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## SPORTSMANSHIP

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What truly is Sportsmanship? Is it a popularity contest? Is it a person who the league thinks deserves it because this was the first year the player didn't beat up the dartboard. (Or would that be most improved! We will touch on that later.) Is it the player that says good shot after every throw? What is truly good sportsmanship? Webster's dictionary defines sportsmanship (as fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing) becoming to one participating in a sport. Now how often do you see any of that shooting in dart leagues today? Is sportsmanship a thing of the past in dart leagues? Of course you see kicking the board, the throwing the darts at the wall in a fit of anger and the middle finger in the air and most of all bragging. (Well bragging rights are always fun! But anyway.) Most dart leagues say they don't tolerate poor sportsmanship, but poor sportsmanship has become so common in darting events and leagues most players don't really know what to consider good sportsmanship. So when it comes time to pick the person for the sportsmanship award at

the end of the season it becomes a popularity contest. Next time your shooting darts take a second and think, Are you a good sportsman? Or are you that guy?

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Sportsmanship - is a person who behaves fairly, honestly and generously in sports competition. It is playing and competing within the rules of the game. I am not one to preach sportsmanship. I have never won a sportsmanship award, and probably never will. I am one of those players that don't have the personality to fake sportsmanship.

If I shake your hand before or after a game I meant it, I don't do it because everyone else told me too. If I tell you good shot or good darts, it's because I meant it, and you deserved it.

In nine years of league and tournament play I have witnessed four types of sportsmanship, the "ego", the "fake", the "competitive", and the "classic".

The "ego" sportsmanship is the type of dart player that walks around with that look. You know that look, the "I'm bad, I'm awesome and I know it", snob look. This type of player could care less about sportsmanship unless there is money involved.

The "fake" sportsmanship is the worst by far in my book. This is the type of player that smiles all the time, tells you everything you like to hear then turns to the next person that will listen to them and tell lies about you. These types of players make great short-term league coordinators. Because they can tell you everything you want to hear and for some reason are unwilling or unable to back them up. They end up getting fired cause everyone has learned what they are about, themselves.

The "competitive" sportsmanship is the most common of all; these are the players that make up most of the dart tournaments. That's why dart tournaments are so much fun. They don't always remember to shake your hand, or say good shot when you've earned it, but they do, and they love the game and meeting new people.

The "classic" sportsmanship is as rare as a winning lottery ticket. These are the true sportsmanship players. You know as soon as you meet them. They always take the time to say hi and chat about old times. To help you out in anyway, they seem to just generally care about people in general, as well as the sport of darts.