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 2023 PDGA International Program Guide.

New text below is in Red.

The goal of this document and its companion tour documents is 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.

A. NEW 2023 Tour Standards Items

1. The mileage restrictions have been reduced for 2023, see Table 4 – Required Minimum Distances Between PDGA Tour Events.

2. PDGA competition divisions have been added for the 75+ and 80+ age breaks in the Pro Women-Only and Amateur Mixed and Women-Only categories. (See Table 5)

3. PDGA competition divisions have been renamed for simplicity. The terms “Advanced”, “Intermediate”, “Recreational”, “Novice”, and “Master” have been removed. (See Table 5)

4. The ratings breaks for the “Pros Playing Amateur” program and the pro to amateur reclassification criteria have been realigned to better reflect the actual PDGA membership. (See Table 5)

5. There have been two additions to the allowed pass-through fees that are deducted from the player’s Gross Entry Fee to arrive at the Net Entry Fee:

   Pass-through Fees are: PDGA Per-Player Fee, as required by Tier level; Greens Fees, meaning the fees required to secure the course(s) and permit play; Series Fees, meaning a fee paid by an event that is part of a points Series under CM 2.02.B toward Series-end prizes or payouts; Bathroom Fees, meaning the prorated per-player cost of toilet rental; and TD Fees, meaning a per-player amount not to exceed the PDGA Per-Player Fee for that Tier. All pass-through items and amounts must be published in pre-registration materials. Other event expenses, such as player packs and prizes, trophies, line paint, staff compensation, or lunch, are not included in pass-through fees.

6. The Professional to Amateur reclassification criteria, formerly only available in a website FAQ, have been moved into the Tour Standards and can be found in Table 6 after the Player Divisions, Ratings & Points Factors table.

There is an additional requirement specific to A-Tiers and above:
7. Warm-Up Areas: All A-Tier events must have a designated warm-up area readily available to all players. If sufficient throwing space is not available, the event must provide one or more practice nets. The event must also provide one or more practice targets.

NOTE: Original item A.8 below is now removed from the 2023 Tour Standards due to the complexity of implementation across disparate sized events. Meanwhile, the PDGA still highly recommends that all events strive to include underserved divisions and maximize participation in those divisions. TDs and clubs can accomplish this through the creation of standalone events for Women, Seniors, or Junior events and the use of early registration tiers or divisional capping with waitlists for underserved divisions where possible at all other events. Tournament Directors wishing to do so, should reach out to the Event Support Team at eventsupport@pdga.com prior to setting up the registration for their event.

8. Waitlists: All A-Tier and above events must use divisional capping to provide space for those underserved divisions offered by the event, and waitlists must be maintained by division so a drop from an underserved division is filled from the same division wherever possible. Only within three weeks of an event may Event Directors fill a vacancy in an underserved division without a waitlist from a different division (as allowed by course or other pool capping considerations).

B. Reminders on New 2023 Competition Manual Changes

1. 1.03 Withdrawals and Refunds. 1.03.B-E now have clearer language concerning refunds due. The amount is based on whether a waitlisted player is available at the time of withdrawal. 1.03.J and K outline the requirements concerning refunds for an event that is either cancelled or postponed.

2. 1.05 Practice Rounds, Beginning Play, Late Arrivals. 1.05.B has new language concerning where and when players may practice at staggered start events, and 1.05.G has requirements concerning the checking of scorecards prior to submission.

3. 1.06 Grouping and Sectioning. 1.06.L has new requirements concerning the posting of tee times.


5. 1.14 Leagues. 1.14.C.5 allows children under age 13 to accompany a playing group with a supervision by a player (note: this is for Leagues only).

6. 2.01 General. 2.01.C regulates when players may request a change of division, and a newly numbered 2.01.L is reworded to clarify options for divisions with fewer than four players, while emphasizing the importance of offering underserved divisions.

7. 2.03 Reclassification of Professional/ Amateur. This section has been restructured for clarity.

8. 3.04 Dress Code. This section has been edited for clarity and to allow all players to have the same choices of attire.

9. 3.08 Tournament Director Rights and Responsibilities. 3.08.A now requires that the Tournament Director of record be at least 18 years of age.
C. Tour Standards items continuing from the 2022 PDGA Tour year:

1. It is the event’s responsibility to provide, at minimum, a specific course rules sheet to every player so they can play the course correctly and as intended.

2. Changes to restrictions on TDs and Assistant TDs playing in their event:
   - A-Tier: the TD and Assistant TD (if one exists) of record may NOT play in their event; they must both be non-playing officials.
   - B-Tier: Either the TD or the Assistant TD (if one exists) of record must be a non-playing official.
   - Note that neither of these requirements may be waived.

3. New Reporting Requirements:
   - Excel file event reports will no longer be accepted; all events must report using the PDGA Tournament Manager.
   - B-Tier events must now report within 72 hours of completion of the event.
   - C-Tier events must now report within 1 week of completion of the event.
   - Leagues must now report within 1 week of completion of the event.

4. Tour Standards Items moved to Companion Documents:
   5. Use of Non-standard Rules at PDGA Sanctioned Events
   6. PDGA Water and Bathroom Recommendations
   7. PDGA Allowable Items Towards Player Pack Values

D. Important continuing Competition Manual Changes from 2022

1. To compete in a B-Tier or above, players must be current members. See 1.01.B

2. To accept cash in a Pro division in PDGA-sanctioned events (except Leagues), a player must have a PDGA number. See 1.10.A

3. TDs must make paper scorecards available to every playing group. See 1.05.H

4. Ghost groups are now regulated and may only be used in emergency situations. See 1.06.K

5. First place tiebreakers now have a required format. See 1.09.B

6. The Video Evidence rule is now referenced in the Competition Manual. See 1.12.H

7. If an event plans to have a cut, it must be posted prior to player registration, so players are aware. See 1.08.A

8. Caddies must now be at least 13 years of age. See 3.05.B

9. Information about PDGA Leagues is now in the Competition Manual. See 1.14
Table 1: 2023 PDGA Tier Standards Chart (v1)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>World</th>
<th>Other Majors</th>
<th>Elite Series</th>
<th>A-Tier</th>
<th>B Tier</th>
<th>C Tier</th>
<th>League</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sanctioning Fee</td>
<td>Waived</td>
<td>Waived</td>
<td>Waived</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$75</td>
<td>$50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sanctioning agreement submission deadline</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>December 1st (of prior year)</td>
<td>45 days prior</td>
<td>Recommended 30 days prior</td>
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<tr>
<td>Per player fee (post-event)</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$5</td>
<td>$4</td>
<td>$3</td>
<td>$2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Membership requirements</td>
<td>Current PDGA Member and Certified Official (MPO &gt;899)</td>
<td>Current PDGA Member and Certified Official (MPO &gt;899)</td>
<td>Current PDGA Member and Certified Official (MPO rating &gt;699)</td>
<td>Current PDGA Membership</td>
<td>Current PDGA Membership</td>
<td>Current PDGA Membership (except Junior Divisions)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Length of event</td>
<td>4 to 5 days</td>
<td>4 to 5 days</td>
<td>3 to 4 days</td>
<td>2 or 3 days</td>
<td>1 or 2 days</td>
<td>1 or 2 days</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minimum number of holes</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>18 (36 Preferred)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Course must be in tournament format for practice</td>
<td>4 Days Prior</td>
<td>3 Days Prior</td>
<td>3 Days Prior</td>
<td>1 Day Prior</td>
<td>No Requirement</td>
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<td>Proof of Insurance Certificate</td>
<td>Complimentary</td>
<td>Complimentary</td>
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<td>$50 (non-refundable)</td>
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<td>Required Minimum Added Cash to Pro Purse</td>
<td>25% of Net</td>
<td>25% of Net</td>
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<td>$750</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Pro Purse % (Cash Purse Only)</td>
<td>125%+ of Net</td>
<td>125%+ of Net</td>
<td>100%+ of Net Entry Fees</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amateur Payout %</td>
<td>True Amateur</td>
<td>True Amateur</td>
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<td>110%+ of Net Entry Fees</td>
<td>100%+ of Net Entry Fees</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minimum retail value of Amateur Player Pack</td>
<td>125%+ of Net</td>
<td>125%+ of Net</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>$25 retail value to each player in Amateur divisions</td>
<td>$10 retail value to each player in Amateur divisions</td>
<td>None Required</td>
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<tr>
<td>Upload Scores via PDGA Tournament Manager (TM)</td>
<td>After each round</td>
<td>After each round</td>
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<td>After each round</td>
<td>After each day</td>
<td>Within 24 hours of completion of the event</td>
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<tr>
<td>Must submit TD Report online via PDGA TM</td>
<td>24 hours from end</td>
<td>24 hours from end</td>
<td>24 hours from end</td>
<td>48 hours from end</td>
<td>72 hours from end</td>
<td>1 week from event</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payment of event post-event fees within</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>30 days from end</td>
<td>30 days from end</td>
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<tr>
<td>Certified official requirements</td>
<td>TD &amp; ATD of record may not play.</td>
<td>1 non-playing official per course.</td>
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1 All PDGA sanctioned events in the US & Canada are insured under the PDGA Tour insurance policy. The non-refundable 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.
2 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 screens. 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 The Pro Purse % requirement comprises only the cash purse paid out at the end of the event based on the finishing places of the players (minimum 40% deep for North America), 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.
4 The Amateur Payout % requirement comprises both the player pack value and the value of the merchandise prizes at the end of the event based on the finishing places (minimum of 45% deep for North America.) Tournament Manager will automatically enforce the minimum requirement of at least a 40% payout for Pros and 45% for Amateurs per division.

Note: Net Entry Fees = the Gross Entry Fees minus the pass-through fees ONLY. Pass-through Fees are: PDGA Per-Player Fee, as required by Tier level; Greens Fees, meaning the fees required to secure the course(s) and permit play; Series Fees, meaning a fee paid by an event that is part of a points Series under CM 2.02.B toward Series-end prizes or payouts; Bathroom Fees, meaning the prorated per-player cost of toilet rental; and TD Fees, meaning a per-player amount not to exceed the PDGA Per-Player Fee for that Tier. All pass-through fees must be included in pre-registration materials. Other event expenses, such as player packs and prizes, trophies, line paint, staff compensation, or lunch, are not included in pass-through fees.
### Table 2: PDGA Target Requirements

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<th>Target Level</th>
<th>Major</th>
<th>Elite Series</th>
<th>A Tier</th>
<th>B Tier</th>
<th>C Tier &amp; Leagues</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PDGA approved Championship(^1) targets of same design and manufacturer</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<tr>
<td>PDGA approved Standard(^2) targets. Same design and manufacturer recommended</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>YES</td>
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<tr>
<td>PDGA approved Basic(^2) target or non-approved target with basket</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>YES</td>
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<td>PDGA approved Object(^2) target</td>
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<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>X-Tier</td>
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\(^1\) Please note that events that do not meet the target requirements due to emergency, may request a waiver from the PDGA Event Support Team.

\(^2\) Please see the Technical Standards documentation for target classifications and further information at https://www.pdga.com/technical-standards

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

### Table 3: 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Division</th>
<th>Pro Open &amp; Pro Women</th>
<th>All other Pros</th>
<th>Advanced Divisions</th>
<th>Intermediate &amp; Recreational</th>
<th>Novice &amp; Juniors</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tier</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>$120</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$70</td>
<td>$55</td>
<td>$35</td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>$90</td>
<td>$70</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>$35</td>
<td>$30</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>$70</td>
<td>$50</td>
<td>$40</td>
<td>$25</td>
<td>$25</td>
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<tr>
<td>League</td>
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* Table shows net entry fees. PDGA per-player fees based on event tier, plus any greens fees, or series fees should be added to these figures in order to determine overall entry fees.

NOTE: True Amateur events should charge the same fee for all amateur divisions, and then provide the same value player pack to all divisions.

### Table 4: Required Minimum Distances Between PDGA Tour Events (Changes from 2022 in Red.)

The following table shows the minimum distance required between sanctioned tour events in order to avoid a scheduling conflict. The PDGA gives priority of dates to Majors, Elite Series, and A-Tiers, 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.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Minimum # of Miles between Tour Events *</th>
<th>Major</th>
<th>Elite</th>
<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>C</th>
<th>League</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Major</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>750</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elite</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>750</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>B</td>
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<td>100</td>
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* If events offer entirely different divisions than one another, with no overlap of divisions, then there is no conflict.

* The TD of a previously approved event may elect to waive the restriction for a conflicting event that is requesting date approval.
### Determining PDGA Playing Age

A player's official PDGA Age is based on their year of birth, NOT their birthday. 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 38 year old player will turn 40 at anytime during the calendar year, their PDGA age is 40 for that entire calendar year and they are eligible for Master 40+ during that entire calendar year.

### PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Points Factors (changes in Red)

| PROFESSIONAL CLASS | Division Name | Division Code(s) | Ages Eligible | Suggested Minimum Ratings | Majors | Elite & A Tier | B Tier | C Tier | League (per week) | Pro Points Factor |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|---
| Mixed Pro Open      | MP0           | All              | ≥ 18 in 2023 | 970+                      | 15     | 10            | 7.5    | 5      | 2.5               |                |---
| Mixed Pro 55+       | MP50          | 55+ in 2023      | 905+         |                           | 9      | 6             | 4.5    | 3      | 1.5               |                |---
| Mixed Pro 60+       | MP60          | 60+ in 2023      | 905+         |                           | 9      | 6             | 4.5    | 3      | 1.5               |                |---
| Mixed Pro Open 70+  | MP70          | 70+ in 2023      | 820+         |                           | 6      | 4             | 3      | 2      | 1.5               |                |---
| Mixed Pro Open 80+  | MP80          | 80+ in 2023      | 840+         |                           | 4.5    | 3             | 2.25   | 1.5   | 0.75              |                |---

### Women-Only Pro & Women-Only Pro Masters

| Women's Open       | FP0           | All              | ≥ 18 in 2023 | 875+                      | 9      | 6             | 4.5    | 3      | 1.5               |                |---
| Women's 40+        | FP40          | 40+ in 2023      | 820+         |                           | 6      | 4             | 3      | 2      | 1.5               |                |---
| Women's 50+        | FP50          | 50+ in 2023      | 805+         |                           | 4.5    | 3             | 2.25   | 1.5   | 0.75              |                |---
| Women's 55+        | FP55          | 55+ in 2023      | 795+         |                           | 3      | 2             | 1.5    | 1      | 0.5               |                |---
| Women's 60+        | FP60          | 60+ in 2023      | 75+          |                           | 3      | 2             | 1.5    | 1      | 0.5               |                |---

| Mixed Amateur Open  | MA0           | All              | < 900        | 6 4.5 3 2 1              | 9      | 6             | 4.5    | 3      | 1.5               |                |---
| Mixed Amateur 50+   | MA50          | 50+ in 2023      | 850+         |                           | 6      | 4             | 3      | 2      | 1.5               |                |---

### Mixed Junior (Amateur Only)

| Mixed Junior 18    | MJ18          | <= 18 in 2023    | Any          | 4.5 3 2.25 1.5 0.75      | 3      | 2             | 1.5    | 1      | 0.5               |                |---
| Mixed Junior 12    | MJ12          | <= 12 in 2023    | Any          | 4.5 3 2.25 1.5 0.75      | 3      | 2             | 1.5    | 1      | 0.5               |                |---

### Girls-Only Junior (Amateur Only)

| Mixed Junior 15    | MJ15          | <= 15 in 2023    | Any          | 4.5 3 2.25 1.5 0.75      | 3      | 2             | 1.5    | 1      | 0.5               |                |---
| Mixed Junior 6     | MJ06          | <= 6 in 2023     | Any          | 4.5 3 2.25 1.5 0.75      | 3      | 2             | 1.5    | 1      | 0.5               |                |---

### Additional Information

**Determining PDGA Player Age**

- **Ratings Events**
  - **Gold (Professional division)**: GPA rating system.
    - Blue: D Rating System.
    - All: A Tier Rating System.

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- **Allowed To Participate In:**
  - **Division Code(s):**
    - Blue: GPA rating system.
    - All: A Tier Rating System.

**Additional Information**

- **Determined PDGA Player Age**
  - A player's official PDGA Age is based on their year of birth, NOT their birthday. 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 38 year old player will turn 40 at anytime during the calendar year, their PDGA age is 40 for that entire calendar year and they are eligible for Master 40+ during that entire calendar year.

- **Ratings Exceptions**
  - Found in Competition Manual 2.02 do not apply to the Pros Playing AM program.
Table 6 Reclassification from Professional to Amateur

Professional-class PDGA Members may request to be reclassified to Amateur-class but must meet the requirements below to be eligible. Please contact the Event Support Team with your request for reclassification.

1. The player has not accepted cash while competing in a Professional division within the past year.
2. The player has not previously been reclassified from Pro to Amateur within the past five years.
3. The player’s rating is under the following thresholds based on their current PDGA age:

   PLAYERS ELIGIBLE ONLY FOR MIXED DIVISIONS

   A. less than 970 for players under 40 years of age on their birthday in the current calendar year
   B. less than 920 for players age 40-49 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   C. less than 910 for players age 50-54 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   D. less than 905 for players age 55-59 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   E. less than 900 for players age 60-64 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   F. less than 885 for players age 65-69 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   G. less than 860 for players age 70-74 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   H. less than 840 for players age 75 or older on their birthday in the current calendar year

   PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR BOTH MIXED AND WOMEN-ONLY DIVISIONS

   I. less than 875 for players under 40 years of age on their birthday in the current calendar year
   J. less than 820 for players age 40-49 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   K. less than 805 for players age 50-54 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   L. less than 795 for players age 55-59 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   M. less than 790 for players age 60-64 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   N. less than 785 for players age 65-69 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   O. less than 740 for players age 70-74 on their birthday in the current calendar year
   P. less than 720 for players age 75 or older on their birthday in the current calendar year

A player who meets requirements #1 and #2 above, but whose player rating does not meet requirement #3 above, may request a medical exemption reclassification, but only due to a permanent injury or condition that will prevent them from ever playing at their former level. For more information about medical reclassification, please contact the Event Support Team.
D. Important Reminders

1. Be sure to follow all of your governmental and PDGA requirements concerning COVID-19 at your event. Review the PDGA Requirements and Best Practices for Sanctioned Play During COVID-19 document prior to your event.

2. Concerning Underserved Demographics:

To foster the growth of the sport, the PDGA highly recommends, at all PDGA-sanctioned events, that Event Directors offer:
   a. Female-Only Divisions
   b. Junior Divisions
   c. Senior (age 50 and older) divisions

When offering these divisions, the PDGA further recommends that Event Directors:
   d. Allow these divisions to be contested with less than four players.
   e. Where possible, use layouts for these divisions that also include other divisions to ensure at least three (3) propagators are playing that layout, which allows unofficial round ratings to be calculated.
   f. If they intend to only provide trophies for certain divisions or for divisions that have a certain minimum number of participants, this needs to be published with registration materials prior to the opening of registration.

3. Added to the Competition Manual in 2021:
   a. 1.05.G. The Event Director must provide two scorecards to each group, to be kept independently of one another. These scorecards may be of the same medium or of different media. The two scorecards must be reconciled by the group and submitted by whichever method the Event Director has designated as the official scoring method for the event.
   b. 3.08.E Per section 2.4 of the PDGA Bylaws, Event Directors may not refuse service to anyone based on their race, age, religion, sexual orientation, color, marital status, national origin, disability, gender, gender identity, or ancestry.

4. Disqualification procedure: if a player is disqualified (DQed) from an event, the Event Director must:
   a. Provide details of the circumstances leading to the DQ in the TD Notes field on the Event Report
   b. Remove the player from the event's player listing:
      i. after the event payout is completed (their player count and entry fees remain in their division); but
      ii. prior to submitting the official report.
   c. DQed players do not get the benefit of credit for the event or ratings for the rounds that they completed prior to their DQ.

5. Did Not Start and Did Not Finish:
   a. Any player who did not start an event:
      i. Must be removed from the event entirely prior to the calculations of payouts; and
      ii. Must not be listed as “Did Not Finish” (DNF) with an 888 or 999 code (a player cannot DNF if they never started).
      It is important that the player is removed so they do not affect the divisional counts, payouts, and payout depths. Note that an Event Director can always add forfeited entry fees back into the event or payout deeper is they wish.
   b. When a player does not finish an event:
      i. and they do not inform the Event Director prior to leaving the site or the start of the next round, whichever is earlier; or
      ii. there is evidence that the player stopped playing to preserve their rating; then the player must be listed as a “Did Not Finish” (DNF) with an 888 code. The 888 code carries a 5-point ratings penalty for six months, except that the penalty will not make the player's rating cross into eligibility for a lower division (e.g., if the player is 904-rated and receives an 888, their rating will only drop to 900). The player also will not receive PDGA Points for competing in the event.
   c. When a player does not finish an event for any other reason, then the player must be listed as a “Did Not Finish (DNF) with a 999 code. The 999 code carries no ratings penalty, but the player will not receive PDGA Points for competing in the event.
6. The term “Added Cash”:
   a. refers only to the cash that is added to the PRO purse above the regular required percentage of Net Entry Fees; and
   b. does NOT refer to any additional prize value added to amateur divisions.

   Example: if an event is adding $1,500 cash to the Pro purse and $1,500 in additional merchandise to the Amateur purse, it would be advertised as “$1,500 Cash Added & $1,500 Merchandise Added”, NOT “$3,000 Cash Added”.

7. Any non-standard rule, or a hole or course rule that limits the player’s normal OB options, requires a waiver from the Director of Event Support. See Item C.14

8. Any mandatory that does not have a drop zone within 10 meters of the mandatory requires a waiver from the Director of Event Support. This includes all mandatories that do not have a defined drop zone and thereby require a throw from the previous lie.

9. MPO players must have a minimum rating of 900 to register for either PDGA Major or Elite Series (DGPT) events.

10. Earthen tee pads are not allowed for use at any PDGA Major or Elite Series (DGPT) event.

11. Reminder to North America events concerning depth of payouts:
   i. Pro divisions must be paid out at a minimum of 40% in each division; and
   ii. Amateur divisions must be paid out at a minimum of 45% in each division (unless a True Amateur event).
   iii. Be sure to use the payout screens in Tournament Manager to ensure you are paying at or above these minimum requirements since Tournament Manager will do so automatically.

12. Reminder on distribution of Added Cash: 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 screens. The Pro Added Cash distribution is automatically calculated for Event Directors by the Tournament Manager application once they input the Added Cash for their event into the Finance section.

13. The PDGA Mid-Event Weather Suspension & Cancellation Guidelines: These guidelines are provided to help Event Directors manage their events in a consistent manner when dangerous conditions require the suspension or cancellation of the event.

14. Use of Non-standard Rules at PDGA Sanctioned Events
15. PDGA Water and Bathroom Recommendations
16. PDGA Allowable Items Towards Player Pack Value

E. Other Tier Information

1. Majors
   a. Complimentary PDGA Tour Insurance Certificate
   b. Current PDGA membership and Certified Official status mandatory for competitors
   c. 125+ % minimum payout in all divisions
   d. Amateur divisions at Amateur Worlds, Masters Worlds, J unior Worlds, USMDGC, USWDGC, and USADGC are all run as “True Amateur” for all Amateur divisions with larger player packages and no payouts.
   e. To clarify the crossover of certain female divisions held at multiple national championship events, the PDGA will award national titles to all female divisions at the U.S. Women’s Disc Golf Championships, which will take precedence over the winners of those divisions at the U.S. Masters and U.S. J unior Disc Golf Championships. This means the winners of the female-only (Pro and Amateur) divisions at U.S. Masters and the winners of the female-only divisions at the US J uniors will not be awarded national championship titles, as those national titles are only awarded at the US Women’s Disc Golf Championships.
   f. Ancillary events at the World Championships are just ancillary and are thereby not “World Champion” titles.
2. X-Tier Events (XM, XA, XB, XC, etc.)

   a. The added "X" designation means that there is some material variance from the Official Rules of Disc Golf and/or Competition Manual that goes beyond a basic waiver. It applies to alternative competitive formats, non-standard rules that render rounds unratable, events with restricted eligibility requirements, and events with modified payout requirements. Only X-Tier events that use alternative formats and/or unratable non-standard rules do not receive ratings.

      i. **Alternative Competitive Formats (not ratable)**. These are events where the format of play is not standard singles medal play, such as doubles, team events, non-basket courses, winner-take-all, skins, match play, vintage, and overall events.

      ii. **Unratable Non-Standard Rules (not ratable)**. These are events with non-standard rules that go beyond a simple waiver, such as throw-and-distance penalties or mulligans. Any non-standard rules must be pre-approved by the PDGA Director of Event Support who will work with the Event Director to make sure the non-standard rules can be rated if at all possible.

      iii. **Restricted Eligibility Requirements (ratable)**. These are 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) or Affiliate Club member status. These events are ratable so as long as they do not use alternative competitive formats and do not have non-ratable non-standard rules.

      iv. **Modified Payout Requirements (ratable)**. These are events run under the [Competition Endowment Program](https://www.pdga.com/cep) to raise funds for a designated 501(c)(3) charity. All CEP events must be approved by the PDGA Event Support Team. Net entry fees are reduced by the amount donated per-player to the charity when calculating payout. These events are ratable so as long as they do not use alternative competitive formats and do not have non-ratable non-standard rules.

   b. X Tier events are sanctioned as XM, XA, XB, and XC in accordance with tier guidelines and player points are awarded accordingly.

   c. All X-Tier event formats must be pre-approved by the PDGA Event Support Team.

   d. Formats at B-tier and above limited to Singles, Doubles, Team, and Match Play. Other event formats will be considered by the PDGA Event Support Team upon request.

   e. 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.

3. Miscellaneous

   a. **Events With Separate Divisions on Separate Days of Competition on the same weekend**

      i. Events may choose to offer specific divisions on separate days (example: All Amateur divisions play on Saturday and all Pro divisions play on Sunday). Because this format allows a single player to play multiple days in different divisions under CM 2.01.D (example: a player plays in MA1 on Saturday and in MPO on Sunday), each day of this event must be treated as a separate event for the purposes of reporting and proper ratings calculations.

      ii. Event Directors who wish to use this format submit only a single sanctioning form and sanctioning fee, but they must make a note on the sanctioning form of which divisions play on which days. The PDGA Office will then create separate calendar entries for the event and Event Directors will receive a sanctioning confirmation email for each day (the same password will give access to each event in Tournament Manager.)

      iii. Event Directors must treat each day as a separate event for the purposes of pre-reg or unofficial results, and they must submit a separate Event Report for each day.

      iv. When a player competes in multiple divisions on separate days in the same event, the Event Director must remit one per-player fee per division in which the player competes (example: a player competes in FPO on Saturday and FA40 on Sunday; the Event Director will remit two per-player fees for that player: one with the Saturday Event Report and one with the Sunday Event Report).

      v. Players competing on multiple days who are not a current PDGA member pay the non-member fee for each day.
b. Course Set-Up. As measured from the morning of the first day of competition, courses are required to be set up
and in their first-round tournament format for official practice days of:

i. four (4) days prior to any World Championship
ii. three (3) days prior to any other PDGA Major or Elite Series (DGPT) event; and
iii. one (1) day prior to an A-Tier.
iv. B-Tiers and below do not have any requirement that the course be set up prior to the start of the
   event.
v. For A-Tiers where there are temporary holes and/or courses where targets are unavailable prior to the
   event, the temporary configuration must be clearly marked for both the tee and target locations.

Tournament Format: Course(s) must have all OB lines, Hazard lines, Mandos, and Drop Zones
properly marked, event tee signs in place, and all in-play branding assets in place before the start of
official practice days.

Official practice days: Course(s) must be set in the tournament format and available for practice
for a minimum of 6 daylight hours on or before the prescribed number of days for the corresponding
tier noted above. The event’s players must be informed of the specific practice availability hours for
all official practice days prior to the start of the practice days.

c. It is the responsibility of the Event Director of record to submit all results by submitting a completed report via
the PDGA Tournament Manager application and paying all fees associated with each event. TDs with reports or
event fees over 90 days late will be placed on suspension and be unable to play in or direct a sanctioned event
until one month after their reports are submitted and all fees are paid in full.

d. Event Directors are encouraged to award PDGA memberships as prizes in the Amateur and Junior divisions for C-
   Tier events.

e. Events which fail to meet Tier requirements may be demoted in the following year.

f. Event Directors should set par according to the PDGA Par Guidelines.