

# Cricket Singles Challenger Series

## — DETAILS & RULES —

### Basic Information

**What:** Cricket Singles Challenge 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

Division 2 Challengers – 32 Player Bracket – \$5,000 Added

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

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

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

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.

NOTE: Full divisions, no byes. Once dropped players are removed from a division, the next player in line based on MPR is moved into correct position accordingly.

Example: If player(s) drop from Division 1 before brackets are made live, the highest skilled Division 2 player(s) are moved into Division 1 and out of Division 2.

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

**Schedule:** CSC is a remote tournament played from each players’ local bar. 1 featured match is streamed each Monday & Wednesday. 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.

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

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

Division 1 – Start Date 2/26/2024 and 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.

Division 2 – Start Date 2/28/2024 and runs every Wednesday at 8:00pm CST until bracket is complete. Each week's matches MUST be played by the Sunday following the match schedule date.

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

Division 1 – Start Date 8/19/2024 and runs every Monday at 8:00pm CST until bracket is complete. Each week's matches are to be played by Wednesday following the match schedule date. If players need to play matches after Wednesday PPD Staff approval must be given. Approval is only given when emergencies arise and matches are not planned to be featured on the live stream.

Division 2 – Start Date 8/21/2024 and runs every Wednesday at 8:00pm CST until bracket is complete. Each week's matches MUST be played by Friday following the match schedule date. If players need to play matches after Friday PPD Staff approval must be given. Approval is only given when emergencies arise, and matches are not planned to be featured on the live stream.

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

**Jan. 2024 Lockdown**

Registration opens January 17, 2024 at 10am CST

Registration closes February 7, 2024 at 10am CST

**July 2024 Lockdown:**

Registration Opens July 17, 2024 at 10am CST

Registration closes July 31, 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 CSC registration and/or participation who cannot be live streamed due to other obligations or agreements pertaining to darts.*

Camera setup for the CSC 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.

CSC 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 PayPal Email address found in each participants player account following the completion of the entire event. Payouts extending to last place paying \$50.00.

Added Money: Division 1 \$10,000 Added

Division 2 \$5,000 Added

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

Cork for home team at the beginning of the match. After the first game, loser starts. 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 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 (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.

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.

**Corking Procedures:** Corking is done before each match to determine who shoots first. 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:

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 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.

**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 CSC & 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!!!!