



2017 PDGA Tour Standards



NOTE: This document applies to PDGA Tour events in the USA and Canada. For the event standards in all other International countries please see the 2017 PDGA International Program Guide.

Goals of this document are to:

- Provide a set of event standards so that Tournament Directors are familiar with expectations and players can expect consistency at each tier level.
- Ensure PDGA events are classified into their appropriate tiers.
- Increase the professionalism and marketability of PDGA sanctioned events.

Important changes for the 2017 PDGA Tour year:

1) Youth Safety

A. Parent/Guardian Responsibilities for Junior Players during Tournaments

Parents/guardians must be responsible for their children during PDGA sanctioned events. Neither the PDGA staff nor the Event staff are responsible for the children of tournament players, spectators, etc. during events. Parents/guardians may not leave unaccompanied children at or near the scoring area, clubhouse, or other tournament venue.

- Players in the MJ3, FJ3, MJ4, FJ4, MJ5, FJ5, MJ6, and FJ6 divisions **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian during tournament rounds. Additionally, any player younger than 13 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian regardless of the division they play.
- A single parent or guardian may be responsible for multiple junior players in the same group *if agreed upon by all of the parents/guardians* prior to the start of the round and is communicated to the Tournament Director. Players in the MJ1, FJ1, MJ2, and FJ2 divisions may be accompanied by a parent or guardian during tournament rounds.
- During PDGA sanctioned tournament rounds, parents/guardians accompanying junior division players:
 - **MAY** assume the roles of a caddie; assist junior players with disc selection, throw selection, rule interpretations, or score keeping.
 - **MAY NOT** make or second rulings such as foot faults, courtesy violations, etc.
 - **MUST** encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all junior players in the group.
 - **MUST** place the emotional and physical well-being of all junior players in the group above the personal desire to win.
 - **MUST** refrain from the use of abusive or profane language.
 - **MUST** refrain from using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

Failure to adhere to the parent/guardian responsibilities may result in the disqualification of the junior player or removal of the parent/guardian, and their accompanying junior player, from the event site by the tournament director.

B. Limits on Junior Competition

The PDGA highly recommends that Tournament Directors create their tournament schedules to ensure that all players in the two youngest age groups in the MJ5, FJ5, MJ6, and FJ6 divisions (age 8 and younger) be scheduled to play *no more than 18 holes per day*. Additionally, TDs should use their discretion to possibly limit the amount of daily play concerning the MJ4 and FJ4 divisions (age 10 and younger) depending on the length and strenuousness of their course.

2) Added Cash Distribution

The Minimum Required Added Cash for Pros (B-Tier=\$500, A-Tier=\$2000, etc.) must be distributed across ALL Pro divisions in the event based on the percentage of total Pro Net Entry Fees that each Pro division brought into the event. So, if MPO brought 51% of all Pro Net Entry Fees into the event, then MPO would receive 51% of the Added Cash; If FPO brought 13% of all Pro Net Entry Fees into the event, then FPO would receive 13% of the Added Cash, if MPM brought 21% of the Pro Net Entry Fees into the event, then MPM would receive 21% of the Added Cash, etc. Only after the Minimum Required Added Cash is fairly distributed in this manner, may an event then elect to provide additional Added Cash to any particular division(s).

Calculation Example:

Calculating Minimum Added Cash Distribution

Enter data in yellow cells only.

Added Cash

\$2,000

Division	# of Players	Per player Net Entry Fee	Total Divisional Net Entry Fees	Divisional % of Total Entry Fees	Divisional Required Added \$	Total Divisional Payout
MPO	28	\$96	\$2,688	49.36%	\$987	\$3,675
MPM	9	\$86	\$774	14.21%	\$284	\$1,058
MPG	6	\$76	\$456	8.37%	\$167	\$623
MPS	4	\$66	\$264	4.85%	\$97	\$361
MPL		\$56	\$0	0.00%	\$0	\$0
MPE		\$56	\$0	0.00%	\$0	\$0
MPR		\$56	\$0	0.00%	\$0	\$0
FPO	8	\$96	\$768	14.10%	\$282	\$1,050
FPM	4	\$86	\$344	6.32%	\$126	\$470
FPG	2	\$76	\$152	2.79%	\$56	\$208
FPS		\$66	\$0	0.00%	\$0	\$0
FPL		\$56	\$0	0.00%	\$0	\$0
Totals	61		\$5,446	100.00%	\$2,000	\$7,446

3) Revised Withdrawals and Refunds Event Policy (replaces section 1.3 in the Competition Manual)

- A. Players MUST email or phone their withdrawals to the Tournament Director only at the contact information posted for the tournament. Discussions with persons other than the Tournament Director, including other tournament staff, shall not be considered official.
- B. Players who have paid MORE than a nominal waitlist fee of \$10 to be on an event's waitlist who do not get into the event, or officially request to withdraw from the waitlist prior to the events published closure of registration and waitlist replacements (1 week or less prior to the event is recommended), will receive a 100% cash refund minus the \$10 waitlist fee. Waitlist players who ONLY paid a nominal non-refundable waitlist fee of \$10 will not receive a refund.
- C. Players who officially request to withdraw from an event prior to 30 days of the start of the event will receive a 100% cash refund (minus up to a \$10 handling fee.)
- D. Players who officially request to withdraw from an event at 15 to 30 days from the start of the event will receive a 100% cash refund minus up to a \$10 handling fee ONLY if their spot in the tournament is filled through either the waitlist or a walkup entry (if offered). If the player's spot is NOT filled, the TD has the choice to provide EITHER a 50% cash refund OR just the player's pack the player would have received if they had attended (minus the cost of shipping.) In the case of a player in a Pro division for an event without a Pro player pack worth at least 25% of the Entry Fee, the TD will provide the 50% cash refund.
- E. Players who officially request to withdraw from an event at 14 or less days from the start of the event and prior to the events published closure of registration and waitlist replacements (1 week or less prior to the event is recommended) will receive a 100% cash refund minus up to a \$10 handling fee ONLY if their spot in the tournament is filled through either the waitlist or a walkup entry (if offered.) If the player's spot is NOT filled, the TD has the choice to provide EITHER a 25% cash refund OR just the player's pack they would have received if they had attended (minus the cost of shipping.) In the case of a player in a Pro division for an event without a Pro player pack worth at least 25% of the Entry Fee, the TD will provide the 25% cash refund.
- F. Players who do NOT officially request to withdraw from a registered spot playing in the event prior to the published closure of registration and waitlist replacements or don't show to play (aka a no-show), forfeit their entry fee and do NOT receive a refund or players pack. (This does NOT apply to a waitlist player, see B above.)
- G. Tournament Directors for Major, National Tour, and A-Tier events may petition the Tour Manager to change the timeline for items C, D, and E. If granted, the policy will need to be clearly published with all registration materials.

Note: It is highly recommended that high-capacity events do NOT include personalized items within their player packs due to the complexity this creates for withdrawals/refunds. Personalized items should only be offered as merchandise for purchase during registration for a separate non-refundable fee that is not part of the tournament entry fee.

A summary of important changes from previous years that continue this year:

1) Experimental or Non-Standard Rules

A reminder to all Tournament Directors that **ANY** rule or tournament procedure which is not specifically allowed by the PDGA Rulebook, PDGA Competition Manual, or PDGA Tour Documents, **requires prior approval** from the PDGA Tour Manager. This has been in effect since the release of the current PDGA Rulebook and Competition Manual on January 1, 2013. This means any intended use of a non-standard rule, including but not limited to, a different percentage of payout, mulligans, team formats, limiting a player's OB options, etc. **MUST** be approved prior to the event by the PDGA Tour Manager.

Non-Standard Rules Specifically Concerning Limiting a Player's OB Options

We have recently seen a disturbing trend of TDs enacting rules that limit a player's OB options without first receiving a waiver. In some cases those rules have been so punitive that they have caused excessive scoring which produces skewed ratings.

- Again, as per PDGA rules (804.04.D.3), in order for a TD to limit a player's choice of the three standard OB options – the previous lie, marked one meter from where last inbounds, or within the designated drop zone (if provided) - the Tournament Director **MUST** request a waiver from the PDGA Tour Manager.
- Typical examples of limiting a player's OB options include, but are not limited to, Island Greens, BUNCR area rules, HAZARD area rules, and other "Throw and Distance" rules.
- Any rule requiring players to re-throw from their previous lie after landing in a marked area, with or without a penalty (Island Greens, "Throw & Distance", BUNCR areas, etc.) may potentially be unrateable.
- When a waiver is requested, the PDGA Tour Manager (or the Game Development Team) will work with the TD to ensure that any such rules will not prevent the event from being rated. This typically can be easily accomplished with the addition of an appropriate drop zone, alternate route to complete the hole, or some other alternative. Note that a waiver for the use of a HAZARD area (Throw penalty only) can usually be rated, however a waiver for the more punitive BUNCR area, where a re-throw from the original lie is required, sometimes CANNOT be rated.
- Any event that receives a waiver for a rule where it is determined that **the rule will make the layout unrateable** will only be sanctioned using the X designation added to the Tier level and the TD will need to include the information that the event WON'T be rated within the event information prior to players registering to ensure they are aware.

TDs and course designers are encouraged to use less punitive ways to challenge their players while following standard PDGA rules. Establishing a forward drop zone providing players with options after landing in a marked area is a more appropriate way to penalize players while also keeping players moving forward to benefit the speed of play. To request a waiver and discuss options to ensure the event may be rated, please contact the PDGA Tour Manager.

2) Additional Reminders from previous years:

- Pro divisions **MUST** be paid out at least **40% deep** in each division as per the Pro payout table in the TD Report.
- Unless a “True Amateur” event that has fully paid out 100% of the tier requirement with the player package value, Amateur divisions **MUST** be paid out at least 45% deep as per the Amateur/Jr Payout table in the TD Report. A “True Amateur” event that has **fully paid out 100% of the particular tier requirement through their player package value**, may elect to also have an additional limited payout less than 45% deep based on the place of finish if they wish.
- The Tournament Director is not allowed to play if the event is an A-Tier or above. The Tournament Director of these higher level events is expected to be a non-playing official who can make rulings for all divisions and player groups while concentrating on running a quality event.
- The addition of requirements for the minimum time that courses must be setup in their first round configuration prior to the start of Worlds, Majors, NTs and A-Tiers.
- There have been further enhancements to the online version of the Certified Officials Exam. The official's exam must now be taken online at www.pdga.com. The exam may be taken an unlimited number of times until it is passed. Once passed, the member must pay the \$10 fee to be certified.
- Table 1 (PDGA Tier Standards Chart) has had additional notations added to make the requirements clearer
- Table 3 (PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Point Factors) has been updated to include all available divisions and had its Additional Information section updated with color coding to be more clear.
- All ties for first place **MUST be determined by a sudden death playoff and the winner MUST be awarded first place money** and/or prizes. Players may **NOT** elect to leave a first place tie to stand and split the payout.
- Requirements for uploading unofficial results via PDGA Tournament Manager:
 - Major & NT – upload after each Round of competition.
 - A-Tier – upload after each Day of competition.
 - B-Tier – upload within 4 hours of the completion of the Awards Ceremony.
 - C-Tier – upload within 24 hours of the completion of the Event.
 - Leagues – upload within 24 hours of the completion of each Weekly Round.
- Requirements for submission of the electronic TD Report to the PDGA Office via email to tdreport@pdga.com:
 - Major & NT – 24 hours after event completion.
 - A-Tier – 48 hours after event completion.
 - B-Tier – One week after event completion.
 - C-Tier – Two weeks after event completion.
 - Leagues – Two weeks after event completion.
- Continuation of the use of a new result code (888) that TDs will enter on the TD report for the round score when players or TD wish to report their consensus that a player clearly attempted to have their round dropped to protect their rating by either not completing a round or by padding their score with extra throws. This code is also used should a player discontinue play in a tournament **without alerting the TD that they are leaving** or that they are not returning for subsequent rounds.

Other Tier Requirements

All competitors competing in a National Tour Elite Series or a PDGA Major are required to be a current member of the PDGA and a Certified Official.

All competitors competing in an A-Tier (aka SuperTour) are required to be a current member of the PDGA.

Please see the Tier Standards Chart (Table 1) and the accompanying notes below for the specific requirements of the different tier events.

Majors

- Complimentary PDGA Tour Insurance Certificate
- PDGA current membership mandatory
- Amateur/Junior Worlds will be run as True Amateur with larger player packages and either no, or a limited, purse based on place of finish.
- 125+ % minimum payout in all pro divisions

Experimental Events X-Tier

- Created to accommodate alternate or experimental formats such as doubles, team events, non-basket courses, winner-take-all, skins, match play, vintage, and overall events.
- The X designation may also be used for Singles events where eligibility is limited based on citizenship and/or residence (example: a state decides to have their State Championships open to only players from that state.)
- The X designation will be used for those events with non-standard rules that upon review are deemed to be unrateable. Any non-standard rules must be pre-approved by the PDGA Tour Manager who will work with the TD to make sure the non-standard rules can be rated if at all possible.
- X Tier events are sanctioned as XA, XB, and XC in accordance with tier guidelines and player points are awarded accordingly.
- All X-Tier event formats must be pre-approved by the PDGA Tour Manager.
- Formats at B-tier and above limited to Doubles, Team, and Match Play. Other event formats will be considered by Tour Manager upon submission of written request.
- Regardless of the format used, results must be easily convertible to PDGA divisions for player point calculation and data entry. For this reason divisional doubles (pro, advanced, etc) and mixed doubles (male/female) cannot be combined within the same event and will require separate sanctioning agreements.

Miscellaneous

- All ties for first place **MUST be determined by a sudden death playoff and the winner MUST be awarded first place money** and/or prizes. Player's may **NOT** elect to leave a first place tie to stand and split the payout.
- Dual or "Split" Events – Dual events are those which split specific divisions on to separate days of the same weekend. Example: All Amateur divisions play on Saturday and all Pro divisions play on Sunday. Because this format allows a single player to play both days in different divisions (Example: a player plays in MA1 on Saturday and then also plays in MPO on Sunday) this event must be treated as two separate events for the purposes of reporting and proper ratings calculations. TDs who wish to use this format submit only a single sanctioning form and sanctioning fee, but must make note on the sanctioning form of which divisions play on which days. The PDGA Office will then create two separate calendar entries for the event and TDs will receive two sanctioning confirmation emails (the same password will give access to both events in Tournament Manager.) TDs **MUST** treat the event as two separate events for the purposes of uploading pre-reg or unofficial results into Tournament Manager and **MUST** submit two separate TD Reports. Those players competing on both days **MUST** pay the PDGA Player fee **BOTH** days, and if not a current member, also pay the non-member fee **BOTH** days.
- Courses are required to be set up for the first round configuration a minimum of 2 days prior to the start of the event for National Tour Elite Series events and 1 day prior to the start of the event for A-Tier events (SuperTour). For World Championship events, courses must be set no less than 4 days in advance of the start of the event. For other PDGA Majors such as US Masters or USWDGC, the courses must be set no less than 3 days in advance of the start of the event. In the case of temporary holes and/or courses where targets are unavailable, the temporary configuration must be clearly marked for both the Tee and Target locations.

Note: "Start of the Event" means the morning of the first day of competition, so a three-day Friday-Sunday National Tour would need to have its courses ready for practice no

later than on Wednesday morning. A Worlds, where the singles competition starts on Tuesday, would need to have its courses ready for practice no later than on Friday morning.

- It is the responsibility of the tournament director of record to submit all results by emailing a completed TD Report to tdreport@pdga.com and paying all fees associated with each event. Tournament directors whose results and/or fees are not received by the deadlines are subject to disciplinary action. TD's with reports or event fees over 90 days late will not be allowed to direct another sanctioned event until all fees are paid in full and may be placed on full membership suspension.
- When events are added to the PDGA calendar a confirmation email will be sent to the TD. This email will include a link and password to the PDGA on-line scoring system (Tournament Manager) used for uploading pre-registered players as well as unofficial event results. ***The uploading of unofficial results does not fulfill the reporting requirements to the PDGA, TDs must still submit an electronic TD Report via email to the PDGA Office at tdreport@pdga.com***
- TDs are encouraged to award PDGA memberships as prizes in the amateur and junior divisions for B and C Tier events.
- A single event may sanction under different tiers for pro and amateur players (i.e. a Pro C/Am B tier event) by paying the sanctioning fee for the higher tier.
- Events which fail to meet tier requirements may be demoted in the following year. The PDGA Tour Manager will consider petitions for a waiver of said demotion; events which meet a higher tier's standards may be promoted for the following year by request of the TD.

Table 1: PDGA Tier Standards Chart

	National Tour Elite Series	A-Tier (aka SuperTour)	B Tier	C Tier
Sanctioning Fee	Waived	\$100	\$75	\$50
Sanctioning agreement submission deadline	Not applicable	December 1st	45 days prior	30 days prior
Per player fee	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2
Membership requirements	Must be current PDGA Member and Certified Official	Must be current PDGA Member	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except players in Junior Divisions)	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except players in Junior Divisions)
Length of event	2 to 4 days	2 or 3 days	1 or 2 days	1 or 2 days
Minimum number of holes	54	54	36	18 (36 Preferred)
Proof of Insurance Certificate¹	Complimentary	Complimentary	\$50	\$50
Minimum Added \$ to Pro Purse	\$4000	\$2000	\$500	None
Pro Purse % (Cash Purse Only)²	100+% of Net Entry Fees ⁴	100+% of Net Entry Fees ⁴	100+% of Net Entry Fees ⁴	85+% of Net Entry Fees ⁴
Amateur Payout % (Prize Purse + Player Pack)³	Not applicable	110+% of Net Entry Fees ⁴	100+% of Net Entry Fees ⁴	85+% of Net Entry Fees ⁴
Min. Retail value of Amateur Player Pack	Not applicable	\$25 to all Amateurs	\$10 to all Amateurs	None Required
Upload Scores via Tournament Manager	After each round	After each day	Upon completion of event	Within 24 hours of completion of event
Submit Completed TD Report to PDGA Office	24 hours	48 hours	One week	Two weeks
Payment of post-event fees	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days
Certified official requirements	TD as non-playing official One non-playing official/course	TD as non-playing official One non-playing official/course	One official per course	One official per event

¹ All PDGA sanctioned events in the US & Canada are insured. The certificate fee is only paid if the event requires a Proof of Insurance Certificate to be produced.

² The Pro Purse % requirement is comprised ONLY of the cash purse paid out at the end of the event based on the finishing places (40% min. deep) of the players.

³ The Amateur Payout % requirement is comprised of BOTH the merchandise prizes at the end based on the finishing places (45% min. deep) AND the player packs.

⁴ Net Entry Fees = Gross Entry Fees minus the pass-through fees ONLY. Pass through Fees are: PDGA Per-Player Fee, Greens Fee, Regional or Series Fee only, **NOT** expenses.

Table 2: PDGA Target Requirements¹

	Major	National Tour	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier
PDGA approved Championship² targets of same design and manufacturer	P	P	P	P	P
PDGA approved Standard² targets. Same design and manufacturer recommended				P	P
PDGA approved Basic² target or non-approved target with basket					P
PDGA approved Object³ target				X-Tier	X-Tier

¹ Please note that events that do not meet the target requirements may request a waiver from the Tour Manager.

² Please see Technical Standards document for more information on targets classified as Championship, Standard, Basic or Object at www.pdga.com/documents/pdga-technical-standards-manufacturers-guidelines

³ Object targets are allowed under XB and XC Tier events but this must be specified when filing the sanctioning agreement.

Table 3: PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Points Factors

PROFESSIONAL CLASS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Suggested Minimum Ratings	Pro Points Factor				
					Majors	NT & A Tier	B Tier	C Tier	League (per week)
Pro	Open	MPO	All	970+	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Master	MPM	40+ during full calendar year	935+	12	8	6	4	2
	Grandmaster	MPG	50+ during full calendar year	900+	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Senior Grandmaster	MPS	60+ during full calendar year	850+	6	4	3	2	1
	Legend	MPL	70+ during full calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Senior Legend	MPE	75+ during full calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Grand Legend	MPR	80+ during full calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
Pro Women	Open Women	FPO	All	900+	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Master Women	FPM	40+ during full calendar year	850+	6	4	3	2	1
	Grandmaster Women	FPG	50+ during full calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Senior Grandmaster Women	FPS	60+ during full calendar year	750+	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Legend Women	FPL	70+ during full calendar year	750+	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
AMATEUR CLASS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Amateur Points Factor				
Amateur	Advanced	MA1	All	Any (required for 935+)	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Intermediate	MA2	All	< 935	12	8	6	4	2
	Recreational	MA3	All	< 900	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Novice	MA4	All	< 850	6	4	3	2	1
	Advanced Master	MM1	40+ during full calendar year	Any	12	8	6	4	2
	Advanced Grandmaster	MG1	50+ during full calendar year	Any	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Advanced Senior Grandmaster	MS1	60+ during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Advanced Legend	ML1	70+ during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Amateur Women	Advanced Women	FA1	All	Any (required for 825+)	9	6	4.5	3
Intermediate Women		FA2	All	< 825	6	4	3	2	1
Recreational Women		FA3	All	< 775	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
Novice Women		FA4	All	< 725	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
Advanced Master Women		FM1	40+ during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
Advanced Grandmaster Women		FG1	50+ during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
Advanced Senior Grandmaster Women		FS1	60+ during full calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
Advanced Legend Women	FL1	70+ during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.5	
Junior Boys & Girls	Junior I - 18 & Under	MJ1 or FJ1	<= 18 during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Junior II - 15 & Under	MJ2 or FJ2	<= 15 during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Junior III - 12 & Under	MJ3 or FJ3	<= 12 during full calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Junior IV - 10 & Under	MJ4 or FJ4	<= 10 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
	Junior V - 8 & Under	MJ5 or FJ5	<= 8 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
	Junior VI - 6 & Under	MJ6 or FJ6	<= 6 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
RATINGS EVENTS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Points Factor				
All Players	Gold	RPA	All	970+	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Blue	RAH	All	< 970	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	White	RAD	All	< 935	12	8	6	4	2
	Red	RAE	All	< 900	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Green	RAF	All	< 850	6	4	3	2	1
	Purple	RAG	All	< 800	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
PROS PLAYING AM	Allowed To Participate In:	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Player's Rating Requirement	Additional Information				
Men (or Women)	Advanced	MA1	All	< 970	A player's official PDGA Age is based on their year of birth, NOT their birthdate. So whatever age they will be on their birthday during the calendar four year is their PDGA age for that entire calendar four year and determines their eligibility for age-based divisions. Examples: 1) If a 10 year old player will turn 11 at anytime during the calendar year, their PDGA age is 11 so they are not eligible for Junior IV during that entire calendar year, they must play Junior III. 2) If a 39 year old player will turn 40 at anytime during the calendar year, their PDGA age is 40 and they are eligible for Masters during the entire calendar year.				
	Advanced Master	MM1	40+ during full calendar year	< 935					
	Advanced Grand Master	MG1	50+ during full calendar year	< 900					
	Advanced Senior Grandmaster	MS1	60+ during full calendar year	< 850					
	Advanced Legend	ML1	70+ during full calendar year	< 800					
	Intermediate	MA2	All	< 935					
	Recreational	MA3	All	< 900					
Novice	MA4	All	< 850						
Women	Advanced Women	FA1	All	< 875	Pro players may be able to compete in certain amateur divisions that they qualify for based on the PROS PLAYING AM table at left. This applies only to A, B and C Tier events. Pros may NOT play in Amateur divisions in PDGA Majors.				
	Advanced Master Women	FM1	40+ during full calendar year	< 825					
	Advanced Grandmaster Women	FG1	50+ during full calendar year	< 775					
	Advanced Senior Grandmaster Women	FS1	60+ during full calendar year	< 725					
	Advanced Legend Women	FL1	70+ during full calendar year	< 700					
	Intermediate Women	FA2	All	< 825					
Recreational Women	FA3	All	< 775						
Novice Women	FA4	All	< 725						

Table 4: Recommended Maximum Net Entry Fees

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TDs are strongly urged not to exceed the values listed in this table in determining their PDGA net entry fees.

Tier	Division	Pro Open Pro Women	All other Pros	Advanced	Intermediate & Recreational	Novice & Juniors
A		\$120	\$100	\$70	\$55	\$35
B		\$90	\$70	\$60	\$35	\$30
C		\$70	\$50	\$40	\$25	\$25

- Table shows net entry fees. PDGA player fees based on event tier, plus any local club or regional series player fees should be added to these figures in order to determine overall entry fees.

Table 5: Required Minimum Distances Between PDGA Tour Events

The following table shows the minimum distances required between sanctioned tour events in order to avoid a scheduling conflict. The PDGA gives priority of dates to Majors, National Tours, and A-Tiers (aka SuperTours) and handles the scheduling of these events directly. State Coordinators are responsible for the scheduling of B and C Tier events and should give preference to reliable events with a successful history, and then to smaller or new events where there is no scheduling conflict.

Minimum # of Miles between Tour Events *

Tier	NT	A	B	C	
Major	***	1250	300	200	* When one event only offers Pro divisions and another only Am divisions on the same weekend, there is no conflict.
National Tour	***	750	250	175	
A	750	300	150	75	* Where events are closer than the distances indicated, the higher tiered TD or Tour Manager may elect to have the protected radius waived.
B	250	150	75	40	
C	175	75	40	0	