

All-Star Series of Darts

Rising-Star Finale

RULES and QUALIFICATIONS

Effective July 10, 2009

NOTE: This event is PPD Member Specific!

Participating PPD Members Include:

Acme Music Co. – St. Joseph, MO; Kentuckiana Vending – Evansville, IN; Newman Amusement – Poplar Bluff, MO; Play-Mor Coin-Op – Sullivan, MO; Williams Enterprises – Carmi and Centralia, IL

1. ***Rising-Star Finale*** ...A one day tournament, with NO ENTRY FEES, where the Top 32 Rising-Star point earners, per PPD Member, are invited to compete for their PPD Members' Rising-Star Championship and a minimum of \$1,500 in cash, sponsored by the participating PPD Member. The hosting location may add money as well (see rule #8).
 - 1a. Any Rising-Star player has a chance to earn event "bonus points" by participating in a minimum of 3 (out of 5) All-Star Series of Darts tournament weekends (see rule #3), for competing in the Handicapped Team event (see rule #3a) and can also earn points for participating in Sanctioned Bar Tournaments (see rule #3b). Following the fifth tournament weekend event, the Top 32 Rising-Star players (per PPD Member and with the most points) will earn their spot for their PPD Members' Rising-Star Finale.
2. ***Rising-Star Eligibility***...Any current league player who meets the age specific requirements for their PPD Member. Men must have a history/current/tournament PPD (points per dart) average which is lower than the current Men's All-Star level and Women who have a history/current/tournament PPD average which is lower than the current Women's All-Star level.

You must be a current league player to be eligible to earn Rising-Star points.

 - 2a. Players that participate in multiple PPD Member dart leagues ARE NOT eligible for multiple Rising-Star Finales...the points will be assigned to the PPD Member in which the player has participated in the most X01 games.

EXAMPLE: John Doe plays in the Play-Mor dart league system and has a total of 36 X01 games. He also plays in the Kentuckiana Vending dart league system and has a total of 75 X01 games...John Doe is eligible to participate in the Kentuckiana Vending Rising-Star Finale if he is in their Top 32 players after the fifth All-Star Series of Darts tournament weekend event.
3. ***Earning Points***...Any current league player who competes in the All-Star Series of Darts (a set of 5 tournament weekends) can earn 4 bonus points each for participating in the Singles, Triples, Mixed Doubles or Handicapped Team event (maximum of 12 bonus points per tournament weekend – see rule #3a). Additional points may be earned by players for participating in the Handicapped Team Event each weekend (see rule #3b) and points can also be earned by participating in Sanctioned Bar Tournaments (see rule #3c).
 - 3a. Rising-Star players must attend a minimum of three (3) All-Star Series of Darts tournament weekends. Players may attend all five (5) tournament weekend events, but only their three best scores will be used for their point totals.
 - 3b. Handicapped Team Event... Points will be awarded to every Rising-Star player according to the position they are eliminated from the triple elimination bracket...due to the need for different size rosters, be sure to check the chart at each event for actual point values.

- 3c. Sanctioned Bar Tournaments (SBTs)...Rising-Star players can earn a total of 50 points by participating in SBTs, and up to a maximum of 60 points total when combined with bonus points for “wins” OR for being the highest finishing Rising-Star at sanctioned tournaments as follows:
- ♦ Five (5) points are available to every Rising-Star for simply participating in a SBT. 50 points maximum for attending 10 or more sanctioned bar tournaments.
 - ♦ Two (2) additional points are available for winning any SBT OR for being the highest finishing Rising-Star. The additional two (2) points for a “win” OR for being the highest finishing Rising-Star is limited to just five times per player.
 - ♦ This combination of available points equates to 60 points maximum for attending 10 or more SBTs and earning two (2) bonus points for winning or being the highest finishing Rising-Star at least five times.

For complete Sanctioned Bar Tournament rules and dates please check www.allstarseriesofdarts.com

- 3d. Once the PPD office receives the sanctioned tournament documents back from the location, Rising-Star player points are posted at www.allstarseriesofdarts.com

4. ALL BONUS POINT OPTIONS ARE FROZEN FOUR WEEKS PRIOR TO THE LAST TOURNAMENT OF THE SERIES...all SBTs are to be scheduled prior to that date and all documents MUST be immediately returned to the PPD office prior to the deadline.

Note: Please be aware that both League and History MPR status can change for some players throughout the season because they are at a threshold of skill that moves above and below current All-Star levels. The following scenarios attempt to clarify what happens to the two types of points (Rising-Star and All-Star), so that every player may understand what happens to their points throughout the year as things may change - due to their fluctuations in skill.

Basically, all the scenarios below are derived from the following three categories.

- 1 - One-time All-Star invitee's who consistently have a History MPR below the current All-Star level may choose to revert their points (except any earned at the one All-Star event they attended) - back to Rising Star point system status just prior to Event # 5.
- 2 - Those who achieve invitations to two (2) All-Star events or more - do not have the option to revert All-Star points back to Rising-Star status regardless of their History MPR status.
- 3 - Anyone with a History MPR consistently above the current All-Star level shall retain all earned points as All-Star points but will be paid for those points upon certain conditions (principally that they participate in three events), following All-Star competition at the 5th All-Star event.

Because there are so many potential scenarios, we have provided the information below in an attempt to answer all possible questions.

- 4a. Prior to Event # 1 of the annual All-Star Series of Darts:** All system earned points (from sanctioned tournaments) are posted as determined by each player's History MPR. Players who have a History MPR above the current All-Star level (male or female) will find all points posted as All-Star points. All other players whose History MPR is below current All-Star levels will find their points posted as Rising-Star points.
- 4b. Event # 1 - New All-Star invitee with History MPR above the current All-Star level:** All points earned prior to the event date are posted as All-Star points and all points earned at the event are posted as All-Star points as well.

- 4c. Event # 1 - New All-Star invitee with History MPR below the current All-Star level:** All points earned prior to the event were posted as Rising-Star – are converted to All-Star points and all points earned at the event are posted as All-Star points as well.
- 4d. Between Event # 1, # 2 # 3, # 4 and/or # 5 of the All-Star Series of Darts:** All system earned points are posted according to each player’s classification at the previous All-Star series event. All-Star players who attend point earning sanctioned tournaments will find additional earned points posted as All-Star points. Rising-Star players who attend sanctioned tournaments will find additional earned points posted as Rising-Star points.
- 4e. Event # 2, # 3, # 4 and/or #5 – All-Star with League MPR dropping and a History MPR above the current All-Star level:** Player retains classification as an All-Star due to their History. All system earned points earned at sanctioned tournaments continue to be posted as All-Star points and player will be paid for all points earned during the entire season following competition at Event # 5. Even if the player does not earn an invitation for Event # 2, # 3, # 4 and again for Event # 5. They are paid for all points as an All-Star - provided they attended at least three (out of 5) events (unless a verifiable emergency) (Singles, Triples, Mixed Doubles or Team competition) and complete a W-9.
- 4f. Was an All-Star at event # 1 but not at # 2, # 3, or # 4 with League MPR dropping and a History MPR below the current All-Star level:** Player retains classification as an All-Star until cut-off date for Event # 5. All system earned points earned at sanctioned tournaments continue to be posted as All-Star points until the cut-off date for Event # 5 - at which time, if they do not earn an invitation to Event # 5, the player must decide what they wish to do. Player may decide to retain points as an All-Star and be paid for all points earned during the entire season following competition at Event # 5 - provided they attend at least three events (unless a verifiable emergency) (Singles, Triples, Mixed Doubles or Team competition) and complete a W-9.
- Or,** they may convert all points (except the points earned in the actual All-Star Sunday competition at event # 1) back to the Rising-Star and become eligible to advance to the Rising-Star Finale (if they have enough points), but the decision must be made prior to the cut-off date for the 5th All- Star Event. Failure to make the choice prior to the 5th event cut-off date will result in points remaining All-Star points - provided they attended at least three (out of 5) events (unless a verifiable emergency) (Singles, Triples, Mixed Doubles or Team competition) and complete a W-9.
- 4g. Event # 5 – Earned an invitation to three events, but not to the other two...All-Star with League MPR that dropped following Event # 1 but improved to earn an invitation again for two other events regardless of History MPR above or below the current All-Star level:** All points were retained as an All Star and all points earned - are paid as an All-Star through the Sunday competition at Event # 5 - provided they attended at least three (out of 5) events (unless a verifiable emergency) (Singles, Triples, Mixed Doubles or Team competition) and complete a W-9.
- 4h. Event # 5 - New All-Star invitee with History MPR below the current All-Star level:** All points earned prior to the event were posted as Rising-Star. Player may choose to accept invitation and compete in All-Star Event # 5... **or** ... to retain points as Rising-Star. Player must decide what they wish to do prior to cut-off date for Event # 5. If player decides to compete in the All-Star event – all points (minus those earned on the Handicapped Team Event bracket) are converted to All-Star points and player is paid for all points earned during the entire season following competition at Event # 5 - provided they attend Event # 5 Sunday competition and complete a W-9.

Or, they may decline the All-Star invitation and retain all points as Rising-Star points and remain eligible to advance to the Rising-Star Finale (if they have enough points). The decision

must be made prior to the cut-off date for the 5th All-Star Event. Failure to make the choice prior to the 5th event cut-off date will result in points remaining Rising-Star points.

4i. Event # 5– Not an All-Star invitee at Event # 1, # 2, # 3, # 4 or # 5 due to low league performance but with a History MPR above the current All-Star level: All points earned were posted as All-Star due to History MPR. If the player has participated in three events (out of 5) events (Singles, Triples, Mixed Doubles or Team competition) - all points earned are paid as All-Star points following All-Star competition at Event # 5 provided player has completed a W-9.

5. *Selecting the location for the Rising-Star Finale...*each Rising-Star Finale is PPD Member specific and the finale will be held at one of their dart league bars. The bar will be chosen as follows: First selected from the bars who have the most current sanctioned (by PPD) league players from January 1 to December 31; then from those, by which bar has the most dart league nights from January 1 to December 31 of the current tournament series. Should there be two bars tied at that point, the decision will be made by which of the two bars has the largest number of current league players who also attend the All-Star Series of Darts tournament weekend events.

5a. Assuming the Finale format is continued to be used in coming years, no bar will be awarded the Finale twice within a three year time frame...ie – Bar Z hosts the Finale for 2009, therefore they are not eligible again until 2012.

Example: Bar Z won the finale location in 2009, but won again for 2010...Bar A was in second place for 2010, therefore they would host the finale. In 2011, Bar Z won the finale location again, Bar A was again in second place, Bar B was in third place, therefore Bar B would host the finale for 2011.

6. *Rising-Star Finale Partners...*once the Handicapped Team event is completed at the 5th All-Star Series of Darts tournament weekend, the Top 32 Rising-Star players advance and the Finale roster will be drawn for each participating PPD Member in a high-low pairing, based on history/current/tournament – *whichever is highest*- points per dart (PPD). Example: the highest ppd player will be paired with the lowest ppd player, the next highest with the next lowest and so on until there are 16 teams.

6a. If there are multiple players tied in the Top 32 per PPD Member, the decision/tie-breaker will be determined by the number of SBTs the player actually attended.

Example: Jane Doe and John Doe are tied at the number 32 spot...Jane Doe attended 12 SBT's, while John Doe attended 16 SBT's...John Doe will advance to the Rising-Star Finale for his participating PPD Member.

NOTE: Subs will not be allowed because of the high-low pairing. If a partner fails to show, then the player in attendance will be paid the last place (13th – 16th) team prize money and that team will turn into a "bye" in the Finale bracket.

7. *Rising-Star Format...*the format will be double elimination - race to two, 501 open in/open out. The low person will cork and start the game. Loser of game #1 will start game #2...low players will need to cork again if a third game is needed. The actual bracket for the Rising-Star Finale will be drawn the morning of the Finale, to prevent a "bye" from drawing a "bye" in the event of no-shows.

8. *Rising-Star Payout...*this tournament has NO ENTRY FEES and will have \$1,500 guaranteed prize money sponsored by the participating PPD Member. The hosting location may add money as well. Payout structure is based on \$1,500 guaranteed prize money sponsored by the participating PPD Member and is subject to change should the host location choose to add money.

Prize payouts are per team!

1st Place – \$260

2nd Place – \$210

3rd Place – \$160

4th Place – \$110

5th and 6th Place – \$90 and \$90

7th and 8th Place – \$70 and \$70

9th – 12th Place – \$60, \$60, \$60 and \$60

13th – 16th Place – \$50, \$50, \$50 and \$50

NOTE: Should the host location add money, the money will be distributed as follows:

50% to 1st Place...30% to 2nd Place...20% to 3rd Place

- 9. *Shooter's Advantage...***A dart that sticks in a mark but does not register the mark will be manually scored by an official. A dart that "flights" a mark on the way in, but sticks elsewhere, will not be manually un-scored. The match must be stopped. All darts must be left exactly as thrown until verified and scored by officials. If the darts are removed, the score displayed will remain.
- 10. *Penalties and Point Deductions...***All PPD Member league players are expected to exhibit positive leadership at all times and at every opportunity. All league players may be penalized for any actions, which are considered to be detrimental to the sport and or this program by PPD tournament officials - at any time. Penalties may be assessed by officials for negative actions of a player whether related to any PPD Member Dart League sanctioned darting event or not. Any negative actions involving any league player is subject to penalty and disciplinary point deductions or expulsion from the All-Star Series of Darts tournament series. Actions such as but not limited to - any abusive, aggressive, or offensive negative comments and behavior of any kind - related to darting event, or not, that occurs within or related to - any customer location served by a PPD Member.
- ◆ Point deductions may be assessed for any offense by PPD tournament officials at any time.
 - ◆ Serious or multiple infractions during any season may result in full expulsion and disqualification for that series season and beyond, including forfeiture of any points and awards earned to date.
 - ◆ Point deductions are deducted from the net total of the players score.
- ★ NOTE: If a player participates in multiple PPD Member dart league systems and has been penalized in one dart league system, the penalties will apply in ALL PPD Member dart league systems!
- 11. *Conduct...***All player conduct at the tournament will follow all rules that pertain to regular league play including dart weights, poor sportsmanship, etc. Discrepancies will be decided by on-site officials and where necessary, official may use National Dart Association rules if needed. Good Sportsmanship, common sense and ethics will dictate the resolution of any discrepancies. Negative behavior is not permitted!! We have a zero tolerance policy on any negative or over-zealous behavior!
- No insults, cursing, aggressive or abusive behavior of any kind will be tolerated. Should you misbehave to the point that we must approach you about it, you are expected to immediately modify your behavior. If you do not comply with our request, you will be required to leave the premises. All future tournament privileges will depend upon your immediate compliance.
- Upon tournament committee's discretion – any player misconduct will result in immediate expulsion from the tournament and premises...as well as future events and leagues.
The judgments of the officials at or following any event are final.***