

# DART

# DECATHLON

Thanks to Dave Cook, of Lima, Ohio, who sent us the following decathlon setup....

The dart decathlon is a 10-event tournament which is completed in one day. It is designed to be thrown with four darters per board, preferably using at least three boards. It is designed to test the full ability of the darter.

This tournament is different than any other for two main reasons:

1. You are throwing against everyone at the same time for points, not wins.
2. Your final standing depends not on wins, but on points.

## The Events

### 1 Doubles

Each player throws three darts at each double in numerical order, one through 20. Each double hit is worth five points. Three darts in d1 scores 15 points, a miss on d2 is zero. One dart in d3 is 5 with your total now at 20. A good score would be 100.

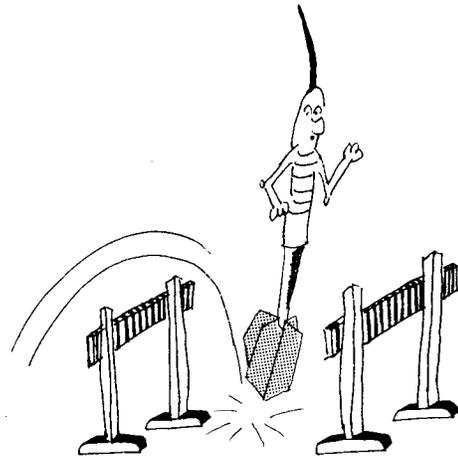
### 2 Double Down

A game in which you throw three darts at each of the following: 15, 16, any double, 17, 18, any triple, 19, 20, bull. Total score counts but any miss of all three darts cuts the total score at that point in half. Each darter throws four games and keeps the best three. Points are awarded by total three game score.

Decathlon points are awarded as follows:

- 700-799=30 points
- 800-899=35
- 900-999=40
- 1000-1099=45

Thereafter its five points for each score higher by 50.



### 3 301

Each darter throws four games and keeps the best three. Double in and double out. Bonus points for high ins and outs as well as high scores during play. Bonuses count for all four games.

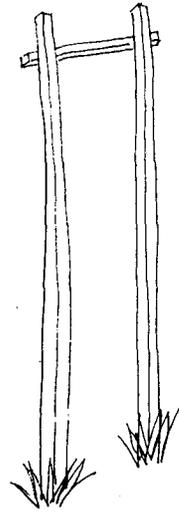
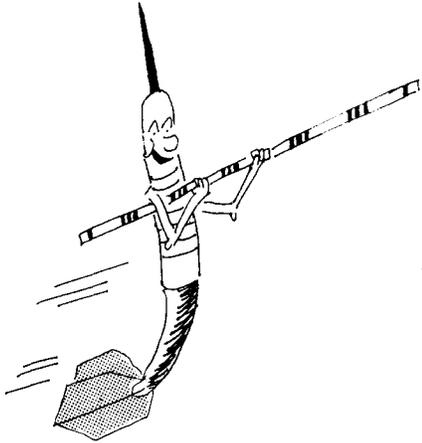
Decathlon points:

- finishing in 3 turns=75 points
- 4 turns=60
- 5 turns=50
- etc.

(If you don't finish in nine turns, score zero.)

Bonuses:

Ins or Outs:	Regular Scoring
70-99=3 points	61-100=1 point
100-120=5	101-125=2
121 + =10	126-170=3
	171-180=5



#### 4 Cricket

Each player throws three games in the following manner. You throw at 20 (three darts); if you close in less you may point 20 or go forward. Then throw three darts at 19. If you close early you can: point 19, close 20 if not done, OR move ahead. You cannot point any number but 19 while throwing 19s. Finish cricket by taking one turn (with the same options as with the 19s) at each remaining number—18, 17, 16, 15, Bull. Points awarded are five for each number closed, and two for each 20 points scored. Example: close five numbers and score 79 to give you 31 points.

#### 5 Bull Shoot

Thirty darts at bull gives you five points for each bull and 10 points for each double bull.

#### 6 501

Played like 301 except straight in, double out. Throw four games taking best three and bonus for all four (same as 301).

Decathlon points:

- finishing in 3 turns=125 points
- 4 turns=80
- 5 turns=70
- etc.

(If you don't finish in 11 turns, score zero.)

#### 7 Outshots

Each darter throws one turn as an outshot at each number from 20 through 50. Score five points for each one successfully finished. Highest possible score is 155.

#### 8 1001

Each darter throws *one* game, straight in, double out.

Decathlon points:

- finishing in 6 turns=150 points
- 7 turns=140
- etc. thru 13 turns

Thereafter reduce the point award of each turn by five. If you don't finish in 28 turns, score zero. Bonuses are a bit higher since only one game is being played.

Bonuses:	Out:	Regular Scoring
	70-99=7 points	61-100=2 points
	100-120=10	101-125=5
	121 + =20	126-170=10
		171-180=20

#### 9 50 Out

Darters have 10 turns to finish from 50. Each turn players restart with 50 to finish. Each successful finish is worth 10 points. A finish on double bull is worth 15.

#### 10 Rounder

Total score for 100 darts. Score one point for every 20 points. There are no bonuses.

## How to Do-It-Yourself

Setting up the decathlon with an entry fee will provide funds for financial reward to the top finishers. The entry fee for the total 10 events for the entire day is \$100. That's 10 events at \$10 per event. Of course, this can be scaled down as needed.

If there are 12 players, you would be playing in a \$1,200 tournament. Divide the monies with one-third (\$400) to the top finishers—say top 4—and the balance (\$800) to be distributed for points accumulations. Every player will earn points and therefore everyone will see a return for their performance.

Use scoresheets to record each event and then post updates after each round so the standings can be tracked.

By the way, the top five finishers in the Lima event were Jerry Miller (655 points), Dave Cook (645), Rob Edgington (588), Tim Sprague (578) and Dave Boyles (576). 