



Dear PDGA Tour Player,

Congratulations! You have been invited to enter the 2019 PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships in Peoria, IL from August 13 through August 17, 2019, based on your excellent performance during the 2018 PDGA tour. The PDGA and the Pro Worlds Team is looking forward to seeing you in Peoria later this year.

Host

Nate Heinold and his team are thrilled to host the 2019 PDGA Pro Worlds and are excited to have you spend some time in Peoria this summer. The Peoria area is a hotbed of disc golf with many great courses in the area. The Peoria Frisbee Club has been around since 1981 and helped host the Peoria Open, which started as a B Tier in the mid 1990's. They later hosted the Greater Peoria Open and the USWDGC six straight years from 2002 through 2007. More recently, Nate Heinold has stepped up to run the Ledgestone Insurance Open, an annual event that started in 2011. The Ledgestone Insurance Open has grown from a small event to one of the largest events in the country. This event has been run as a National Tour event and as an A Tier 7 times.

Courses

Three courses will be used this year, with FPO playing Northwood Blue and Sunset, and MPO playing Northwood Gold and Lake Eureka. Each division will play 2 rounds on each course before a cut to the final round, which will include 45% of the field.

Northwood Park

Northwood has hosted the USWDGC, The Ledgestone Insurance Open, the Greater Peoria Open and countless B Tiers and C Tiers. The course has some open shots but is mostly a wooded course with some orchard type holes. The course has brand new, full color signs as of 3 years ago. The course is centrally located in Morton, IL, which is about 12 minutes from downtown Peoria. Northwood has Mach X baskets. Northwood has adequate parking between the actual park and the small park right across the street for at least 300 cars. Northwood Park has restrooms for males and females and has a nice pavilion near hole 1. Northwood is a very secure park with only one entrance. Northwood is about 3 minutes away from a multitude of gas stations, hotels and restaurants, including the Park Inn by Radisson, which will serve as one of the tournament host hotels. Northwood recently underwent a massive transformation in anticipation of this event. The gold layout will be a par 63 with a distance of around 9300'. It will feature two massive par 5's and an SSA near 65. The FPO players will play the blue layout, which will still be much more difficult than the old layout. The blue layout will be approximately 7800' and will play to a par 62.

Lake Eureka Temp Course

The Lake Eureka Temp course is one of the hardest courses in the world. The course is a temporary course that is built around one of the best parks in the Central Illinois area. This course was originally designed in 2015 and has been tweaked each of the last 3 years. The course will play very similar to the 2018 LedgeStone layout. The current layout is 9700' and is a par 63. The Lake Eureka property has phenomenal Wi-Fi capabilities and is in the heart of Eureka, IL, approximately 25 minutes from downtown Peoria. The property can park over 600 cars and is located within 1 minute of gas stations and restaurants in Eureka. The nearest hotel would be in Washington about 15 minutes away. The course is set up to be very spectator friendly. The course has multiple pavilions and buildings that we have available for use during the event.

Sunset Hills DGC

This course is a permanent course located on a ball golf course in Pekin, IL, about 10 minutes from McNaughton Park and about 20 minutes from Peoria, IL. This course is located within 2 minutes of 4 hotel options in Pekin, as well as within 3 minutes from many food and gas options. It has some good elevation and is a mostly open course. This course was installed in 2014. We have used this course for the LedgeStone Insurance Open the last few years and this course has also hosted the local AM A Tier as well as two B Tiers. The course distance for FPO players will be 6941' and will play to a par 59. The course features a full clubhouse with a restaurant and bathrooms. It has parking for over 300 cars, which includes street parking right next to the course.

The final round will be for the top 45% of the field. The FPO division will play their final round at Sunset Hills on Saturday morning (August 17th) and MPO will play their final round at Lake Eureka, with tee times starting in the morning on Saturday and extending to later in the day.

Worlds Warm Up Events

We are planning on hosting a Preview Event at the Lake Eureka Course on Friday August 9th. This event will be a Flex C Tier event and you can start your round anytime between 9AM and 3PM.

Lodging & Meetings

This year we will be using several options for hotels instead of just one option. This gives us the flexibility to offer different options with various price points. You will be required to sign up for an account, but doing so will give you access to our negotiated lower rates. Please use this link for booking:

<https://hr.idssasp.com/home.aspx?XSHvr1xsjof5M1leqj3FQti2Yo95m2BKr6d0KZ678ghBQ07DdZh31jaMF1pQkCFswgKC5iK1YljrDKtQyQOM0Q>

You can also find our hotel information on our website: <https://discgolfproworlds.com/>

AmericInn Lodge & Suites – Peoria: Experience a comfortable stay at AmericInn Hotel & Suites Peoria, located just off Routes 6 and 40. Our convenient spot gives you easy access to major businesses, hospitals, and Bradley University. Caterpillar, RLI Corporation, O'Brien Steel, and Advanced Technology Services all have offices close to our hotel. The Peoria Civic Center—a convention center known for its arena, theater, exhibit hall, and meeting rooms—is also part of our vibrant business community.

Courtyard by Marriott – Peoria: Our modern, upscale Peoria hotel offers the absolute best in guest service satisfaction, to go along with a prime Peoria, IL location. We're just a short commute from Caterpillar World Headquarters, Bradley University, Unity Point Health Methodist, Peoria Airport and the Peoria Civic Center. Courtyard Peoria is within walking distance of Northwoods Mall and just minutes east of the Shoppes at Grand Prairie, where visitors can partake in some excellent Peoria shopping. Our hotel offers a variety of choices for breakfast and dinner, including premium Starbucks Coffee available on-site at the Courtyard Bistro. Guests looking for lodging for Peoria wedding venues love how close we are to Ravina on the Lakes and Kickapoo Creek Winery. At the end of the day, unwind with a drink at the Bistro's bar, open 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. daily. We offer all of the amenities you've come to expect from your hotel stay, including free WiFi, 24-hour business center, 24-hour fitness center, indoor pool and hot tub.

Holiday Inn Express and Suites – Pekin: The Holiday Inn Express® Pekin (Peoria Area) hotel's location between downtown and I-155 makes it the perfect place to stay. Guests are mere minutes from both Avanti's Dome and Mineral Springs park, while Peoria is 20 miles from this hotel's accommodations in vibrant Pekin, IL.

Motel 6/ Studio 6 – Pekin: Motel 6 Pekin, IL is conveniently located minutes away from the downtown Pekin, area attractions and dining. Enjoy our large outdoor pool, fresh brewed morning coffee, and free WiFi and microfridge units in all modern guest rooms.

Park Inn by Radisson – Morton: With an ideal location just off I-74, the Park Inn by Radisson Morton positions you in the heart of one of Illinois' friendliest and fastest-growing communities. From our hotel, you can reach General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport (PIA), Caterpillar Headquarters and Quail Meadows Golf Course in less than 20 minutes. After a business meeting or a round of golf, head back to your room or suite, each with amenities like Free Wireless High-speed Internet. If you're traveling with a furry companion, we offer pet-friendly rooms to accommodate your entire group.

Residence Inn by Marriott - The Residence Inn by Marriott, Peoria's luxury extended stay hotel, is tucked away in a quiet, secure area, just steps from the Northwood's Mall and I-74. Located close to the excitement of downtown Peoria, where you can enjoy the Riverfront Festival Park, Par-A-Dice Casino, Peoria Civic Center and a game at Dozer Park, featuring the Peoria Chiefs. We are near Caterpillar, Inc., Komatsu, Accenture, Deloitte & Touche, Bocsh and IBM. Education is at the forefront of our city with Bradley University, the University of Illinois, Robert Morris College and St Francis Medical Center (OSF) College. Whether you are visiting for business, relocation, extended stay or leisure, our stylish all-suite hotel makes every visit a memorable experience. Our amenities include newly remodeled, wireless throughout, a full kitchen and a spacious living room for relaxing and entertaining. Enjoy a full home touch breakfast buffet, indoor pool and workout room.

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center - The Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center is situated beautifully along the scenic banks of the Illinois River, just off I-74. Whether you are looking to take a stroll along the river, catch a sporting event, shoot a round of golf or shop while in town, the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center is just minutes from the many attractions Peoria has to offer.

Super 8 Washington - Minutes from downtown Peoria, and close to East Peoria Event Center. Stop in and stay the night at our pet-friendly Super 8 Washington/Peoria Area hotel. Our location provides quick access to the Peoria area and popular local attractions, like Par-A-Dice Casino. Our hotel is environmentally friendly, which means we waste less water and use less electricity; make us your eco-friendly hotel choice in the Peoria area.

Camping - Camping is available at Wildlife Prairie Park. Please call them directly for information: [\(309\) 676-0998](tel:3096760998)

Travel

Those flying to Pro Worlds will probably find their best option is to arrive at the Peoria International Airport (PIA) which is within 30 minutes of all tournament activities. The other option is to fly into Chicago O'Hare airport, which is about 2 hours and 45 minutes away. St Louis and Indianapolis also provide options, which are within a similar drive of about 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Registration

The event capacity is 288 players. It is important to note that you must be a current 2019 PDGA Member and Certified Official before you can register for the event! There is **NO** walk-up registration for Singles, Mixed Doubles, or Field Events - you **MUST** be pre-registered.

The Registration Schedule is available here: <https://www.pdga.com/2019proworlds/registration/schedule>

Registration will be on Disc Golf Scene.

Entry Fees

- The singles entry fee is \$275. This includes a \$10 non-refundable Registration Fee, a \$10 Facilities Fee, and a \$5 Ace Pot Fee. \$250 of each entry goes towards payout.
- Mixed Doubles is \$25 per partner and both partners must register individually.
- Field Events are \$20 each. (Note: 50% of the Skillshot Entry Fees go to E.D.G.E.)

The Withdrawal and Refund policy is available here: <https://www.pdga.com/2019proworlds/invites/refund-policy>

Please direct all invitation or registration-related inquiries to only the PDGA Tour Manager at: bigdog@pdga.com.

Mixed Doubles

Mixed Doubles at Pro Worlds will be held with two rounds on Saturday at Northwood Park. The players' meeting will be at Northwood at 9am. Both divisions will play modified best shot the first round and modified alternate shot the second round. Loosen up with a great game of doubles on a course all players will be throwing later in the week. You will be warming up your drives and putting anyway, so why not throw in a little competitive spirit with it? The field is limited to 36 doubles teams. Teams will play the Blue tees.

Field Events

The field events will take place at Washington Community High School in Washington, Illinois 61571. This is near the Five Points location of the Players' Dinner and Players' Meeting and is 15 minutes down the road from Lake Eureka. Times for the field events will be from 11am to 4pm. If you decide to test your skills at the EDGE and Mini events, the latest start time is 3pm.

Long Drive and Putting: Think your drive is long? Is your putting accurate? Put your throws where your mouth is and step up to the line to give it your best. Rules are simple: have the longest drive or make the most putts.

Skillshot®: The SkillShot® program is presented by the E.D.G.E. program to test your throwing skills and proficiencies. Throws include backhand, sidearm/forehand, roller, upside-down, straddle, kneeling/seated, freestyle and obstructed will be scored by your accuracy to a certain target or area. You will have a great time challenging yourself to improve your disc golf skills. You will take many of these skills to the course. What a great way to warm up for those accurate shots. You will find that you are a better golfer and that your game will improve as a result of SkillShot®!

Other Events

Other fun events during the week include Baseball Night at the Ballpark on Sunday August 11th, Players' Clinics, Ice cream parties, a disc golf festival with games, and more!

Player Check-in

Player Check-in will be at Five Points in Washington on Sunday from Noon to 5PM.

Player Meeting

The players' meeting/opening ceremony will take place at Five Points in Washington on Monday night, August 12th, at 7PM. This event is preceded by the Players' Dinner sponsored by Innova, which will also take place at Five Points.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the event. Please review the <https://discgolfproworlds.com/sponsors/> link for more information about sponsorship opportunities. Contact Tournament Director Nate Heinold for sponsorship information at 309.657.9971 or nate@ledgestone.com

The World's FlyMart will take place on Tuesday August 13th and Wednesday August 14th. Contact TD Nate Heinold for more information at nate@ledgestone.com

Website

More detailed information about everything surrounding the event can be found on our website, <https://discgolfproworlds.com/>. The website is frequently updated with information about courses, sponsors, and merchandise. You can also find maps, directions, and various forms of media content.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2019ProWorlds/>

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For all other inquires please contact TD Nate Heinold at nate@ledgestone.com

Sincerely from your 2019 PDGA Pro Worlds Team,

Nate Heinold

2019 Pro Worlds Tournament Director