of the League Table and all other member teams will then be placed in descending order according to their 'TOTAL POINTS'.
2. In the event of a 'tie' in 'TOTAL POINTS' the member team with the most 'MATCH WINS' will go to the top of the League Table and all other member teams will then be placed in descending order according to their 'TOTAL POINTS'.
3. In the event of a 'tie' in 'MATCH WINS' then the team with the 'HIGHER LEGS DIFFERENCE' total will go to the top of the League Table and all other member teams will then be placed in descending order according to their 'TOTAL POINTS'.

*Note – 1, 2 & 3 shall be adhered to every time that a League Table is compiled during the season, 2 & 3 will apply for any position in a League Table should there be a 'tie' on 'TOTAL POINTS'.*

Player's averages are calculated as a running average as matches progress throughout the season.

## Player Shortages

In the event of a member County having less than the required number of players for a match, they will forfeit the points for the players that they are short. The opposing team will be required to play all their players, in order that they maintain their averages for the season. If both teams are short there will be no points awarded to either side for the relevant number of games. Where there is a shortage of players, the opposing team manager shall select an equal number of players to go into the draw.

The remaining players will be required to play, in order to maintain their averages and the team will automatically be awarded a point towards their overall score regardless of the result. To fulfil a fixture, teams with player shortages shall play players again starting in the

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order of the match draw and continuing through the order until all vacant positions are filled. The results and averages for these games will not count.

## Player Registration & Transfer

Players are required to register with a member county each season. Players may only represent the County which holds their registration. A player has the right to request a transfer at any time. A 'TRANSFER REQUEST FORM' must be completed by both Counties and sent to the League Secretary if a player wishes to transfer from one Member County to another.

Member Counties may deny a player the right to transfer if:

1. Monies are owed to the member county by the player.
2. The player has property belonging to the member county and has not returned it.
3. The player has been suspended or banned from playing for the member county. In this case the player has a '21 Day Right of Appeal' as from the date on the Transfer Request Form. The Appeal must be in writing and sent to the League Secretary. A hearing will then be convened between the player, the member county in question and 4 Officers of the League. A decision will be made at the hearing by the Officers and their decision is final. If a player does not exercise the '21 Day Right of Appeal' they will remain banned indefinitely.  
If suspended, the player will be required to serve the term imposed before being able to play for or transfer to any member county.
4. Conditions 1 & 2 will only apply until the differences are resolved.

If a transfer is denied the member county should notify the League Secretary in writing with the 'TRANSFER REQUEST FORM'

## Member Withdrawals

If a member team withdraws from the league and they have completed all of their matches from the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season, then all fixture points gained by the teams they have played will remain. Points from the second half shall be deducted. In the event of this occurring, players' averages, high finishes and 180's will remain.

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## Committee Roles & Responsibilities

The Southern Section Executive Committee is made up of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, League Secretary, Competitions Secretary and the Child Protection Officer

### Chairperson (Executive)

1. To ensure the Management Committee functions properly
2. To ensure the organisation is managed effectively
3. To delegate to the Vice Chairperson
4. To represent the organisation as its figurehead

### Vice Chairperson (Executive)

1. To work with the League Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Secretary and Child Protection Officer to ensure all roles are managed effectively
2. To provide support to the Chairperson
3. To stand in when the Chairperson is absent

### League Secretary (Executive)

1. Ensuring meetings are effective organised and minuted
2. External Correspondence
3. General enquiries
4. General administration
5. Management of all league fixtures and results
6. Registration and transfer of all players

### Treasurer (Executive)

1. Present regular reports on the organisation's financial position
2. Manage bank account(s)
3. Set up appropriate systems for book-keeping, payments and petty cash
4. Ensure everyone handling money keeps proper records and documentation
5. Ensure proper records are kept for control of fixed assets and stock

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### Website & IT Manager

1. Management of Southern Section Website and Facebook page

### Child Protection Officer

1. Ensures all Member Counties have a person with designated responsibility for children's welfare and protection
2. Acts as the first point of contact for anyone in the Southern Section who wishes to escalate a concern about a child or vulnerable adult
3. Does not need to be a child protection 'expert' (That is the role of the statutory agencies) but has a basic knowledge of behaviour that is harmful to children and young people – from bullying to poor practice and abuse
4. An understanding of the roles and responsibilities of statutory agencies (Social Service, Police and Area Child Protection Committees)

### Competitions Officer

1. Work with Committee to select Players to represent Southern Section in competitions
2. Manage the team at events
3. Manage the organisation at the event and be the representative of Southern Section
4. Liaise with Counties regarding Competitions

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## Appendix 1 – Child Protection (Safeguarding)

### Child Protection Statement

This statement recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children:

1. Have a positive and enjoyable experience of the sport of darts at Southern Section in a safe environment.
2. Are protected from abuse whilst participating in any Southern Section activities.

Southern Section acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy Southern Youth will:

1. Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
2. Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding
3. Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual(s) who raise or disclose the concern
4. Ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
5. Prevent unsuitable individual's involvement with Southern Section where possible
6. Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation

The policy should be widely promoted, and we expect everyone involved with Southern Youth to follow the policy.

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## Monitoring

Southern Youth will review the policy annually at the AGM or in the following circumstances:

1. Changes in legislation and/or government guidance
2. As required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils
3. As a result of any other significant change or event

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## Appendix 2 – Social Media

### Introduction

This guidance sets out how we expect all members of the Southern Youth to conduct any online communication through social media, email or other means.

### Definitions

Social media are websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to communicate with others. The number and type of social media websites and apps are constantly changing and developing but include, amongst others, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Pinterest and many others. More general online communication includes email, online video (e.g. Skype) and messaging.

### Principles

As youth workers our lives should be an example to the young people who know us. That means that how we behave, speak, and treat others online is just as important as how we act face to face.

Whilst online communication may be a valuable addition to our work, it does not replace the time we spend with young people in person. Our 'digital lives' – how we present and conduct ourselves online – should not be a misrepresentation or exaggeration of who we are in reality. We will always seek to be honest and truthful about ourselves online and avoid anonymous communications.

The advent of social media and online communications creates new issues in safeguarding and protecting young people. We will always prioritise the need to protect young people.

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Social Media should only be used to communicate with young people if the following conditions are met, wherever possible:

1. Parental or carer consent should be sought when communicating with young people online or through social media;
2. A record of all online communication should be kept (or archived for future reference)
3. Communication with young people online or via social media should be within sensible hours (preferably 8am-9pm)
4. Communication should not be published that is in anyway considered confidential, or that is inappropriate for a young person to witness, language used should be appropriate for the audience and should not be considered offensive or abusive.

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## Appendix 3 - Social Network/Social Media Services

Whilst the Southern Youth reserves the right to avail itself of the opportunities available on Social Networking and Social Media services such as Facebook, Twitter and others as deemed appropriate it hereby issues the following disclaimer:

1. Any content, views, opinions and/or responses to questions uploaded, expressed, or submitted by the creators, sponsors, advertisers or users of social media services and other public forums as utilised by the Southern Youth, other than the content provided by the South Youth, are solely the views, opinions and responsibility of the person submitting them and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Southern Youth.
2. The Southern Youth is not responsible for content that third parties publish post, upload, distribute, disseminate, or otherwise transmit via social media services.
3. Whilst the Southern Youth will endeavour to maintain the currency and accuracy of information published via its own social media services, the Southern Youth does not warrant the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of the information available on its social media channels.
4. Where provided, the Southern Youth acts only as a passive conduit for the online distribution and publication of user-submitted material, content and/or links and expressly does not endorse any user-submitted material, content and/or links or assume any liability for any actions of participating users

### Outside Functions and Events

The Southern Youth accepts no responsibility for any misleading information, inaccuracies, misprints or cancellations of any events or functions that outside parties may advertise within user submitted material or on the sites linked from the Southern Youth webs

### Terms of Use

Whilst the Southern Youth does not wish to stifle conversation on social media sites, users must not post or upload any comments or links to Southern Youth managed social mediate pages that are unlawful, or may defame, bully, offend, interfere with privacy, or infringe copyright or other intellectual property rights.

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1. The Southern Youth reserves the right to moderate comments and may remove any comments that, in the Southern Youth's opinion are inappropriate.
2. The Southern Youth operate strict policies on discrimination and intimidation and therefore the Southern Youth will take a strong stance on deleting content which is discriminatory, hateful or threatening and any writings or actions which may offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate.
3. Where a crime has been committed, the member will be subject to a criminal investigation by the police.

### Regulatory Procedures

The Southern Youth shall appoint from the officers of the Southern Youth a number of persons who shall act as moderators for all Southern Youth managed social media pages and who shall have the authority to delete any postings that are considered to be out of compliance with the laid down 'Terms of Use'.

1. The authors of such postings may be deemed to have brought the good name of the Southern Youth into disrepute and may therefore, at the discretion of the Southern Youth disciplinary Officer face disciplinary or criminal proceedings

### Conditions

It is important to note that the aforesaid conditions of disclaimer and terms of use are likely to change without notice

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## Appendix 4 – Disciplinary Procedure

### Incidents

If a member, or Official, of the Southern Youth Darts Organisation is involved in an incident that is considered to have brought the Southern Youth Darts Organisation or any of its members or Officials into disrepute, then that member, or Official, shall be subject to Disciplinary Proceedings.

### Complaint

1. A complaint about an offending Player, or an Official, may be made verbally on the spot and/or in writing following the incident to the League Secretary.
2. If it is considered necessary to proceed, then a Preliminary Discussion will be initiated by the Chairperson.

### Preliminary Discussion

1. A preliminary discussion by The Committee shall determine whether any action should be taken.
2. If it is deemed necessary for action to be taken, the offending person, plus witnesses for the complainant, will be called to a Disciplinary Hearing.

### Convening a Disciplinary Hearing

1. The offending person will be informed by letter from the League Secretary, that they are subject to Disciplinary Proceedings and the reasons for the Proceedings.
2. The offending person will be invited to attend the Disciplinary Hearing in writing and will be given at least 21 days' notice of the date of the Hearing.
3. The offending person will be provided the opportunity to forward any information and ask any questions relating to the Disciplinary Proceedings being brought against them prior to the Hearing and name any witnesses to be called on their behalf.

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4. If the offending person fails to appear at the Disciplinary Proceedings, the matter will be decided by the Committee in their absence.
5. The Disciplinary Proceedings will be heard by 3 members of the Committee, including the League Secretary who will be there to take minutes only.
6. No person directly involved in the incident shall be allowed to serve on the Disciplinary Committee or any subsequent Appeal Committee.
7. The offending person shall be informed verbally, if in attendance, and in writing thereafter, of the decision and the effect of the decision on their future involvement in the Southern Youth Darts Organisation.

### Right of Appeal

1. The offending person has the Right to Appeal against any decision within 14 days.
2. Where lodging a Right to Appeal the offending person must outline the grounds of appeal and provide any additional evidence or witnesses to substantiate those grounds.

### Appeal Hearing

1. An Appeal Hearing will be convened in the same manner as a Disciplinary Hearing, with all relevant persons being informed in writing.
2. The Appeal Hearing will be undertaken by the remaining members of the Committee and including the League Secretary, who will be there to take minutes only.
3. No person directly involved in the incident, nor those persons that served at the Disciplinary Proceedings shall be permitted to serve on the Appeal Committee.
4. The offending person will be informed verbally, if in attendance at the hearing and in writing thereafter of the decision and the effect of the decision on their future involvement in the Southern Youth Darts Organisation.

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## Written Record

1. The Southern Section shall ensure that a full written record and file shall be kept which will include all relevant letters, minutes of meetings and all other relevant notes and information.
2. In the case of any legal proceedings ensuing as a result of any actions taken, or decisions reached, the full file will be made readily available.

## Disciplinary Action or Decision

1. The Disciplinary or Appeal Committee having made a decision, may impose a fine, suspension, suspended sentence or expulsion.

### **Fine**

Sums of money which are compatible with the seriousness of the incident.

### **Suspension**

To be suspended from taking part in any darts event or function under the Southern Youth Darts League and its affiliates, and from acting as an Official for any affiliates within the Southern Youth Darts League for a stated period of time, e.g. 1 event or function, or for a period of 3 months, six months, 1 year etc.

### **Suspended Sentence**

To be suspended from the Southern Youth Darts League and its affiliates for a period of time which will only be imposed should the offending person be involved in a further incident during that time, e.g. 1 year.

### **Expulsion**

Should the incident warrant the barring of the offending person then that person shall be barred from all darts events and functions under the jurisdiction of the Southern Youth Darts Organisation and its affiliates.