

DART COMPETITION

1. Introduction & Historical Background

Darts, once a pub pastime, has evolved into a professional and precision-based sport recognized across continents. Originating in medieval England as a military training activity, darts transformed into a competitive indoor game during the early 20th century. Over the decades, national and international federations formalized the sport, enabling it to reach millions of enthusiasts worldwide.

The Modern Pythian Games recognize darts as a symbol of skill, focus, and cultural leisure activity that transcends borders. With the inclusion of darts in the Pythian Games, our aim is to elevate its global stature by connecting traditional games with modern competitive platforms and celebrating the unity of culture and sports.

2. Vision of Modern Pythian Games for Darts

- To globalize darts by showcasing it through an international multi-cultural platform.
- To engage youth and professionals in non-contact, precision-based sports that encourage mental discipline.
- To preserve traditional formats of darts while promoting modern professional standards.
- To foster international camaraderie by bringing together diverse dart-playing communities.

3. Alternate Names of Dart in Different Countries

Darts is known by various names and played in different forms around the world:

- Russia and CIS nations: Дарт (Darts)
- France: Fléchettes
- Germany: Darts or Pfeilwerfen
- Spain: Dardos
- Italy: Freccette
- Japan: ダーツ (Dātsu)
- China: 飞镖 (Fēibiāo)
- Korea: 닥트 (Dateu)
- Brazil: Dardos
- Middle East: الرَّمِيَّات (Al-Ramyat) in some dialects

Darts is actively played in over 85 countries, both as a professional and recreational sport, with official federations in more than 70 nations.

4. Age Categories

1. Sub-Junior Category – Below 12 years
2. Junior Category – 13 to 18 years
3. Open/Senior Category – 19 to 35 years
4. Masters Category – 36 years and above
5. Specially-Abled Category – Open to all age groups with disabilities

5. Competition Format

1. Game Type

- 501 (Double Out) – Most commonly used in international formats.
- 301 – Used in beginner or junior categories.
- Cricket – For specific regional leagues or as an optional variant.

2. Match Structure

- Best of 3 Legs (Early Rounds)
- Best of 5 Legs (Quarter-Finals)
- Best of 7 Legs (Semi-Finals and Finals)

6. General Rules

1. Standard Dartboard Dimensions:

- Diameter: 18 inches (45.72 cm)
- Height: Bullseye positioned 5 feet 8 inches (173 cm) from the ground
- Throwing distance: 7 feet 9.25 inches (2.37 meters) from the face of the board

2. Darts Specifications:

- Maximum length: 30.5 cm
- Maximum weight: 50 grams
- Only soft tip darts allowed for electronic boards
- Steel tip darts for bristle boards

3. Throwing Protocol:

- Each player throws 3 darts per turn
- Players must throw from behind the oche line
- Darts must stay in the board for the score to count

4. Scoring:

- Inner bullseye (red): 50 points
- Outer bullseye (green): 25 points
- Double and triple rings apply as per standard rules

5. Double Out Rule (501/301):

- Players must hit a double to finish the game

6. Tied Games:

- If both players reach zero in the same round, the player with fewer darts thrown wins
- If still tied, a single dart closest to the bull decides the winner

7. Player Conduct:

- No coaching or external assistance during play
- No distracting behavior permitted
- Players are expected to maintain sportsmanlike conduct

7. Judging Criteria

- Accuracy and Scoring: Primary basis of evaluation
- Time Efficiency: Especially in rapid formats
- Consistency: Across legs and matches
- Technique & Stance: (For advanced levels)

8. Judging Panel

- Each match is officiated by one Scorer/Referee and one Match Supervisor
- The finals may include a Technical Review Panel of three certified dart officials
- For international events, referees must be accredited by the national or international darts federation

9. General Regulations & Fair Play

- Players must report 15 minutes prior to scheduled matches
- Dartboard, lighting, and equipment will be standardized and provided by the organizing committee
- Personal darts may be used if they meet technical criteria
- All disputes must be submitted in writing within 10 minutes of match conclusion
- Decision of the referee and technical panel shall be final

10. Legal, Ethical, and Health Regulations

- No participant shall be under the influence of alcohol or performance-enhancing substances
- Players are required to undergo random checks for fair play
- The Modern Pythian Games will ensure all venues are smoke-free and inclusive
- Special considerations will be made for players with disabilities, ensuring barrier-free access and modified equipment if required