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### 2018 U.S. WORLD CUP TEAM TO BE SELECTED FROM NORTH AMERICAN CIRCUIT RANKINGS

#### Top Two U.S Players on CDC Order of Merit to Represent United States in Germany

Chicago, IL, April 11, 2018— Championship Darts Corporation, parent company of the Championship Darts Circuit (CDC), and the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) today announce an agreement that will see two representatives from North America’s professional darts tour earn the honor of representing their country on the international stage at the 2018 Betway World Cup of Darts. This event, held at the Eissporthalle in Frankfurt, Germany from May 31 through June 3, sees two-player teams from 32 nations compete for national bragging rights in a mix of doubles and singles matches. Today’s announcement is significant because it marks the first time in CDC’s four-year history that its rankings will be used to select players for international competition at the highest level of darts. The two Betway World Cup spots will be claimed by the top two U.S. players on the CDC Two-Year Order of Merit at the conclusion of the first weekend of the 2018 Championship Darts Circuit held in Chicago, Illinois on April 28 and 29.

*“We’re tremendously excited that this opportunity is being provided to two of our players. There is no greater honor in sport than playing for your country, and I can’t wait to see our top talent take the stage in Germany against the best players in the world. We’ve been looking to showcase what CDC competitors can do, and I’m hopeful that this is just the first of many such opportunities.” –Peter Citera, Chief Executive Officer, Championship Darts Corporation*

Traditionally, World Cup spots are awarded to a country’s top ranked Tour Card holders on the Professional Darts Corporation’s Order of Merit. However, the United States currently is not

represented in that group, which – until now – left open to speculation how the country’s team was to be selected.

*“The CDC is the number one tour for steel tip players in the US, therefore it fits well for us to use its rankings to select players where we don’t have any American players on our Order of Merit from which to pick the World Cup team. – Matt Porter, Chief Executive, Professional Darts Corporation*

Darts enthusiasts in the United States and Canada can tune in to the Betway World Cup of Darts – and many other premier darting events – by purchasing a subscription to PDC-TV HD via the Professional Darts Corporation’s website at [www.pdc.tv](http://www.pdc.tv). Highlights will also be available free of charge after the event is complete. Fans in the UK and across the globe can also watch the event live on SKY Sports or through the PDC’s series of international broadcast partners.

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#### **ABOUT CHAMPIONSHIP DARTS CORPORATION**

Championship Darts Corporation operates the Championship Darts Circuit, the only professional steel-tip darts tour on the North American continent. Founded in 2014 by three individuals with a combined 60-plus years of experience promoting the game, its goal is to elevate the level of play at the top end of the spectrum and work alongside other organizations to build the infrastructure to create a new North American world champion by 2024.

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#### **ABOUT PROFESSIONAL DARTS CORPORATION**

The leading professional body in darts, the Professional Darts Corporation was originally founded as the World Darts Council in 1993 after a group of leading players broke away from the British Darts Organisation. The PDC has gone from strength-to-strength since, with £11 million (\$15 million USD) in annual prize money now available on the PDC’s global professional circuit alongside the biggest tournaments in the sport.

Over 300,000 fans watched PDC tournaments live in 2017, with global television reach for the sport also at an all-time high and the standard of play greater than ever.

For further information, see [www.pdc.tv](http://www.pdc.tv).