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Dear PDGA Tour Player,

Congratulations!

You have been invited to the 2016 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships presented by Dynamic Discs in Emporia, Kansas from August 6th-13th based on your performance during the 2015 PDGA Tour. The PDGA, Dynamic Discs, and the City of Emporia look forward to hosting you for this event.

The PDGA, Dynamic Discs, Emporia Main Street, and the Emporia Convention and Visitors Bureau certainly have the experience and manpower to host the 2016 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships. Dynamic Discs has been running and hosting PDGA events for eleven years with great success and support from the disc golf community. Recently, Dynamic Discs has hosted the 2013 PDGA Amateur World Disc Golf Championships and the 2015 Glass Blown Open National Tour event. From April 28-30, 2016, Dynamic Discs and Emporia will be hosting the 2016 Glass Blown Open National Tour event. Close to 1,200 participants will be playing in this record setting tournament! The City of Emporia is committed to disc golf and is going to make the 2016 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships an unforgettable and enjoyable experience from the time that you show up to town until the time that you leave.

The courses, lodging, food and disc golf related activities are all located within 5 miles of downtown Emporia making the tournament experience one that involves minimal transportation between courses and special events.

Please contact the PDGA Tour Manager with all questions on invitations, registration, and refunds.

Courses

The 2016 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships will feature four elite disc golf courses:

Peter Pan Park (6650 feet, Par 57)

Peter Pan is a technical course. Water comes into play on several holes. The signature hole on this course is Hole 4 measuring 577 feet. Hole 4 requires an accurately placed tee shot, followed by a tricky approach shot to the pin. Peter Pan is a local favorite amongst Emporia disc golfers. This course was established in 2007 with a special thanks to the local Optimist group who funded the baskets. Several course improvements were made in early 2016, including new tee box locations and new pin positions making the track even more challenging, while rewarding excellent disc golf play.

Jones West (6637 feet, Par 58)

Jones West is a lengthy course that has cedar trees and water on multiple holes. Players need to pick up as many birdies as they can on the early holes before they move on to the more difficult holes 15 through 18. The signature hole is Hole 18 measuring 465 feet. Players face a tough decision on Hole 18, having to decide whether to throw over the water or play it safe off of the tee. The pin sits on a hill that often causes shots to roll away. Jones West was established in 1992.

Jones East (8038 feet, Par 61)

Jones East is a long course with several water hazards and tight OB lines. Elevation changes add to the complexity of the holes at Jones East. The signature hole is Hole 9 measuring 726 feet. Players can attack this long par 4 with either a big anhyzer or an accurate straight shot through a tight gap off of the tee. Well-placed cedars and road OB make the hole difficult. A solid shot off the tee allows for a birdie opportunity, while any mistake can result in a double bogey or worse. Scoring even par at this course for the average player makes for a good day. Jones East was established in 2001.

Emporia Country Club (9712 feet, Par 63)

This course has been designed on the beautiful grounds at Emporia Country Club. The facility features a relaxing atmosphere and club house where food and drinks are available for purchase. This course utilizes the long downhill and uphill fairways of the ball golf course to create extremely challenging holes. The water and cart paths are used for OB. The signature hole is Hole 16 measuring 340 feet over the water to a small island green measuring only 60'x40'. Players are often tested by the wind and have to make the tough decision to go for the green or lay-up to a bailout zone short and right of the island. The course was initially designed for the 2011 Glass Blown Open by Eric McCabe and has become the centerpiece course for many tournaments held in Emporia since then.

Course Practice Note: The Emporia Country Club will be open for practice rounds from Saturday, August 6th to Monday, August 8th. Practice rounds at the Country Club will cost each player \$8.00/round plus tax. Peter Pan Park, Jones West, and Jones East will be set up in Worlds layout no later than July 23rd.

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Lodging

The City of Emporia offers various lodging options. Please go to the website: <http://2016proworlds.com/lodging/> for hotel information. Hotels in Emporia are very moderately priced. These hotels tend to fill up quickly for large disc golf events. Get your reservations made sooner than later!

Unlike most PDGA World Championships, tournament central is not located at a hotel. Events that traditionally take place at a host hotel will take place at the Emporia Granada Theatre, the Emporia Country Club, or at the Block Party in downtown Emporia. Player Check-In, the Player Meeting, and the PDGA Awards Banquet will all be held at The Emporia Granada Theatre. The Final Awards presentation will take place at the Emporia Country Club. The Fly Mart will take place during an outdoor Block Party on Commercial Street in downtown Emporia.

Travel

Players flying to the 2016 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships will want to fly into either Kansas City (MCI) or Wichita (ICT). Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is a two-hour drive to Emporia. Wichita International Airport (ICT) is a one and a half hour drive from Emporia. Emporia is conveniently located right off of I-35 making automobile travel from the north or south easy and direct. I-70 is less than an hour north of Emporia making automobile travel from the east or west easy and direct.

Planned Events

Saturday, August 6th – Mixed Doubles Championship two rounds at Jones East – 9am

Sunday, August 7th – Field Events, including EDGE SkillShot, Putting, Long Drive, and Mini Golf at Emporia Middle School – 10am – 4pm

Sunday, August 7th – Player Check-In at the Granada Theatre - 9am – 5pm

Monday, August 8th – Player Check-In at the Granada Theatre - 9am – 4:30pm

Monday, August 8th – Player Meeting at the Granada Theater - 7pm

Thursday, August 11th – PDGA Banquet and Awards – Evening - Time TBD

Friday, August 12th – Block Party and Fly Mart – Evening - Time TBD

Other special events will be added to the schedule soon! Please visit <http://www.2016proworlds.com> for the latest news.

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Sponsorship and Fly Mart

There are several sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships. Please visit <http://2016proworlds.com/sponsorship/sponsorship-levels/> and <http://2016proworlds.com/2016-permanent-tee-sign-sponsors/> for details on sponsorship packages and Fly Mart details. Questions regarding sponsorship or the Fly Mart can also be directed to events@dynamicdiscs.com

The Fly Mart will be held in downtown Emporia on Friday evening, August 12th. The city will close down two to three city blocks and provide lots of room for both disc-golf related vendors and food and drink vendors.

Registration

See the Registration Schedule (<http://www.pdga.com/2016proworlds/registration/schedule>) for when the various registration tiers occur. Each registration tier opens at Midnight (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on the morning of the date listed.

Registration Site:

https://www.discgolfszene.com/tournaments/2016_PDGA_Professional_Disc_Golf_World_Championships

IMPORTANT!! – You must be a 2016 Current PDGA Member and also a Certified Official with a certification expiration date after August 13th, 2016 in order to register. (See your PDGA Player Profile page for your expiration date.) If either of these items need to be taken care of - do so now - don't wait until the last minute or you may not get in.

For PDGA Membership: <http://www.pdga.com/membership>

For Certified Official exam: <http://www.pdga.com/rules/exam>

Withdrawals and Refunds

Use the "Request a Refund" link found in your registration confirmation email to withdraw and request a refund. **Please note that only those players in attendance at Worlds will receive a player's pack, ALL refunds are CASH ONLY.**

The full withdrawal and refund policy for 2016 Pro Worlds is available here:

<http://www.pdga.com/2016proworlds/registration/refunds>

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Up-to-Date Worlds Info

For up-to-date 2016 Pro Worlds info, see:

<http://www.2016proworlds.com>

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

We hope to see you at the 2016 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships in Emporia, Kansas on August 6-13, 2016!

Sincerely,

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