



**IN THE MATTER OF PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT UNDER THE RULES
OF THE DARTS REGULATION AUTHORITY**

BETWEEN:

DARTS REGULATION AUTHORITY

Regulatory Body for Darts

-and-

ANDY JENKINS

Respondent

**DECISION
OF
THE DRA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

INTRODUCTION

1. The Disciplinary Committee (the Committee) of the Darts Regulation Authority (DRA) convened for a hearing (the Hearing) on 17 April 2025 to consider a case involving Andy Jenkins (Jenkins). The Hearing was convened remotely, with only the Committee present.
2. In a written ruling dated 3 April 2025 and following a Hearing on 17 March 2025, the Committee found that Jenkins had fixed the outcome of twelve matches between 22 February 2022 and 5 July 2023 and passed information relating to this to bettors. He was found to be in breach of twenty-four charges in relation to DRA Rules, as set out at Appendix A.

3. Additionally, at the 17 March Hearing, Jenkins accepted a breach of Appendix A, Rule 2.1.1 (i) of DRA Rules in that between 17 March 2022 and 4 May 2023 he had a betting account that he used to place eighty-eight bets on Darts matches; staking £2,438.04 and making a profit of £266.46.
4. Having made this ruling, the parties were invited to provide submissions on sanction to the Committee by 11 April 2025.
5. A written submission dated 3 April 2025 and schedule of costs were received from the DRA inviting the Committee to suspend Jenkins for *“at least 10 years”* and order him to pay the DRA’s costs for the case of £17,580.03.
6. The DRA stated that *“match fixing and match manipulation are rightly seen as a cancer to sport and sports such as darts, which depends on individual skill, and competitions such as the Modus Super Series (where relatively low ranked players are invited to play) are particularly vulnerable to match manipulation and match fixing.”*
7. The DRA’s submission identified three previous cases in which the Committee has imposed lengthy suspensions on match fixers:
 - 7.1 DRA v Kyle McKinstry (25 November 2020) whereby the McKinstry was suspended for 6.5 years for fixing two matches, one of which was admitted. A consecutive suspension of one and a half years for failing to provide his phone billing which he contested.
 - 7.2 DRA v Billy Warriner and Leighton Bennett (29 November 2024) whereby the Committee imposed a total suspension of eight years on Bennett who fixed four matches in which he played, failed to assist the investigation, and signed a contract with an unregistered agent. Bennett admitted the charges against him.
 - 7.3 DRA v Prakash Jiwa (5 March 2025) whereby the Committee imposed a suspension of eight years on Jiwa who fixed four matches and bet on darts (for which a six-month concurrent sanction was imposed). Jiwa contested the charges against him.
8. The DRA submitted that Jenkins’ case is *“plainly this case is more serious than that of McKinstry and involves many more matches than those of Jiwa and Bennett. Further, Jenkins has also bet on darts matches in substantial sum for a substantial period (Charge 25 – 88 bets over 14 months in the sum of £2,438.04).”*

9. The DRA provided the following reasons for seeking a longer sanction in comparison to Jiwa and Bennett:

- a. *“Jenkins contested the allegations and required a full hearing he is not entitled to any credit for accepting his position (in contrast with Bennett);*
- b. *Jenkins has no mitigation. He cannot claim to have been pressured or seduced into the corrupt activity (in contrast to Bennett who was persuaded to engage in fixing by Warriner);*
- c. *Jenkins is a mature and experienced player; he cannot claim to have youth and inexperience on his side (in contrast to Bennett). The clear inference in this case is that Jenkins saw a chance to make money for himself and his friend and set out to do so; and*
- d. *Jenkins’ fixing was prolonged and extensive.”*

10. The DRA invited the Committee to exercise its discretion under section 20.1 of the DRA Rules to order Jenkins to pay all of the DRA’s costs of £17,580.03 in the case, for the following reasons:

- a. *“The case arose because of Jenkins’ breach of the Rules;*
- b. *Mr Jenkins disputed the charges and required a full hearing; and*
- c. *Jenkins is likely to have profited from his match fixing and did profit from his betting.”*

11. On 10 April 2025, a written submission was received from the Professional Darts Players Association (PDPA) on behalf of Jenkins which stated that any sanction should not exceed *“more than 6 years with the 18 months already served taken off this term.”*

12. In summary, the PDPA made a number of submissions in respect of sanctions:

- 12.1 Jenkins should not be liable for any costs as *“he has personally lost in potential income more than the DRA’s costs noted in the DRA’s submissions,”* with his submission stating that the Player has lost a minimum of £30,000 since being suspended;

12.2 *“There was no real or full evidence as Mr Jenkins was found guilty by ‘Probability’ and not factual evidence;”*

12.3 Jenkins had assisted both the Gambling Commission and DRA investigations in full;

12.4 Jenkins admitted to betting on darts by using his own account and did not realise that he was not allowed to do so. His winnings using his own account *“won over a long period was minimal;”* and

12.5 There is no evidence to show that Jenkins benefitted financially from the charges of which he had been found in breach.

13. This PDPA also submitted that Jenkins’ case differed from those of McKinstry and Warriner/ Bennett cited by the DRA and any sanction should recognise this. McKinstry had failed to provide information as requested on numerous occasions. He had also involved several people.

14. The Warriner/ Bennett case was very complex, with Bennett being elusive and unresponsive; and failing to even attend his Hearing.

DECISION

15. Having considered the evidence presented to the Hearing and taken note of the submissions provided by the parties, it falls to the Committee to consider an appropriate sanction in respect of Jenkins.

16. In determining this sanction, the Committee is cognisant of the need to protect the integrity, image, and reputation of the sport of Darts. To achieve this, a sanction is required that:

- provides an appropriate level of punishment;
- deters others from engaging in such conduct;
- demonstrates an intolerance of such behaviour by its investigation, discovery, and sanction; and
- is proportionate to the seriousness of the breach and its circumstances.

17. At the outset, it is the Committee’s clear position that offences involving match fixing can have no place in the sport of Darts. It is a corrosive practice that undermines the integrity of the sport. It is unfair on players, spectators, and sponsors. Where it is identified, the Committee has a duty to impose sanctions

that reflect the seriousness of the offence, as well as punishing offenders and deterring future offences. Put simply, there can be no place in the sport for such behaviour.

18. In view of this, it is the Committee's clear position that a playing ban is both necessary and inevitable in this case.
19. The Committee is broadly persuaded by the submission made by the DRA in respect of the seriousness of the breaches of the rules, the lack of mitigating factors, and the comparison with other match fixing cases.
20. In respect of the submissions made by the PDPA on behalf of the Player, the Committee acknowledges that Jenkins made himself available for interview when requested by the DRA.
21. The Committee also acknowledges the fact that Jenkins accepted the breach of betting rules relating to his own betting (Charge 25 in Appendix A).
22. In respect of the PDPA's submission regarding the evidence on which the original decision was based, the Committee does not consider this a relevant point in respect of Sanction. The Committee is satisfied that the evidence available to the Hearing was properly presented by both parties, assessed, inferences drawn as appropriate, and the decision based on the application of the correct burden of proof.
23. In considering the comparable cases as cited by the DRA, the Committee considers:
 - 23.1 The McKinstry suspension of six and a half years was imposed in respect of two fixed matches; one charge being admitted by the Player, the other denied;
 - 23.2 The Bennett case involved four matches played on two separate dates, two days apart. Whilst Bennett accepted the charges against him, this was done following a lengthy investigation that could have been foreshortened had the Player done so at an earlier stage. The credit given to Bennett for his plea was limited for this reason. It was also accepted that Bennett had been the subject of pressure applied by Warriner. This resulted in a suspension for Bennett of seven and a half years for match fixing;

23.3 The Jiwa case is considered a closer comparator, involving four matches on three separate dates over a four-month period, all of which were contested by the Player. This resulted in playing suspension of eight years. Jiwa also accepted a breach of betting on darts for which he received a concurrent six-month playing suspension; and

23.4 The Committee also considered the suspension imposed on Warriner in the Warriner/ Bennett case. Although he did not play in these matches, he accepted his role in the fixing of four matches and provided an explanation of his conduct. There were also aggravating features relevant to his Sanction, not least the fact that he took the lead in involving Bennett. Warriner was suspended for eight years for match fixing.

24. In respect of the match fixing charges encompassing twelve separate matches on nine separate dates over a period of seventeen months, Jenkins has not accepted any culpability during either the investigation or the Hearing.

25. He is an experienced darts player and a mature man who, in the view of the Committee, freely entered into a scheme to fix matches with bettors who were either known to him or closely linked to those that were. There is no evidence that he was either coerced or deceived into pursuing this course of conduct.

26. For these reasons, the Committee finds no significant mitigating factors for any Sanction in respect of the match fixing breaches by Jenkins.

27. In the Committee's view, the greater number of matches played over an extended time frame and involving nine different dates, makes this matter more serious than the other cases referred to in this Decision. Accordingly, it is therefore deserving of a more severe Sanction.

28. Section 20.1 of the DRA Rules permit the Committee the discretion to award costs incurred as a result of proceeding or by the DRA in relation to proceedings. In this case, the Committee is satisfied that the rationale provided by the DRA is justified. It is satisfied that these costs were incurred as a result of the position adopted by Jenkins during both the DRA investigation and the Hearing.

29. Whilst the Committee acknowledges Jenkins' submission in respect of his potential financial losses during his period of suspension, it does not consider this to be a relevant factor when considering the issue of costs incurred as the result of the investigation during which he was suspended by the DRA in an appropriate manner.

SANCTION

30. For the reasons set out above, Jenkins is sanctioned as follows;

30.1 For charges 1 – 24 set out at Appendix A relating to the twelve fixed matches in which he was involved at the Modus Super Series, Jenkins is suspended from playing in or being involved in any way in any DRA regulated events for a period of 11 years;

30.2 For the breach of DRA Rules relating to betting on Darts between 17 March 2022 and 4 May 2023 (Charge 25 at Appendix A), Jenkins is suspended from playing in or being involved in any way in any DRA regulated events for a period of 12 months. This suspension will be concurrent with his other sanction.

31. Additionally, Jenkins is ordered to pay costs of £17,580.03. These costs are payable by 31 December 2026 or such other date as the DRA may agree at its discretion, provided that date is before 14 November 2034.

32. Jenkins' suspension period is deemed to have started on 15 November 2023, the date on which he was first suspended by the DRA and will end at 23.59 on 14 November 2034 or on the receipt of full payment of costs (in the event default of payment as ordered or agreed), whichever is the later date.

SUMMARY

33. For proven breaches of twenty-four DRA rules relating to allegations of match fixing in respect of twelve separate matches at Modus Super Series events and one breach of DRA Rules relating to betting on Darts matches, Jenkins is suspended from playing in or being involved in any way in any DRA regulated events for a total period of 11 years and ordered to pay costs of £17,580.03. The suspension will end on 14 November 2034 or the date payment.

Tarik Shamel, Chair

Tim Ollerenshaw

Dave Jones

22 April 2025

APPENDIX A

Charge 1

On or before 22 August 2022 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Robert Thornton on 22 August 2022 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

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On or before 22 August 2022 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and Robert Thornton on 22 August 2022 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

3

On or before 24 August 2022 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Andreas Toft Jorgensen on 24 August 2022 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

4.

On or before 24 August 2022 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and Andreas Toft Jorgensen on 24 August 2022 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

5.

On or before 3 January 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Adam Mould on 3 January 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

6.

On or before 3 January 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played 3 between yourself and Adam Mould on 3 January 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

7.

On or before 4 January 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Darren Johnson on 4 January 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

8.

On or before 4 January 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and Darren Johnson on 4 January 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

9.

On or before 4 January 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Peter Manley on 4th January 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

10.

On or before 4 January 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and Peter Manley on 4 January 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

11.

On or before 25 February 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Paul Hogan on 25 February 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

12.

On or before 25 February 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played 4 between yourself and Paul Hogan on 25 February 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

13.

On or before 19 May 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and John Desreumaux on 19 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

14.

On or before 19 May 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and John Desreumaux on 19 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

15.

On or before 19 May 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Scott Walters on 19 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

16.

On or before 19 May 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and Scott Walters on 19 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

17.

On or before 19 May 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Dom Taylor on 19 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

18.

On or before 19 May 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and Dom Taylor on 19 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

19.

On or before 27 May 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Johnny Haines on 27 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

20.

On or before 26 May 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would contrive the score and/or outcome of the Match played between yourself and Johnny Haines on 26 May 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

21.

On or before 4 July 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Robin Beger on 4 July 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

22.

On or before 4 July 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played between yourself and Robin Beger on 4 July 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

23.

On or before 5 July 2023 you fixed or contrived or were a party to an effort to fix or contrive the result or score, progress or conduct of a Darts match played between yourself and Johan Van Velzen on 5 July 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.2 (i) and Rule 2.2

And/or

24.

On or before 5 July 2023 you provided information to be used for betting purposes to another person or persons and that information included the fact that you would not throw any 180s in the match played 6 between yourself and Johan Van Velzen on 5 July 2023 at the Modus Super Series event in Portsmouth.

Contrary to DRA rules Appendix A 2.1.3 (i)

25.

Between 17/03/22 and 04/05/2023 you had a Coral betting account in your name on which you placed 88 bets on darts staking £2,438.04 and making a profit of £266.46.

Contrary to DRA Rules, Appendix A 2.1.1 (i)