“The Professional Association for All Disc Golfers”

Bid Specifics for
2024 PDGA Masters
Disc Golf World Championships
(Pro and Am Age-Based Divisions)

** Use this document in tandem with the General Bid Package for PDGA Majors to develop your proposal to host this PDGA event **

** Disclaimer: Should the PDGA not receive viable bids for both Masters Worlds and US Masters during a particular bid cycle, or if the only viable bids for each come from regions similar in geographic proximity, PDGA will put priority into Masters Worlds, and therefore will not hold a US Masters event during that year. **

Bid Submission Deadline: Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Selection Announcement: After December 1, 2022

Send all bids and correspondence via email to:

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About PDGA Masters Disc Golf World Championships

This week-long international competition is limited to qualified professional and amateur disc golfers who compete for World Championship titles in age-based mixed and female divisions.

PDGA Major Events are your chance to host an international sporting event in your community, draw interest and attention to your city, and generate economic impact for local businesses.

Snapshot: PDGA Masters Disc Golf World Championships

Time of Year: Mid-June – Late August (Negotiable)

Length of Event: 8 days
- Saturday: Divisional doubles
- Sunday: Field events
- Monday: Player meeting
- Tuesday: Day 1 singles
- Wednesday: Day 2 singles
- Thursday: Day 3 singles
- Friday: Day 4 singles
- Saturday: Cut to top players for Semi-final round, Top 4 compete in Final 9

Number of competitors: Approximately 650+/-
Average length of stay: 6 nights
Estimated room nights: 290 +/-
(Event capacity [(# players)/2] x 0.15 = Daily room block
(Daily room block x 6 days = total room nights)

In addition to room nights, please consider the time spent and economic spending within the community of all players, staff, media, spectators, and volunteers. Also, consider the level of exposure your community will receive through the various media initiatives associated with the event, such as print, video, and social media marketing.
Expected Schedule of Events (although flexible, based on venue availability):

Divisional Doubles

Schedule: Held on the first Saturday of Worlds week
- Single, separate course for both Pros and Ams, for both rounds (2 courses)

HOST provides one course knowledgeable staffer per course to act as Assistant TD
HOST maintains water stations on courses (minimum of 3 per course)
HOST provides trophies (distribution document will be provided)

PDGA provides doubles management, marshals, PDGA branding, and scorecards (if required)
PDGA provides payout to PRO players via electronic distribution (PayPal or otherwise)
PDGA provides payout information to HOST for amateur merchandise payout at worlds pro shop during the rest of Worlds week

Field Events

Schedule: Held on Sunday of Worlds week (10am-5pm, negotiable)

HOST arranges for a single venue to fit all field events, tents, food vendors
HOST arranges for concessions to be made available to competitors
HOST provides 16-20 staffers to help at Field Events (should be available for assistance setting up and breaking down equipment, as well)
HOST maintains water stations (minimum of 1 per Field Event)
HOST provides trophies (distribution document will be provided)

PDGA provides field events management, marshals, and all required paperwork
PDGA provides lunch for all volunteers and staffers
PDGA provides payout to professional players via electronic distribution (PayPal or otherwise)
PDGA provides payout information to HOST for amateur merchandise payout at worlds pro shop during the rest of Worlds week.

Player Check-In

Schedule: Held on Sunday and Monday from 10am-5pm, preferably at host hotel

HOST provides required number of staffers to handle player pack distribution and check-in
PDGA provides check-in lists, waivers for players, and additional check-in staff (if required)

Mandatory Player Meeting

Schedule: Held on Monday evening at 7pm (generally runs 1 hour)

HOST arranges venue
HOST arranges for guest speaker (local dignitary or other key-note)

PDGA provides agenda
Presentation of PDGA Annual Awards/ Hall of Fame Inductions (If arranged in conjunction with Hall of Fame Committee)

Schedule: Should be done in conjunction with a banquet (typically on Thursday) – the banquet is player-paid, the awards ceremony is free.

HOST arranges venue, banquet, catering, etc.
PDGA and/or Disc Golf Hall of Fame provide awards and presenters.
PDGA and/or Disc Golf Hall of Fame provides agenda

Fly-Mart, Player Party, other evening events

Schedule: Highly recommended that the fly-mart be held early in the week (Tuesday or Wednesday) while players still have available cash to spend. An additional vending opportunity can be scheduled at the site of the Finals, if permitting and space allows. Other evening events may be scheduled as seen fit.
HOST arranges all venues, vendors, etc.

Singles Competition

Schedule:
- Preliminary singles rounds are held Tuesday through Friday (no more than one round per day, per division for 70+ divisions).
- Semi-finals, finals, and awards ceremony are held on Saturday.

The PDGA works with HOST to create the singles course schedule based on the appropriate divisions for the specific courses with an eye to historical percentages of players per division and current PDGA membership numbers. No more than two rounds will be scheduled per day on each course.

PDGA provides the scoring director to manage the PDGA scoring office and operations.
PDGA provides the competition director and marshals for competition rulings.
PDGA provides additional event and media staff to support those initiatives.

HOST provides enough course-specific scorecards and pencils to their course directors for all rounds on all courses including extra for players, staff etc. Scorecards must be specific for each course with correct distances and pars listed for that course.

HOST provides the course directors and assistants to run each course, keep water jugs filled, call round scores into the PDGA scoring office. HOST also provides spotters as required.

Note: The HOST is required to have all courses prepped, marked, and in tournament configuration with water and restrooms provided at least 4 days prior to singles competition for players to be able to practice, per PDGA Tour Standards.

Worlds Pro Shop

Merchandise is awarded to the top finishers of Doubles and Field Events. This merchandise should be available at the Host Hotel (or other centralized location on site) in the form of a Worlds Pro Shop. This vendor can also sell worlds-branded and other merchandise throughout the week. HOST is to establish agreement with vendor.
Explanation of True Amateur Event

The true spirit of organized amateur athletics is *competing in a sport purely for the love of that sport and the act of competition itself.*

“True Amateur” is the designation used by the Professional Disc Golf Association in reference to those amateur events, or the amateur portion of an event, which promote that true spirit of amateur athletics by presenting only trophies to the top finishers of the tournament rather than a payout in merchandise. Instead, all players in the event receive equal value through their tournament experience due to the tournament amenities that are provided.

“Tournament Amenities” – these should enhance each player’s tournament experience at a True Amateur event. Those amenities may include, but are not limited to, social gatherings such as a party or an outing; meals provided during competition breaks; snacks, and beverages provided during competition; the provision of “comfort stations” out on the course (beyond the park’s usually limited facilities), or other infrastructure amenities such as paid parking permits in those locations with parking fees. *For PDGA Major events, at least 125% of entry fees is required to be distributed through tournament amenities.*

“Player Pack” – a package of commemorative items such as discs or clothing should be provided to each player – but it should provide only a portion of the tournament value.

The goal of a PDGA True Amateur Event is to provide a great holistic tournament experience to each player as they enjoy the spirit of amateur competition in the sport they love.

Also, currently where tournaments tend to fill quickly using pre-registration, True Amateur events are also easier on TDS as they can plan for expenditures on trophies, items for player packs, and tournament amenities with an eye on providing the same value to all registered players.

Trophy Requirements – any division with 36 or less players should receive trophies for 1st-3rd place. Any division with greater than 36 players should receive trophies for 1st-5th place.

* Please note these figures may adjust based on updates to Tour Standards. For more information about True Amateur, contact the PDGA office.
Major Events History

The PDGA has conducted its Professional World Championship Event in nearly every region of the United States including most recently:

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**Amateur age-based divisions added back to Masters Worlds in 2022.
Sample Base Schedule

### 2022 PDGA Masters Disc Golf World Championships Tentative Course Schedule

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* Subject to Change
PDGA/HOST RESPONSIBILITIES (will be finalized in event contract upon award of the event)

PDGA Responsibilities (listed, but not limited to):

Initial Planning
The PDGA will convene an initial conference call planning session with the HOST and provide a registration planning package that includes planning milestones and dates for specific HOST deliverables. PDGA will also provide the host with a checklist of deliverables relating to the competition in the form of an event contract after the event has been awarded.

Finance
- Manage registration related finances and coordinate with HOST for distribution of funds as needed.
- Determine entry fee for the event. As part of the registration costs, PDGA will charge an additional $45 on top of the NET entry fee. This is broken down as a $30/player admin fee due to the Host, a $10/player non-refundable registration fee due to PDGA, and a $5/player ace pot fee. Therefore, HOST will receive $30 from each registered player. This is meant to offset the cost of course/facility reservation fees, restroom rental, etc.
- Provide HOST with financial reference reports from previous similar PDGA events.
- Coordinate with HOST on event budget.
- Provide PDGA sanctioning free of charge.
- Provide HOST with registration finance summaries.
- Provide HOST with pre-event financial stipend of $6,000 USD only upon signing of the Event Agreement and after January 1, 2024 for accounting purposes. This is to be used as “seed money” for the event and shall be used only to offset event expenses.
- Manage professional payout of Masters Worlds and add 25% of net entry fees as added cash for a minimum Pro Payout of at least 125% of Net Entry Fees. This is in combination with any realized funds from the HOST due to event sponsorship. An increased added cash amount will be an effort of the HOST and PDGA, if desired and pending PDGA BoD approval.
- Assist HOST with event hotel negotiations (PDGA Director of Operations).

Registration
- Determine player eligibility and qualification.
- Manage the invitation and registration of qualified players, including waitlist procedures.
- Provide HOST with detailed registration planning package which identifies administrative tasks.

Staffing
- Provide management staff for both the field events and doubles competition.
- Assist with player check-in.
- Provide at least two (2) PDGA representatives (Director of Competition and Director of Marketing) as core staff advisors amidst planning stages, although additional PDGA Staff will be present for various duties throughout the event.
- Provide PDGA competition marshals to support the Event.
- Assist HOST in event staffing through the referral of PDGA TDs and officials from other regions.
- Manage main event scoring as well as tee times, including posting of results at PDGA.com.

Competition
- Amateur portion of the event will run as “True Amateur.”
• Provide the approved rules governing the competition and approve the final event-specific ground rules and waivers as proposed and in coordination with the HOST.
• PDGA and HOST will develop a competition schedule in company, using established formats and guidelines. This document will need feedback from HOST and PDGA representatives once course inspections have been performed.
• Approve and publish the final competition schedule prior to the start of the Event.
• Approve the field events and doubles venues as proposed by the HOST.
• Inspect and approve the playing courses as proposed by the HOST.
• The use of Digital Scorecard is required.
• Digital posting of results is required.
• Provide trophy standards document to the HOST in accordance with PDGA Tour standards and “True Amateur” events and approve the final payout tables and trophies as proposed by the HOST.
• Provide detailed information on “True Amateur” style of events.
• PDGA representatives will serve as PDGA Marshals during the event.
• PDGA trailer and assets will be present for branding and tournament support.

Sponsorship
• Provide HOST with space for a full-page pre-event ad in “DiscGolfer” magazine (Spring or Summer issue), or an alternative PDGA marketing platform.
• With HOST, coordinate and assist with sponsorship development (Director of Marketing and/or Director of Competition).
• With HOST, assist with event publicity, including publication of regular event press releases.
• Placement of the Event information on the PDGA web site on a dedicated Worlds page(s). HOST may create a website if desired, but it is imperative that any authoritative data be presented at the PDGA site, rather than duplicated, in order to mitigate the release of inconsistent information.
• Provide insurance coverage in compliance with the PDGA event policy.
• Be added as a co-signer for local agreements/contracts as may be required.

Media
• All video, audio, and photographic rights of the event are retained by the PDGA. Use of any sounds or images derived from the event must be authorized by written consent of the PDGA.
• ALL media partnerships must adhere to PDGA media policy.
• All sponsorship offerings that include media must be preapproved by the PDGA.
• PDGA media may provide templates for caddie books and tee signs at PDGA Majors. All on-course and ancillary event branding must be approved by PDGA media.
• PDGA media will conduct regular check-ins with the LOC to ensure adequate media and branding operations.
• Please contact the PDGA media team for further media policy details.

Other
• Provide HOST with a comprehensive evaluation of the Event upon its completion, including problem areas and suggestions for improvement.
** The principal PDGA contacts with the HOST are to be the PDGA Director of Competition, the PDGA Director of Marketing, and the PDGA Operations and Logistics Team, who may in turn delegate specific areas of responsibility to other PDGA officials.

HOST Responsibilities (Required, but not limited to):

Since the PDGA World Championships are designed to present tournament disc golf in its most enjoyable, professional, and competitive form, the following HOST RESPONSIBILITIES are outlined. As such, the Tournament Director and LOC should review this portion of the agreement carefully and evaluate resources objectively.

Initial Planning
The HOST is responsible for meeting the milestones and dates for HOST deliverables as detailed in the registration planning package provided by the PDGA in the initial planning conference call.

Finance
- With the PDGA, coordinate all financial aspects of running the event.
- Develop event merchandise and coordinate merchandise sales.
- Present plans for any unprecedented income sources for PDGA approval. Be sure to adhere to PDGA sponsorship and advertising policy.
- In conjunction with PDGA guidelines, HOST is to provide a final budget no later than 2 months following the Event for PDGA review. This budget is to include the following areas as a minimum:
  - Income from entries, including entry fees and projected attendance
  - Sponsorship income, in cash and in kind
  - Merchandise sales
  - Other income
  - Facilities expenses, including host hotel
  - Staffing expenses
  - Player package expenses
  - Merchandise cost of goods sold
  - Social event expenses, including banquet and related taxes
  - Printing expenses
  - Communication expenses
  - Trophy expenses
  - Other expenses (detailed)
- If there is a net profit to the Event, as part of the Event costs, the HOST may include an event management fee in their budget. If there is a net loss to the Event exclusive of an event management fee, there is no event management fee consideration due to the HOST.
- When post-event accounts are approved and complete, the HOST and PDGA agree that the profits from the event will be assumed by the HOST. HOST and PDGA also agree that all losses are the sole responsibility of the HOST.

Registration
- In coordination with PDGA Staff, execute process items as identified within registration planning package documents.
• Amateur portion of competition will utilize “True Amateur” format for Amateur competition; be sure to provide a generous player’s package to all amateur competitors based upon registration fees and sponsorship. Be sure to promote accordingly, so it does not come as a surprise to players.

**Staffing**

• Manage Player Check-in.
• Manage worlds pro shop and sales of merchandise.
• Provide enough staff to distribute player’s packages during player check-in.
• Provide at least the minimum required event staff as follows: tournament director, assistant tournament director, scoring manager, course maintenance manager, financial manager, volunteer manager, and a spectator/sponsor/media relations manager. Additional staff should be provided for:
  o Doubles Competition (tournament director, Assistant tournament director, water, scoring, spotters as required by course design)
  o Field events (10-15 staff members)
  o Ancillary events as required
• It is highly recommended that the Host recruit volunteers for digital scorekeeping throughout the event. The Host must have no less than ten volunteers dedicated to this role to cover the top five cards in MP40 and FP40.

**Competition**

• In conjunction with PDGA course design guidelines (www.pdga.com/documents/pdga-course-design-guidelines), provide appropriate courses for play subject to PDGA review and approval. On any individual disc golf course, all catching devices shall be PDGA approved, shall be of championship caliber, shall be uniform in type and style, and shall be of metallic construction with inner chains installed. In addition, all catching devices should be re-verified by HOST as meeting PDGA Technical Standards. (www.pdga.com/documents/pdga-technical-standards-manufacturers-guidelines, section II(B)).
• In conjunction with PDGA guidelines, provide a suitable venue for doubles competition, field events, as well as any other ancillary activities (see bid guidelines).
• Provide a generous player’s package to each amateur competitor based upon event registration fees and sponsorship. The amateur side of Master Worlds will be run as True Amateur with larger player packages and either a limited or no purse as per PDGA tour standards.
• The course layouts for the tournament, including first round target placements, out-of-bounds areas, teeing areas, and paths to the next holes should be determined and sufficiently marked no later than 96 hours (4 days) before the start or first tee-time of the first round of the singles event as per PDGA tour standards. All temporary tee and pin locations must be marked on course and noted with consistency in the caddie book.
• All courses must also be closed to the public during tournament play, to include practice rounds. Any multi-use areas including, but not limited to, sidewalks, trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, pavilions and shelters must be closed to the public.
• Rules governing special conditions along with any waivers are to be submitted to the PDGA no less than 30 days prior to the start of the event for review.
• Course and ground rule information (caddie book) should be available on EVENT website at least four days prior to the start of the singles event.
• Tee signs should be posted on all holes of the event to indicate the hole number, par and distance (in feet and meters) at least, and disc flight paths, next tees, and a tournament/ hole sponsor, if applicable.
• Players must be provided a warm-up area for throwing at each course. This area should provide enough space (or equipment, i.e. large net to throw into) for drive, approach, and putts.
• All courses are required to have non-earthen tee pads located at or above ground level. Tee pads at each course must be of a consistent type, unless otherwise approved by PDGA.
• All OB and drop zone areas must be consistently marked. OB and drop zone areas are recommended to be marked with WHITE paint or flags, as it is the easiest color to see by those who are color-blind.
• Produce course-specific scorecards as backup to digital scoring.
• For rounds using tee times, nothing less than 10-minute intervals is advised (PDGA will manage tee times and scoring procedures).
• Provide information regarding all local emergency contacts at each course to each course tournament director and marshal. It is recommended that this information be supplied to all competitors as well.
• Provide water for players at each course. Required to have at least 30 total gallons evenly dispersed throughout the course at the start of each round.
• Each course must have restrooms available to event participants, and should be accessible on the courses every 5-6 holes.
• Recommended to make available food vendors or concessions for players at each venue throughout competition, including doubles and field events.
• Procure event trophies as outlined by the PDGA (any division with 36 or less players should receive trophies for 1st-3rd place, while any division with greater than 36 players should receive trophies for 1st-5th place).

Sponsorship
• Create and submit Event ad to “DiscGolfer” magazine or an alternative PDGA marketing platform, pending PDGA review and approval. PDGA assistance available at no charge, upon request.
• Produce an Event program, which should contain a modest balance of content and advertising space (caddie book).
• It is recommended that a spectator guide (or App) be created, so that visitors to the event have a general idea of etiquette, best practices, and areas to view the competition.
• All event graphic design is subject to PDGA review and approval (event logo and beyond MUST be approved by PDGA no less than 180 days from start of the event).
• Coordinate the solicitation and management of event sponsors. PDGA Director of Marketing and/or Director of Competition will assist, if necessary.
• Work with PDGA on coordination and placement of Event, PDGA, and sponsor signage.
Media

- MUST coordinate with the PDGA media team at least 180 days from start of event to identify, plan, and execute all media initiatives, including the development of an event logo and branding to be approved by the PDGA media team.
- All video, audio, and photographic rights of the event are retained by the PDGA. Use of any sounds or images derived from the event must be authorized by written consent of the PDGA.
- All sponsorship packages that include media must be preapproved by the PDGA.
- Presenting sponsor to receive first right of refusal for coverage sponsorship and advertising packages up to 60 days from the start of the event.
- Event logos minimum standards and deadlines will be established through PDGA media regular check-ins. All event branding must be approved by PDGA. Anticipate six months minimum lead time for development of the event logo.
- Any feature cards must be developed with HOST, PDGA, and contracted media providers in concert.
- At least one dedicated volunteer required at starting table of each course used to assist with digital scorekeeper recruitment, as necessary.
- Provide dedicated media workspace with power, internet access, and shelter from elements required at tournament central or otherwise convenient location.
- It is requested that media teams be included in any hospitality considerations during the event.
- Please contact the PDGA media team for further Media policy and event branding details.
- All media partnerships to be contracted by PDGA media team. Please note- 2024 PDGA media policy will be made available to Host upon finalization.

Other

- Ensure that all Event sub-contractors and providers of facilities to the Event have third party public liability insurance on behalf of HOST and PDGA to cover all potential claims for negligence, injury or damage because of the failure of such facilities at the Event.
- Provide the necessary required insurance information (otherwise insured, etc.) to PDGA Office Manager no later than two months before the event.
- Follow the terms set forth in the PDGA sanctioning agreement, except when those conflict with the items contained within this document. Where applicable, this document supersedes the standard PDGA sanctioning agreement.
- In coordination with the PDGA Director of Operations, secure appropriate and sufficient player and staff housing.
- Procure event trophies as outlined by the PDGA.
- In conjunction with PDGA guidelines, work with PDGA staff to produce a proposed schedule of ancillary events.
- Schedule, manage and provide rooms or other appropriate space for the player’s meeting, flymart, awards ceremony, and any other scheduled ancillary events.
- Schedule, manage, and provide a furnished room (tables and office chairs) of a minimum of 500 sq. ft. with adequate air conditioning, electrical service, and broadband internet access for dedicated use as the PDGA event operations, media, and scoring office.
- Additional tasks as discussed in the 2024 Masters Worlds Bid Guidelines.

**Many of such responsibilities are to be done through cooperation between PDGA and the HOST.
VENUE REQUIREMENTS

Courses
The main competition venue (site of the Finals) must have at a minimum:
• At least one 18-hole championship caliber disc golf course reserved by the LOC
• Ability to create two (2) 9-hole loops to be used as Final 9 location for both amateurs and professionals
• Minimum parking (on site or off site) for at least 500+ cars
• Restroom building(s) and port-a-johns located throughout the course and venue
• Covered pavilion(s) or building reserved by the LOC for tournament headquarters
• 50,000 sq. feet of green space for spectator and vendor village

Satellite competition venues must have at a minimum:
• 18-hole championship caliber disc golf course reserved by the host organization
• Parking (on site or off site) for 200 cars minimum
• Restrooms and/or porta-johns located throughout the course
• Covered pavilion or building reserved by the host organization for course headquarters

Courses used in competition must be set up in tournament configuration no later than 4 days (96 hours) before the start of the singles competition Tuesday morning.

Hotel
One local hotel should be designated as the host hotel. The host hotel needs to have enough rooms to comfortably accommodate most athletes, officials, and staff.

Additional Meeting Venues
• PDGA event/scoring office: 500 sq. ft. (min) room with high-speed internet access for 7 days (Mon-Sun)
• Registration, welcome, and check-in area: 1000 sq. ft. (min.) room for 3 days (Sat-Mon)
• Player meeting/opening ceremony: Seating for 400-800, podium w/ PA system
• Vendor marketplace (flymart): Exhibit area for fifty 10’x10’ booths, power (also at finals location, if desired)
• PDGA awards and hall of fame induction banquet (if coordinated with HOF committee): Tabled seating for 200-400, podium w/ PA system, catering options
• Awards and closing ceremonies: Immediately following finals at finals location
• Worlds pro shop (or booth at flymart/finals): “traveling” retail shop to support demand from attendees, and to fulfill Amateur payout of both Doubles and Field Events competitions.

Field events requirements: Public park, athletic facility or other area w/ suitable parking/amenities for 500+ competitors including a mix of athletic fields, green space with trees, rolling terrain, open areas. PDGA will provide field events guide & procedures. All field events must take place at same venue.
• Long drive – Open flat area approximately 250’ wide x 800’ long
• Putting - Diverse terrain, mostly open, approximately ½-1 acres
• E.D.G.E. Skillshot – Diverse terrain, mostly open, approximately 3-5 acres
• Mini golf (if applicable)– Rolling diverse terrain approximately 3-5 acres