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# 331 Dart Club (331DC) Overview & Rules

## About 331 Dart Club

The 331 Dart Club (331DC) is based in Frederick, MD, with all play held at the Orioles Nest location. The club's goals are to help players improve their strategy, strengthen their individual games, foster camaraderie within the local dart community, and support those who love the game.

331DC operates in **6-month seasons** where players accumulate **Order of Merit Points (OOM)**. Membership is automatically granted when a player participates in their **first paid event** of the season.

## Ways to Earn OOM Points

1. **League Play**
2. **Challenge Play**
3. **Tournament Play**

All money collected through League, Challenge, and Tournament fees—along with host bar contributions—is returned to players in the form of **awards, banquets, payouts, and sponsorships**.

At the end of each season, 331DC hosts a **Banquet**, where awards are presented for:

- Overall OOM Leaders (Top 3 Men & Top 3 Ladies)
- League Division Winners
- Challenge Play OOM Leaders
- Tournament OOM Leaders

Any remaining funds after all awards and payouts may be used to sponsor 331DC players at selected dart events.

**Note:** Sponsorship amounts are not fixed and are not guaranteed. Surplus funds may be shared across all members who choose to participate in designated sponsored events.

# League Play

## Sessions & Commitment

League players choose a preferred night: **Tuesday or Thursday**.

Each session lasts **approximately 2 months**, and each season contains **2 sessions**.

Players may opt in, opt out, or switch nights after each session.

## League Fees

- **\$10 per week**, paid in full before the session begins (PayPal or cash).
- If full payment isn't possible, arrangements must be made before Week 1.
- The **Host bar contributes \$3 per player** each night to the Club Pot.

## Match Play Rules

- Matches must start **no later than 7:15 PM**.
- If running late, players must notify opponents and a club rep **before 7:00 PM** or the match will be forfeited.
- All players must **sign in before playing** for host contribution credit.
- After each match, players must complete a score sheet including:
  - Wins/Losses
  - PPD for 501
  - MPR for Cricket
  - Highlights (9-marks, 180s, Ton+ finishes)

## Divisions

Players are placed into Divisions based on their 501 PPD average. Divisions remain fixed for the session. Standings are based on win/loss percentage within each Division.

## Corking

- Default method: **Closest to Bull**.
- Alternate methods may be used if both players agree.

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## Match Format

### Part 1 — Doubles (5 Legs)

- Doubles teams pair players from different divisions (paired in advance on schedule).
- Home team listed first.
- Higher-division player starts odd legs; lower-division starts even legs.

### Part 2 — Singles (9 Legs)

- Played within the same Division.
- Cork for Leg 1 and Leg 9 only (home chooses option).
- Starts alternate between those two legs.

### 20-Round Rule

If a 501 leg reaches **20 rounds (60 darts each)** without a finish, the leg is decided by a cork-off.

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## League OOM Points

- **1 OOM point per leg won** in singles or doubles.
- A player who wins **no legs** still receives **1 OOM point** for participation.

## League Payouts

- **\$1 per leg won**
  - **Doubles:** \$10 total paid out
  - **Singles:** \$9 total paid out
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# Reschedule & Forfeit Rules

## Rescheduling

- Must notify opponents and club rep **24 hours prior**.
- A mutually agreed make-up time must be established before the original match date.
- If no agreement is reached, the unavailable player receives a forfeit.

## Forfeits

If a player:

- Fails to show
- Cancels within 24 hours
- Cannot agree to a reschedule

They receive:

- **0-7 record** (half the available legs)
- **No payout**
- **No OOM points**
- **No refund**

Opposing player receives:

- **\$9 payout**
- **9 OOM points**
- **0-0 win/loss record** (to avoid skewing standings)

The attending player still completes the doubles portion as singles:

- Plays 5 Cricket legs
- Points and payout remain identical to standard doubles scoring.

# Challenge Play

Challenge Play is designed for players with limited weekly availability. Challenge players are eligible for:

- Overall OOM Championship
- Challenge OOM Awards
- Monthly Tournaments (if eligibility is met)

## Eligibility

Any 331DC player may participate.

A player may participate in **up to 3 Challenge matches per night**.

Matches cannot be repeated against the same opponents unless the format changes (singles, doubles, triples).

## Scheduling

- Sign-in required.
- **\$5 per player**, paid in cash or voucher.
- Scores AND payment must be submitted together to count.
- Can be scheduled ahead or on-site.
- Played on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or at other 331DC events.
- League matches take priority for board usage.

## Fees

- **\$5 per player**
- Host contributes **\$3 per player (once per night)**

## Payouts

- **\$1 per leg won**
- **\$2 to Challenge Match winner**
- **Total payout = \$7**

## **Merit Points**

- **5 OOM points per match**
  - Winner: **3 OOM**
  - Loser: **2 OOM**

## **Format**

- Singles, Doubles, or Triples
  - 5 legs total:  
**501 – Cricket – 501 – Cricket – Cork Calls (501/Cricket)**
  - 701 may be used in Triples
  - Challenger chooses cork for Leg 1
  - Loser chooses cork thereafter
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# General Tournament Play

331DC hosts periodic tournaments of various formats: singles, doubles, blind draws, round robin, and more.

## Eligibility

Tournaments are open to all 331DC members (anyone who has played League or Challenge).

## Format

Varies based on turnout and purpose (Single/Double Elimination, Round Robin, A/B Split).

## Fees

- **\$5 entry fee per player**
- Host contributes based on attendance

## Payout Structure (typical)

- **1st: \$22**
- **2nd: \$16**
- **3rd: \$10**  
Payouts may increase with additional players.

## Tournament OOM Points

- **2 points** for tournament entry
- **1 point per round win**

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# Sponsorship Program

331DC may sponsor players using surplus funds after all League payouts, banquets, and awards are completed. Sponsorship opportunities are meant to:

- Encourage greater involvement in 331 events
- Reward active participants
- Support players attending local and travel tournaments
- Promote 331DC at outside events

Sponsored players are expected to **represent the club positively** and wear 331DC apparel at sponsored events.

## Types of Sponsorship

### 1. OOM-Earned Sponsorship

- Milestones are set each season.
- Players earn sponsorship amounts when reaching specific OOM totals.

### 2. 331DC Sponsored Events

- Club announces available funds for specific events.
- Eligible players may use funds only for that designated event.
- If a payout-winning player cannot attend, their spot passes to the next eligible player.

## Program Structure

- At the start of each season, a set amount per registered League player (\$20–\$25) is allocated.
- Managed by a designated Board Member.
- Sponsorship eligibility begins at **40 OOM**, worth **\$10**.

- Each additional **40 OOM** earned = another \$10 (non-stacking; each block can be used once).

## Examples

- Player A reaches 40 OOM → claims \$10
- Later reaches 80 OOM → eligible for **one** additional \$10
- Player B reaches 125 OOM → eligible for **three** \$10 payments (\$30 total)

Unused funds return to the general account at season end.

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## Goals & Etiquette

- League matches take priority at all times.
  - Matches should begin promptly at **7:15 PM**.
  - Breaks between doubles and singles are allowed but should be communicated.
  - Bathroom breaks should occur between legs and be brief.
  - Target completion time for League nights is **9:30 PM**.
  - Challenge matches are more relaxed and social in nature.
  - Respect other players in the room—avoid excessive noise, movement, or distractions during matches.
  - Be considerate, communicate expectations, and maintain a positive playing environment.
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# 331 Tournament Series – Rules Summary

## Format

- Weekly **Luck of the Draw (LOD)** tournaments
- **Double Elimination** each event
- Teams drawn randomly at start of play
- **5–12 teams** (10–24 players)

## Entry & Payouts

- **\$5 entry per player**
- Nightly payout funded by player entries
- **Host bar adds \$ per player per night**
- Bar contributions go directly to the **Series Finals Pot**
- Weekly payouts scale based on number of teams

## Series Structure

- Two separate tournament series
- **8 events per series**, with the final event as the **Series Finale**
- Series points earned at every event

## Points System

- **Participation:** +2 points
- **Match Win:** +1 point per win
- **Event Winner:** +3 bonus points
- **180:** +1 point each
- **9-Mark:** +1 point each
- **Ton+ Finish (100+ checkout):** +1 point each

## **Games**

- All matches are **best-of-3 legs**
- Game format: **501 / Cricket / Cork Choice**
- Cork choice applies to deciding leg

## **Series Finals**

- Finals pot consists of accumulated **bar add-ins**
- Payouts awarded based on **total series points**
- Top finishers receive guaranteed payouts
- Remaining finals funds may be distributed proportionally or via raffle

## **General**

- Tournament Director decisions are final
- Game formats and payouts subject to adjustment based on attendance