

## New Player Handicaps

Dealing with the accurate handicaps for new players has always been an issue in creating fair competition. I have devised the following method for this session:

1) a player will declare themselves to be one of 4 levels:

beginner-rarely if ever has played darts  
novice-plays recreationally or even in a league, but is a below average shooter  
advanced-plays often and has achieved an above average skill level  
pro-has been designated a pro by the NDA, or more importantly, plays often and knows that he or she is in the top 15% of shooters in the area

2) players will choose for themselves, and must designate their status prior to the match

3) if in doubt overestimate your ability. Anyone determined by his or her competition to be way better than stated will have the games that they shot be forfeited

4) anyone with a handicap in another league must bring that handicap to this league, unless you already have a Fair Share Amusement handicap

5) here are the handicaps for new players:

	girls	boys
beginner	14-1.1	16-1.5
In-betweener	N/A	19- 1.9
novice	18-1.5	22-2.2
advanced	21-1.8	27-2.7
pro	24-2.3	33-3.3

I truly believe that this will result in a more equitable matchup. My goal is to not have any mismatches due to unfair handicaps in the first few weeks.