

Women's Choice Challenger Series (WCS)

Basic Information: Women's Choice 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 Choice Challenger Series events ran each TOC Year.

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

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 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.

No planned byes.

Live Streaming: Watch the WCS 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.

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

Schedule: Matches in the WCS are scheduled for each Monday's. 1 featured match is streamed each Monday during the duration of each WCS.

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 July 15, 2023-May 14, 2024

Start Date 6/10/2024 and runs every Monday at 8:00pm CST until bracket is complete. PPD understands players have other tournaments and obligations. WCS

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

At least 1 featured match is streamed each Monday during each WCS 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 WCS 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, WCS matches **MUST** be played by the Wednesday following the match's original Monday scheduled date. To request approval, text the PPD Assistance line 573-468-5347. 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 WCS 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.

*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.

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

Brackets: 32 Player Brackets – Double Elimination – CompuSport

WCS brackets are to be made live on CompuSport by the Wednesday following registration close. 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 winner's side of 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, the dropped player is removed from the division, the next player in line is moved into correct position accordingly.

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. All prize money paid directly to the invited female player on the team only.

\$5,000 Added/Event \$10,000 Added/TOC Year

1st Place \$2,500.00

2nd Place \$1,500.00

3rd Place \$800.00
4th Place \$500.00
5th-6th Place \$300.00
7th-8th Place \$150.00
9th-16th Place \$50.00

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. The female players invited to compete in the event corks; Her partner does not cork ever in the WCS, even if tied after the first round of the cork. Once the player hits “Start” on their WCS 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 female players invited to compete in the event start every game.

Games 1-16 are Doubles. The Tiebreaker game, Game 17, is a Women’s Singles game and partners sit out.

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".

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 WCS 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 & 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.

Suspended players are not allowed to play in the WCS.

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!!!!