



Punch Darts Classic 2027

Terms and Conditions as of 23rd September 2026

The Punch Darts Classic is a national competition where Punch Pubs darts teams will compete with one another for their chance to become Punch Darts Classic Champions 2027.

The terms and conditions below outline the rules of the competition; these will be updated throughout the competition once the Grand Final prize has been confirmed.

By entering this competition, you agree that Punch Pubs may share photos and videos from the competition on Punch's or our sponsors' digital channels.

Please ensure you read these before entering.

General

- 1.** Players must be aged 18 years or older to compete in the Punch Darts Classic Competition.
- 2.** Throughout the competition, no team can include more than two county-level players and more than one player with a tour card.
- 3.** Teams consist of six players, one team captain and five team members.
- 4.** Throughout the competition, if someone is unwell or unable to attend, you may substitute players if the replacement is aged 18+ and complies with Rule 2.
- 5.** Once the first match starts, no player can be substituted in throughout the day. At the Regionals and Grand Final, the tournament organisers reserve the right to approve a substitution in exceptional circumstances, at their sole discretion.
- 6.** Players must throw from the standard line or oche, as detailed in DRA Rule 5.7. Games will be played under Darts Regulation Authority Rules (available at www.thedra.co.uk).
- 7.** No darts count unless the point is actually touching the board when the score is called. All players must retrieve their own darts. The score of any dart falling from the board is not counted - only darts with the point touching the board at the point of retrieval are counted, regardless of any score previously called by the marker.
- 8.** Punch Darts Classic reserves the right:
 - To limit social activities, other than darts matches, while play is in progress

during any qualifier.

- To disqualify a player or players for any unsporting behaviour which is likely to cause upset or distraction to an opponent
- Act as arbiters in the case of a dispute and to apply a decision which will be absolutely final.

Competition Format

9. Throughout the competition stages including Qualifiers, Regional and Grand Final, the format for each game will be as follows:

3 x Double Games – 1 leg of 701

6 x Single Games – Best of 3 legs of 501

10a. For each fixture, double games will be played first, followed by single games.

10b. The order of throw for the Doubles matches in each fixture will be determined by a throw for the bull. The player on the left of the draw in each game will throw first for the bull to decide the order of throw. The player closest to the bull in the Doubles will throw first in matches 1 & 3.

10c. The order of throw for each individual Singles match will also be determined by a throw for the bull. The player on the left of the draw in each game will throw first for the bull to decide the order of throw. The player closest to the bull in the Singles will throw first in legs 1 & 3 (if it gets to a deciding leg).

Pub Registration

11. Pub registration for the competition opens on Monday 28th September 2026 and closes on Friday 6th November 2026.

12. To register your pub, please visit www.punchdartsclassic.co.uk and complete and submit the entry form on the website with the following information:

- Pub Name, Location and Postcode
- Publican / General Manager Name
- Publican / General Manager Mobile No:

Team Registration

13. Team Registration will open on Monday 9th November 2026 and close on Sunday 6th December 2026. To register your team, please visit www.punchdartsclassic.co.uk and complete and submit the entry form on the website with the following information:

- Team Name
- Pub Name, Location and Postcode
- Team Captain Name
- Team Captain Mobile No:

Qualifiers

14. Once team registration closes on Sunday 6th December, teams will be paired with an opposition team. We will confirm these details by Wednesday 30th December 2026, via email to each Team Captain, the Publican/General Manager of both pubs, and on the website, www.punchdartsclassic.co.uk.

15. Teams will be drawn in locations as close as possible.

16. It will be the Team Captains' responsibility to coordinate directly with each other to agree on the game dates. Round 1 fixtures must be completed by Sunday 21st February.

17. All Qualifying fixtures must be played in a Punch Pub.

18. If a team refuses to play its away leg or if the team is a no-show, it will be instantly disqualified from the competition, and the win will be allocated to the other team.

19. It will be the winning Team Captain's responsibility to complete an online form, which will be found on www.punchdartsclassic.co.uk, detailing the final score of both legs, by Sunday 21st February 2027.

20. The team captain's responsible for ensuring their team is ready to play when required.

21. We will contact the Team Captain if a second qualifying round is required by Friday 26th February. Any potential Round 2 fixtures will need completing by Sunday 18th April.

22. Depending on the number of pub and team entries, we may introduce a League format for pubs in Scotland and Cornwall to avoid teams travelling long distances.

Regional Final

23. The last 64 teams will then play at 8 Regional Finals hosted in May & June 2027.

24. There will be 8 teams playing at each Regional Final.

25. Regional Final locations and dates will be confirmed by 30th December 2026.

26. A complimentary buffet will be available at each Regional Final.

27. If the team is unable to make the day allocated for their Regional Final, then the runner-up team will take their place.

28. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure their team is ready to play their game when required; teams who cannot play are subject to disqualification from the tournament at the discretion of the appointed Official at the event. Only players and a marker/referee, plus the Official running the event, would be permitted inside the designated playing area. Other persons must remain outside this area during the event.

Grand Final

29. The Grand Final location and date will be confirmed by 30th December 2026. The Grand Final date will be in July 2027

- 30.** There will be 16 teams at the Grand Final, split into four groups of 4 for the group stages. Groups will be determined prior to the event using a random selection
- 31.** The winning team from each group will then advance to the Semi-Finals, and the winner of the Semi-Finals will advance to the Grand Final; both will be played on the main stage.
- 32.** It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure their team is ready to play their game when required; teams who cannot play are subject to disqualification from the tournament at the discretion of the appointed Official at the event. Only players and a marker/referee, plus the Official running the event, would be permitted inside the designated playing area. Other persons must remain outside this area during the event.
- 33.** Games must be played in the order of the published draw.
- 34.** The result of each throw must be clearly shown on a chalkboard or scoreboard, giving the number obtained and the number required.
- 35.** Grand Final Ts & Cs will be updated in due course.

Prize Details

- 36.** We are still confirming the overall prize with our sponsors, which will be finalised by the end of October 2026.