

PHOENIX OFFICIAL LEAGUE 2023 PLAYER'S HANDBOOK

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Annual Introduction

POL PAID OUT \$175,000 in 2022!!! The Season 1 League Finals paid out over \$80,000 and the Season 2 League Finals paid out over \$90,000. These numbers will only get higher as we continue to grow so let's keep the momentum going and grow POL into the largest organized league in the United States!

Season	League Finals Venue	League Finals Dates
POL Season 1	Tuscany Suites & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)	April 21 st – 23 rd , 2023
POL Season 2	Nugget Casino Resort	October 19 th – 20 th , 2023

Key Changes for 2023

1. Individual Caps are reinstated for Season 1 and 2.

Division	Team Cap	Individual Cap	Handicap
Quartz Doubles	1 - 12	8	Reverse
Bronze Doubles	13 - 20	12	Reverse
Silver Doubles	21 - 25	16	None
Gold Doubles	26 - 30	None	None
Platinum Doubles	31 - 35	None	None
Ladies Singles	1 - 19	None	Reverse
Diamond Singles	None	None	None

2. Ladies Singles has grown to the point where we will now split the Ladies Singles division into 2 separate divisions at the league finals. When League Finals signups have closed, the players will be sorted high to low by their Official Ratings and the top and bottom halves will have their own League Finals tournaments. If there are any ties at the division cut line, the same rating players will be placed in the same division. Both divisions will be handicapped and have the same total payout amount.

I. What is Phoenix Official League (POL)?

POL is an official Phoenixdarts league that is organized by Phoenixdarts USA and run collaboratively with Phoenixdarts operators. There are two Phoenix Official League finals tournaments that are held throughout the year:

- POL Season 1 (Las Vegas, NV)
- POL Season 2 (Reno, NV)

To compete in a season's League Finals, players must compete a Qualifier League for that season. Players can compete in multiple divisions at the League Finals so long as they have completed a Qualifier League for those divisions.

- For example, a player must form a team that fits within the POL division caps (listed in the following section) and complete a POL Season 1 Bronze Doubles Qualifier and a POL Season 1 Silver Doubles Qualifier to compete in the Bronze Doubles and Silver Doubles League Finals at the POL Season 1 League 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 POL Season 2 to compete in those divisions at the POL Season 2 League Finals tournament.

Since the 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 for the Qualifier Leagues themselves; the players/teams must compete in the League Finals to be paid out. Regardless of their performance at the League Finals, a \$100 prize for the 1st Place team in a Doubles Qualifier League, or a \$50 prize for the 1st Place player in a Singles Qualifier League, can be claimed at the League Finals. Players must compete at the League Finals with the teammate that they completed their Qualifier League with. If a player needs a substitute player to compete at a League Finals with, please [refer to the POL Finals Tournament – Tournament Rules section](#).

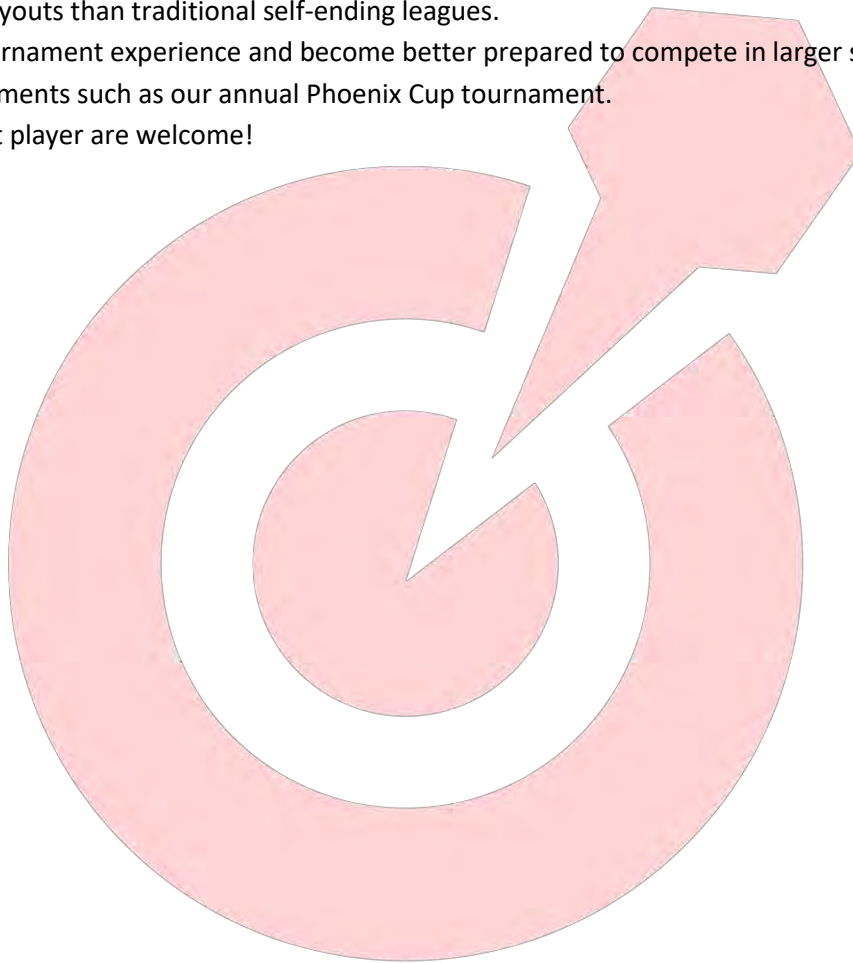
Why should you play?

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 many precautionary measures 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 each season's 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 2022, our POL Finals Tournaments paid out over \$175,000 and this number will only increase as we continue to grow!

The benefits of signing up for Phoenix Official League:

- Playing in a Phoenix Official League will qualify players to compete in a season's POL Finals Tournament while also granting qualification credits towards our annual Phoenix Cup Las Vegas tournament.
 - Completing a season's POL Qualifier allows players to compete in that division's league finals at that season's POL Finals Tournament.
 - **Example:** Completing a Bronze Doubles POL Season 1 Qualifier allows a player to compete in the Bronze Doubles league finals event at the POL Season 1 League Finals tournament.
 - Completing Qualifier Leagues for both POL Season 1 and Season 2 automatically qualifies 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.
- All levels of dart player are welcome!



II. Important Dates – POL Qualifier Leagues & League Finals Tournaments

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 regarding each POL Finals Tournament.

POL Season 1

- **League Finals:** April 21st – April 23rd, 2023
 - **April 21st – Friday** **Bronze Doubles (5:00PM) and Platinum Doubles (5:00PM)**
 - **April 22nd – Saturday** **Quartz Doubles (10:00AM) and Gold Doubles (10:00AM)**
Silver Doubles (5:00PM)
 - **April 23rd – Sunday** **Ladies Singles (10:00AM) and Diamond Singles (10:00AM)**
 - *There will be side shoots scheduled for each day of the League Finals, side shoot caps and schedule to be released later.*
- **League Finals Venue:** Tuscany Suites & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)
- **Qualifier League Signups Start:** October 1st, 2022
- **Qualifier League Completion Deadline:** April 1st, 2023
 - **Qualifier Leagues should start by 12/24/22 to finish a 15-week season without any double headers.**

POL Season 2

- **League Finals:** October 19th – 20th, 2023
 - **October 19th – Thursday** **Bronze Doubles (9:00AM) and Platinum Doubles (9:00AM)**
Quartz Doubles (2:00PM) and Gold Doubles (2:00PM)
Silver Doubles (7:00PM)
 - **October 20th – Friday** **Ladies Singles (10:00AM) and Diamond Singles (10:00AM)**
 - *Due to time constraints, there will be no official side shoots for the POL Season 2 League Finals.*
 - **League Finals Venue:** Nugget Casino Resort (Reno, NV)
 - **Qualifier League Signups Start:** April 1st, 2023
 - **Qualifier League Completion Deadline:** September 30th, 2023
 - **Qualifier Leagues should start by 6/24/2023 to finish a 15-week season without any double headers.**
- ❖ Qualifier Leagues should start 15 weeks prior to the Qualifier League Completion Deadline. This is the minimum amount of time a Qualifier League will take to complete before the deadline. Leagues that start after this date will require double headers 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 to compete in the league finals.**

III. POL Divisions, Division Caps, and Team Formation

To promote fair play at the POL Finals Tournaments, each event has been broken down into capped divisions with handicap being offered in the lowest two Doubles and the Ladies Singles divisions. Please refer to the tables below for the offered divisions and division caps for POL Season 1 and POL Season 2.

*In the tables below, the ratings used for team formation must be the player's **General Rating**. **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.*

Division Cap is the sum of the teammates' General Ratings for Doubles divisions. Any decimal 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.

POL Season 1			
Division	Division Caps	Handicap	League Finals
Quartz Doubles	1 – 12 Team Cap (8 Individual Cap)	Reverse HCP	4/22 Saturday (10:00AM)
Bronze Doubles	13 – 20 Team Cap (12 Individual Cap)	Reverse HCP	4/21 Friday (5:00PM)
Silver Doubles	21 – 25 Team Cap (16 Individual Cap)	No HCP	4/22 Saturday (5:00PM)
Gold Doubles	26 – 30 Team Cap (No Individual Cap)	No HCP	4/22 Saturday (10:00AM)
Platinum Doubles	31 – 35 Team Cap (No Individual Cap)	No HCP	4/21 Friday (5:00PM)
Ladies Singles	1 - 18	Reverse HCP	4/23 Sunday (10:00AM)
Diamond Singles	No Cap	No HCP	4/23 Sunday (10:00AM)

POL Season 2			
Division	Division Caps	Handicap	League Finals
Quartz Doubles	1 – 12 Team Cap (8 Individual Cap)	Reverse HCP	10/19 Thursday (2:00PM)
Bronze Doubles	13 – 20 Team Cap (12 Individual Cap)	Reverse HCP	10/19 Thursday (9:00AM)
Silver Doubles	21 – 25 Team Cap (16 Individual Cap)	No HCP	10/19 Thursday (7:00PM)
Gold Doubles	26 – 30 Team Cap (No Individual Cap)	No HCP	10/19 Thursday (2:00PM)
Platinum Doubles	31 – 35 Team Cap (No Individual Cap)	No HCP	10/19 Thursday (9:00AM)
Ladies Singles	1 - 18	Reverse HCP	10/20 Friday (10:00AM)
Diamond Singles	No Cap	No HCP	10/20 Friday (10:00AM)

** Season 2 League Finals schedule subject to change prior to the start of the qualification period.*

IV. POL Qualifier League Details

Signup Fee: \$25 per player *per Qualifier*

- Players must pay a **\$25 Signup Fee** for each Qualifier League that they participate in. The \$25 Signup Fee(s) must be paid to the Phoenixdarts operator of the POL Qualifier, **before** the first match of the Qualifier League.
 - Signup Fees help cover the operational costs for running POL Finals tournaments.
 - Players can qualify for as many divisions as they fit in but must complete a Qualifier League for each division that they intend to compete in at the POL Finals Tournament.

❖ *Example:*

If a player wants to compete in the Silver Doubles and Bronze Doubles divisions at the POL Season 1 League Finals Tournament:

1. *Find a partner with whom they fit within the Bronze Doubles division caps and form a Bronze team for the POL Season 1 League Finals Tournament.*
2. *Find a partner with whom they fit within the Silver Doubles division caps and form a Silver team for the POL Season 1 League Finals Tournament.*
3. *Complete both the POL Season 1 Bronze Doubles and POL Season 1 Silver Doubles Qualifier Leagues.*
4. *Player is now qualified to compete at the POL Season 1 League Finals Tournament in the Bronze Doubles and Silver Doubles events with his/her respective teammates.*

The same steps above must be repeated for POL Season 2 Qualifier League(s) when qualifying for the POL Season 2 League Finals Tournament.

League Fee: \$15 per player *per match*

- Players must pay a **\$15 League Fee** for each match of their Qualifier League.
 - **\$7.50** of every **\$15 League Fee** collected is pooled for the division's POL Season League Finals Tournament payout.
 - ❖ **Since payouts are pooled for a POL Season's League Finals Tournament, there is no self-ending payout for the Qualifier Leagues.**
 - ❖ Players must compete in their division's POL Season's League Finals Tournament to win any payout. POL Season's League Finals Tournament payouts pay down to the bottom place (except for the Diamond Singles division, which has a top-heavy payout).
 - **1st Place Teams** in a Doubles Qualifier League may claim a \$100 prize at the POL Season's League Finals Tournament, regardless of their performance in the League Finals.
 - **1st Place Players** in a Singles Qualifier League may claim a \$50 prize at the POL Season's League Finals, regardless of their performance in the League Finals.
 - The \$7.50 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 POL Finals tournament.**

❖ *Example:*

*If there are 10 Bronze Doubles POL Season 1 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 POL Season 1's Bronze Doubles division would be **\$18,000**.*

***\$18,000** league fees = 4 teams [8 players] x \$15 League Fee x 15 matches x 10 Leagues*

*Since \$7.50 of the \$15.00 league fee is used for the payout, the POL Season 1 Bronze Doubles League Finals will have a **\$9,000** total payout.*

***Un-Played Match Fee: \$15 per un-played match**

- This \$15 Un-Played Match Fee is not an additional fee on top of the original match fee. It is exactly the \$15 league fee that the player did not insert into a machine because the match was not played.
- All players who compete in the POL Season's League 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 POL Season's League 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 POL Season's League Finals Tournament.
 - Players that repeatedly fail to play all their scheduled matches may be banned from participating in future POL Qualifier Leagues.

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

POL Qualifier League Formats

Below are the standard Qualifier League formats for each division. Your operator may have a different format approved by Phoenixdarts USA. If you have any questions, please check with your operator before signing up for his/her Qualifier League.

Ladies Singles			
Sets 1 & 2	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Sets 3 & 4	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 5 & 6	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Sets 7 & 8	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 9 & 10	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Sets 11 & 12	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Set 13 & 14	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Set 15	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Diamond Singles			
Sets 1 & 2	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Sets 3 & 4	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 5 & 6	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Sets 7 & 8	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 9 & 10	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Sets 11 & 12	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 13 & 14	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Sets 15 & 16	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 17 & 18	701 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Set 19	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Quartz Doubles			
Sets 1 & 2	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Sets 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 5 & 6	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Set 7	301 Singles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Set 8	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 9 & 10	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Sets 11 & 12	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 13 & 14	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Set 15	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Bronze Doubles			
Sets 1 & 2	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Sets 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 5 & 6	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Set 7	301 Singles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Set 8	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 9 & 10	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Sets 11 & 12	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap
Sets 13 & 14	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	Reverse Handicap
Set 15	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	Reverse Handicap

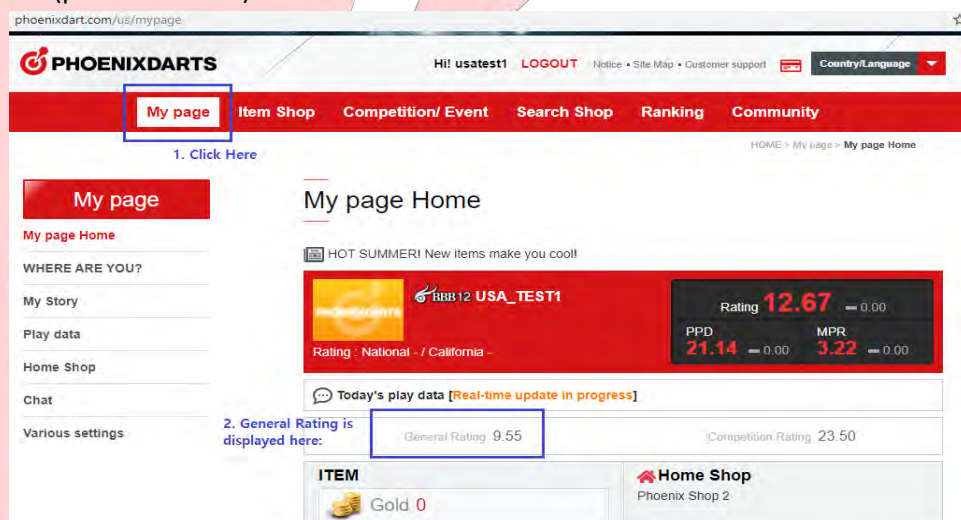
Silver Doubles			
Sets 1 & 2	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	No Handicap
Sets 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 5 & 6	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	No Handicap
Set 7	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out	No Handicap
Set 8	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Set 9	501 Singles	Open In, Open Out	No Handicap
Set 10	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 11 & 12	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	No Handicap
Sets 13 & 14	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 15 & 16	501 Doubles	Open In, Open Out	No Handicap
Set 17	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Gold Doubles			
Sets 1 & 2	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out	No Handicap
Sets 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 5 & 6	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out	No Handicap
Set 7	501 Singles	Open In, Master Out	No Handicap
Set 8	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Set 9	501 Singles	Open In, Master Out	No Handicap
Set 10	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 11 & 12	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out	No Handicap
Sets 13 & 14	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 15 & 16	701 Doubles	Open In, Master Out	No Handicap
Set 17	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Platinum Doubles			
Sets 1 & 2	701 Doubles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Sets 3 & 4	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 5 & 6	701 Doubles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Set 7	501 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Set 8	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Set 9	501 Singles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Set 10	Cricket Singles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 11 & 12	701 Doubles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Sets 13 & 14	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Sets 15 & 16	701 Doubles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Set 17	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap
Set 18	701 Doubles	Split Bull, Open In, Double Out	No Handicap
Set 19	Cricket Doubles	Overkill 200	No Handicap

How to sign up for a POL Qualifier

- Your local Phoenixdarts Operator will take POL Qualifier League Signups.
 - Phoenixdarts is not involved in the signup process for POL Qualifier Leagues. 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 Qualifier Leagues, please contact us at tournaments@phoenix-dart.com and we will connect you to a POL operator.
 - POL Qualifier Leagues can be run as an Online League to eliminate any geographic restrictions.
- It's helpful to already have your team formed before contacting your local Phoenix Operator to sign up.
 - [Refer to Team Formation rules and POL Division Caps on pages 5-6.](#)
 - ❖ If you plan to qualify for multiple POL divisions, make sure that both you and your partner do not sign up for divisions that have conflicting POL League Finals start times.
 - ❖ 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. Scan your card on a Phoenixdarts machine at the **Card** menu (pictured below), look at **General Rating** at the bottom (*not to be confused with 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 \$25 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 POL Finals Tournament. In the case that you need a substitute player for the POL Finals Tournament, [refer to the 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 POL Finals Tournament division must pay for 15 matches (totaling \$225 in League Fees). It's not fair for some players to qualify in a 15 match Qualifier League and pay \$225 whereas others qualify in a 12 Match Qualifier League and only pay \$180. The difference will be collected from applicable players at the POL Finals Tournament signups, along with any Un-Played Match Fees.

V. POL Qualifier Leagues - League Rules

POL Qualifier Leagues are run in collaboration with Phoenixdarts operators. Therefore, POL Qualifier League operators may have their own set of general rules that they enforce 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. Enforcement and interpretation of these rules are fully under Phoenixdarts' discretion:

- **A Player/Team that does not pay for all matches in their Qualifier League's match table will be considered as a "Dropped" team.**
 - Players/Teams that drop out of a POL Qualifier League drastically reduce both the division's League Finals payout and their Operator's revenue from the League Fees.
 - All players signing up for a POL Qualifier League must be prepared to invest a total of \$250 (\$25 Signup Fee + \$225 total League Fees for 15 matches).
 - Teams that drop out before Week 2 of their Qualifier League will not be penalized.
 - Teams that drop after Week 2 will be logged and noted in our penalty records.
 - Penalties:
 - Players that repeatedly drop out from POL Qualifier Leagues will be barred from participating in future POL seasons and other Phoenixdarts official events.
 - Players that drop will not receive qualification credits towards Phoenix Cup for any of their matches from the Qualifier League that they dropped from.
 - PDUSA reserves the right to review a player's reason for dropping before enforcing this penalty.
- **Rules on match forfeitures:**
 - Teams that forfeit a Qualifier League match will receive 0 set points for the match.
 - The non-forfeiting team will receive 60% of the set points for the match.
 - The non-forfeiting team must insert League Fees into the machine to gain any credit for the match.
 - The forfeiting team must also insert League Fees into the machine to avoid becoming a "dropped" team.
- **Players must play at least 70% of their POL Qualifier matches to qualify for the POL Finals Tournament.** No more than 30% of their POL Qualifier matches can be left un-played or played by a substitute player.
 - 15 Match Qualifiers:
 - Minimum of 11 matches played by each original player(s) on the team.
 - 14 Match Qualifiers
 - Minimum of 10 matches played by each original player(s) on the team.
 - 12 Match Qualifiers
 - Minimum of 9 matches played by each original player(s) on the team.
- **Substitute players must be the same General Rating or lower than the original player they are substituting.**
 - All substitute players for POL Qualifier Leagues 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 any given week.** Therefore, a total of 4 Qualifier matches (1 scheduled match + 3 make-up 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.

Progression to the League Finals

- The number of teams that progress to the League Finals from a Qualifier League depends on the number of teams in the Qualifier League:
 - 4 team Leagues = 2 teams progress
 - 5 team Leagues = 3 teams progress
 - 6 team Leagues = 3 teams progress
 - 7 team Leagues = 4 teams progress
 - 8 team Leagues = 4 teams progress
- Players who fail to finish their Qualifier League in the top half of their Qualifier League may re-buy into the League Finals at \$65 per player.
- The Operator of the POL Qualifier League has full authority to use whichever ranking system they would like to decide which teams progress to the League Finals. (Ex: based on Set Wins, overall Win-Loss record, play-offs, etc.)
 - Players should check with the Operator to confirm which ranking system they will be using to decide which players will progress to the POL Season's League Finals Tournament.

VI. POL League Finals Tournament Details

Season	Venue	League Finals Dates
POL Season 1	Tuscany Suites & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)	April 21 st – 23 rd , 2023
POL Season 2	South Point Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, NV)	October 19 th – 20 th , 2023

POL Season 1 League Finals Tournament Schedule

Apr 21 Friday	5:00PM	Bronze Doubles & Platinum Doubles
Apr 22 Saturday	10:00AM	Quartz Doubles & Gold Doubles
	5:00PM	Silver Doubles
Apr 23 Sunday	10:00AM	Ladies Singles & Diamond Singles

- *There will be side shoots scheduled each day of the League Finals, caps and schedule to be released later.*

POL Season 2 League Finals Tournament Schedule

Oct 19 Thursday	9:00AM	Bronze Doubles & Platinum Doubles
	2:00PM	Quartz Doubles & Gold Doubles
	7:00PM	Silver Doubles
Oct 20 Friday	10:00AM	Ladies Singles & Diamond Singles

- *Season 2 League Finals schedule subject to change prior to the start of the qualification period.*

- **Greens Fee: \$10**
 - All players must pay a **\$10 Greens Fee** when checking in for their division's league finals tournament.

- **Un-Played Match Fee(s):** \$15 per un-played match
- 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 POL Finals Tournament. Failure to bring the correct will result in the player needing to purchase a Tournament Card for \$15.00 at the signup table prior to tournament start.
- The stats used for handicap calculation 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 players' stats with POL operators to determine a rating indicative of a player's actual skill level.
- Players/teams may be moved into a different division if they have overachieved in their Qualifier. In such cases, POL operators will notify the player(s) prior to their arrival at the League Finals.
- Payouts are distributed according to the payout schedule that will be posted on-site at the POL Finals Tournament.
 - Payout amounts 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 properly filled out W-9 Form to receive a payout of any amount.

POL Season 1 & 2 League Finals Tournament Formats

Quartz Doubles

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

Bronze Doubles

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

Silver Doubles

- ❖ **Winners Bracket:** 501 – CR – CR – 501 – Choice
- ❖ **Losers Bracket:** 501 – CR – 501
 - Open In, Open Out, 50/50 Bull, Arrange Off, No 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, No Handicap
 - 01 Rounds: 30 | **Cricket** Rounds: 30

Platinum Doubles

- ❖ **Winners & Losers Bracket:** 701 – CR – CR – 701 – Choice
 - Open In, Double Out, 25/50 Bull, Arrange Off, No Handicap
 - 01 Rounds: 99 | **Cricket** Rounds: 99

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

Diamond Singles

- ❖ **Winners & Losers Bracket:** 701 – CR – CR – 701 – Choice
 - Open In, Double Out, 25/50 Bull, Arrange Off, No Handicap
 - 01 Rounds: 99 | **Cricket** Rounds: 99

VII. POL League 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.
- **Players cannot participate in more than one division's League Finals at a time.** Players must check the posted POL Season's League Finals Tournament schedule before signing up for a Qualifier League and not qualify for divisions that have conflicting League Finals start times.
- **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.
- **8 Minute Forfeiture Call.** You will be given 8 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, players will flip and diddle to 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 diddle again. The winner of the diddle will then have the choice of going first or selecting the 'Choice' game for the final leg.
 - The winner of the diddle is determined by whose dart landed closest to the center hole of the D-Bull.
 - If the first player to diddle hits the center hole of the D-Bull, 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** based on the conditions below:
 - Doubles Divisions:
 - **A team** that finishes **2.9 rating points above** the the division's team cap will be moved to a higher division.
 - For example: If a division's Team Cap is 25, any team with an Official Team Rating above 27.9 will bust the cap and must play in a higher division at the League Finals.
 - Singles Divisions:
 - A **player** who finishes 1.9 rating points higher than the division's cap will be moved to a higher division (if one is available).
 - For example: If a singles division's cap is 18, any player who finishes with an Official Rating above 19.9 will bust the cap.
 - 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 POL Finals Tournament start time. PDUSA will investigate the substitute player's play data to verify if he/she is a valid substitute player.
 - Substitute players 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 player's torso 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.
- **Players who are too intoxicated** to compete or are causing discomfort for any players in the tournament hall will be asked to leave for the day. Players who refuse to leave will be escorted out by security and disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. Additional sanctions may apply.
- **Players who are causing excessive delays** in tournament matches will be warned to speed up play. Players who fail to increase their pace of play to an acceptable level will be forfeited from the match.