

ADO PLAYOFF RULES & REGULATIONS

ASSOCIATION / REGIONAL / NATIONAL

Effective 1/03

Each year, the ADO conducts a series of Singles playoff competitions (Men's & Women's) to determine:

ADO WORLD MASTERS	>>>>>>	Assn. / Reg'l / Nat'l / Int'l Events
ADO ALL STAR TEAM	>>>>>>	Nat'l Team/Association / Regional
US NATIONAL 501 CHAMPS	>>>>	Top 10 men & Top 5 women from winning team / Top 6 men & Top 3 women from losing team by win/loss records
US TEAM	>>>>>>	Assn. / Reg'l / Nat'l / Int'l Events
US NAT'L CRICKET CHAMPS	>>>	Assn. / Reg'l / Nat'l Events

REGIONAL PLAYOFF POINTS STRUCTURE						
Players will receive ADO Championship Points in accordance with the number of finalists in the Regional Playoff, as follows:						
# REG'L FINALISTS	1st	2nd	3rd-4th	5th-8th	9th-16th	
4 - 8	48	40	32	24	16	
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	

ALL PLAYOFF EVENTS ARE PLAYED UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE SUPERVISION OF THE ADO, AND WILL BE PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED 'ADO TOURNAMENT RULES' ON THE OFFICIAL NODOR/DMI DARTBOARD UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED.

GENERAL PLAYOFF RULES

1. To participate, a player must be a member in good standing with the ADO or one of its affiliated associations. Every ADO affiliated association is entitled and encouraged to hold playoffs for the events comprising the ADO Playoff Program.
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. ADO individual members must participate in the region in which they are registered with the ADO Office.
4. Players may not qualify for more than one Regional Playoff for the same event .
5. Foreign players must be able to prove they have been continuously domiciled in the U.S. for a period of 6 months plus 1 day (e.g.: green card/passport valid for more than six months, etc.) in order to participate in Regional Playoffs. Additionally, for competitions that lead to international representation, foreign players must have been registered with the ADO Office and must have been continuously domiciled in the U.S. for a minimum of three years without representing another country.
6. A nonrefundable entry fee of \$110. per player is required, before the start of play. The Regional Director must be provided with names/ phone numbers along with a check or money order (made payable to ADO Inc.) no less than two (2) Fridays before the scheduled Regional Playoff date. Area Managers may establish a deadline in advance of the two (2) Fridays prior for particular Areas and are empowered to refund entry fees only under special circumstances, e.g.: "Acts of God".

ASSOCIATION PLAYOFF

All remaining decisions regarding Association Playoffs are left to the discretion of the Association as follows: (A) The number and entry fees of Association Playoffs; (B) The choice of date/s for Association Playoffs, provided all take place before the deadline date for the respective Regional Playoff, as listed on the ADO tournament calendar; (C) The playing format (NOTE: Association players who advance to Regional Playoffs will play Round Robin, 3 Straight Legs - 1 Point per Leg. See "ADO PLAYOFF PROGRAM for National Finals format"); (D) Eligibility of participants, in addition to the General Rules above; (E) The number of players an association sends to the Regional playoff, provided the \$110. entry fee for each player is paid.

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

All Regional Playoffs/National Finals will be played on the Nodor/DMI dartboard, the Official Dartboard of the ADO, unless otherwise approved.

Special 'points/playoff' arrangements will be made to accommodate US MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES who change locations during the year.

1. Players must participate in the Regional Playoff for the same region in which they qualified. Players may not participate in more than one Regional Playoff for the same event (i.e. 'All Star', 'World Masters', 'U.S. Team').
2. A Regional Playoff will be held provided there is a minimum of four (4) qualifiers AND \$880.
3. Should a Region have at least four players but LESS THAN \$880, the Regional Director may elect to do one of the following: (A) Float a maximum of \$220 between the Men's and Women's playoff. (B) Allow the players (or outside sponsor) to contribute the funds necessary to reach the \$880 requirement. All such decisions must be made before the start of play, must be announced on site and will be considered final. Under no circumstances will a Regional Playoff be held with fewer than four (4) participants.
4. Players who reside in a Region that is NOT hosting a Regional Playoff, are allowed to play in another Region's Playoff within the SAME Area with the approval of their Area Manager. Only he/she may approve any regional combination.
5. All participants MUST COMPLETE a Registration Form before beginning play in all Regional Playoffs.

6. Regional Playoff Format will be Round Robin 501 - SS/DO (or Cricket for that event), 3 straight legs, 1 point per leg. ALL decisions regarding the NUMBER of advancing qualifiers MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE START OF PLAY. The Regional Director will determine the number of initial round-robins to play based on the number of boards and the time available. All initial groupings will be made by blind-draw.
7. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE ANY PORTION OF A REGIONAL PLAYOFF WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.** Per ADO Tournament Rule #12, should a player fail to report to the assigned board within the 15 minute allotted time, a Forfeit will be called. Should a player/s fail to complete an ADO Round Robin playoff, all matches involving said player will be considered null and void.
8. The Top 16 finishers in the Regional Playoff will earn ADO Championship Points in accordance with the 'ADO Regional Playoff Point Structure' (see reverse) based upon the total number of Regional Playoff participants within the Region. All Players tied for position in the Top 16 will receive the full amount of ADO Championship Points for the position.
9. The Regional Director will determine the exact date (within the parameters of the ADO Tournament Calendar), time and location, and will be responsible for the on-site direction of the Regional Playoff.
10. If, for any reason, an ADO Member is not eligible to participate in an international event, that player/s is allowed to participate and earn the benefits of a regional winner/s in the respective Regional Playoff. The player/s, however, may not play in the National Finals competition.

NATIONAL FINALS

1. Male / Female Regional Playoff advancers will be eligible to participate in the National Finals, except as specified in Regional Playoff Rule #10 above. Disciplinary action may be taken if a National Finals advancer fails to represent the ADO in his/her respective international competition with proper respect and attitude.
2. Should a Regional Playoff advancer be unable to attend and participate in the National Finals, the first alternate will be invited to substitute, with full Regional benefits, PROVIDED there is a minimum of twenty-one (21) days before the National Finals. If a Regional Playoff advancer withdraws with less than (21) twenty-one days before the National Finals, the first alternate will be invited to substitute and receive the appropriate Expense Stipend. The alternate's travel cost reimbursement will be equal to no more than what would have been expended for the original advancer. Should the travel costs exceed that original expenditure; the alternate will be allowed to substitute only if he/she pays the additional cost. An alternate may substitute ONLY for an advancer for the Region in which the advancer position was earned.
3. **FAILURE TO COMPETE OR COMPLETE AN ADO NATIONAL FINALS EVENT MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.** Per ADO Tournament Rule #12, should a player fail to report to the assigned board within the 15 minute allotted time, a Forfeit will be called. Should a player/s fail to complete an ADO playoff, all matches involving said player/s will be considered null and void.
4. The playing format for the National Finals of the Masters (4 Men, 2 Women) and the ADO US TEAM (2 Men, 1-2 Women) will be as follows:

(A) Preliminary format: round-robin, 3 legs, 1 point/leg	(B) Finals format: round-robin, 3 legs, 1 point/leg
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5. The playing format for the National Finals of the 501 National Championship will be as follows:

A) Preliminary format: All Star Challenge round-robin, 3 legs, 1 point/leg B) Players: All Regional Playoff advancers, National Ambassadors and the Junior All-stars	A) Finals format: Unseeded knock-out, best-of-five (or three if time restricted) B) Players: Top 10 men & 5 women from the winning team and the Top 6 men & 3 women from the losing team by win/loss records (including all ties)
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6. The playing format for the National Finals of the Cricket National Championship will be as follows:

A) Preliminary format: round-robin, 3 legs, 1 point/leg B) Players: All Regional Playoff advancers	A) Finals format: Unseeded knockout, best-of-five (or three if time restricted) B) Players: Top 16 men, Top 8 women
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7. National Finalists will be reimbursed a reasonable amount determined by the ADO Board toward their expenses associated with the specific event. No ADO Championship Points will be awarded for the National Finals.

TIE BREAKER RULE: All players tied for one position will play on one (1) board, with the winner being the first player to win three (3) games of 501 or "close-out" Cricket (no points), second being the next player to win three (3) games, etc. If only two players tie in Cricket, regular format (with points) will be played.

CORKING FOR TIE BREAKERS: ADO Corking Rules will apply. When three or more players are tied, each player will flip a coin until there is an odd result. The player with the odd result will throw for cork first. The remaining players will flip again, until the order of throwing for the cork has been determined. In the subsequent legs, the player following the winner will throw for cork first, with the remaining players following the same rotation. If the Tie Breaker reaches a deciding game (2,2 2, etc.), the order of throwing for cork will be determined in the same way as before the first game.