

# PPD Nationals

## —DETAILS & RULES—

### Section 1: Basic Event Information

**Eligibility:** PPD Nationals can be played on any PPD Vendor Members Arachnid G3 boards. To check a players eligibility see: [Player Eligibility Tool](#)

4 requirements needed on [www.dartstoc.com](http://www.dartstoc.com) to register:

1. **Established Stats/Average** from eligible Leagues and/or Tournaments
2. **PPD Player Account**
3. **Form W9 Filed for the current year**  
Any player exceeding \$599 for a calendar year receives a 1099 for tax purposes.
4. **Meet minimum game requirements – 2 Different ways to become eligible:**

- a. **PPD Remote League Play** – 9 PPD Remote League Matches within 90 days of registering for the event. (A player can substitute up to 3 DRT's for 3 of the 9 league matches needed.

**Example:** A player can be eligible by using 6 league matches & 3 DRTs.  
Up to 3 DRTs can be substituted for 3 League Matches for eligibility.  
A player would then need 6 League Matches & 3 DRTs to be eligible.

**Note:** Eligibility changes daily as new matches come in & old matches fall out of the 90-day window.

- b. **Meet minimum # of games for desired event -**

**July 16-18, 2021: 650 Games** between July 15, 2019 & July 11, 2021

**October 15-17, 2021: 150 Games** between July 15, 2021 & October 10, 2021

**January 14-16, 2022: 300 Games** between July 15, 2021 & January 9, 2022

**April 15-17, 2022: 450 Games** between July 15, 2021 & April 10, 2022

**July 15-17, 2022: 600 Games** between July 15, 2021 & July 10, 2022

- **If games are played for a PPD Member who purchases vouchers, the games can be from the Vendors Traditional Leagues and/or PPD Remote play – Leagues and/or DRTs.**
  - Check eligibility for players from Voucher Owning Vendors on the Standings Pages: [PPD Vendor Standings Page](#)
- **If games are played for a PPD Member who does not purchase vouchers, all games must be from PPD Remote play – Leagues and/or DRTs.**
  - Check eligibility for players from Participation Based Vendors on the All-Star Rank List: [PPD All-Star Rank List](#)

**Schedule:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend of July, October, January & October – Start Time 1:30pm CST

July 16-18, 2021

October 15-17, 2021

January 14-16, 2022

April 15-17, 2022

July 15-17, 2022

**Registration:** Completed & paid by the team captain from their PPD Player Account.

\$40/Player due at time of registration – 100% Payback

Singles Entry Fees: \$40

Doubles Entry Fees: \$80

Triples Entry Fees: \$120

Coin Drop \$1/Game at the board.

**Registration Opens** at 10:00am CST on the following dates:

**July 16-18, 2021:** Registration Opens June 9, 2021

**October 15-17, 2021:** Registration Opens September 8, 2021

**January 14-16, 2022:** Registration Opens December 8, 2021

**April 15-17, 2022:** Registration Opens March 9, 2022

**July 15-17, 2022:** Registration Opens June 8, 2022

**Registration Closes** as early as 5:00pm CST on the following dates:

**July 16-18, 2021 Event:** Registration Closes July 13, 2021

Last day to play matches: July 11, 2021

**October 15-17, 2021 Event:** Registration Closes October 12, 2021

Last day to play matches: October 10, 2021

**January 14-16, 2022 Event:** Registration Closes January 11, 2022

Last day to play matches: January 9, 2022

**April 15-17, 2022 Event:** Registration Closes April 12, 2022

Last day to play matches: April 10, 2022

**July 15-17, 2022 Event:** Registration Closes July 12, 2022

Last day to play matches: July 10, 2022

**Prize Money:** Paid via PayPal following the tournament.

100% Payback of Entry fees PLUS up to \$101,000 ADDED to each Weekends Events

- Singles – Up to \$20,000 Added to each Event
  - \$400 Added to each 16-Player Flighted Bracket
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$450
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$300
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$180
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Place \$110

- **Doubles – Up to \$20,000 Added for Bracket Payouts PLUS \$31,000 Bonus Payouts to each Event**
  - \$400 Added to each 16-Team Flighted Bracket
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$700
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$500
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$300
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Place \$180
  - \$31,000 Bonus Pool Payouts split among highest finishers in each pool across all brackets. Bonus Pools based on All-Star Rank List rank on registration close date.
    - \$10,000 Bonus Pool for players ranked 1 to 100,
    - \$6,000 Bonus Pool for players ranked 101 to 250,
    - \$5,000 Bonus Pool for players ranked 251 to 400,
    - \$4,000 Bonus Pool for players ranked 401 to 550,
    - \$3,000 Bonus Pool for players ranked 551 to 700,
    - \$2,000 Bonus Pool for players ranked 701 to 850,
    - \$1,000 Bonus Pool for players ranked 851 to 1,000.
  
- **Triples – Up to \$30,000 Added**
  - \$600 Added to each 16-Team Flighted Bracket
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$1,050
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$750
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$450
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Place \$270

**Format: Triple Elimination – 16-Player/Team Brackets**

**Singles – No Cap – Flighted Brackets**

**Winner's Side (No Loss) – Rounds 0 to 2 on Bracket –**

Race to 2 Wins (Best of 3) – All Cricket

Choose Code SWIN at the machine

**Loser's Side (One Loss) – Rounds -1 to -6 on Bracket – Race to 2 –**

Race to 2 Wins (Best of 3) – Cricket, 501. Tiebreaker Cricket.

Choose Code SLOSE at the machine

**Last Chance Side (Two Losses) – Rounds 8 to 18 on Bracket – Race to 1 –**

Race to 1 Win (Best of 1) – Cricket.

Choose Code SLAST at the machine

**Winner's Side Race to 4 – Round 3 on Bracket – Race to 4 –**

Race to 4 Wins (Best of 7) – All Cricket

Choose Code SWIN4 at the machine

**Doubles – 150 Cap – Flighted Brackets**

**Winner's Side (No Loss) – Rounds 0 to 2 on Bracket –**

Race to 2 Wins (Best of 3) – All Cricket

Choose Code DWIN at the machine

**Loser's Side (One Loss) – Rounds -1 to -6 on Bracket – Race to 2 –**

Race to 2 Wins (Best of 3) – Cricket, 501. Tiebreaker Cricket.

Choose Code DLOSE at the machine

**Last Chance Side (Two Losses) – Rounds 8 to 18 on Bracket – Race to 1 –**

Race to 1 Win (Best of 1) – Cricket.

Choose Code DLAST at the machine

**Winner's Side Race to 4 – Round 3 on Bracket – Race to 4 –**

Race to 4 Wins (Best of 7) – All Cricket

Choose Code DWIN4 at the machine

## **Triples – 210 Cap – Flighted Brackets**

**Winner's Side (No Loss) – Rounds 0 to 2 on Bracket –**

Race to 2 Wins (Best of 3) – All Cricket

Choose Code TWIN at the machine

**Loser's Side (One Loss) – Rounds -1 to -6 on Bracket – Race to 2 –**

Race to 2 Wins (Best of 3) – Cricket, 701. Tiebreaker Cricket.

Choose Code TLOSE at the machine

**Last Chance Side (Two Losses) – Rounds 8 to 18 on Bracket – Race to 1 –**

Race to 1 Win (Best of 1) – Cricket.

Choose Code TLAST at the machine

**Winner's Side Race to 4 – Round 3 on Bracket – Race to 4 –**

Race to 4 Wins (Best of 7) – All Cricket

Choose Code TWIN4 at the machine

**Notes:** Cork for start of 1<sup>st</sup> & Tiebreaker (if needed) games. (See Gameplay Section)

Cricket Games are limited to 20 rounds.

X01 Games are oi/oo full bull.

## **Championship & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Matches –**

The brackets are triple elimination, this means every team must be beat 3 matches (not games) throughout the day to be eliminated from the tournament.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Match:** When playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place match, the team on the top of the match has 1 Loss – the team on the bottom of the match has 2 Losses.

1. First Match – Play Loser's Side Format.

a. If the team on the top of the match wins, that is their opponents 3<sup>rd</sup> loss & they advance to the Championship match.

b. If the team on the bottom of the match wins the first match, that is their opponents second loss & another match is required. WAIT UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND MATCH TO SCORE THE MATCH IN COMPUSPORT.

## 2. Second Match –Last Chance Format.

- a. The team that wins that match, advances to the championship match.

**Championship Match:** When playing the Championship, the team on the top of the match has ZERO losses. This means a team must beat them 3 MATCHES (not games) to eliminate them from the tournament. The team on the bottom of the match could have One or Two match losses for the day. If you are the King Seat team & unsure how many losses your opponent has, post on the Facebook page for assistance from PPD Admins.

1. First Match – Winner’s Side Format
2. All other matches use the format of the team with the fewest match losses. If you are unsure which format to use – Post on the Facebook page immediately for PPD Admin assistance.

## Section 2: Game Play

### Getting Assistance & Contacting Admins:

**All contact with Admins is done on the Facebook Page:**

### **Dart Leagues - PPD North America**

During the tournament: Most importantly – DO NOT CALL/TEXT THE PPD LEAGUE ASSISTANCE LINE FOR HELP DURING THE TOURNAMENT. Do not send Admins private messages on Facebook. All tournament questions should be posted to the Facebook Page: [Dart Leagues - PPD North America](#). It is crucial for your success during any PPD Major Remote Tournament. Without being a member of this group, you will have no form of communication with PPD Admins during the tournament.

After your team is eliminated from the tournament: Communicating with PPD Admins is ONLY for those players still in the tournament. Once eliminated from the tournament DO NOT post or pm Staff about anything during the remainder of the tournament. This includes protests, suggestions, questions, or comments. Please send any comments or concerns- good, bad or ugly - via email to [cgriggs@playmor.com](mailto:cgriggs@playmor.com) and/or [kspurgeon@playmor.com](mailto:kspurgeon@playmor.com). These emails will be reviewed the next business day & will NOT affect the outcome of the tournament, as all PPD Remote Tournaments are PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK. Penalties are applied to any teams breaking rules. All penalties applied at PPD Staff discretion.

PLAY AT YOUR RISK. At any time DO NOT post on Facebook or pm Staff about opponents, accusing someone of sandbagging, their strategy or throwing higher/lower than you believe they should. These claims should all be emailed to [cgriggs@playmor.com](mailto:cgriggs@playmor.com) and/or [kspurgeon@playmor.com](mailto:kspurgeon@playmor.com) to be reviewed the next business day. (See Section 4: Player Etiquette, Good Sportsmanship & Ethics)

## Start Time & Forfeit Time:

Start Time is 1:30pm CST.

Forfeit Processing Starts at 1:45pm CST. Teams not starting by 1:45pm CST will not be forfeited but could face penalties after the tournament is complete unless PPD Staff are informed for the circumstances regarding the late start.

Forfeit Time for first round matches is 2pm CST. Any matches not started by 2pm CST are subject to forfeiture.

Forfeit Time for all other matches is 10-minutes past match post time on the bracket.

That means DARTS MUST BE IN THE AIR no later than 10-minutes past the time on the bracket or the match is subject to forfeiture. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Note: Failure to report a team that is not present at Forfeit Time (or any other delay of match) results in immediate 30-day suspension from PPD remote tournament activity.

## Captains List & Pre-Match Contact (PMC):

The Captains List is live in player accounts by the Thursday evening prior to each weekend event. Teams use their captains list for:

- Finding which codes/format to use at the board.
- Finding each team captains phone number.

PMC: The team captain should be contacting the opposing team captain prior to EVERY match played throughout the tournament. DO NOT START YOUR MATCH WITHOUT CONTACT!!!

Note: Do not argue or disrespect opponents. Get help from admins to resolve any issues. This includes comments about strategy/pointing. Unless a team is violating the rules – be nice & keep it to yourself. VIOLATIONS TO THIS RULE ARE MEANS FOR AT LEAST IMMEDIATE 30-DAY SUSPENSION.

**Setting Up the Machine:** All-Star Tournaments utilize the remote league play features of the Arachnid G3 for each tournament match. Each format is set-up as a separate league match on the machine's 'League Mode' menu.

'League Mode'

'Play League'

Choose correct League Code (See captains list for which league code to use)

Select 'Yes, both cameras work'.

If cameras are not working, exit league mode & update the board, then return to setup. See *Section 3: Cameras* for details.

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 & from opponents.

**Corking Procedures:** Corking is done before each match to determine who shoots first. Corking is also done when a tiebreaker is needed. Corking game data is not retained for statistical purposes. Once you hit “Start” on a match, a 501 game will pop up – this is the cork.

#### How to Cork:

The cork is a two-round game of 501 with a double bull and is the first game of each match’s league code. After the first player on each team throws, the 501 game will show the second player on each team. The second players only throw if there is a tie.

The first player of the home team will throw all three darts, followed by the first player of the away team. The LOWEST 501 score after three darts for each team are thrown, wins the cork unless there is a tie. If not a tie, press the red button to manually skip the second player round.

In the event of a tie after the first players of each team shoot, the 2nd players on each team also throw three darts to attempt to break the tie – the lowest 501 score after the 2nd players throw wins the cork. If, in extraordinary circumstances, there is still a tie after both people on each team have thrown three darts, then cancel the match, and repeat the process until the tie is broken.

**Note:** If there is no tie and a second player throws, back up game and remove second players scored darts. If both teams 2nd players throw use this score to determine who goes first in game – no need for re-corking.

#### **CompuSport- Brackets & Advancing Matches:**

Brackets are live on CompuSport by the Thursday evening prior to each tournament weekend.

A member of each team should be prepared to score matches after the completion of each match to move them forward on the bracket.

This should be done IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING match completion. BEFORE taking a break. If teams are caught taking breaks prior to scoring matches it can result in forfeiture from the tournament and/or tournament suspension at PPD Staff discretion.

Any teams unsure of how to use CompuSport should educate themselves using [CompuSport Tutorials](#) PRIOR to the tournament.

## Section 3: Other Details

### Teams/Substitutions:

Player Ratings used at the time of flighting, the Wednesday prior to the tournament. If teams go over the cap by the time of flighting, they are given the option to adjust their team to fit the cap or drop from the tournament & be refunded entry fees.

Substitution is allowed up to 2 hours prior to start time. If substituting a player after flighting, the subs PR must be equal to or less than the PR of the person being replaced. Subs must meet all eligibility requirements. Send all substitutions via email to [kspurgeon@playmor.com](mailto:kspurgeon@playmor.com). An admin will respond to the email as soon as the change is complete.

PPD automatically sets up the board with the highest PR shooter throwing first. Player/team shooting order can be manually changed from match to match.

### Boards & Locations:

Boards are limited to 1 team per board & are first come first served at the time of registering for the event. Upon registration, the captain will also choose a Secondary Location. Secondary locations are not guaranteed but will be loaded with the tournament codes should any emergencies arise.

Tournament players are expected to arrive at least 30-minutes prior to start time. During this time, it is the team captains responsibility to:

Check for the Tournament Codes (See Section 1: Format)

Check board connectivity: Play at least 1 casual remote game to ensure connectivity. When problems are discovered prior to 1:30pm CST the team has 2 options-

- 1) Staff works with team to move to their previously chosen secondary location if time allows prior to 2pm CST. If time does not allow, the team forfeits their 1<sup>st</sup> match at 2pm & possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> match if 2<sup>nd</sup> match is waiting.
- 2) The team can choose to not play, PPD staff turns team into a bye & entry fees are refunded.

Throw Lines are positioned 8 feet from the board face. Players throw from behind the line.

Players can lean across the line during their throw as long as their foot does not touch the floor before the dart leaves their hand. All throw line "protests" are dealt with following the tournament & do not affect the outcome of the match or game.

It is discourteous to stand at the throw line while opponents are throwing. Some players will stand at the throw line to get ready for their next turn. Do not confuse this with a team being impolite, when they are actually just trying to keep the match moving along. Teams that are purposely waving arms around or trying to distract/disrespect teams can face a tournament suspension following the tournament if proven guilty.

Send all throw line claims to [cgriggs@playmor.com](mailto:cgriggs@playmor.com) and/or [kspurgeon@playmor.com](mailto:kspurgeon@playmor.com) following the tournament.



**Cameras:** Every team playing should have a working camera to continue participating.

If playing in the tournament & you notice a teams camera is not working:

Stop the match by pressing the back-up button to pause.

Call your opponents & let them know their camera is not working. (nicely because it is out of their control & most likely have no idea it was not working in the first place)

Work with opponents to reboot their board. The team with the working camera should stay in the match while opponents shut off power to boards, turn back on & hit the triple 20's repeatedly to initiate the "update screen" on the board. The team will then go back into the League Menu & click "Continue Suspended Match". Shortly after, the boards should connect.

In extraordinary circumstances, if the Suspended Match does not show on the board, the team with the non-working camera can try setting it up as a new match, it should then give the option to continue or start a new match. If it does not give that option, it means the team cancelled the match instead of cutting power to the board. Post on the immediately to get assistance from admins. If Admins follow all protocol & are still unable to fix the situation, it can lead to a match forfeit for the team without a working camera.

**Match Delay:** Tournament play is not held up for any reason.

Once a match is started, players are NOT TO LEAVE THE BOARD or delay starting each subsequent game of the match.

Breaks are not allowed during a match.

Replaying a match is not allowed unless approved by staff.

**Shot Clock:** The 30 second shot-clock is not to be paused for ANY REASON other than to apply the "Shooters Advantage Rule". (see Section 3: Shooters Advantage Rule)

If the other team is the one holding up the match: Post on the [Facebook Page](#) .

PPD Staff MUST be made aware of match delay IMMEDIATELY! Allowing opponents to cause match delay & not informing admins makes your team equally as guilty & penalties will be applied at PPD Staff discretion. This includes possible forfeiture of BOTH TEAMS INVOLVED.

Leaving a board during a match will result in probably loss of the current game, possibly the match, because the shot-clock passes missing player(s) throughout the game. A missing player may rejoin the game upon their return to the board.

When a game ends with a missing player, the next game is to start immediately and so on until the match is complete. DO NOT wait to hit start on the next game because one of the players is not present.

**Shooters Advantage Rule:** The Shooters Advantage during remote tournament and league 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 tournament & 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 & Re-score the mis-scored dart by tapping in by the flight.

If your opponents do not give approval, keep the game paused & post on the Facebook page for Admin Assistance.

If you are unable to get your opponents 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.

## **Section 4: 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.

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.

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**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!!!!**