



Dear 2016 Am Worlds participant,

Welcome to the 2016 PDGA Amateur & Junior Disc Golf World Championships presented by Innova. On behalf of the PDGA, Mad City Disc Golf, Rebel Disc Golf Club, Madison Parks, Dane County Parks, Village of Marshall Parks & Recreation, sponsors, staff & volunteers, we look forward to seeing you soon. A full field of 576 disc golfers are registered making this the fifth largest Amateur Championships ever.

Your official sources of information leading up to, during and following the event are:

<http://www.pdga.com/2016amworlds>

<https://www.facebook.com/PDGAamWorlds/>

Facebook already includes posts dedicated to transportation and lodging for those looking to connect with other competitors. Speaking of lodging, there are still some rooms available at the host hotel – Crowne Plaza Madison (<http://www.pdga.com/2016amworlds/lodging>). This is THE place to stay.

All five courses already look great and will look even better for the event. Please note Madison Parks (Elver & Hiestand) and Dane County Parks (Capital Springs & Vallarta-Ast at Token Creek) are “pay to play.” However, competitors do NOT need to pay any greens fees during competition or practice rounds from July 9th-16th. However, donations are appreciated as the money goes back into our courses. Marshall Parks & Recreation and the Rebel Disc Club are working hard so the new nine holes at Bird’s Ruins are ready by July 1st. Also, our presenting sponsor Innova as well as Discraft, Dynamic Discs, Legacy & Prodigy will be out at the courses from Tuesday (7/12) – Friday (7/15) and they will be joined by some of our other sponsors on Saturday (7/16) for the finals at the Vallarta-Ast Disc Golf Course at Token Creek Park.

Beyond the competition itself, here is a look at what awaits you...

- Saturday, July 9th – Junior Doubles at Hiestand Park & Mixed Doubles at Vallarta-Ast at Token Creek Park. Mixed Doubles will probably be full or close to it by the time you read this. However, there are still plenty of spots open for Junior Doubles, but you only have until July 1st so don’t wait. Both Junior & Mixed Doubles will be two rounds of 18 holes. Players’ meetings are at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, July 10th – Field Events at Reindahl Park from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Conveniently located just a few blocks from the host hotel, compete in the distance competition, putting competition, EDGE Skillshot Challenge and Mini Golf. You only have until July 1st to register. There will be no onsite registration. Players can also check in at the Crowne Plaza from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 11th – The Fly Mart (a 4x World Champion is rumored to be there for the first few hours) and check-in are from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and both at the Crowne Plaza followed by a mandatory players’ meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Sun Prairie High School featuring an Olympic Gold Medalist keynote speaker.

- Tuesday, July 12th – Private brewery tours at Ale Asylum at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Tours will be limited to just 20 people each. DGA Putting Contest at the Crowne Plaza from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. followed by SmashBoxx.TV's weekly podcast LIVE from the host hotel featuring an all-star lineup of guests.
- Wednesday, July 13th – Madison Radicals game at 7:00 p.m. at historic Breese Stevens Field just a short drive from the Crowne Plaza and a few blocks from the state capitol. The Radicals are Madison's professional Ultimate team and a member of the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL). They are currently undefeated this season and their games are an absolute blast. Come see Ultimate played at its highest level. Plus, MVP Disc Sports and Axiom Discs have stepped up with some exciting promotions throughout the game.
- Thursday, July 14th – “Explore Madison” – Get out and see everything Madison has to offer. Check out State Street, Henry Vilas Zoo (widely considered America's best free zoo), one of our many great restaurants and microbreweries, live music at the Memorial Union Terrace on Lake Mendota, etc. The list goes on and on.
- Friday, July 15th – Local Route Labs who brought you the “Unchained” disc golf video game will be serving up some virtual disc golf action at the Crowne Plaza that night. Also, when the sun goes down, Capital Springs' baskets will be aglow and open to you for some casual disc golfing from 9:00 p.m. – midnight.
- Finally, we are still working out the details on some pro clinics at Hiestand Park throughout the week. Stay tuned.

As you can see, it is going to be a great week. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Sincerely,

Mike Batka

Tournament Director