

# TOC Standings

“TOC standings” is a point system used by most PPD (Partners Promoting Darts) operators to help determine distribution of their TOC vouchers among their specific segment of league players. Top skilled league players may earn one of two types of vouchers (Qualifier voucher or Finale voucher). A Qualifier voucher enables a player to compete in a Qualifier tournament at the Tournament of Champions where the player competes in the Qualifier to try to advance to the larger payouts in the TOC Finale. A Finale voucher enables a player to compete directly into the Finale competition without having to go through a Qualifier.

The TOC standings point system provides a mechanism for each PPD operator to track and reward players who participate in their local leagues and tournaments in addition to a player’s skill. The TOC standings point system equally rewards loyalty, participation and skill.

The information provided here is for guidance and informational use only (for 2012). Implementation of any part of the TOC standings point system in your area is strictly at the discretion of your local PPD operator. Please check with your local PPD operator to verify what is being implemented in your league area.

Players earn points by:

- 1, Participating in league. Points awarded for each qualified league match a player participates in. Note: Some league types are awarded more points than others to help promote the most beneficial types of league. For example, 4-person team and handicapped verse Doubles or non-handicapped, etc.
- 2, Sanctioned Bar Tournaments (aka SBTs). Points awarded participating with a bonus for winning local tournaments held in almost every dart league bar.
- 3, Super-Sanctioned Bar Tournaments (aka SSBTs). More points awarded for participating and for winning at a limited number of larger local tournaments held in larger and more productive dart league bars. The larger dart bars compete for the opportunity to host a SSBT.

Point tallies are frozen two (2) weeks prior to TOC voucher issuance date. Freeze date is July 15, and voucher issuance date is August 1 each year.

## 1, League points:

League players earn points for each qualified league match and for each night of league they participate. A “qualified league match” consists of any PPD sanctioned league with **a minimum of 6 teams required**, where one of the following scenarios is achieved:

- A, Four (4) players compete against four (4) players, in at least fifteen (15) games, or
- B, Three (3) players compete against Three (3) players in at least fifteen (15) games, or
- C, Two (2) players compete against two (2) players in at least fifteen (15) games.

Note: Singles leagues do not qualify as point earning activities because they do not help promote and grow dart league.

A league not meeting the requirements as described above does not qualify for the default league point system. To encourage the most beneficial type of league, leagues that help bring in new players and grow the sport, it is necessary to differentiate point values on different types of leagues. 4-person handicapped leagues are preferred because they are the most effective for promoting the sport through

introducing new players to the game. 4-person team handicapped leagues with team caps promote existing players to actively seek more new players. These functions are important for the growth of the sport and are known to be the most effective to sustain over time. 4-person, handicapped leagues with team caps, enhance business for the locations served by the PPD operator and are the most preferred for all the reasons listed.

League match points vary:

Default League point values for each “qualified league match” is awarded as follows:

- a. Four (4) players compete against four (4) players in a handicapped league match (with team caps) consisting of at least fifteen (15) games = 2 points.
- b. Four (4) players compete against four (4) players in a non-handicapped league match consisting of at least fifteen (15) games = 1 point.
- c. Three (3) players compete against three (3) players in a handicapped league match (with team caps) consisting of at least fifteen (15) games = 1.5 points.
- d. Three (3) players compete against three (3) players in a non-handicapped league match consisting of at least fifteen (15) games = 3/4 point.
- e. Two (2) players compete against two (2) players in a handicapped league match (with team caps) consisting of at least fifteen (15) games = 1 bonus point.

Default League point values may be overridden and customized by the local PPD league operator.

## 2, SBT points:

All PPD sanctioned league locations may host Sanctioned Bar Tournaments (SBTs). There is no limit on the number of SBTs scheduled in a PPD operator area each year.

SBTs: Players earn five (5) bonus points for attending an SBT, and two (2) additional bonus points for winning an SBT. SBT players may earn a total of 75 points for participating in multiple SBTs during the course of a year and up to 85 points when combined with bonus points for “wins” and for the highest **Female\*** in the finishing order as follows:

- Five (5) points awarded to every player for merely participating in a sanctioned bar tournament. Note, 75 points maximum - for attending 15 or more SBTs.
- Two (2) additional points awarded for winning an SBT and/or for the highest finishing female\* player at an SBT. The additional two (2) points for a “win” or highest finishing female\* is limited to 10 points for winning up to five (5) SBTs per player per year.

\*Note: Should two or more female All Star players tie for the highest finishing position at a SBT, they shall break the tie by playing separate games of Count-Up and note the outcome on the bracket sheet.

1) SBT Qualifications. Each bar with at least two (2) PPD operator owned dart machines and where the bar has four (4) teams or more currently participating in a sanctioned PPD league; may host one (1) SBT dart tournament per:

A. Each league the bar participates in where the league runs at least twenty (20) weeks.

For leagues in a bar or area, where local league coordinators have determined it is necessary to separate teams into multiple "league divisions", where these multiple divisions play matches on the same day each week, at the same time, and in the same location(s); the team counts from these multiple divisions that play in the same bar may be combined for determining SBT eligibility.

EXAMPLE 1: Joe's Bar has teams in a split division league scheduled for 21 weeks. There are 2 teams in division A and 2 teams in division B for a total of 4 teams. Joe's Bar is eligible for 1 SBT.

EXAMPLE 2: Bob's Bar has teams in a split division league, which is scheduled for 20 weeks. There are 4 teams in division A and 4 teams in division B. Bob's Bar is entitled to 2 SBT's.

EXAMPLE 3: Mike's Bar has teams in a split division league, which is scheduled for 24 weeks. There are 4 teams in division A, 4 teams in division B and 2 teams in division C for a total of 10 teams. Mike's Bar is eligible for 2 SBT's.

B. Leagues lasting longer than twenty weeks, where the bar is qualified to host an SBT as explained above, the bar may also schedule an additional SBT for each additional ten (10) weeks of league play.

SBT game format, added money or not, entry fee and all features not specifically mentioned herein are subject to the Hosting Bar and local PPD member's discretion.

SBTs are open to all league and non-league players who the bar owner allows to attend.

**Wild Card SBT** - Wild Card SBTs are used to provide each PPD member an opportunity to demonstrate the value of the PPD in targeted new Cities, or other areas and or locations where existing sanctioned PPD leagues are not prevalent or do not exist at all. Each PPD member may schedule Wild Card SBTs at their discretion.

### 3, SSBT points:

Larger PPD sanctioned league locations compete to host Super Sanctioned Bar Tournaments (SSBTs) as follows:

There are a limited number of SSBTs scheduled in each PPD operator area each year [approximately eight (8) SSBTs per area].

SSBTs are placed at the most suitable dart bars as determined by the local PPD operator. Preference is given to locations with the most teams first and then by team-per-board ratios. Team-per-board ratio is a mathematical approach using the number of league teams as a % proportionate to the number of dartboards in a location. For example, the maximum number any bar could achieve is 100% if they had two teams for every night of the week for every dartboard in the bar. Realistically, a good ratio may be 35% to 40%. The bars with the most teams and highest performance ratio are most likely to earn the SSBTs until all SSBTs in an area have been scheduled. If there are not enough bars to support the number of SSBTs to be held in an area, then SSBTs are held a second time in those locations that perform the best.

Players earn as many as 60 points at each SSBT by taking 1st or 2nd at the SSBT. Each position thereafter is worth less points all the way to last place, which is awarded 12 points.

Players may earn up to a total of 240 points by participating in SSBTs toward their total annual TOC points tally by taking their best four (4) SSBT scores from all SSBTs the player attended during the year.

SSBTs are restricted to current league players only as found on the “current player list” on the TOC website and from the operator area where the SSBT is being conducted except as described below.

Outlying service areas may be shared between two or more adjoining PPD operators so long as all PPD operators involved agree to work out all details and posting of points following the shared SSBT.

SSBTs are Hi-Los and Triple-elimination whenever possible - where All participants are assigned a partner based on a high-and-low pairing of their history/current/ ppd or mpr – whichever is highest and as found on the “current player list” for each PPD operator on the TOC website.

Example: the highest ppd player will be assigned the lowest ppd player, the second highest with the second lowest etcetera until all teams are set.

To avoid conflicts: two adjoining operator regions may not schedule an SSBT on the same day.

SSBT Point value in each region is standard @ 60 points maximum.

SSBTs shall have a limit on added prize money @ \$250 maximum.

SSBTs shall have a limited entry fee @ \$5.00 per player.

## **General information:**

Definition of a “current league player”: A player who has completed a minimum of 24 games of cricket or 01 games (o/l o/o with a 50 point bull) in a sanctioned league and where they participated in that league within a period of six weeks prior to the current TOC data update. TOC league data updates routinely occur weekly.

When league play is new in an area and there are not enough weeks available to appear on the current player list; contact your local PPD league officials to determine SSBT eligibility.

Each operator processes their own SBT and SSBT points through their operator portal, i.e. “posting points” for participants through the operator portal on the [www.dartstoc.com](http://www.dartstoc.com) website.

When local PPD league officials receive SBT or SSBT documents from a Host Bar, player points are posted on the TOC standings and added to the tally for each current league player. Note: point tallies are frozen two (2) weeks prior to the TOC voucher issuance date. Thus, all SBTs for the year must be scheduled prior to that date to ensure all documents can be returned to local PPD officials prior to the deadline. In most cases this means the final SBTs and SSBTs for the year need to be scheduled and completed three to four weeks prior to the TOC voucher issuance date to allow time for the documents to be returned to officials through possible required extra effort - postage etc.. Direct communication with local PPD officials is recommended when an SBT or SSBT is scheduled near the deadline - to ensure the points will be posted in time.

Players must register / sign-in at SBT or SSBT using their complete FIRST and LAST NAMES – nicknames and the last name initials are not accepted and will not be accepted for awarding points or amended at a later date.