



# 2019 PDGA Tour Standards

**NOTE: This document applies primarily to PDGA Tour events in the USA and Canada. For the event standards in all other International countries, please see the 2019 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 items for the 2019 PDGA Tour year:

### 1) Say Goodbye to the Excel TD Report! The PDGA Tournament Manager application does everything for you!

Use of the good-old TD Report Excel file *is no longer necessary*. TDs can now fully manage and complete all reporting requirements within the web-based PDGA Tournament Manager application via PC, Tablet, or smart phone. This includes all financial items such as Entry Fees, Added Cash, Player Packs, Trophies, Prizes, and Payouts. Note that once the TD has completed all finance entries, they can also easily print a “Payout Sheet” that details each division’s payouts, as well as all the added values provided, for posting at Tournament Central prior to the final round as required by PDGA rules.

Note: TDs who run events in locations without internet or cell service or who need to upload player lists from registration sites other than Disc Golf Scene (which does it automatically) can still use the Excel file TD Report to help manage their event.

### 2) Changes in the “Required Minimum Added Cash to Pro Purse”

- National Tours – for 2019 the “Required Minimum Added Cash to the Pro Purse” has been increased to **\$7,500**
- A-Tiers – for 2019 the “Required Minimum Added Cash to the Pro Purse” has been increased to **\$3,000**
- B-Tiers – for 2019 the “Required Minimum Added Cash to the Pro Purse” has been increased to **\$750**

**Reminder:** The Required Minimum Added Cash to the Pro Purse MUST be spread across ALL Pro divisions based on the percentage of entry fees brought into the event by each division as per the Tournament Manager payout charts. Example: if the MPO division brought 50% of all Pro entry fees into the event, the MP40 division brought 30% of all Pro entry fees into the event, and the FPO division brought 20% of all Pro entry fees into the event, then MPO would receive 50% of the required Added Cash, MP40 would receive 30% of the required Added Cash, and FPO would receive 20% of the required Added Cash. Note: This Pro Added Cash distribution is automatically calculated for TDs by the Tournament Manager application once they input the Added Cash for their event into the Finance section.

### 3) Recommendations for providing drinking water and bathrooms for players at events

#### Drinking Water

Player hydration is very important and is a vital part of tournament operations. The Tournament Director and their staff are responsible for providing water to players on the course. In addition to the guidelines in the chart below, we also provide the following recommendations:

- Consider Water Stations setup at locations where multiple holes intersect for greater access from players.
- Have one person/crew (manager) in charge of the water stations.
- Have a daily/hourly schedule for checking the water stations.
- Provide a method for players to let you know when water/ice is running low.
  - Put phone number of water manager at water station.
  - Use a QR code that lets water manager know which station is low.
- Work with CVB or local businesses to obtain sponsorship for ice and/or water.
- Provide extra water at tournament central and hole #1.
- Consider providing a reusable water bottle as a player pack item for your players.
- If bottled water is preferred (or required by the local health department) over standard 5-gallon jugs, be sure to provide ample trash/recycling bins for the empty bottles. Work with a local recycling center to obtain bins and develop collection plans to lessen the impact on the environment.
- If a large gallery of spectators is present, remember that they will also drink the water on the course. It is a good idea to have separate water available only to the players and staff. The event has an obligation to hydrate the players, not the spectators (which presents an opportunity to sell water to spectators, hint hint).

#### Suggested Amount of Water Based on Temperature

\* Below is a chart showing the recommended MINIMUM amounts of water per player, per course, per round. It is important to note that these amounts should be adjusted to address regional weather patterns, number of players, physical difficulty of the course, altitude, and other factors.

Outside Temperature	0 - 60 degrees	60 - 80 degrees	80+ degrees
Water Amount per Player	½ gallon	¾ gallon	1 gallon
Course Distribution	Every 4-5 holes	Every 3-4 holes	Every 2-3 holes

Note that these suggested minimum number of water stations still assume that they will be continually checked to prevent them from running out. Beyond the temperature, the length and toughness of the course as well as the number of players, staff, and spectators will dictate the overall water consumption. Consider having multiple containers at each station and gallon jugs staged for refills. Obviously, the more water stations you have, the less often they will require refilling, which also benefits the actual competition due to less distractions on the course because there are less frequent water deliveries required.

## Bathroom Facilities

It is also important that adequate bathroom facilities are available for your players, staff, and spectators. Again, how many bathrooms you will need and how often you will need to check them for cleaning and supplies is dependent on the size of your event and the number of players, staff and spectators you will need to accommodate. At a minimum, the PDGA recommends facilities be available at Tournament Central and half-way through an 18 Hole course layout for the players. Like water stations, a bathroom location at an intersection of multiple holes is a good way to provide extra opportunities for players to use a bathroom during their round, but be sure, in all cases, to plan with your park staff (or your supplier of rented Porta Potties) to ensure non-competition hours access to the bathrooms for cleaning and re-supply to minimize distractions.

## Important continuing items from recent years:

### 4) New PDGA Rulebook & Competition Manual

Please be sure to check out the new 2018 PDGA Rulebook/Competition Manual as there are many changes from 2017. There will also be some further clarification changes for 2019 made in the online versions.

**Please note that the online versions are the authoritative versions with additional information and rules not found in the 2018 print versions. See:**

<https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/rules/rules-history/pdga-2018-rule-book>

<https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/rules/rules-history/pdga-2018-competition-manual>

### 5) The PDGA Mid-Event Weather Suspension & Cancellation Guidelines

These guidelines are provided to help Tournament Directors manage their events in a consistent manner when dangerous conditions require the suspension or cancellation of the event.

<https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/tournament-resources/pdga-mid-event-suspension-and-cancellation>

### 6) Newer Age-Based Divisions

Divisions for ages 55 and 65 for both Pro and Amateur in both Mixed (Male & Female) and Female-Only divisions were added in 2018 and continue for 2019.  
NOTE: See Table 3 PDGA Tour Divisions, Ratings, and Points Factors

## 7) Guidelines on amount of play for younger Junior Divisions continue in 2019

The PDGA highly recommends that Tournament Directors create their tournament schedules to ensure that all players in the two youngest age groups in the MJ08, FJ05, MJ06, and FJ06 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 MJ10 and FJ10 divisions (age 10 and younger) depending on the length and strenuousness of their course. For full information on Youth Safety see Competition Manual 1.13 <https://www.pdga.com/rules/competition-manual/113>

## 8) Experimental or Non-Standard Rules

The 2018 PDGA Rulebook added HAZARD Areas and RELIEF Areas as standard course design items available to Tournament Directors. However, all TDs should remember 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 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 to ensure it can be rated.

- As per PDGA rules (806.02.D), for a TD to limit a player's choice for playing an OB disc from 1) the previous lie, or 2) a lie marked within one meter from where last inbounds, 3) within 1 meter of all OB lines, 4) from a designated Drop Zone (if the DZ is provided by the TD), and 5) a lie designated by a marker disc placed on the playing surface at any point on a one-meter line that is perpendicular to the out-of-bounds line at the point that is nearest to the position of the disc (if rule is provided by the TD), then 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, course design items like Island Greens, forced drop zones, or "Throw & Distance" rules like the "BUNCR" rule. 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 also potentially be unrateable and must request a waiver.
- Any Mandatory that does not have a Drop Zone within 10 meters of the Mandatory, requires a waiver. This includes all Mandatories that do not have a defined Drop Zone and thereby require a throw from the previous lie.
- When a waiver is requested, the PDGA Tour Manager/Game Development Team/Ratings team will work with the TD to ensure that any such rules will not prevent the event from being rated. This can typically 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 BUNCR area, where a re-throw from the original lie is required, usually **CANNOT** be rated. TDs should explore other options such as a HAZARD area (play it where it lies with a penalty) or RELIEF area (mark as if OB, but without a penalty.)
- 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. HAZARD areas, RELIEF areas, or establishing a forward drop zone providing players with options after landing in a marked area are 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.

## 9) Continued additional requirements for National Tour events

National Tour courses are now required to be set up for the first-round configuration a minimum of three (3) days prior to the start of the event. "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 Tuesday morning.

### A summary of other important items from previous years that continue this year:

- Pro divisions **MUST** be paid out at least **40% deep** in each division as per the Pro payout tables in Tournament Manager or in later versions of the Excel TD Report (USA: v18.4e or later; Canada: v18.4e or later; International: v18.3e or later; Leagues: v18.4d or later; Ratings-based events: v18-r3 or later.)
- Unless a "True Amateur" event has fully met the True Amateur Guideline requirements of player pack, trophy, and tournament amenities value, Amateur divisions **MUST** be paid out at least 45% deep as per the Amateur/Jr Payout tables in Tournament Manager or in later versions of the Excel TD Report (see above paragraph.) A "True Amateur" event that has **fully paid out 100% of the requirement for player pack, trophy, and tournament amenities 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 Tournament Official who can make rulings for all divisions and player groups while concentrating on running a quality event.
- Table 1 (PDGA Tier Standards Chart) has further notations added to make the requirements clearer. Table 3 (PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Point Factors) and Table 4 (Ratings events and Pros playing AM) have been updated to include all available divisions and have color coding updates to the Additional Information section to be more-clear as well as color coding to match divisions to their typical player levels as noted in the "PDGA Course Design Player Skill Level Guidelines."
- 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 unless otherwise allowed by the rules (flex-start events or events suspended by dangerous conditions.)
- Continuation of the use of a result code (888) that TDs will enter 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. Note: This code is **NOT** used for event no-shows, 888 and 999 codes are only used for players who started the event.
- Requirements for uploading unofficial results via PDGA Tournament Manager:
  - 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 via Tournament Manager or sending the Excel file TD Report to the PDGA Office via email to [tdreport@pdga.com](mailto:tdreport@pdga.com):
  - 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.

## Additional Tier Requirements

All Tournament Directors are required to be a current member of the PDGA and a Certified Official from the time of sanctioning through the completion of their event.

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 from the time of registration through the completion of the event.

All competitors competing in an A-Tier are required to be a current member of the PDGA from the time of registration through the completion of the event.

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
- Current PDGA membership and Certified Official status mandatory for competitors
- 125+ % minimum payout in all divisions
- Amateur Worlds, Junior Worlds, and USWDGC, are run as “True Amateur” for all Amateur divisions with larger player packages and no payouts.

## 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 TD Reports.

## Miscellaneous

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

- It is the responsibility of the tournament director of record to submit all results by submitted a completed report via the PDGA Tournament Manager application or by emailing a completed TD Report to [tdreport@pdga.com](mailto: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 120 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 tournament management system (Tournament Manager) used for publishing pre-registered players, unofficial results, and the official TD Report. ***The uploading of unofficial results does not fulfill the reporting requirements to the PDGA, TDs must still submit an official TD Report via Tournament Manager or sending the electronic TD Report (Excel) via email to the PDGA Office at [tdreport@pdga.com](mailto: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**

	<b>National Tour</b>	<b>A-Tier</b>	<b>B Tier</b>	<b>C Tier</b>	<b>League</b>
<b>Sanctioning Fee</b>	Waived	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
<b>Sanctioning agreement submission deadline</b>	Not applicable	December 1st	45 days prior	30 days prior	30 days prior
<b>Per player fee (post-event)</b>	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$0.50 per player for each round they played during the league
<b>Membership requirements</b>	Must be current PDGA Member and Certified Official	Must be a current PDGA Member	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except players in Junior Divisions)	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except players in Junior Divisions)	No Membership Requirement
<b>Length of event</b>	2 to 4 days	2 or 3 days	1 or 2 days	1 or 2 days	6-10 weeks played the same day each week
<b>Minimum number of holes</b>	54	54	36	18 (36 Preferred)	18 holes per week on the same layout for all players
<b>Proof of Insurance Certificate<sup>1</sup></b>	Complimentary	Complimentary	\$50	\$50	\$50
<b>Required Minimum Added Cash to Pro Purse<sup>2</sup></b>	\$7500	\$3000	\$750	None	None
<b>Pro Purse % (Cash Purse Only)<sup>3</sup></b>	100+% of Net Entry Fees	100+% of Net Entry Fees	100+% of Net Entry Fees	85+% of Net Entry Fees	Variable - pre-set by League
<b>Amateur Payout % (Prize Purse + Player Packs)<sup>4</sup></b>	Not applicable	110+% of Net Entry Fees	100+% of Net Entry Fees	85+% of Net Entry Fees	Variable - pre-set by League
<b>Minimum retail value of Amateur Player Pack</b>	Not applicable	\$25 retail value to each player in Amateur divisions	\$10 retail value to each player in Amateur divisions	None Required	None Required
<b>Upload Scores via Tournament Manager</b>	After each round	After each round	After each day	Within 24 hours of completion of the event	Within 24 hours of completion of the event
<b>Submit Completed TD Report online via Tour Manager or via Excel file to PDGA Office</b>	24 hours	48 hours	One week	Two weeks	Two Weeks
<b>Payment of event post-event fees</b>	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days
<b>Certified official requirements</b>	TD as non-playing official 1 non-playing official per course	TD as non-playing official 1 non-playing official per course	One official per course	One official per event	One official per week

<sup>1</sup> All PDGA sanctioned events in the US & Canada are insured under the PDGA Tour insurance policy. The certificate fee is only paid if the event requires a Proof of Insurance certificate to be produced by the insurance company for the park, city, etc.

<sup>2</sup> The Required Minimum Added Cash to the Pro Purse MUST be spread across ALL Pro divisions based on the percentage of entry fees brought into the event by each division as per the PDGA Tournament Manager payout charts. Example: if the MPO division brought 50% of all Pro entry fees into the event, the MP40 division brought 30% of all Pro entry fees into the event, and the FPO division brought 20% of all Pro entry fees into the event, then MPO would receive 50% of the required Added Cash, MP40 would receive 30% of the required Added Cash, and FPO would receive 20% of the required Added Cash. Note: This Pro Added Cash distribution is automatically calculated for TDs by the Tournament Manager application once they input the Added Cash for their event into the Finance section.

<sup>3</sup> The Pro Purse % requirement is comprised ONLY of the cash purse paid out at the end of the event based on the finishing places of the players (minimum 40% deep) and does NOT include player packs. TDs may provide player packs to players in Pro divisions if they wish, but they may NOT deduct the player pack cost/value from the Pro payouts.

<sup>4</sup> The Amateur Payout % requirement is comprised of BOTH the player pack value and the value of the merchandise prizes at the end of the event based on the finishing places (minimum 45% deep.)

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



**Table 2: PDGA Target Requirements<sup>1</sup>**

	Major	National Tour	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier & Leagues
<b>PDGA approved Championship<sup>2</sup> targets of same design and manufacturer</b>	P	P	P	P	P
<b>PDGA approved Standard<sup>2</sup> targets. Same design and manufacturer recommended</b>				P	P
<b>PDGA approved Basic<sup>2</sup> target or non-approved target with basket</b>					P
<b>PDGA approved Object<sup>3</sup> target</b>				X-Tier	X-Tier

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

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.pdga.com/documents/pdga-technical-standards-manufacturers-guidelines)

<sup>3</sup> Object targets are allowed under XB, XC, and League events but this must be specified when filing the sanctioning agreement.

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

Division Code color shading only indicates the typical player skill level detailed in: PDGA Course Design Player Skill Level Guidelines, not the color division played in at a Ratings-Based event. That is determined by the individual player's player rating.

[PDGA Course Design Player Skill Level Guidelines](#)

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 Mixed	Pro Open	MPO	All	970+	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Pro Master 40+	MP40	40+ during full calendar year	935+	12	8	6	4	2
	Pro Master 50+	MP50	50+ during full calendar year	900+	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Pro Master 55+	MP55	55+ during full calendar year	875+	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Pro Master 60+	MP60	60+ during full calendar year	850+	6	4	3	2	1
	Pro Master 65+	MP65	65+ during full calendar year	825+	6	4	3	2	1
	Pro Master 70+	MP70	70+ during full calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Pro Master 75+	MP75	75+ during full calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
Pro Women-Only	Pro Open Women	FPO	All	900+	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Pro Master Women 40+	FP40	40+ during full calendar year	850+	6	4	3	2	1
	Pro Master Women 50+	FP50	50+ during full calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Pro Master Women 55+	FP55	55+ during full calendar year	775+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Pro Master Women 60+	FP60	60+ during full calendar year	750+	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Pro Master Women 65+	FP65	65+ during full calendar year	750+	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Pro Master Women 70+	FP70	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 Mixed	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
	Amateur Master 40+	MA40	40+ during full calendar year	Any	12	8	6	4	2
	Amateur Master 50+	MA50	50+ during full calendar year	Any	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Amateur Master 55+	MA55	55+ during full calendar year	Any	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Amateur Master 60+	MA60	60+ during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Amateur Master 65+	MA65	65+ during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Amateur Master 70+	MA70	70+ during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
Amateur Women-Only	Advanced Women	FA1	All	Any (required for 825+)	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	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
	Amateur Master Women 40+	FA40	40+ during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Amateur Master Women 50+	FA50	50+ during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Amateur Master Women 55+	FA55	55+ during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Amateur Master Women 60+	FA60	60+ during full calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Amateur Master Women 65+	FA65	65+ during full calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Amateur Master Women 70+	FA70	70+ during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.5
Junior Mixed	Junior ≤18	MJ18	≤ 18 during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Junior ≤15	MJ15	≤ 15 during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Junior ≤12	MJ12	≤ 12 during full calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Junior ≤10	MJ10	≤ 10 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
	Junior ≤8	MJ08	≤ 8 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
	Junior ≤6	MJ06	≤ 6 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
Junior Girls-Only	Junior Girls ≤18	FJ18	≤ 18 during full calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Junior Girls ≤15	FJ15	≤ 15 during full calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Junior Girls ≤12	FJ12	≤ 12 during full calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Junior Girls ≤10	FJ10	≤ 10 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
	Junior Girls ≤8	FJ08	≤ 8 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
	Junior Girls ≤6	FJ06	≤ 6 during full calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25

**Determining PDGA Playing Age**

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 tour year is their PDGA age for that entire calendar tour 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 for that entire calendar year so they must play in a Junior ≤12 division.
- 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 Master 40+ during that entire calendar year.

Table 4: Ratings Events and Pros Playing in Amateur Divisions

RATINGS EVENTS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Points Factor				
					Majors	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier	League (per week)
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
	Mixed				
Amateur Master 40+		MA40	40+ during full calendar year	< 935	
Amateur Master 50+		MA50	50+ during full calendar year	< 900	
Amateur Master 55+		MA55	55+ during full calendar year	< 900	
Amateur Master 60+		MA60	60+ during full calendar year	< 850	
Amateur Master 65+		MA65	65+ during full calendar year	< 850	
Amateur Master 70+		MA70	70+ during full calendar year	< 800	
Intermediate		MA2	All	< 935	
Recreational		MA3	All	< 900	
Novice	MA4	All	< 850		
Women-Only	Advanced Women	FA1	All	< 875	<p style="text-align: center;">Pros Playing Amateur</p> <p>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, C, and L Tier events. Pros may NOT play in Amateur divisions in PDGA Majors.</p>
	Amateur Master Women 40+	FA40	40+ during full calendar year	< 825	
	Amateur Master Women 50+	FA50	50+ during full calendar year	< 775	
	Amateur Master Women 55+	FA55	55+ during full calendar year	< 775	
	Amateur Master Women 60+	FA60	60+ during full calendar year	< 725	
	Amateur Master Women 65+	FA65	65+ during full calendar year	< 725	
	Amateur Master Women 70+	FA70	70+ during full calendar year	< 700	
	Intermediate Women	FA2	All	< 825	
	Recreational Women	FA3	All	< 775	
Novice Women	FA4	All	< 725		

**Table 5: Recommended Maximum Net Entry Fees**

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 Divisions	Intermediate & Recreational	Novice & Juniors
<b>A</b>	\$120	\$100	\$70	\$55	\$35
<b>B</b>	\$90	\$70	\$60	\$35	\$30
<b>C</b>	\$70	\$50	\$40	\$25	\$25
<b>League</b>	\$5 weekly	\$5 weekly	\$5 weekly	\$5 weekly	\$5 weekly

• 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 6: 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	League	
<b>Major</b>	***	1250	300	200	0	* When one event only offers Pro divisions and another only Am divisions on the same weekend, there is no conflict.
<b>National Tour</b>	***	750	250	175	0	
<b>A</b>	750	300	150	75	0	* The TD of a previously approved event may elect to waive the restriction for a conflicting lower tiered event that is requesting date approval.
<b>B</b>	250	150	75	40	0	
<b>C</b>	175	75	40	0	0	