

# Women's Challenger Series

## —DETAILS & RULES—

### Basic Information

**What:** Women's Challenger Series is a streamed tournament series. 16 women are invited to compete for each event in a double elimination bracket. Each round of the bracket is played weekly. Each week the invited women players bring any partner of their choosing to play. Players in good standing with PPD are eligible to participate as the partners, even if they are not within the PPD system. Banned/Suspended players are not eligible to be partners. 2 Women's Challenger Series events are hosted each TOC Year.

16 Player Double Elimination Bracket - \$5,000 Added

Players earn an invitation through PPD Remote League & DRT participation. Must be within the top 1,000 ranked female players on the All-Star Rank List as of lockdown dates:

**Nov 2023 Lockdown:** Eligibility Range July 15, 2023–November 14, 2023

**May 2024 Lockdown:** Eligibility Range July 15, 2023–May 14, 2024

Invitations awarded to the highest skilled (mpr) 16 women within the top 1,000 All-Star Rank List positions.

PPD Reserves the right to exclude any otherwise “eligible” player from the WCS registration and/or participation who cannot be live streamed due to other obligations, sponsorships, and/or agreements pertaining to darts.

**Schedule:** WCS is a remote tournament played from each players' local bar. 1 featured match is streamed each Monday. If a location with PPD Streaming capabilities is within 60 miles of the participant and PPD is planning to stream the match, the participant **MUST** play at the location with the camera. Refusal is cause for automatic forfeiture of the match unless **verifiable** emergency. Players should not register if they are not open to playing on a board with streaming capabilities that is within 60 miles.

**Nov 2024 Lockdown:** Eligibility Range July 15, 2023–November 14, 2023

Start Date 12/11/2023 & runs every Monday at 8:00pm CST until bracket is complete. Each week's matches MUST be played by Friday following the match schedule date.

**May 2024 Lockdown:** Eligibility Range between July 15, 2023-May 14, 2024

Start Date 6/10/23 & runs every Monday at 8:00pm CST until bracket is complete. Each week's matches MUST be played by Friday following the match schedule date.

**Registration:** Completed by each invited player by using their PPD User Account. \$100 Entry Fee per player. No refunds after WCS Brackets are live and/or opponents are known.

**Nov. 2023 Lockdown**

Registration opens November 15, 2023 at 10am CST

Registration closes November 28, 2023 at 10am CST

**May 2024 Lockdown:**

Registration Opens May 15, 2024 at 10am CST

Registration closes May 29, 2024 at 10am CST

If a location with PPD Streaming capabilities is within 60 miles of a participant & PPD is planning to stream the match, the participant MUST play at the location with the camera. Refusal is cause for automatic forfeiture of the match unless verifiable emergency. Do not register if you are not open to playing on a board with streaming capabilities that is within 60 miles, regardless of if it is your usual home location. *PPD Reserves the right to exclude any player from the WCS registration and/or participation who cannot be live streamed due to other obligations, sponsorships, or agreements pertaining to darts.*

Camera setup for the WCS is currently \$1,000 per board setup. Anyone interested in purchasing a camera setup contact Carly Griggs at [cgriggs@dartstoc.com](mailto:cgriggs@dartstoc.com) or 573-468-5347 x104.

WCS brackets are to be made live on CompuSport by the Wednesday following registration close. By looking at the bracket, you can see who each player is scheduled to play. Players play 1 round each week.

Players involved in the live stream each week are notified by PPD Staff. Production Crew contacts players for interview/pre-match details prior to the match starting.

Once brackets are live, the Captains List becomes available in player accounts. Prior to each match, players should initiate Pre-Match Contact with opponents to confirm match date & start time.

**Prize Money:** Paid via PayPal to the invited female player on each team. Payouts are sent to the PayPal Email address found in each players account following the completion of the entire event. Payouts extending to last place paying \$50.00. All prize money goes to the invited female player on the team only.

Added Money: \$5,000

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$2,500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1,500.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$800.00

4<sup>th</sup> Place \$500.00

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Place \$300.00

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Place \$150.00

9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Place \$50.00

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

The female players invited to compete in the event start every game.

The female players invited to compete in the event Cork for home team at the beginning of the match.

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 WCS uses the remote league play features of the Arachnid G3 for each tournament match. 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 correct League Code (WCS)

Select 'Yes, both cameras work'.

If cameras are not working, exit league mode & 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 & from opponents & streaming crew.

Once the match connects with opponents manually add partners full name (first and last) to the board as a "new substitute".

**Corking Procedures:** Corking is done before each match to determine which team shoots first in the first game of cricket. Cork 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:

**ONLY the female player invited to participate in the event corks, her partner does not cork – ever – even when tied after the first round of the 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.

The "home team" will throw all three darts, followed by 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 round.

In the event of a tie after the invited female players of each team shoot, they will shoot a second round of the cork to attempt to break the tie – the lowest 501 score after the 2nd round wins the cork. If, in extraordinary circumstances, there is still a tie after both teams have thrown 2 rounds, then cancel the match, and repeat the process until the tie is broken.

**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 the WCS & 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 & text the PPD League Assistance line at 573-468-5347 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.

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 admins to resolve any issues. This includes negative comments about strategy. Unless a team is violating the rules – keep it to yourself. VIOLATIONS TO THIS RULE ARE MEANS FOR AT LEAST IMMEDIATE 30-DAY SUSPENSION.

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!!!!

Suspended players are not allowed to play in the WCS.