



## Scorekeepers' (Chalkers') Etiquette

The purpose of this effort is to offer some tips to fellow dart enthusiasts regarding the correct method for scoring a dart match.

Actually, there are many proper ways to “chalk”, so this is really designed to avoid those unforeseen (and usually unintentional) things that chalkers sometimes do that distract the shooters.

The basic premise that every scorekeeper must keep in mind is that her or she cannot be a factor in the outcome of the match.

### Topics of Interest

**Attitude:** be totally impartial, at least “on the outside”. Be prepared to answer questions from the contestants about the dart just thrown, the total points scored, or the remaining score.

**Placement:** stand facing and a bit to the side of the chalk board. Be careful not to block the score from the view of the contestants. The most important thing to remember is to stand perfectly still, especially when the player is throwing. Face the dart board, do not face the contestants, nor move to view any dart thrown unless requested by the player.

**Duties:** call the cork, mark the score, track the legs, acknowledge the double in and/or double out (if applicable), announce the end of the game or match, and respond as necessary or as requested to questions about the dart thrown or the score. Do not offer advice about what to throw or engage in extended discussion necessary to settle a scoring dispute.

**Technique:** samples of the accepted scoring methods are shown below. In addition, when calling the cork, take care not to touch the darts. If, in your opinion, it is too close to call, ask the contestants to cork again. When acknowledging a double in, a nod, a slight hand wave or simply saying “Yes” is generally sufficient and should not be distracting. Smoking and drinking are not allowed while chalking, unless permission is obtained from the contestants before play begins.

**Errors:** will occur and most players will be gracious to point them out and allow for their correction. Errors should be corrected right away. Errors made early in the game but not detected until late in the game are not changeable. The SDA rules address when errors can and cannot be corrected. Consult with your captain if you have a question.

In conclusion, the universal theory that we all subscribe to is that darts should be an even blend of competition, sportsmanship, and fun. The score keeping duties should be performed in a way that enhances that blend.

### 301 AND 501

NAME		NAME	
TURN SCORE HERE	REMAINING SCORE HERE	REMAINING SCORE HERE	TURN SCORE HERE

LEG SCORE HERE

### SAMPLE

BLUTO		POPEYE	
<del>28</del>	301	301	<del>66</del>
<del>28</del>	275	241	7
<del>271</del>	249	234	1
<del>58</del>	128	184	<del>39</del>
	70	95	

### CRICKET

NAME		NAME	
POINTS SCORED HERE	NUMBER STATUS HERE	20	NUMBER STATUS HERE
		19	
		18	
		17	
		16	
		15	
		B	

LEG SCORE HERE

### SAMPLE

STAN		OLLIE	
<del>28</del>	○	20	✗
<del>78</del>		19	○
78	○	18	/
		17	
		16	
		15	
		B	