

## **Cricket Singles Challenger Series (CSC)**

**Basic Information:** Cricket Singles Challenge (CSC) is a streamed tournament series with 2 separate invite-only brackets in which each round of the bracket is played weekly. 2 Cricket Singles Challenger events ran each TOC Year.

Division 1 Challengers – 32 Player Bracket - \$10,000 Added – Played Monday's

Division 2 Challengers – 32 Player Bracket - \$5,000 Added – Played Wednesday's

**How:** Players earn an invitation through PPD Remote League, PPD All-Star Triples, and PPD Daily Remote Tournament (DRT) participation points. Invited players must be within the top 1,000 points ranked players on the All-Star Rank List as of lockdown dates:

**Jan 2025 Lockdown:** Eligibility range July 15, 2024-January 14, 2025

**July 2025 Lockdown:** Eligibility range July 15, 2024-July 14, 2025

Division 1 Challengers – Invitations awarded to the highest skilled (MPR) 32 players within the top 1,000 All-Star Rank List positions.

Division 2 Challengers – Invitations awarded to the highest skilled (MPR) 32 players within the top 1,000 All-Star Rank List positions.

Full divisions, no planned byes.

**Live Streaming:** Watch the CSC Challenger Series live on the Partners Promoting Darts and USA Darts Facebook and/or YouTube during each season. View past matches in the archive. See "Schedule" for details. Each season will have a "Selection Show" to showcase the season participants the Monday prior to season start at 8pm CT.

PPD Reserves the right to exclude any player from the CSC registration and/or participation who cannot be live streamed due to other obligations or agreements pertaining to darts.

**Schedule:** Division 1 matches are scheduled for Monday's. Division 2 matches are scheduled for Wednesday's. Each season will have a "Selection Show" to showcase the season participants the Monday prior to season start at 8pm CT.

**January 2025 Lockdown:** Eligibility Range July 15, 2024-January 14, 2025

Division 1 – Start Date 2/17/2025 and runs every Monday at 8:00pm CT until bracket is complete. PPD understands players have other tournaments and obligations.

Division 1 is for Mondays. Players should not register if they are not available to play regularly on Mondays throughout the duration of the CSC season.

At least 1 featured match is streamed each Monday during each CSC season.

Matches that are chosen as the live stream featured match must be played on the scheduled date and time designated by PPD.

As the bracket progresses, there are limited options when choosing the live stream featured match. If a player is unavailable on the live stream featured match scheduled date and their match is the only match with PPD Streaming capabilities, the match is forfeited in their opponent's favor. When this happens, the player who was forfeited is ineligible to participate in the next CSC (Season 8) due to the loss of streaming content for the match that was not featured.

If a location with PPD Streaming capabilities is within 60 miles of a participant's residence and PPD is planning to stream the match, the participant **MUST** play at the location with the PPD Streaming capabilities. Not doing so results in forfeiture of the match unless there is a **verifiable emergency**. Players should not register if they are not available to play on Mondays or on a board with streaming capabilities that is within 60 miles if their match is chosen for the live stream featured match.

Matches that are not chosen as the live stream featured match may be played early or late if both players within the match agree. If playing late, Division 1 matches **MUST** be played by the Wednesday following the match's original Monday scheduled date. If players need to play matches after Wednesday PPD Staff approval **must** be given. To request approval, text the PPD Assistance line 573-468-5347. Approval is given at PPD Staff discretion. Players should not register if they are not available to play **regularly on Monday** throughout the duration of the CSC season.

When matches are not chosen as the live stream featured match, are not played by the Wednesday deadline, and PPD approval has not been given for an extension, the match is forfeited in the favor of the player who was available to play the match on the original Monday scheduled date for the match. If both players were unavailable to play the match on the original Monday scheduled date for the match, PPD Staff discretion is used to determine the outcome based on the sequence of events that lead to the match not being played by the Wednesday deadline. When PPD determines neither team is more at fault, the "Home" player is advanced on the bracket and the "Away" player is forfeited.

Division 2 – Start Date 2/19/2025 and runs every Wednesday at 8:00pm CT until bracket is complete. PPD understands players have other tournaments and obligations. Division 2 is for Wednesdays. Players should not register if they are not available to play regularly on Wednesdays throughout the duration of the CSC season.

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**July 2025 Lockdown:** Eligibility Range July 15, 2024-July 14, 2025

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\*Note: Future Challenger Series events may require all matches to be played on the original scheduled date for the match only unless there is a verifiable emergency. \*

**Registration:** Registration is completed by each invited player within their PPD player account. \$100 Entry Fee per player. No refunds are given after registration closes.

**January 2025 Lockdown:**

Registration opens January 15, 2025 at 10am CT

Registration closes January 29, 2025 at 10am CT

**July 2025 Lockdown:**

Registration opens July 16, 2025 at 10am CT

Registration closes August 6, 2025 at 10am CT

**Brackets:** 32 Player Brackets – Double Elimination – CompuSport

CSC brackets are to be made live after the selection show. By looking at the bracket, anyone can see who each player is scheduled to play.

Players play 1 round of the bracket each week.

PPD communicates directly with players about live streamed featured matches.

PPD reserves the right to hold up the bracket for streaming scheduling purposes with the goal of not missing any quality matches.

**Communicating with opponents:** Once brackets are public, the Captains List becomes available in player accounts. Prior to each match, players should initiate contact via text message with opponents to confirm match date and start time.

**Dropped Players and Declines:**

If a player drops before brackets are public, the dropped player is removed from the division, the next player in line is moved into correct position accordingly.

Example before brackets are public: If player(s) drop from Division 1, the highest skilled Division 2 player is moved into Division 1 and out of Division 2. The next player in line is invited to Division 2.

If players drop after brackets are public, the dropped player is removed from the division, the next player in line is moved into correct position accordingly.

Example after brackets are public: If player(s) drop from Division 1, the highest skilled Division 2 player is invited to participate in Division 1 while also participating in Division 2. If the highest skilled Division 2 player declines playing in Division 1, the next Division 2 player is invited to participate in Division 1 while also participating in Division 2. If all Division 2 players decline playing in Division 1, the highest MPR player ranked 1,001 -

2,000 on the All-Star Rank List based on lockdown date is invited to fill the Division 1 spot for the dropped player.

Players who drop after brackets are public are ineligible to participate in Challenger Series events for 1 year from date the player dropped. Exceptions given for **verifiable emergencies** at PPD Staff discretion.

**Prize Money:** Paid via PayPal to the PayPal Email address found in each participants player account following the completion of the entire event. Payouts extending to last place paying \$50.00.

Division 1 - \$10,000 Added/Event \$20,000 Added/TOC Year

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$4,500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$2,250  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,750  
4<sup>th</sup> Place \$1,300  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Place \$600  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Place \$400  
9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Place \$100  
13<sup>th</sup>-32<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50

Division 2 - \$5,000 Added/Event \$10,000 Added/TOC Year

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$2,500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1,500  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,000  
4<sup>th</sup> Place \$600  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Place \$400  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Place \$200  
9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Place \$100  
13<sup>th</sup>-32<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50

**Format:** Double Elimination – All Cricket – Race to 9 Wins (Best of 17)

**Corking Procedures:** Corking is done the first game of each match to determine which team goes first in the first game of cricket. Once the player hits “start” on their CSC match, a two-round game of 501 with a double (split) bull will pop up – this is the cork. The “home team” is the team listed on the top of the match on the bracket. The “home team” will throw one round (all three darts), then the “away team” will throw one round. The team who scores the most points and ends with the lowest 501 score wins the cork unless there is a tie. If there’s not a tie, press the red button to manually skip the second round. This will end the cork and start the match with the cork winner starting the first cricket game. In the event of a tie after the first round of the cork, each player will shoot a second round of the cork to

attempt to break the tie. If, in extraordinary circumstances, there is still a tie after both teams have thrown 2 rounds, cancel the match and repeat the process until the tie is broken.

Cork game data is not retained for statistical purposes.

The cork winner starts the first game of cricket. After the first game, the losing team starts the next game and so on unless a team is down 3 games or more, then the Player Advantage Rule comes into play.

**Player Advantage Rule:** If one team is down more than 2 games (3 games down or more), the match-trailing team will start until they are no longer more than two games down, at which time the match reverts to loser of previous games starts. The board does not automatically choose who goes first & teams will need to adjust prior to each game.

**Setting Up the Machine:** The CSC uses the remote league play features of the Arachnid G3 dartboard. Each match is set-up as a separate league match on the machine's "remote league menu".

On the machine choose:

League Mode  
Play League  
Choose CSC  
Select 'Yes, both cameras work'.

If cameras are not working, exit league mode and update the board, then return to setup.

Choose your team

Choose whether you are Home or Away (Look at the bracket on CompuSport, the team on the top of the match is the Home Team.)

Choose Opponent Team

Choose 'Local' if your opponent is with you at your location, playing on the same board.

Choose 'Remote' if your opponent is at a different location

While the board is "waiting for opponents" it is a great time to text your opponents to let them know you are ready if you have not previously done so. DO NOT hit start on the match until you have communication to and from opponents and streaming crew.



**Shooters Advantage Rule:** The Shooters Advantage during remote tournament play is applied the same as onsite at the TOC. The Shooter's Advantage = backing up darts to correct a beneficial but miss-scored dart or non-scoring dart.

If playing in the CSC and wish to correct a miss-scored dart:

Do not remove darts from the board. If the dart falls out of the board or is removed, the shooters advantage rule CANNOT be used.

Pause the game – Call Opponents – Take Picture of Darts – Wait for approval – Backup and Re-score the mis-scored dart by tapping in by the flight.

If your opponents do not give approval, keep the game paused & text the PPD League Assistance line at 573-468-5347 for Admin Assistance.

If you are unable to get your opponent's attention before their turn, wait at the board to pause immediately when it comes back to you. (DO NOT THROW ANOTHER DART. If another round is thrown by the team with the miss-scored dart before fixing the miss-scoring, the rule cannot be used.) When the board comes back to you after opponents have thrown, follow steps to apply the rule for your miss-scored dart. This will require the other team backing up their 3 darts thrown. After the miss-scored dart is fixed, the other team can either manually score their darts from the round that had to be backed up OR they may choose to rethrow, as strategy may have changed.

NEVER score or fix a miss-scored dart without approval of your opponents. PPD Staff review camera footage following the tournament for any illegal miss-scored darts. Because we cannot view the footage during the tournament, it does not affect the outcome of the match but will result in 90-day suspension when proven guilty. All penalties at PPD Staff discretion.

### **Player Etiquette, Good Sportsmanship & Ethics:**

Each player signs a "Code of Conduct" during the registration process. In signing this document each player agrees to conduct themselves according to the Code. Penalties are applied for failure to uphold the Code of Conduct. Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct can result in complete forfeiture of prize money & removal from the tournament.

Misguided competitiveness is not an excuse. Drinking is not an excuse.

Negative, uncooperative, aggressive, or abusive behavior of any kind is penalized. PPD reserves the right to address misconduct once reported stemming from any

PPD Event. Bad behavior results in disciplinary action and/or possible suspension from the PPD activities.

**PLAY AT YOUR RISK.** Do not argue or disrespect opponents. Get help from PPD Staff to resolve any issues.

Any player/team found guilty of not abiding by rules are subject to disciplinary actions including expulsion from tournament and league play privileges at sole discretion of the PPD.

All Rules are meant to provide a foundation for an enjoyable experience playing darts. Never use a rule out of the context for which it was written, in doing so you may cause more problems than the rule was originally meant to help prevent. Never allow misplaced competitiveness to overshadow common sense and good sportsmanship.

THROW DARTS, RELAX AND HAVE FUN!!!!