

PHOENIX OFFICIAL LEAGUE

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PLAYER'S HANDBOOK

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DISCLAIMER: The WPOL and EPOL 2021 seasons have been cancelled. However, we will offer the LVPOL 2021 season with optimism that we will be able to hold a face-to-face Las Vegas league finals in October. As customary, the LVPOL Finals will be held on the Thursday and Friday preceding Phoenix Cup Las Vegas 2021.

However, in the result that our country faces another hard lockdown that prevents either or both LVPOL qualifier leagues from completing and PDUSA from hosting a face-to-face tournament as scheduled, all LVPOL qualifier leagues will revert to self-ending cash leagues.

All of the payout money collected from LVPOL qualifier leagues will be returned to Operators to pay their leagues out with and 50% of the Signup Fees will be returned to Operators. PDUSA will not be refunding the entire signup and league fees directly to the players as was done in 2019. Only the POL-related fees will be returned to the operators. PDUSA and the Operator will retain 40% of the league fees as is customary with any cash league run on the Phoenixdarts league system.:

Region	Venue	League Finals Dates
Western	Tuscany Suites & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)	CANCELLED
Eastern	Mount Laurel Resort (White Haven, PA)	CANCELLED
Las Vegas	WestGate Las Vegas Resort & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)	October 7 th – 8 th , 2021

I. What is Phoenix Official League (POL)?

POL is an official Phoenixdarts league that is organized by Phoenixdarts USA and run in collaboration with Phoenixdarts operators. There are three separate regional Phoenix Official League finals tournaments that are held throughout the year:

- Western Phoenix Official League (WPOL)
- Eastern Phoenix Official League (EPOL)
- Las Vegas Phoenix Official League (LVPOL)

Players can compete in any or all 3 league finals tournaments so long as they complete a qualifier league for the specific regional league finals tournament. Players can compete in multiple divisions at a regional league finals tournament so long as they have completed a qualifier league for those divisions.

- For example, a player must form a team that fits within the WPOL division caps (listed in the following section) and complete a WPOL Bronze Doubles qualifier and a WPOL Silver Doubles qualifier in order to compete in the Bronze Doubles and Silver Doubles events at the WPOL finals tournament. The player must compete in the Bronze Doubles finals event with their Bronze Doubles qualifier teammate, and likewise for the Silver Doubles finals event.
- The player must follow the same steps above for EPOL and LVPOL in order to compete at those league finals tournaments.

Since the regional POL Finals Tournaments are league finals, the tournament events are a direct extension of the qualifier leagues and can be considered as a “Play-Offs” for each division. Therefore, there are no payouts just for completing a qualifier league. The player/team must compete in their regional league finals to win any payout. Furthermore, players must compete at their regional league finals with the teammate that they completed their qualifier league with. In the event that a player needs a substitute player to compete at the regional finals with, please [refer to the Regional POL Finals Tournament – Tournament Rules section](#).

Why should you play?

It seems to be a common issue where league players are unaware of how their league fees are being spent, nor how their league payouts are being calculated. We think that's a problem and believe that transparency is the best way to earn the trust of our players. Therefore, our fee structure and payout calculations are published for all our players to see.

Our goal is to run an honest league that our players can trust and enjoy for years to come. We don't need to be the only league that darters players play, but we thrive to be a league that players never want to miss. We take great care when forming our divisions and caps. It's extremely important to us that our players feel that they have a competitive chance to win in their division. Sandbagging is not taken lightly and we take every precautionary measure to prevent teams from having an unfair advantage at the league finals. Player ratings are reviewed quarterly, with outlier matches flagged and overall match history reviewed at league end. Official Ratings are assigned to players for the regional POL Finals Tournament based on our analyses and reviewed by operators for confirmation. There is no method that guarantees the elimination of sandbagging but Phoenixdarts spares no effort in the fight for ensuring fair play.

Our payouts are based on player participation, meaning that they will increase in direct correlation with the number of players that qualify for a division. We do not cap or subtract from the payout, ever. At our current trajectory, there is a strong chance that sooner-than-later, POL will pay out more than any soft-tip darts league in the USA ever has. In 2019, our regional POL Finals Tournaments paid out over \$100,000 and this number will only increase as we continue to grow. POL was on pace to surpass this total in 2020 but was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The benefits of signing up for a Phoenix Official League:

- Playing in a Phoenix Official League will qualify players to compete at a regional POL Finals Tournament and also grant qualification credits towards our annual Phoenix Cup Las Vegas tournament.
 - Completing one regional POL qualifier allows players to compete in that division's league finals at that region's POL Finals Tournament.
 - **Example:** Completing a Bronze Doubles WPOL Qualifier allows a player to compete in the Bronze Doubles league finals event at the WPOL Finals Tournament.
 - Completing a Qualifier in 2 of the 3 regional POL Finals Tournaments (WPOL, EPOL, or LVPOL) automatically qualifies players for Phoenix Cup.
 - **For 2021, we have reduced the qualification requirements for Phoenix Cup Las Vegas 2021 from 265 league sets down to 165 league sets. This means that just for this year, completing one LVPOL qualifier league will also qualify players for Phoenix Cup.**
- Much higher payouts than traditional self-ending leagues.
- Players gain tournament experience and become better prepared to compete in larger stage competitive national tournaments such as our annual Phoenix Cup tournament.
- Easy to operate leagues with pre-determined division caps and fee structures.
- All levels of dart player are welcome!

See the tables below to track our growth over the years and how this growth has increased the payouts!

WPOL & EPOL Qualifiers 2018 – 2020, LVPOL Qualifiers 2017 - 2019

WPOL Qualifiers	2018		2019		2020	
	Teams	Players	Teams	Players	Teams	Players
Bronze Doubles	38	76	52	104	63	126
Silver Doubles	59	118	74	148	66	132
Gold Doubles	38	76	36	72	32	64
Platinum Singles	0	0	32	32	32	32
Ladies Singles	18	18	24	24	43	43
Total Signups:	268		380		397	

EPOL Qualifiers	2018		2019		2020	
	Teams	Players	Teams	Players	Teams	Players
Bronze Doubles	0	0	8	16	16	32
Silver Doubles	18	36	26	52	29	58
Gold Doubles	20	40	16	32	17	34
Platinum Doubles	8	16	6	12	6	12
Bronze Singles	0	0	16	16	0	0
Silver Singles	34	34	34	34	44	44
Gold Singles	30	30	24	24	26	26
Platinum Singles	22	22	14	14	24	24
Ladies Singles	19	19	14	14	38	38
Total Signups:	197		214		268	

LVPOL Qualifiers	2017		2018		2019	
	Teams	Players	Teams	Players	Teams	Players
Bronze Doubles	42	84	54	108	58	116
Silver Doubles	56	112	85	170	79	158
Gold Doubles	31	62	37	74	65	130
Platinum Doubles	10	20	10	10	18	36
Platinum Singles	20	20	20	20	52	52
Ladies Singles	31	31	44	44	76	76
Total Signups:	329		426		568	

Regional POL Finals Tournaments 2018 - 2020

WPOL Finals Tournaments						
2018			2019			2020
Divisions	Teams Entered	Division Payout	Divisions	Teams Entered	Division Payout	Tournament Cancelled
Bronze Doubles Finals	30	\$7,160	Bronze Doubles Finals	33	\$10,410	N/A
Silver Doubles Finals	41	\$11,020	Silver Doubles Finals	38	\$11,400	
Gold Doubles Finals	19	\$5,160	Gold Doubles Finals	25	\$6,280	
Platinum Singles Finals	0	\$0	Platinum Singles Finals	20	\$2,740	
Ladies Singles Finals	13	\$1,740	Ladies Singles Finals	17	\$2,100	
Total Payout:	\$25,080		Total Payout:	\$32,930		

EPOL Finals Tournaments						
2018			2019			2020
Divisions	Teams Entered	Division Payout	Divisions	Teams Entered	Division Payout	Tournament Cancelled
Bronze Doubles Finals	0	\$0	Bronze Doubles Finals	6	\$1,500	N/A
Silver Doubles Finals	13	\$3,460	Silver Doubles Finals	17	\$4,600	
Gold Doubles Finals	15	\$3,830	Gold Doubles Finals	15	\$3,460	
Platinum Doubles Finals	7	\$1,770	Platinum Doubles Finals	4	\$1,240	
Bronze Singles Finals	0	\$0	Bronze Singles Finals	9	\$1,384	
Silver Singles Finals	22	\$3,470	Silver Singles Finals	21	\$2,870	
Gold Singles Finals	20	\$2,525	Gold Singles Finals	16	\$2,508	
Platinum Singles Finals	14	\$2,325	Platinum Singles Finals	10	\$1,376	
Ladies Singles Finals	14	\$1,745	Ladies Singles Finals	9	\$1,332	
Total Payout:	\$19,125		Total Payout:	\$20,270		

LVPOL Tournaments						
2018			2019			2020
Divisions	Teams Entered	Division Payout	Divisions	Teams Entered	Division Payout	Tournament Cancelled
Bronze Doubles Finals	33	\$9,080	Bronze Doubles Finals	46	\$10,700	N/A
Silver Doubles Finals	50	\$13,820	Silver Doubles Finals	54	\$12,760	
Gold Doubles Finals	30	\$6,880	Gold Doubles Finals	47	\$12,260	
Platinum Doubles Finals	4	\$820	Platinum Doubles Finals	16	\$2,900	
Platinum Singles Finals	13	\$1,640	Platinum Singles Finals	28	\$4,045	
Ladies Singles Finals	29	\$3,710	Ladies Singles Finals	42	\$6,490	
Total Payout:	\$35,950		Total Payout:	\$49,155		

POL 2022 Target Growth

Divisions	WPOL 2022		EPOL 2022		LVPOL 2022	
	Target Qualified Players	Target Finals Payout	Target Qualified Players	Target Finals Payout	Target Qualified Players	Target Finals Payout
Bronze Doubles	146 (+16%)	\$12,264	37 (+16%)	\$3,108	128 (+10%)	\$10,752
Silver Doubles	152 (+15%)	\$12,768	67 (+15%)	\$5,628	174 (+10%)	\$14,616
Gold Doubles	74 (+16%)	\$6,216	39 (+15%)	\$3,276	144 (+11%)	\$12,096
Platinum Doubles	N/A	\$0	16 (+33%)	\$1,344	42 (+17%)	\$3,528
Bronze Singles	N/A	\$0	8 (+N/A%)	\$672	N/A	\$0
Silver Singles	N/A	\$0	50 (+14%)	\$4,200	N/A	\$0
Gold Singles	N/A	\$0	30 (+15%)	\$2,520	N/A	\$0
Platinum Singles	37 (+16%)	\$3,108	28 (+17%)	\$2,352	60 (+15%)	\$5,040
Ladies Singles	50 (+16%)	\$4,200	44 (+16%)	\$3,696	84 (+11%)	\$7,056
Target Totals:	459 (+16%)	\$38,556	319 (+19%)	\$26,796	632 (+11%)	\$53,088

*Note: The 2022 target payout numbers for the regional POL Finals Tournaments above are based on the 2022 target growth for the regional POL Qualifiers. These are not guaranteed amounts or projections. They are examples to show what the league finals payouts could look like if our targeted growth is met in 2022.

The actual payout amounts can increase or decrease dramatically based on actual participation, the number of re-buys, the number of un-played matches, among other such factors that affect the regional POL Finals Tournament payouts as detailed further in the Player Handbook.

The target finals payout was calculated by *(# of Targeted Qualified Players x 14 Weeks X \$6.00)*.

II. Important Dates – POL Qualifiers & Finals Tournaments

In order to ensure that all qualifier leagues are completed in time for PDUSA to review stats and proper division placement for POL finalists, PDUSA operators and players must adhere to the listed schedule below in regards to each regional POL Finals Tournament.

WPOL ~~Western Phoenix Official League~~

- ~~League Finals: June 4th – June 6th, 2020~~
- ~~League Finals Venue: Tuscany Suites & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)~~
- ~~Qualifier League Signups Start: December 1st, 2021~~
- ~~Qualifier League Start Deadline: January 31st, 2021~~
- ~~Qualifier League Completion Deadline: May 16th, 2021~~

EPOL ~~Eastern Phoenix Official League~~

- ~~League Finals: TBD~~
- ~~League Finals Venue: Mount Laurel Resort (White Haven, PA)~~
- ~~Qualifier League Signups Start: December 1st, 2021~~
- ~~Qualifier League Start Deadline: January 31st, 2021~~
- ~~Qualifier League Completion Deadline: TBD~~

LVPOL Las Vegas Phoenix Official League

- **League Finals:** October 7th – October 8th, 2021
- **League Finals Venue:** Westgate Resort & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)
- **Qualifier League Signups Start:** April 1st, 2021
- **Qualifier League Start Deadline:** June 13th, 2021
- **Qualifier League Completion Deadline:** September 19th, 2021

- ❖ Qualifier League Start Deadlines are 16 weeks prior to the Qualifier League Completion Deadline. This is the minimum amount of time a qualifier league will take to comfortably complete before the league completion deadline. Leagues that start after this date may require double headers or multiple matches played per week in order to finish in time. **NOTE: Players cannot play more than 3 make-up matches for a league in one week.**
- ❖ The Qualifier League Completion Deadline is firm. PDUSA requires time to review the qualifier leagues and prepare official ratings along with accounting for all fees in preparation for the league finals. **Any matches that are not played by the completion deadline will result in zero wins for both teams involved and make-ups will not be allowed, regardless of the match's impact on the qualifier league's final standings. Players are required to pay for all un-played matches in order to compete in the league finals.**
- ❖ Signups for qualifier leagues can be taken before the Signups Start date but qualifier leagues cannot begin before the Signups Start date.

III. POL Divisions, Division Caps, and Team Formation

In an effort to promote fair play at the regional POL Finals Tournaments, each event has been broken down into capped divisions with automatic handicap being offered in the appropriate divisions. WPOL, EPOL, and LVPOL all follow the same division caps but do not offer the same divisions due to regional league preferences. Please refer to the tables below for each regional tournament's offered divisions and division caps.

*In the tables below, the ratings used for team formation must be the player's **General Rating**. **Team Cap** is the sum of the teammates' General Ratings. **Individual Cap** is the highest General Rating allowed for a player in that division. Any decimals in a General Rating is rounded down, in other words, a player with a General Rating of 8.9 is an 8-rated player, and a team with a Team Rating of 14.9 is a 14-rated team.*

No other rating can be used for team formation besides General Rating. Teams will be bumped up to a higher division or disqualified with no refunds given if PDUSA discovers that an incorrect rating was used to fit a player/team into a lower division. Further penalties may be enforced based on PDUSA's discretion.

WPOL - Western Phoenix Official League			
Division	Team Cap	Individual Cap	Handicap
Bronze Doubles	7 – 15	8	Auto Handicap
Silver Doubles	16 – 24	13	Auto Handicap
Gold Doubles	25 – 32	19	Auto Reverse Handicap
Ladies Singles	1 – 18	18	Auto Reverse Handicap
Platinum Singles	No Cap	No Cap	No Handicap

EPOL - Eastern Phoenix Official League			
Division	Team Cap	Individual Cap	Handicap
Bronze Doubles	7 – 15	8	Auto Handicap
Silver Doubles	16 – 24	13	Auto Handicap
Gold Doubles	25 – 32	19	Auto Reverse Handicap
Platinum Doubles	No Cap	No Cap	No Handicap
Ladies Singles	1 – 18	18	Auto Reverse Handicap
Silver Singles	9 – 13	13	Auto Handicap
Gold Singles	14 – 19	19	Auto Reverse Handicap
Platinum Singles	No Cap	No Cap	No Handicap

LVPOL – Las Vegas Phoenix Official League			
Division	Team Cap	Individual Cap	Handicap
Bronze Doubles	7 – 15	8	Auto Handicap
Silver Doubles	16 – 24	13	Auto Handicap
Gold Doubles	25 – 32	19	Auto Reverse Handicap
Platinum Doubles	No Cap	No Cap	No Handicap
Ladies Singles	1 – 18	18	Auto Reverse Handicap
Platinum Singles	No Cap	No Cap	No Handicap

IV. POL Qualifier Details

Signup Fee: \$20 per player *per qualifier*

- Players must pay a **\$20 Signup Fee** for each qualifier league that they participate in. The \$20 Signup Fee(s) must be paid to the Phoenixdarts operator of the POL Qualifier, **before** the first match of the Qualifier league.
 - Signup Fees are used towards the operational costs for running the regional POL Finals tournament.
 - Players can qualify for as many divisions as they fit in, but must complete a qualifier league for each division they intend to compete in at the regional POL Finals Tournament.

❖ *Example:*

If a player wants to compete in the Silver Doubles and Bronze Doubles divisions at the Western POL Finals Tournament and the Silver Doubles division at the Eastern POL Finals Tournament, the player will need to:

1. *Find a partner with whom they fit within the Bronze Doubles division caps and form a Bronze team for the WPOL Finals Tournament.*
2. *Find a partner with whom they fit within the Silver Doubles division caps and form a Silver team for the WPOL Finals Tournament.*
3. *Find a partner with whom they fit within the Silver Doubles division caps and form a Silver team for the EPOL Finals Tournament.*
4. *Complete a WPOL Bronze Doubles qualifier league.*
5. *Complete a WPOL Silver Doubles qualifier league.*
6. *Complete an EPOL Silver Doubles qualifier league.*
7. *Player is now qualified to compete at the Western POL Finals Tournament in the Bronze Doubles and Silver Doubles events with his/her respective WPOL teammates, and qualified to compete at the Eastern POL Finals Tournament in the Silver Doubles event with his/her EPOL teammate.*

League Fee: \$10 per player *per match*

- Players must pay a **\$10 League Fee** for each match in their qualifier league.
 - **\$6** of every **\$10 League Fee** collected is pooled for the division's regional POL Finals Tournament payout. In other words, POL pays out 60% of its league fees.
 - **Since payouts are pooled for the regional POL Finals Tournament, there is no self-ending payout for the qualifier leagues.** Players must compete in their division's regional POL Finals Tournament to win any payout. POL Finals payouts pay down to the bottom place.
 - The \$6 payout portion remains in the payout pool for the division of the qualifier league it was collected from. **Therefore, the more players that qualify for a division, the higher the payout will be for that division at the regional POL Finals tournament.**

❖ *Example:*

*If there are 10 Bronze Doubles WPOL qualifier leagues with each league having 4 teams and 15 matches on the schedule, the total amount of league fees inserted into the machines for WPOL's Bronze Doubles division would be **\$12,800**.*

*\$12,800 league fees = 4 teams [8 players] x \$10 League Fee x 15 matches x 10 Leagues
Since 60% of the league fees are used for the payout, the WPOL Bronze Doubles Finals
Tournament will have a **\$7,200** total payout. Any Re-Buy Fees (explained below) would be
added to this payout.*

\$7,200 total payout = \$12,800 league fees x 60% payout

***Re-Buy Fee: \$40 per player**

- Players who finish in the top half of their qualifier league's standings will progress to the regional POL Finals Tournament and **do not** need to pay this Re-Buy Fee.
- Players who **do not** finish in the top half of their qualifier league's standings **need** to pay a **\$40 Re-Buy fee** to re-buy into their division's regional POL Finals Tournament.
 - Since the POL Finals Tournament is considered as a play-off for the qualifiers, Re-Buys give players that did not make the cut an option to buy back into their division's play-off.
 - Re-Buy fees are added into the division's POL Finals Tournament payout.

❖ *Example:*

WPOL Silver Doubles qualifier leagues that have 6 teams will have 3 teams progress to the WPOL Silver Doubles Finals Tournament. If the 4th, 5th, or 6th place teams want to compete in the WPOL Silver Doubles Finals Tournament, they will be required to pay a \$40.00 Re-Buy fee when signing up for the WPOL Silver Doubles Finals Tournament at the WPOL Finals Tournament.

A Silver Doubles team will be required to pay \$80.00 total. This \$80.00 will be added into the WPOL Silver Doubles Finals Tournament payout. Therefore, if 10 teams re-buy into the WPOL Silver Doubles Final Tournament, a total of \$800.00 will be added to the Silver Doubles total payout.

***Un-Played Match Fee: \$10 per un-played match**

- This \$10 Un-Played Match Fee is not an additional fee on top of the original match fee. It is the \$10 league fee that the player did not put into the machine because he/she did not play that match.
- All players who compete in the regional POL Finals Tournament must have played all scheduled matches in their POL Qualifier league, or at the very least, paid for them.
 - The division's POL Finals Tournament payout is shorted by every un-played match. Therefore, any player or team with un-played matches must pay for those matches when signing up for their division's regional POL Finals Tournament. Players or teams who refuse to pay for their un-played matches will not be allowed to sign up for their division's regional POL Finals tournament.
 - Players that repeatedly fail to play all their scheduled matches may be banned from participating in future POL qualifiers.
- **No more than 30% of the un-played scheduled matches POL Qualifier leagues will be allowed.** In other words, players or teams who have failed to complete at least 70% of their POL Qualifier leagues will not have the option of paying for un-played matches and competing in their division's regional POL Finals tournament. Further details can be found in the POL Qualifiers – League Rules section.

Refer to the POL Qualifiers – League Rules section for the rules enforced in Qualifier leagues.

POL Qualifier League Formats

Bronze Doubles (Handicap)		
Set 1 & 2	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out
Set 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	
Set 5 & 6	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out
Set 7	Cricket Doubles	
Set 8	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out
Set 9	Cricket Singles	
Set 10 & 11	Cricket Doubles	
Set 12 & 13	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out

Silver Doubles (Handicap)		
Set 1 & 2	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out
Set 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	
Set 5	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out
Set 6	Cricket Singles	
Set 7 & 8	Cricket Doubles	
Set 9 & 10	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out
Set 11	Cricket Singles	
Set 12	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out
Set 13 & 14	Cricket Doubles	
Set 15	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out

Gold Doubles (Reverse Handicap)		
Set 1 & 2	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out
Set 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	
Set 5 & 6	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out
Set 7	501 Singles	Open In, Master Out
Set 8	Cricket Singles	
Set 9 & 10	Cricket Doubles	
Set 11 & 12	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out
Set 13	Cricket Singles	
Set 14	501 Singles	Open In, Master Out
Set 15 & 16	Cricket Doubles	
Set 17	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out

Ladies Singles (Reverse Handicap)		
Set 1 & 2	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out
Set 3 & 4	Cricket Singles	
Set 5 & 6	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out
Set 7 & 8	Cricket Singles	
Set 9 & 10	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out
Set 11	Cricket Singles	

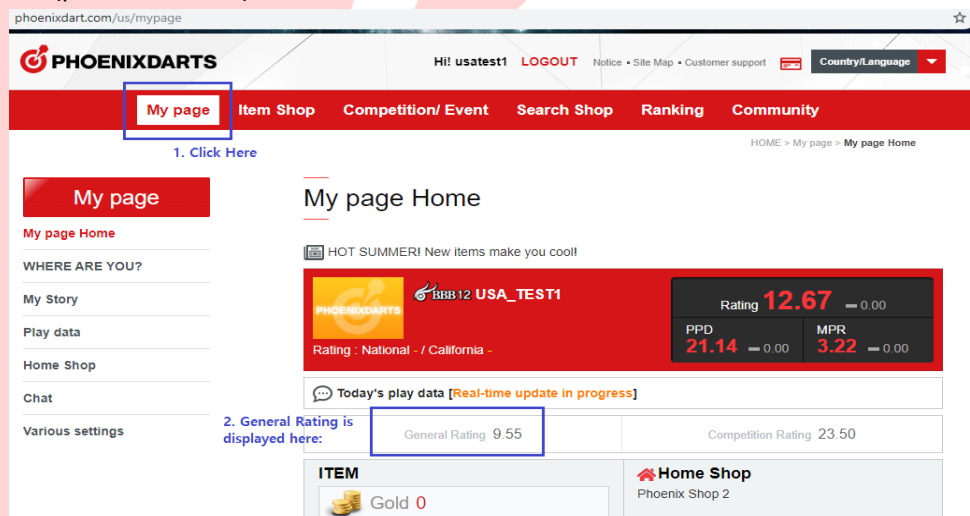
Platinum Singles (No Handicap)		
Set 1 & 2	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out
Set 3 & 4	Cricket Singles	
Set 5 & 6	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out
Set 7 & 8	Cricket Singles	
Set 9 & 10	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out
Set 11 & 12	Cricket Singles	
Set 13 & 14	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out
Set 15 & 16	Cricket Singles	
Set 17 & 18	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out
Set 19	Cricket Singles	

How to sign up for a POL Qualifier

- Your local Phoenixdarts Operator will take POL Qualifier Signups.
 - Phoenixdarts is not involved in the signup process for POL Qualifier. You must follow whatever signup procedure your local Phoenixdarts Operator has in place at the time.
- If you do not have a local Phoenixdarts Operator, or your local operator does not offer any POL Qualifiers, please contact us at support@phoenix-dart.com and we will connect you to a POL operator.
 - POL Qualifiers can be run as an Online League in order to eliminate any geographic restrictions; many of our existing POL Operators offer Online League qualifiers for this purpose.
- It's helpful to already have your team formed before contacting your local Phoenix Operator to signup.
 - [Refer to the POL Division Caps on page 7.](#)
 - ❖ Make sure neither you nor your partner exceed the individual cap for the division.
 - ❖ Make sure that you and your teammate have used your General Rating when calculating if your team fits within the division you are signing up for.

Your General Rating can be found by:

1. Logging into <http://www.phoenixdarts.com/us/main> and clicking **My Page** (pictured below):



2. Scanning your card on a Phoenixdarts machine at the **Card** menu (pictured below), **not to be confused with your Card Rating:**



- Your Local Operator will confirm that you have done this correctly.
 - Phoenixdarts reserves the rights to review a player's divisional qualification and reassign them to an appropriate division at any time. If there are any signs of attempts to cheat the system in any way, additional sanctions may apply.
- Your \$20 Signup Fee(s) must be paid to the Phoenixdarts operator whose POL Qualifier you've signed up for **before** the first match of your Qualifier league.
 - The teammate that you played with in the POL Qualifier will be the same teammate that you play with at the regional POL Finals Tournament. In the case that you need a substitute player for the regional POL Finals Tournament, [refer to the Regional POL Finals Tournament – Tournament Rules section](#).
 - Qualifier league match counts are Round Robins and the duration is based on the number of teams in the Qualifier league:
 - 8 Teams = 2 Round Robins = 14 Matches
 - 7 Teams = 2 Round Robins = 12 Matches (1 Bye per Round Robin)
 - 6 Teams = 3 Round Robins = 15 Matches
 - 5 Teams = 3 Round Robins = 12 Matches (1 Bye per Round Robin)
 - 4 Teams = 5 Round Robins = 15 Matches
 - No more than 8 teams and no less than 4 teams allowed per Qualifier league.
 - **NOTE:** Regardless of scheduled matches, all players who are qualifying for a regional POL Finals Tournament division must pay \$150 in League Fees. It's not fair for some players to qualify under a 15 match Qualifier and pay \$150 in League Fees whereas others may qualify in a 12 Match Qualifier and only pay \$120 in League Fees. The difference will be collected from applicable players at the regional POL Finals Tournament signups, along with any Re-Buy Fees and Un-Played Match Fees.
 - The **maximum** amount a player must pay to qualify to compete in a division event at a regional POL Finals Tournament is **\$210.00** (\$20.00 Signup Fee + \$150.00 League Fees + \$40.00 Re-Buy Fee).
 - The **minimum** amount a player will need to pay to qualify is **\$170.00** (\$20.00 Signup Fee + \$150.00 League Fee).

V. POL Qualifiers - League Rules

POL Qualifiers are run in collaboration with Phoenixdarts operators. Therefore, POL Qualifier operators may have their own set of general rules that they enforce in order to maintain a smooth operation of their leagues. POL operators have full authority to enforce their league rules at their discretion so long as they do not conflict with the Phoenixdarts-mandated POL Qualifier League Rules below:

- Players must play at least 70% of their POL Qualifier matches in order to qualify for the regional POL Finals Tournament. No more than 30% of their POL Qualifier matches can be left un-played or played by a substitute player. An un-played match is defined as a match that was either forfeited or was not completed by the listed Qualifier League Completion Deadline.
 - 15 Match Qualifiers:
 - Minimum of 11 matches played by each original player(s) on the team.
 - Maximum of 4 matches left un-played or played by a substitute player.
 - 14 Match Qualifiers
 - Minimum of 10 matches played by each original player(s) on the team.
 - Maximum of 4 matches left un-played or played by a substitute player.
 - 12 Match Qualifiers
 - Minimum of 9 matches played by each original player(s) on the team.
 - Maximum of 3 matches left un-played or played by a substitute player.
- Substitute players must be the same rating or lower than the original player they are substituting.
 - All substitute players for POL Qualifiers must be approved by the operator of the qualifier league.
- Team Names cannot consist of any profanity, racial slurs, and any other offensive language. Inappropriate team names will be changed by Phoenixdarts and players will not be able to request a different team name.
- A maximum of 3 make-up matches are allowed to be played in 1 week. Therefore, a total of 4 (1 scheduled match + 3 make-up matches) Qualifier matches can be completed in 1 week. Any additional matches played in a week will result in a forfeit with 0 wins given to the violating team.
- Matches left un-played by the listed Qualifier League Completion Deadline will result in 0 wins for both teams involved in the match. If you are unable to play a match due to your opponent continually failing to meet the scheduled make-up match dates, you must notify your operator who will forfeit the other team from the match according to POL forfeit rules.
- Forfeits will result in 20% wins to the forfeiting team and 80% wins to the winning team.
 - Example: In a 15 set match, the winning team will win the match 12-3.

VI. Regional POL Finals Tournaments Details

Region	Venue	League Finals Dates
Western	Tuscany Suites & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)	June 4 th – 6 th , 2021
Eastern	Mount Laurel Resort (White Haven, PA)	TBD
Las Vegas	WestGate Las Vegas Resort & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)	October 7 th – 8 th , 2021

- Regional POL Finals Tournament event schedules will be posted for each individual tournament in the months leading up to the tournament date.
 - All players are required to check-in for their division’s league finals tournament at the signup table during the signup times posted on the Regional POL Finals Tournament event schedule.
- **Coin Drop:** \$10
 - All players must pay a **\$10 Coin Drop** when checking in for their division’s league finals tournament.
- **Re-Buy Fee:** \$40 per player
 - [Refer to page 9 for details](#)
- **Un-Played Match Fee(s):** \$10 per un-played match
 - [Refer to page 9 for details](#)
- Players must compete in their division’s league finals with the partner they played with in their division’s Qualifier. [Refer to the Regional POL Finals – Tournament Rules section for details on substitute players.](#)
- Players must bring the Phoenix Club Card that they used for their division’s Qualifier.
 - For administration purposes, not all cards are useable at the Regional POL Finals Tournament. Failure to bring the correct will result in the player needing to purchase a Tournament Card at the signup table prior to tournament start.
- The stats used for handicap calculation (in applicable divisions) are based on a player’s Official Rating. This means that a player’s league rating from their Qualifier may not be the rating that is used in the tournament. Phoenixdarts reviews all POL players’ stats in collaboration with POL operators in order to determine a rating that is most indicative of a player’s actual skill level.
- Players/teams may be moved into a different division if they have overachieved in their Qualifier. POL operators will notify their players in such cases. [Refer to the Regional POL Finals – Tournament Rules section for details on busting the cap.](#)
- Payouts are distributed according to the payout schedule that will be posted on-site at the Regional POL Finals Tournament.
 - A payout table will be posted on-site at the Bracket Runner station in the tournament hall. Payouts are determined after check-ins are closed and all Re-buy Fees and Un-played Match Fees have been accounted for.
 - Players must provide a completely filled out W-9 Form in order to receive a payout of any amount.

Regional POL Finals Tournament Formats

Bronze Doubles

- ❖ **Winners & Losers Bracket:** 501 – CR – 501
 - Open In, Open Out, 50/50 Bull, Arrange On, Handicap
 - 01** Rounds: 20 | **Cricket** Rounds: 25

Silver Doubles

- ❖ **Winners Bracket:** 501 – CR – CR – 501 – 501
- ❖ **Losers Bracket:** 501 – CR – 501
 - Open In, Open Out, 50/50 Bull, Arrange On, Handicap
 - **01** Rounds: 30 | **Cricket** Rounds: 30

Gold Doubles

- ❖ **Winners Bracket:** 701 – CR – CR – 701 – Choice
- ❖ **Losers Bracket:** 701 – CR – Choice
 - Open In, Master Out, 50/50 Bull, Arrange Off, Handicap
 - **01** Rounds: 30 | **Cricket** Rounds: 30

Platinum Singles

- ❖ **Winners & Losers Bracket:**
 - 701 – CR – CR – 701 – Choice
 - Open In, Double Out, 25/50 Bull, Arrange Off
 - **01** Rounds: 30 | **Cricket** Rounds: 30

Ladies Singles

- ❖ **Winners & Losers Bracket:** 501 – CR – Choice
 - Open In, Open Out, 50/50 Bull, Arrange On, Reverse Handicap
 - **01** Rounds: 20 | **Cricket** Rounds: 25

VII. Regional POL Finals - Tournament Rules

Punishments for violating any of the rules below are decided by Phoenixdarts staff and are subject to change at any time.

- **No outside food or beverages** allowed in the tournament hall.
- **Players cannot participate in any Side Shoots while they are playing in a POL Finals event.** Players can only participate in one event at a time.
- **No player can leave the machine** once a match has been started or will risk being forfeited by the bracket runner.
 - In cases where both players/teams have left the machine, the first player/team that violated this rule will be penalized.
- **5 Minute Forfeiture Call.** You will be given 5 minutes to start your match from when your match is called by the Bracket Runner. **The Bracket Runner's decision to forfeit a match is final.** It's the player's responsibility to be aware of their match being called. If you aren't sure if your match has been called, check with the Bracket Runner.
- For every match, a **cork/diddle** shall determine who will throw first for the first leg. Loser of the previous leg will throw first in the following leg except on a tiebreaker leg, where the teams must cork/diddle again. The winner of the cork/diddle will then have the choice of going first or selecting the 'Choice' game for the final leg.
 - The winner of the cork/diddle is determined by whose dart landed closest to the center hole.
 - If the first player to cork/diddle hits the center hole, the dart may be removed to give the next player a chance to tie.
- **Choice** games in Medley formats must be one of the games previously played in the Medley.
 - For example, for a 501 – CR – Choice match, the Choice game must be either 501 or Cricket.
- **Teams bust their division cap** (team and/or individual cap) based on the conditions below:
 - Doubles Divisions:
 - A team with a **player** who finishes the league with an Official Rating that is **1.9 rating points above** the division's individual cap will be moved to a higher division.
 - Ex: For Bronze Division, you can enter as an 8 and finish as a 10, however 10.1 and higher would require being bumped into a higher division.

- **A team** that finishes **2.9 rating points above** the the division's team cap will be moved to a higher division.
 - Singles Divisions:
 - A player who finishes the league with an Official Rating that is 1.9 rating points higher than the division's individual cap will be moved to a higher division.
 - Teams/players that have busted the cap must play in the higher division for the following seasons' Qualifiers. Alternatively, they can find new partners to fit within the lower division's Qualifiers.
 - Teams/players moved up a division will take their league payout money up with them to the division they have been reassigned to, increasing the payout for their new division and decreasing the payout for the division they were reassigned from.
 - **Official Ratings** are decided by Phoenix Dart Inc in collaboration with POL operators. A player's final league rating is not their Official Rating. Official Ratings are based on a player's play data as monitored throughout the league season, in all of their POL qualifying leagues, along with existing play data for league, tournament, and casual games.
- **Substitute Players**
 - Players qualified for the league finals as a team. This means that they must compete in the league finals with the teammate they qualified with. However, if a teammate cannot make it to the league finals, he or she can be replaced with a substitute. The substitute does not need to have played in a POL qualifier. However, all POL finals substitutes must be submitted to PDUSA for approval prior to the end of the check-in period for the division's regional POL Finals Tournament start time. PDUSA will investigate the substitute's play data to verify if he/she is a valid substitute.
 - Substitutes that have a General Rating that is higher than the original player's Official Rating are automatically invalid.
 - The **dartboard is not always right** so in the event of a correction an Official must be called to the board to make the correction. No player in the match can make a correction. If a machine does not register the correct dart but the game ends as a result then what the machine scored will stand. In other cases, where the dart sticks will take priority over what the machine scores.
 - **If a dart is thrown before Player Change completes**, the dart is considered a miss. The red button must be pushed in order to initiate Player Change.
 - It's the players' responsibility to know it is their turn to throw darts. **Darts thrown by the wrong player will be considered as lost.** Points scored will be undone and turn skipped. If points scored cannot be undone, then the violating team's next turn(s) will be skipped until the order is corrected. If a dart thrown by the wrong player is a winning dart, the results will be overturned and a loss will be recorded for the winning team that threw out of order.
 - If a player throws darts on their opponent's turn, points scored will be undone, the correct player can throw his/her darts, and the violating player's next turn will be skipped. If points scored cannot be undone, the points scored will stand and the violating player's next turn will be skipped.
 - **Overachieving.** Players that achieve 3 or more rating points, on average, over their starting rating for a main event, may be removed from that main event. If the player is at the point where they are to receive money, they will forfeit any winnings, and entries will not be refunded. Any player/team that has previously played a removed player/team will not advance nor receive money if they lost to the removed player/team.
 - Players requiring the use of **wheelchairs, risers, walkers**, etc. are legal at the throw line as follows:
 - **Wheelchairs:** When directly facing the board, the wheelchair's body must be behind the throw line. Any other position, the board-side wheel's contact point must be behind the throw line.
 - **Walkers**, etc.: The player's feet must be behind the throw line but the support unit may be beyond the throw line so long as a walker foot is behind the throwline.

- There is no restriction to a player leaning as long as his or her foot is not over the edge of the throw line. Players may lunge when throwing so long as their **front foot remains planted behind the line and the dart hits the board before their hind foot touches the floor.**
- There is **only one person allowed at the throw line at a time.** No Exceptions.
- At any time during a match, **coaching can only be done by his or her teammate.**
- **No chanting during a match.** Anything that can be considered as distracting to a player while they are throwing is grounds for removal from the Tournament.
- You may cheer for your teammate, friends, etc., but not during the opponent's turn.
 - Players must also be mindful of matches on adjacent machines and must not interrupt those players either.
- No personal music devices can be used without headphones.
- Once you have started a match, players in the match **cannot throw any practice darts.**
- If a player is at the throw line in a ready-to-throw position and drops the dart gripped in his/her throwing hand, it is considered a thrown dart.
- **If there is an issue with a match, no dart can be thrown by either team until the issue has been resolved.** Issues brought up after a match has been completed cannot be officiated.
- If there is a problem with a dart board during a match for any reason, the match will be moved to another dart board **and the current game must be played from the beginning.**
- A team may shoot in any order but once the match has started the shooting order cannot be changed until the next match.
- **Zero tolerance on fighting, arguing, or physical contact in any way.** If there are any questions or problems, find a Tournament Official to resolve the problem at hand.