

Balloon Dart Competition

(Online and Offline mode)

1. International Naming Variations

The Balloon Dart competition is known differently across the world:

- Balloon and Dart Game (USA, UK)
- Balloon Pop Challenge (Canada, Australia)
- Dart Ballon Game (Germany, Netherlands)
- Globo Dardo (Spain, Latin America)
- Ballon-Pfeil-Spiel (Austria, Switzerland)
- Ballon Dart Tir (France)
- Dart Balloon Mela (India, South Asia)

2. Competition Overview

The Balloon Dart Competition is a recreational precision-based contest where participants throw darts to burst balloons for points. It combines concentration, hand-eye coordination, and strategic aim.

The competition is designed to be fun, inclusive, and artistic. Balloons may be decorated, color-coded for points, or placed to form visual patterns or artistic scenes.

3. Modes of Competition

1. Offline (On-ground event)

- Conducted in cultural fairs, open arenas, schools, clubs, or public spaces.
- Safety protocol must be followed, especially when using real darts.

2. Online (Virtual participation)

- Participants record a video of their performance as per given rules.
- Background should clearly show the dartboard/balloons setup.
- Live sessions may also be organized.

4. Types of Competitions

- **Standard Balloon Burst** – Points for each balloon popped.
- **Color Code Challenge** – Balloons of different colors carry different scores.
- **Artistic Pattern Pop** – Balloons arranged in creative shapes; participant must target specific shapes or sequences.
- **Disability-Friendly Adaptive Format**
 - Seated or wheelchair-accessible setups.
 - Use of adaptive darts or throwing aids allowed.
 - Time extensions or guided assistance (verbal or mechanical) permitted.

5. Eligibility Criteria

1. Open to all individuals worldwide.
2. Age Categories:
 - Juniors (6–12 years)
 - Youth (13–18 years)
 - Adults (19–59 years)
 - Seniors (60+ years)
3. Special Categories:
 - Para/Disabled Artists
 - Must have disability certificate or declaration.
 - Inclusive design with custom aids permitted.
4. Participants may represent:
 - Schools
 - Cultural organizations
 - Clubs or societies
 - Individual entries

6. Judging and Jury Format

- Jury Panel to consist of:
 - 3 to 5 Experts from Traditional Games, Arts & Sports background
 - At least 1 representative for inclusion and accessibility
- Jury Responsibilities:
 - Ensure fair scoring and rule compliance
 - Can consult public opinion for final awards

7. Public Voting Channels (optional, at Jury's discretion):

- Offline: Raise of hands at live venue.
- Online:
 - Pythian Games Website Voting
 - Pythian Mobile App Voting
 - SMS Voting (Short Code-Based)
- Public vote can account for maximum 20% of the final score if activated.

8. Marking Criteria (Total: 100 marks)

1. Accuracy (30 marks)

- Number of balloons burst as per rules.

2. Technique and Skill (20 marks)

- Dart throwing form, control, and grip.

3. Creativity in Target Selection (10 marks)

- Smart targeting or artistic balloon patterns (if applicable).

4. Time Efficiency (10 marks)

- Finishing within allocated time (e.g., 1 to 2 minutes).

5. Difficulty Level Chosen (10 marks)

- Higher points for choosing tougher layouts or smaller balloons.

6. Presentation and Decor (10 marks)

- Neat, colorful, and well-arranged balloon setup, especially in online mode.

7. Audience Engagement or Fun Element (10 marks)

- Expressiveness, enthusiasm, costume, and showmanship.

9. Awards and Recognition

- Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals in each age and category (offline and online).
- Special Appreciation Awards:
 - Most Creative Setup (online)
 - Best Inclusive Participation (para/disabled)
 - Most Popular Participant (based on public voting)
- Digital Certificates for all participants.
- Global Participation Badges under Pythian Games digital record.

10. General Rules and Guidelines

- Darts must be safe, with rounded tips if used by children or in schools.
- Balloon boards must be pre-approved (or design submitted for online mode).
- Participant must stand at designated distance (age-appropriate).
- Use of helpers is permitted only in para categories and must be disclosed.
- No editing of video in online mode; continuous footage required.
- Any unsafe behavior leads to disqualification.