

THE MISSOURI, ALL STAR CHALLENGE

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RULES and QUALIFICATIONS,

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- 1. The Missouri All Star Challenge Series** is a set of three (3) weekend tournaments and a one-day Finale where a Male and a Female All Star Champion is decided. At each of the weekend tournaments, there are 3-days of soft-tip dart competition. Beginning Friday night with triples competition through Saturday morning team and Saturday night doubles then on Sunday is the Men and Women's Main All Star Events. Play-Mor Coin-Op sponsors the All Star Series. Qualifying for an All Star tournament is connected to regular Play-Mor Dart League play. Throughout the league season and at different locations throughout Missouri, the best league players from each league division are invited to compete in a Men's and Women's All Star main event which is a doubles draw cricket tournament where top players of each gender compete for prize money and All Star points. The All Star points are accumulated throughout the year along with bonus points that can be earned from other sanctioned darting events affiliated with the Play-Mor Dart league. Following the three tournament weekends is the (one-day) Finale where a combination of the top 32 Men and Women who earned the most points are invited to compete for the annual Championships and \$10,000.00 in cash and prizes that is also sponsored by Play-Mor Coin-Op (see 10a, 10b and 10c below). Players who compete in the Sunday All Star Main Event earn their invitation through their league performance. The Friday and Saturday events during each weekend of the series are open to all league players. See the triples and team rules on the web www.playmor.com for more details.
- 2. Each Sunday All Star Series Main Event payout is \$4,000. All Star Main Events are invitation only with a \$10.00 entry fee!**....Note: All of the {\$10.00} entry fees are escrowed along with 100% matching funds that is sponsored by Play-Mor Coin-Op. These combined monies create a point fund that is used to pay back every All Star immediately following the third weekend tournament of the series. Every All Star in attendance gets paid for points following competition at the third weekend tournament of the series. The points for the top 32 are also

carried over and combined with points earned at the Finale to determine the annual Championships (see 10a 10b and 10c).

The minimum current league MARK PER ROUND (MPR) necessary for the 2007 series invitations are.....

MEN-- OVER 2.28 MPR

WOMEN-- OVER 1.56 MPR (see details on cut off MPR @ #2 below)

All Star main event sign in requirements The tournament hall is opened at 9:00 am for sign in and practice on each of the three Sunday morning All Star Main Events. SIGN IN DEADLINE IS AT 10:00 AM!!!! All Star players who are invited to compete but fail to sign in by the 10:00 am deadline are disqualified. The player roster is posted by 10:15 am. The higher ranked half of the players draws a partner from the lower half.

Each Sunday schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 am... Hall opens. All Star registration/sign-in for both men and women begins.
- 10:00 am... Last call and deadline for All Star event registration.
- 10:15 am... Posting of the day's All Star player roster/rank list.
- 10:35 am... Draw process begins and Event pre-announcements.
- 11:00 am... National Anthem and both the Men's and Women's All Star Main Events begin.

The 2007 All Star Series schedule:

- JAN. 5-7, 2007 AT HOLIDAY INN SELECT, COLUMBIA, MO. 1-573-445-8531
- MARCH 30 – APRIL 1, 2007 AT SULLIVAN EAGLES HALL, SULLIVAN, MO. 573-468-6900
- APRIL 27-MAY-5, 2007, IS THE NATIONAL DART ASSOCIATION, TEAM DART EVENT IN LAS VEGAS AT THE RIVIERA
- JULY 20-22 AT THE SULLIVAN EAGLES HALL IN SULLIVAN, MO. 573-468-6900
- FINALE DATE AND LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED (see 10c below)

The All Star Series is sponsored by PLAY-MOR COIN-OP. For 2007 there is \$12,000.00 to be paid on Main Events with \$4,000 paid out each of the three weekends. Additional matching money is added to the collected entry fees then paid back to each All Star in attendance following the third tournament based upon points earned. \$10,000.00 in cash and prizes is provided for the Finale and there is a lot of money paid out on triples and team competition during each tournament weekend. The estimated combined total is well OVER \$50,000 in the 2007 season will be paid out.

Sunday All Star Main events.

The prize money payout at each Sunday main event 2007

Men's:

\$800 to the 1st place team

\$400 to 2nd place team

\$300 to 3rd place team

\$200 to 4th place team

\$150 to the 5th place team

\$150 to the 6th place team

\$120 to the 7th place team

\$120 to the 8th place team

\$100 to the 9th place team

\$100 to the 10th place team

\$100 to the 11th place team

\$100 to the 12th place team

Women's:

\$500 to the 1st place team

\$300 to the 2nd place team

\$200 to the 3rd place team

\$100 to the 4th place team

\$80 to the 5th place team

\$80 to the 6th place team

\$50 to the 7th place team

\$50 to the 8th place team

All Star Series payouts and the proportion of invitees for the All Star Finale of men and women are determined by each genders percentage of the total league player base during the previous league year but never to be less than 1/3 for women and greater than 2/3rds for the men. All scheduled events and payouts for the 2007 season are based upon 200 teams or more in the 2007 Play-Mor Dart League season. The 2007 Finale will be 22 men and 10 women.

The number of men or women invited for each gender's series is determined approximately by the proportion of that genders participation in the league general population. **The 2006 season's ratio of men to women was 75/25 so the split reverts to a 67% / 33% for 2007.**

The total number of All Stars invited to any weekend event during the series will depend upon the number of divisions running league. The number of players at each weekend event may change as the year goes on, to allow players from new leagues to participate.

An All Star player's current league MPR (Marks Per Round) facilitates their invitation to an event. The roster for the drawing of partners is determined by the invited All Star's rank by their history (MPR).

All of the All Star "Main Event" players are positioned for a blind draw from highest ranked player down to the lowest from their known league **History MPR**.

The higher ranked (A) half of the players each draw a partner from the lower ranked (B) half of players. Each (A) player is captain of the team and also draws a starting spot for the team on the **double elimination tournament bracket**.

Men's All Star event is a race to two. On the winners side of the Men's bracket the format is...

Game #1.... 501 with each team's lower (B) player shooting first. Flip a coin to decide which team shoots first.

Game #2... Cricket and the loser of Game #1 will start the game, with each team's lower (B) player shooting first.

Game #3... If needed, the loser of Game #2 chooses either Cricket or 501, with each teams lower player shooting first and again, flip a coin to determine which team shoots first. (CHOOSE GAME BEFORE FLIPPING THE COIN!)

In the Men's loser bracket the format is...

Game #1... 501 with each team's lower (B) player shooting first. Flip a coin to decide which team shoots first.

Game #2... Cricket and the loser of Game #1 will start the game, with each team's lower (B) player shooting first.

Game #3... 501 with each team's lower (B) player shooting first. Flip a coin to decide which team shoots first.

Women's All Star event is a race to two. On the winners side of the Women's bracket the format is...

Game #1.... 501 with each team's lower (B) player shooting first. Flip a coin to decide which team shoots first.

Game #2... Cricket and the loser of Game #1 will start the game, with each team's lower (B) player shooting first.

Game #3... If needed, the loser of Game #2 chooses either Cricket or 501, with each teams lower player shooting first and again, flip a coin to determine which team shoots first. (CHOOSE GAME BEFORE FLIPPING THE COIN!)

On the Women's loser bracket the format is...

Game #1... 501 with each team's lower (B) player shooting first. Flip a coin to decide which team shoots first.

Game #2... 501 and the loser of Game #1 will start the game, with each team's lower (B) player shooting first.

Game #3... 501 with each team's lower (B) player shooting first. Flip a coin to decide which team shoots first.

All 501 games will be played using the FREEZE RULE.

Freeze Rule Games. A player may not go out if their partner's score is higher than the combined score of the two opposing players. If a player's partner's score is equal to or lower than the combined score of the two opposing players, that player may take the game out. If a player reaches zero when he is "frozen," the win will be credited to the opposing team.

ALL STAR POINTS SYSTEM FUNDING

Every invited league player in the All Star Series will earn points determined by their position on the bracket as they become eliminated from each Sunday All Star tournament. These points are very important, as they are accumulated by each All Star player throughout all 3 events and from any bonus points earned for attending other sanctioned tournaments. Immediately following the third All Star tournament, at the annual awards ceremony, **all** All Star Series players in attendance will receive their share of the money based on their total points earned that year.

Earning All Star Bonus points as follows:

At each series event weekend an All Star could earn as many as 82 points. 4 points for each non-main event that they play in at an All Star Series weekend (Limited to 12 points each weekend). Up to 70 points for winning any Sunday All Star tournament.

All Stars may also earn up to 60 bonus points throughout the year for attending sanctioned bar tournaments. Bonus points can be earned in two ways. 1, five (5) points just for competing at any sanctioned bar tournament and 2, two (2) points for winning sanctioned bar tournaments (max. 5 times). Further clarification: there is 5 points available for simply attending a sanctioned bar tournament and 2 points for winning a sanctioned bar tournament (max 10 "win" points from winning five sanctioned bar tournaments).

1) **To earn and retain All Star point earning status at any point earning activity and or to continue to earn an invitation to compete at all of the All Star Events during the year,** each of the top men and women in addition to maintaining a MPR above the cut off, must have

- completed a minimum of 6 weeks league play prior to their first All Star Event, and

- competed in any All Star event when they were invited (unless an excused emergency), and
- **for subsequent All Star Events in order to earn points, player must play league either the majority of weeks possible in that league division, or**
- **must have played at least thirty (30) weeks in the league division or night which facilitated their original All Star Event invitation.**

If league is new in your area, and there were not thirty weeks available, contact league officials to determine your eligibility. (Annual seasons are early September-July each year). The weeks total can include the anticipated weeks play prior to an event.

2) **Minimum Marks Per Round (MPR) requirements to qualify for a League All Star invitation** To insure only the most skilled men and women from all leagues are invited each summer after all leagues have ended, the average MPR of all the top 4 men and top 2 women from the previous seasons leagues is calculated, with the "cut-off" or lowest invited All Star for the following season's series being required to maintain a MPR of at least **80%** of the previous years top players average and this is done for each gender.

The rosters will be filled by inviting, first, the current top 4 men and 2 women from each division then, from the next highest MPR men and women within the 80% cut off from all league divisions.

2A) **Maximum of four male and two female players from any league are guaranteed an invitation to be invited. More may be invited under certain conditions..** When determining who is to be sent All Star invitations, a maximum of four male and two female players from an individual league are guaranteed invitations. League officials will likely invite more than just four and two from each league. This is to fill the roster with a number of players needed for the expected bracket size. Another situation that is considered when determining invitations is that additional players may be invited from a league, which has a number of higher than average skilled players or even one highly skilled player. When that occurs it can unfairly depress the average MPR of all others in that league, which may prevent someone from earning an invitation to the All Star Series that would likely have been at the top of most any other league division. Obviously, the highly skilled players will be invited but probably others in that league will also. After these considerations, the league officials will invite the next highest MPR players above the 80% cut-off until the number needed for the roster is met.

EXAMPLE: THE LEAGUE WILL FIRST CONSIDER THE TOP 4 and 2 FROM EACH DIVISION. IF ANY OF THE TOP 4 and 2 CHOOSE TO DECLINE OR FAIL TO MEET THE 80% CUT OFF REQUIREMENT, THEN THE NEXT HIGHEST RANKING PLAYERS WITHIN THE 80% CUT OFF FROM THE ENTIRE FIELD OF PLAYERS WILL BE INVITED, UNTIL (A) THE MINIMUM NUMBER NEEDED FOR A ROSTER IS ACHIEVED OR (B) ALL THAT ARE QUALIFIED HAVE BEEN ASKED.

3) **Some MPR's to be set aside in determining the minimum MPR requirement.** In order to accommodate the different skill level factors and to consider all league's as equally as possible, when determining All Star minimum MPR's for the next year, some of the very highest MPR's will be set aside for the purpose of making the calculation. This will apply to any league, which may have a number of higher than average skilled players or even one highly skilled player. When multiple players have obvious higher than average MPR's in a particular league, officials will set aside the top one or two, factoring in the next four player PPDs from that league along with the top players from all others leagues to calculate the average for the next year's series.

4) **To confirm their invitation**, all players that believe they have qualified, are required to make contact with the league office, at least 10 days prior to any All Star Series event to confirm their qualification and ability to attend. Contact can be achieved by calling (573-468-5347 ext.100) or fax to (573-468-5360) or e-mail mturntine@playmor.com.

NOTE: As in the past the league office will make every attempt to contact all players, however all players should understand that they can and should assist officials, be proactive, confirm attendance as explained in (4) above.

5) **Provisional Invitation** Any All Star that has previously earned an invitation to compete, who had consequently earned championship points where they are in at least the top 50% of the All Star point standings, but whose personal MPR has fallen below the required minimum 80% cut off, which would preclude their invitation to an upcoming event will be allowed a once per series **Provisional Invitation**. However the player must meet the requirements of rule # 1 and must contact officials with their request for the invitation, at least 10 days prior to the event.

6) **Player Disqualification, Prize Money and Point Forfeiture**. Any player that has legally qualified for an invitation will forfeit prize money and points at league discretion,

1. if player has a scheduling conflict but does not contact officials to explain the conflict,
2. or player fails to show, after having committed their attendance to any event (unless verifiable emergency)
3. or if player declines after having earned an invitation (unless a verifiable emergency)
4. or if player fails to attend the awards ceremony at the series finale (unless a verifiable emergency or other serious conflict which is previously discussed with officials)
5. any player with any of these circumstances will also be subject to forfeit the following:

A.) that invitation,

B.) future invitations during that series season and

C.) any points earned prior to that particular event if any.

6)a. **Penalties and Point deductions from a players final Tally**. All Star players are expected to exhibit positive leadership at every opportunity. All Star players may be penalized for any actions, which are considered to be detrimental to the sport and or this program by league officials. Penalties may be assessed by officials at any time for negative actions of a player whether related to any Play-Mor Dart League sanctioned darting event or not. Any negative actions involving any All Star player is subject to penalty and disciplinary point deductions or expulsion from the All Star Series. Actions such as but not limited to, any abusive, aggressive, offensive negative comments or behavior of any kind related to any darting event or not that occurs within or related to any customer location served by Play-Mor Coin-Op.

A) At least ten (10) points for any offense.

B) Serious or multiple infractions during any season may result in full expulsion and disqualification for that series season and beyond, including forfeiture of any points and awards earned to date.

Point deductions are deducted from the net total of the players score. The player's final ranking will be determined after deductions.

7) **Point Allotments** Points at each All Star Event are awarded to each All Star league player according to the position that they are eliminated on the double elimination bracket. Click on [chart](#) for example. Due to the need for different size rosters, be sure to check the chart at each event for actual point values.

8) **Tracking Points** Points for each league All Star player will be recorded at each event by the officials. All earned points can be found on the <http://www.playmor.com/> web site within 4 days following each All Star Series Event.

ALL BONUS POINT OPTIONS ARE FROZEN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE LAST TOURNAMENT OF THE SERIES.

FINAL ALL STAR PLAYER STANDINGS AND POINT TOTALS WILL INCLUDE BONUS POINTS EARNED AT THE THIRD TOURNAMENT WEEKEND.

10) **Sub Rule** If there is an odd number for the SUNDAY MAIN EVENT roster the league office will use a sub at the event. **The statistically highest known league player that is in attendance will be used to sub.**

10a) **Finale with annual male and female All Star Championships.** Following the third tournament in the series is the Finale / Championship competition. At the Finale there is \$10,000 in prize money that will be paid out on a double elimination cricket tournament for the top 32 players from the tournament series. The points earned by each of the 32 men and women from the three series' tournaments are carried over and added to the points they earn at the Finale. The male and female who has the most points following the Finale are the All Star Champions for the year.

Prize payouts per team at the Finale,

1 st	\$2,000 plus \$500 in two (2) \$250 Vegas air fare vouchers
2 nd	\$1,000 plus \$500 in two (2) \$250 Vegas air fare vouchers
3 rd	\$500 plus \$500 in two (2) \$250 Vegas air fare vouchers
4 th	\$500
5 th & 6 th	\$400 & \$400
7 th & 8 th	\$300 & \$300
9 th -12 th	\$250 & \$250 & \$250 & \$250
13 th -16 th	\$200 & \$200 & \$200 & \$200

Men's All Star Champion \$500 Vegas Voucher plus \$200, Ladies All Star Champion \$500 Vegas Voucher plus \$100.

- 10b) **Selecting the location for the Finale.** The Finale will be held at one of the Play-Mor Dart League bars. The bar will be chosen as follows: First selected from the bars who's owner or principal party competes in the NDA tournament in Las Vegas in 2007, then from those, by which bar has the most Play-Mor dart league nights from September 1, 2006 through July 1, 2007. Should there be two bars tied at that point, the decision will be made by which of the two bars has the highest percentage of qualified players in their leagues who also attended the 2007 NDA tournament in Las Vegas. Assuming this Finale format is continued to be used in coming years, no bar will be awarded the Finale two consecutive years.
- 11) **General rules of play** All competition at each weekend is to be played under the same rules as used in the Play-Mor Leagues. Good sportsmanship, common sense and ethics will dictate the resolution of any discrepancies. Officials will correct any player error or game play malfunctions during any match upon notification.

The "Soft Tip Advantage" rule as follows. A dart that sticks in a mark but does not register the mark, will be manually scored by an official. A dart that "flights" a beneficial mark on the way in, but sticks elsewhere, will not be manually unscored. The "Soft Tip Advantage" goes to the shooter!! The match must be stopped. All Darts must be left exactly as thrown until verified and scored by the official. If the darts are removed, the score displayed will remain.

- 11a) Once match play has started, **DO NOT LEAVE THE AREA**, you must stay in the tournament room. If you leave for any reason during a match, your team can be disqualified. Keep an eye on your teammates. **DO NOT PRACTICE ON VACANT BOARDS DURING A MATCH!**

NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR IS NOT PERMITTED! WE HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON ANY NEGATIVE OR OVER ZEALOUS BEHAVIOR.

NO INSULTS, NO CURSING, NO AGGRESSIVE OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR OF ANY KIND WILL BE TOLERATED.

SHOULD YOU MISBEHAVE TO THE POINT THAT WE MUST APPROACH YOU ABOUT IT, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO IMMEDIATELY MODIFY YOUR BEHAVIOR.

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH OUR REQUEST, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.

THERE ARE NO APPEALS.

ALL FUTURE TOURNAMENT PRIVILEGES, WILL DEPEND UPON YOUR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE.

Any player misconduct may result in total banishment from all Play-Mor Leagues and Events. The judgments of officials at or following any event are final.