

2026 ADA National Championship Eligibility

In addition to all Game Rules and the online ADA Rule Book, we certify that our team is compliant, familiar and will abide by all rules set forth regarding National Championship and its guidelines:

All Players must be current ADA card-carrying members and in good standing. Good standing will be determined by ADA Home Office and their ADA Rep.

Each American Dart League (ADL) Team League or Express League member must have at least forty (40) __ 01 singles scores total

ADL members who play only Doubles League must have at least fifty (50) __ 01 singles scores total.

ADL members who play only Single Leagues must have at least eighty (80) __ 01 singles scores total.

Thirty (30) __ 01 singles scores must come from the Spring 2026 Season.

EXCEPTION: New ADL members (members whose first season is the Spring 2026) may enter with twenty (20) __ 01 singles scores, from Team/Express League. Thirty (30) __ 01 singles scores in Singles &/or Doubles league only.

In order to be eligible and compete in the Neutralizer events at Nationals all forty (40) – eighty (80) __ 01 singles scores must be in the Neutralizer format from the qualifying seasons.

ADL members may only enter on one team for the Thursday “[Team](#)” Event or the Women’s [Team](#) Event. All members MUST play in the [Thursday Team Event](#) to be eligible for all MAIN events.

Teams must compete with the four members listed on their Team Roster as approved by the ADA. Edits to the approved Team Roster are made with an Official Team Roster Change Form on site. Members MUST play in the Spring Season (January 1st – May 15th); but all Spring leagues have to start by May 31st, to be eligible for Nationals along with the game counts above.

All Teams must Pre-Register and pay by Sunday, June 7th through your mobile application site: <https://www.adadarters.com/playdarts.html>

Any teams that wish to sign up after this date will incur a \$75 Late fee. Registration Entry must be completed by June 30th.

Eligible games are from May 16th of previous the year 2025 through July 1st of the current 2026 National Championship year. All other events (minus the team late fee) are as follows: \$5 per member per event.

Every member attending and participating in the National Championship must play in all rounds with their team on Thursday’s team event to be eligible for all remaining qualifying main events: Friday Singles, Saturday Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Sunday Mixed Triples. The team you sign up with and get approved must compete together in all rounds of play.

Eligible Thursday Events will consist of either:

Team (4 members) or Women's Team (4 women's members)

1. Neutralizer and Open Format

A. Neutralizer Team Requirements

The team format must have 4 members. No team may compete with less than four members. Your 4-person team will play the entirety of the bracket as a team.

+ Soft-tip Neut – The total of the points per dart averages (PPDA) for the four members on any ADL Electronic Soft-tip team cannot exceed 92.

+ Steel-tip Neut – The total of the points per dart averages (PPDA) for four members on any ADA team cannot exceed 76.

Eligible members may “construct” a Neutralizer team for the National Championship for Thursdays Team event.

Neutralizer teams will be placed in the Open Format event if they exceed the Opening Roster Rule. Members must enter with their highest PPDA (true PPDA from May 16, 2025 – July 1, 2026).

Member PPDA – A Member's PPDA may be raised by standard updating, committee judgment or ADA Management during Championship play.

NOTE if your TRUE average coming into Nationals is a 29.00 or higher you will automatically be placed in the Open Singles format on Friday.

NOTE Both TEAM EVENTS on Thursday are now DOUBLE

ELIMINATION: <https://www.adadarters.com/ada-national-championship-updates/>

B. Open Team Requirements

The team format MUST have 4 members. No team can compete with less or more than four members. Your 4-person team will play the entirety of the bracket as a team.

Eligible members may “construct” a team for the National Championship but must compete in the Open format for the Team event on Thursday. All other events (Doubles, Singles and Mixed Triples) members may compete in Neutralizer events provided they meet Neutralizer eligibility requirements listed above.

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2. Qualifications

The Team Captain will submit to the ADA a Team Registration Online entry for the National Championship. Once the form is submitted this signifies that all members have agreed too, adhere and abide by all ADA Rules and Regulations.

1. Skill Level Review

Prior to entry in the National Championship, local League Management and their Skill Level Review Board will review the averages of every player before submitting their entry. This will decrease the chances of being disqualified for entering with an average that is incorrect.

2. Identification

All members may present one form of positive picture identification from their state of residence and their ADA membership card either permanent or digital.

3. Championship Dress Code/ Men & Women (all non-Pro and All-Star events)
Men

ALLOWED: Dress slacks, sport collared shirts, polos, button down dress shirts and/or team logo shirts (approved by ADA Officials), non-vulgar tee-shirts, jeans without inappropriate tears and holes, shorts of appropriate length. If it can be seen but shouldn't; you should think about changing. NO sleeveless shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, or items with inappropriate language and/or graphics. NO excessive "sagging." Casual leather or open toe canvas shoes ARE permissible, along with sneakers, dress shoes and boots. Flip flops and sandals are discouraged. Note: the ADA nor the Championship Staff is not responsible for any injuries to Members because of their footwear.

Women

ALLOWED: Dress slacks, sport collared shirts, polos, button down dress shirts and/or team logo shirts (approved by ADA Officials), non-vulgar tee-shirts, athletic or sport style yoga pants, jeans without inappropriate tears and holes, shorts and dresses or skirts of appropriate length. If it can be seen but shouldn't; you should think about changing. NO sleeveless shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, tube tops, stringy strap tops, or items with inappropriate language and/or graphics. NO excessive "sagging." Casual leather or open toe canvas shoes ARE permissible, along with sneakers, dress shoes and boots. Flip flops and sandals are discouraged.

Note: the ADA nor the Championship Staff is not responsible for any injuries to Members because of their footwear. Footwear must be worn at all time inside the Championship Hall. No bare feet.

4. Pro Darter Events Dress Code

Men and Women MUST be in PROFESSIONAL DRESS: Dress slacks required. Sport collared shirts, polos, button down dress shirts and/or team logo shirts (approved by ADA Officials) required. NO denim pants, NO tee-shirts, NO sleeveless shirts, tank tops, etc. Casual leather or open toe canvas shoes are permissible. Clean, black, non-composite style sneakers MAY be worn after review and approval from the ADA/ADL tournament staff (this does not include your local rep unless they have checked it in for you with the ADA staff.) NO "flip flop" sandals permitted. NO hats or unapproved headwear. The Pro Event is the ADA's highest honored event and will be maintained at a Professional Level Status.

Common sense and good taste will prevail. Any member or spectator deemed inappropriately dressed by ADA Officials will be asked to leave the Competition and Championship Rooms. Championship matches will not be delayed due to dress code violations.

Expect that you may be streamed for televised segments of sports news, amateur tournament videos, or you may be professionally photographed at any time during the event. Be prepared by dressing appropriately. Some regular event finals may be part of this also, so please keep this in mind even though casual dress is mostly acceptable for the non-Pro and All-Star events.

3. ADDENDUM'S

1. Hotel Guest Room
 - a. At least one member from each team format MUST be a registered guest at [Crowne Plaza](#). They must register their guest room through the ADA room block directly with the Crowne Plaza Hotels and Resorts reservations department or using the [reservation link](#). The guest room must be for at least three nights during the ADA Championship.
2. Guest room occupancy will be confirmed with Crowne Plaza prior to commencing the National Championship event. Teams that do not comply will be disqualified and will forfeit any prizes, privileges, awards, moneys, etc. associated with the National Championship.
3. ****NEW**** – If you book your room with a 3rd Party Traveling Site you will not be eligible for Top Seeding, MVP's or the Hospitality Lounge during the National Championship.

If you are sharing a room with someone else other than someone on your Thursday's team event and no one else on your team for Thursday's team event has booked a room using the ADA booking link, your team will not be eligible for Top Seeding, MVP's or the Hospitality Lounge during the National Championship.

Booking your room using the ADA link is important to our group and our commitment to the venue, 3rd Party Traveling Sites will jeopardize your potential use of the Top Seeding, MVP's and or Hospitality Lounge.
4. LOCAL EXCEPTION: Teams with members who reside within 50-mile radius of are exempt from the [Crowne Plaza](#) guest room requirement.
5. Refunds

Once you submit and pay for your team online, entry fees are non-refundable.
6. Prize Money

Any and all prize money MUST be collected prior to the conclusion of the Championship. Unclaimed prize money will not be refunded or forwarded. Each team or member must play at least one match against another team or member in their category to receive Nationals payout money as listed on the payout schedule grid. Events with only one team may not receive payout money.
7. Social Security Number

Current tax legislation requires the American Darters Association to report any prize money exceeding \$599.00. If you or your team members earn \$600.00 or more in prize money in 2026, an IRS form 1099 Misc. will be forwarded for

2026 tax return. Members must enter their own SSN through a link by July 1st: <https://www.adadarters.com/ada-member-profile/>

8. Team Rosters

All members listed on the ADA approved National Championship roster MUST compete in the team's first round on Thursday's event. Team member(s) may be removed and replaced from the team roster for approval. Team Roster Change Form MUST be resubmitted in writing prior to 7:00 PM on Wednesday July 30th for approval. You may NOT drop or replace a member from the team once your first round has started. Start as a team, end as a team.

9. Main Events (Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles & Mixed Triples)

Only members that compete in the Team Event are eligible for the Main Events ('01 Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles & Mixed Triples). Members whose team forfeited in the team event or were dropped from their team roster prior to the National Championship will be considered for main events. If you are on the 2026 Professional List, you must sign up for the Open Singles format. Continuing in 2026, If you are on the 2026 ADA Professional List, you are no longer eligible for any Neutralizer Events at Regionals or Nationals.

If your TRUE average coming into Nationals is a 29.00 or higher you will automatically be placed in the Open Singles format.

On the Neutralizer Soft Tip Events the following PPDA CAP's will be enforced:

Men's & Women's Doubles – 52 PPDA CAP

Mixed Triples – 75 PPDA CAP

There will be no CAP for Steel Tip Neutralizer Events

ALL ADA MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WED. WARM-UP EVENTS, AND ALL DRAW DOUBLES EVENTS.

10. Switching Dart Types and Formats

Teams or members who aren't eligible in a match format may choose to change dart types and formats provided they have enough eligible scores before that event starts. If they move from their original dart type when signing up their team online, they will forfeit any MVP Points during the Championship. Switching may be done at the Registration/Control Center by completing the form and submitting a processing fee of \$7.00 per member per event.

11. Recording and Reproduction

We consent to the taping (audio and video) and/or photographing of our participation in the ADA National Championship. We grant the ADA and any sponsor, the right to use and reproduce our names, voices and likenesses and any and all photographs and video reproductions taken or made for any purpose whatsoever. We each release ADA and any sponsor, their employees, agents, successors and assignee from any liability whatsoever for such use and reproduction of our names, voices and likenesses. We agree that the photographs, videos, and soundtracks taken or made of any of us are

the exclusive property of ADA and/or any sponsor, and we each waive any right of inspection or review.

12. Release of ADA and the National Championship Sponsors & Employees
We, being of lawful age and, as inducement for and in consideration of (1) the agreement by American Darters Association, Inc., ("ADA") that I may take part in the National Team Championship (the "Event") and (2) sponsorship of the Event, hereby covenant and agree that ADA and all other sponsors and their respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents (collectively "Releasee") shall not be liable for any damages arising from personal injuries, and/or damage to property that I may sustain in any way which result from or arise out of my preparation for any participation in the Event.
13. Youth Events age requirements are 12 – 17 years of age.
14. Members eligible for the 2026 Nationals, from HOME leagues played and organized through the following: ADA Mobile, DartConnect, Granboard, Nexus, etc., WILL be eligible to play in Neutralizer events and be eligible for the 2026 Nationals Seeding list. This is only applicable for Members that played in ONLY the above-mentioned home league types. Members of this type who improperly register in the Neutralizer categories will automatically be moved over to Open play of the same dart type. In the team event, the Home Office will reach out to the captain about the change.
The ADA has the option to disqualify any team that has a member(s) whose Championship PPDA is inconsistent with their league average.
15. Disqualification. To preserve the integrity of the National Championship, the ADA reserves the right to disqualify any member and/or team whose certification packet appears to have been altered or contains irregularities that might give that member and/or team unfair advantage; or where fraudulent circumstances of any nature are found to exist; or whose sportsmanship and/or conduct is determined by the ADA to potentially bring discredit upon the league, the National Championship, or the sport.
Disqualification will mean forfeiture of all titles, awards, prize money, as well as possible suspension.

As Captain, I hereby fully and forever release and discharge and covenant not to sue Releasee from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my preparation for or participation in the Event, my team and all members of the team and their individual events adhere to these guidelines.

I acknowledge and agree that preparation for and participation in the Event are dangerous and involve the risk of serious personal injury and/or damage to property, and I hereby assume full responsibility for and risk of such personal injury and damage to property. I warrant that I am in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent me from participating in the Event. I further agree for myself, my successors, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators to indemnify and hold Releasee harmless from and against all claims and suits for personal injuries, including death, and damage

to property, real or personal, caused by my act or omission and arising out of my involvement in the Event, my team and all members of the team and their individual events adhere to these guidelines; and from all judgments and costs recovered in said claims and suits and from all expressed incurred in defending said claims or suits.

This Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and if any portion is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect. This Release shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

American Darters Association is the Final Authority
The ADA has the absolute and final authority to make all rulings affecting preparation and participation in the ADA National Championship, including member ability (i.e., correction of PPDA's) and disqualification. All Contact to the Home Office must be done via email or phone. Social media contact is not official documentation.

Thanks for playing in the ADA!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT THE AMERICAN DARTERS
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