

ADO YOUTH/ JUNIOR ALL STARS PLAYOFF RULES & REGULATIONS

ASSOCIATION / REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

Each year, the ADO conducts a series of Singles playoff competitions for the ages 7 - 20 to determine:

ADO REGIONAL YOUTH QUALIFIERS &

Association / Regional Levels

ADO NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPION

National Level

ADO JUNIOR ALL STARS &

Association / Regional Levels

U.S. NATIONAL 501 CHAMPIONS

16 men / 8 women from East-West Challenge

GENERAL RULES

1. All playoff events are played under the exclusive supervision of the ADO, and will be played under with the established ADO Tournament Rules.
2. Participants must be a United States citizen or must have been domiciled in the United States for a period of two (2) years + one (1) day.
3. Participants must be ADO Members in good standing, as a member/ representative of an ADO Affiliated Association as an ADO Individual Youth Member.
4. There are two divisions of competition: ages 7 - 17 and ages 18 - 20. Participants must not reach the age limit of the next age category before December 1 the year of participation.
5. All Area/National Playoffs will be played on the DMI/Nodor dartboard, the official dartboard of the ADO, unless otherwise approved.

ASSOCIATION PLAYOFFS

Associations are encouraged to hold playoffs to determine qualifiers for the Regional Playoffs. Factors to be determined by the association are as follows:

1. The playoff format used;
2. The number of playoffs and the number of qualifiers from each;
3. The eligibility of players other than the requirements listed above;
4. The entry / sponsor fees;
5. The choice of dates, times, and locations provided playoffs occur before the association deadline dates established on the ADO calendar;
6. Any financial assistance each qualifier may receive (other than the regional entry fee.) For example: travel / expense money.

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

1. The Regional Director or Area Manager may appoint a Youth Coordinator another ADO representative to conduct the Regional Playoff.
2. The Regional Director will determine the exact date, time, and location of the playoff within the ADO calendar guidelines.
3. The Regional Director must be provided the following information no less than two (2) Fridays before the scheduled date of the Regional Playoff:
 - A. The name and birth date of each participant being sent by an association / league and the number of entries in the association/ league playoff.
 - B. The name and birth date of each ADO Individual Youth Member who intends to participate without the assistance of a local association.
4. Male and female will compete together.
5. All Regional finalists MUST COMPLETE a Regional Registration Form before beginning Regional competition.
6. Players must participate in the Regional Playoff for the same region in which they qualified.
7. Should a Region have fewer than four (4) finalists, AND/OR less than the money required, the Regional Director may elect to do one of the following:
 - A. Allow the players (or outside sponsor) to contribute the funds necessary to reach the money requirement. NOTE: All such decisions must be made BEFORE the start of play, must be announced on site and will be considered final.
 - B. Contact the Area Manager to combine ALL qualified Regional finalists from one Region with those of another Region, within the same Area, for a combined playoff. It will then become the responsibility of the Area Manager to coordinate the arrangements for the combined playoff.

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS (continued)

8. For ages 18 - 20, a \$50 minimum regional entry fee is required. Regional winners will receive their transportation, \$100 expense money, a commemorative shirt and entry into the All-Star Challenge. They also have the opportunity to receive additional recognition for the highest achiever as a Junior All-Star. There must be a minimum of \$700 per advancing qualifier collected at the regional level.
- A. Regional Playoff Format will be Round Robin 501 - SS/DO, 3 straight legs, 1 point per leg.
 - B. FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ADO ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFF WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.
 - a. 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.
 - b. If a player/s fail to complete an ADO Round Robin playoff, all matches involving said player/s will be considered null and void.
9. For ages 7 - 17, a \$50 minimum regional entry fee will be paid to compete for advancement to the National Youth Championship. Regional winners will receive their transportation, \$100 expense money, a commemorative shirt and entry into the Championship competition. Those ages 7-12 may enter the regional for a \$15 fee to compete with the opportunity to receive recognition mementos but without eligibility to advance. There must be a minimum of \$600 per advancing qualifier collected at the regional level.
- A. For ages under 7, participation eligibility is left at the discretion of the incumbent Area Manager or Regional Director.
 - B. Two (2) age categories will be contested: under 13, and 13-17. At the discretion of the Regional Director, categories may be combined to provide a full compliment of participants and/or a modified round robin may be played.
 - C. The top 2 players from each age category will compete in a combined round robin to determine the Regional qualifier/s, who will advance to the National Youth Championship.
 - D. The format will be best 2 of 3, 501, straight-start/double-out in the preliminary round robins. The final round robin will be best 3 of 5, 501, straight-start / double out. Any tie-breaking playoff rounds will be best 2 of 3, 501, straight-start/double out.
 - E. The overall winner/s (one per \$600. In regional entry fees) will advance to the National Youth Championship. Alternates will be determined by the order of finish. All ties must be broken.
10. The Regional Director will immediately forward all monies and paperwork to the ADO office.

NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

1. No-shows will be responsible for any expenses paid on the participant's behalf by the ADO.
2. All National participants will provide, in writing, parental/guardian consent and release to compete at the National Youth Championship and/or International level and the name(s) of those who will be traveling with, and acting as guardian of, the participant.
3. For ages 18 - 20, the playing format for the 501 National Championship will be as follows:
 - A. Preliminary format:: All-Star Challenge round robin-Top 10 men & Top 5 women by W / L record of the E -W Challenge winning team & Top 5 men & Top 3 women by W / L record of the E -W Challenge losing team
 - B. Finals: knockout, best of five (or three if time restricted).
 - C. An award will be presented for the highest achievement of a Junior All-Star.
4. For ages 7 - 17, the playing format for the National Youth Championship will be as follows:
 - A. Round-Robin, 501 SS/DO, best 3 of 5 legs.
 - B. The overall winner will be crowned "ADO National Youth Champion". The top eight finishers will receive scholarship award certificates in accordance with their placements.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SINGLES EVENTS

1. The "ADO Youth Representative to International Events" will be the ADO National Youth Champion.
2. At the discretion of the ADO, the National Youth Champion will represent the United States in any International competition where youth events are contested.
3. The National Youth Champion will have his/her travel expenses reimbursed when competing in such events.
4. Should the ADO National Youth Champion forfeit his/her right to compete in International competition for any reason, an alternate will be named in accordance with order of finish in the National Playoff.

DISCLAIMER: The Host Association and/or the ADO assumes no responsibility for any adverse effects which Darts awards may have on the amateur status of any Youth participant.

AMATEUR STATUS: According to the NCAA, prizes or cash awards for darting achievements do not impact amateur status in other sports. Please check local regulations/restrictions

WARNING

DARTS is an adult sport.
It is dangerous for children to play
without adult supervision.