

ADO CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SYSTEM

PURPOSE: To rank and select annual United States Male and Female Darts Champions. **NATIONAL** Points are awarded at all ADO Sanctioned Open Tournaments in the United States, regardless of location. **REGIONAL** Points are awarded only to those with ADO Affiliation within the same Region as the tournament site. Both types of points are earned at the regional level in the ADO Playoff Program.

ELIGIBILITY: Only ADO members domiciled in the United States are eligible to receive ADO Championship Points. Special compensations are made for the US Military and their families. **ADO Championship Points will be awarded to players whose membership is current on the tournament date.** (See the reverse side of this flyer for the ADO "Residence Policy and Procedure".) Points have been awarded retroactively the last few years as technology demanded adjustments, however payment options are now in place and will bring a renewed adherence to the rules in 2010.

EVENTS: Point awards will be made for a maximum of four (4) Singles events per tournament: two (2) different Open/Men's events and two (2) different Women's events. Should there be only one Singles event (for '01' or cricket), that Singles event shall be designated an "open" event, with ADO Championship Points awards to be based on gender.

FEE: A \$2.00 Surcharge, per Singles player, is to be added to the entry fee for singles events by the host organization. This \$2.00 fee is payable to the ADO within 14 days following the tournament, and will be used to finance rewards for National and Regional Championship Points winners, and to assist in meeting those costs incurred in sending ADO Players/Teams to international competitions. This fee must be paid to the ADO in order for the applicable points to be tabulated and recorded.

POINT SYSTEM: Point awards will be made in accordance with the following structure. Point values are based upon the number of singles event entries and the total prize money awarded in the tournament. (NOTE: See PRIZE MONEY IMPACT section below for further explanation.)

CHAMPIONSHIP (BASE) POINTS EARNED WILL BE:

OPEN/MEN'S & WOMEN'S SINGLESENTRIES	Effective 01/01/03					
	1 st	2 nd	Joint 3 rd -4 th	Joint 5 th -8 th	Joint 9 th -16 th	Joint 17 th -32 nd
1 to 32	6	5	4	3	2	1
33 to 64	8	7	6	5	4	3
65 to 128	10	9	8	7	6	5
129 to 256	12	11	10	9	8	7
257 to 512	14	13	12	11	10	9
513 to 1024	16	15	14	13	12	11
1025 & over	18	17	16	15	14	13

TIME PERIOD: One full calendar year (January 1 - December 31)

PRIZE MONEY IMPACT: The total of an individual's prize money earnings during a given year does not affect this system. However, the dollar value of a given ADO Sanctioned tournament does. If one association offers a \$3,000 tournament and another offers \$20,000, there is a high degree of probability that the overall competition in the latter will be greater in number and therefore more difficult to win against. For these reasons and others, the following stipulations will apply:

Tournament Purse of \$ 1,000 - \$ 4,999	= Base point values x1 awarded to the Top 4
Tournament Purse of \$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999	= Base point values x2 awarded to the Top 8
Tournament Purse of \$10,000 - \$14,999	= Base point values x3 awarded to the Top 16
Tournament Purse of \$15,000 - \$19,999	= Base point values x4 awarded to the Top 16
Tournament Purse of \$20,000 - \$29,999	= Base point values x5 awarded to the Top 32
Tournament Purse of \$30,000 and more	= Base point values x6 awarded to the Top 32

STANDINGS: Quarterly and final standings will be published in the ADO "Double Eagle" Newsletter.

AWARDS: Suitable awards and/or other forms of recognition, as determined by the ADO Board of Directors, will be made annually.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS: The ADO promotes and conducts national playoff programs for various events including the Masters, All Stars/National 501 Championships, U.S. Team and the National Cricket Championships. These playoffs are open to all ADO members and are played at the Association, Regional, and National level with point awards made at the Regional level, in accordance with a separate structure, based on the number of Regional Finalists, as follows:

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# REGIONAL FINALISTS	1st	2nd	3rd-4th	5th-8th	9th-16th
1 - 3	24	20	16	--	--
4 - 8	48	40	32	24	--
9 - 16	56	48	40	32	24
17 - 32	64	56	48	40	32
33 - 64	72	64	56	48	40
65 - 128	80	72	64	56	48
129 - 256	88	80	72	64	56

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTING: Forty-eight (48) ADO Championship Points will be awarded annually to members of the ADO National Team. Players who are official ADO representatives at international events will receive points equal to first place in singles for the largest purse tournament scheduled on the same weekend as the international event. When more than one tournament with equal prize money is scheduled on such a weekend, the one with the higher Championship Point opportunity will be used.

OFFICIAL FORM: The ADO form devised for the required record keeping, is to be jointly prepared and signed by the Tournament Director and the ADO Association Representative, attesting to the results. This form, together with the surcharge fee, is to be sent to the ADO Office for computation and retention, **WITHIN 14 DAYS FOLLOWING THE TOURNAMENT.**

RESIDENCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

For purposes of awarding ADO Championship Points:

1. The ADO Region of residence as the date of the first ADO Tournament Points earned for the year, shall remain the ADO Region of record for that entire calendar year, regardless of a change of residence. Special 'points/playoff' arrangements will be made to accommodate US MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES who change locations during the year.
2. Players who reside, or associations with their headquarters located, within 50 miles of an ADO regional boundary MAY CHOOSE, by ADO league affiliation or by ADO Individual membership, which ADO region will be considered their 'home' region for Regional Playoff participation and Regional Points earned in ADO Sanctioned tournaments. This decision is in effect for the entire calendar year and must be approved by the ADO General Secretary.
3. When an ADO Member player changes his/her residence, to a new ADO Region:
 - a) The move shall not affect NATIONAL Points earned to date and/or the eligibility for same, provided the player remains an ADO Member for the remainder of the current calendar year.
 - b) ALL REGIONAL Points earned, as of the date of residence change, shall remain in the player's original Region of residence, for the remainder of the current calendar year.
 - c) Eligibility for REGIONAL Points in ADO Sanctioned Tournaments shall be limited to those events held in the player's original Region of residence, for the remainder of the current calendar year.
 - d) Eligibility for REGIONAL Points in the new Region of residence shall begin the following January 1.
 - e) Should an ADO Member player move to a neighboring (adjacent) ADO Region within the same ADO Area, ADO Regional Playoff Points shall be credited to his/her standing in the original ADO Region of residence, for the remainder of the current calendar year.
 - f) Should an ADO Member player move to another ADO Region which is NOT neighboring (not adjacent) and/or is located outside his/her original ADO Area of residence, that player shall be eligible for NATIONAL Points only, in ADO Regional Playoff events, for the remainder of the current calendar year.
4. Foreign players are not eligible to earn ADO Championship Points until the General Secretary has approved them.
 - a) Upon arrival in the U.S., foreign players MUST provide written verification (proof/date of legal U.S. residency) to the ADO Office as soon as possible. Each player will be notified as to the eligibility date/s for ADO Championship Points Awards (continuously domiciled in the U.S. for a period of 6 months + 1 day) and/or eligibility for international competitions (continuously domiciled in the U.S. for a minimum of three years and not having represented another nation in international competition for a period of three years).
 - b) Failure to notify the ADO Office will seriously affect eligibility for both ADO Championship Points Awards and international competitions.