



## **2013 PDGA Tour Standards**

### **Goals 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.

### **A summary of changes for this year include:**

- Beginning in the 2013 competitive season, there will be a new result code (888) that TDs will enter on the TD report for the round score when players or TD wish to report their consensus that a player clearly attempted to have their round dropped to protect their rating by either not completing a round or by padding their score with extra throws.
- Changes to Table 2: PDGA Target Requirements to delineate between PDGA Approved Basic targets, Non-Approved targets with a basket, and PDGA approved Object targets.
- Clarification that Minimum Added Cash means “Minimum Added Cash to the Pro Purse.”
- Removal of the 2012 caveat allowing the Pro Purse to be pro-rated if less than 20 Pros attended the event.
- Inclusion of the Advanced Senior Grandmaster Women’s division (FS1) on the PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Points Factors chart.
- Addition of the Men’s Advanced Senior Grandmaster division on the PROS PLAYING AM portion of the PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Points Factors chart.
- Clarification and standardization of the junior divisions to the “<=” (less than or equal to) characters across all PDGA documents (Note: this is not a change in the ages for those divisions, just a clarification and standardization of the nomenclature used.)
- Addition of the Points Factors for PDGA Sanctioned Leagues to the PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Points Factors chart.

### **A summary of changes from previous years that continue this year include:**

- TD Package documents are available for download online for your convenience. You can help the environment and reduce the cost of printing and postage by opting out of receiving a printed TD Package via USPS.
- Enhancements to the online version of the Certified Officials Exam. The official's exam can now be taken completely online an unlimited number of times for a single \$10 fee with instant pass / fail notification.
- All competitors competing in a National Tour Elite Series or a PDGA Major are required to pass the Certified Officials Exam.

### **Special Notice:**

Please note that a new PDGA Rulebook/Competition Manual has been published and is effective January 1, 2013. This version has had major formatting changes to make it easier to understand and find applicable rules to a situation. This publication also includes the PDGA Authoritative Rules Q & A previously only available on the PDGA website. Despite the new format, actual rule changes are minor so this release does not require a retesting of PDGA Certified Officials.

## Tier Requirements

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
- PDGA current membership mandatory
- Amateur/Junior Worlds will offer larger player packages and lower purse
- 125+ % minimum payout in all pro divisions

### Experimental Events X-Tier

- Created to accommodate alternate or experimental formats such as doubles, team events, non-basket courses, winner-take-all, skins, match play, vintage, and overall events.
- X Tier events are sanctioned as XA, XB, and XC in accordance with tier guidelines and player points are awarded accordingly.
- All X-Tier event formats must be pre-approved by the PDGA Tour Manager.
- Formats at B-tier and above limited to Doubles, Team, and Match Play. Other event formats will be considered by Tour Manager upon submission of written request.
- Regardless of the format used, results must be easily convertible to PDGA divisions for player point calculation and data entry. For this reason divisional doubles (pro, advanced, etc) and mixed doubles (male/female) cannot be combined within the same event and will require separate sanctioning agreements.

### Miscellaneous

- It is the responsibility of the tournament director of record to submit all results and fees associated with each event. Tournament directors whose results and/or fees are not received by the deadlines are subject to disciplinary actions. TD's with reports or event fees over 90 days late will not be allowed to direct another sanctioned event until all fees are paid in full and may be placed on full membership suspension.
- When events are added to the PDGA calendar a confirmation email will be sent to the TD. This email will include a link and password to the PDGA on-line scoring system used for uploading pre-registered players as well as unofficial event results. *The uploading of unofficial results does not fulfill the reporting requirements to the PDGA.*
- TDs 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 host two distinct competitions at the same venue(s) on the same weekend (i.e. a two round event for Intermediate and below on Saturday, two round event for Pros and Advanced on Sunday) are listed on the tour calendar, and treated by the player rating system as separate one-day events. These events pay only one sanctioning fee for their weekend event, but **MUST** submit two sanctioning agreements and two TD reports, one for each day. Players competing on both days pay the PDGA player fees for each day.
- 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.
- Courses are required to be set up for the first round configuration a minimum of 48 hours prior to the start of the event for National Tour Elite Series Events and 24 hours prior to the start of the event for SuperTours. In the case of temporary holes and/or courses where baskets are unavailable, the temporary configuration must be clearly marked.
- All ties for first place **MUST be determined by a sudden death playoff and the winner MUST be awarded first place money** and/or prizes. Player's may **NOT** elect to leave a first place tie to stand and split the payout.

**Table 1: PDGA Tier Standards Chart**

	<b>National Tour Elite Series</b>	<b>SuperTour</b>	<b>B Tier</b>	<b>C Tier</b>
<b>Sanctioning fee</b>	Waived	\$100	\$75	\$50
<b>Sanctioning agreement submission deadline</b>	Not applicable	December 1st	45 days prior	30 days prior
<b>Per player fee</b>	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2
<b>Membership requirements</b>	Current PDGA Membership Required	Current PDGA Membership Required	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except Junior Divisions)	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except Junior Divisions)
<b>Length of event</b>	2 to 4 days	2 or 3 days	1 or 2 days	1 or 2 days
<b>Minimum number of holes</b>	54	54	36	36
<b>Proof of Insurance</b>	Complimentary	Complimentary	\$50	\$50
<b>Minimum Added \$ to Pro Purse</b>	\$4000	\$1800	\$500	None
<b>Pro Payout %</b>	100+%	100+%	100+%	85+%
<b>Amateur Payout %</b>	Not applicable	110+%	100+%	85+%
<b>Estimated Amateur attendance</b>	Not applicable	72+	48+	Variable
<b>Min. Retail value of Amateur Players Pack</b>	Not applicable	\$25	\$10	None
<b>Completed Reporting (Electronic TD Report)</b>	24 hours	48 hours	Two weeks	Two weeks
<b>Payment of post-event fees</b>	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days
<b>Certified official requirements</b>	One non-playing official per course	One non-playing official per course	One official per course	One official per event

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

	<b>Major</b>	<b>National Tour</b>	<b>A Tier</b>	<b>B Tier</b>	<b>C Tier</b>
<b>PDGA approved Championship<sup>2</sup> targets of same design and manufacturer</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>PDGA approved Standard<sup>2</sup> targets. Same design and manufacturer recommended</b>				✓	✓
<b>PDGA approved Basic<sup>2</sup> target or non-approved target with basket</b>					✓
<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 and XC Tier events but this must be specified when filing the sanctioning agreement.

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

PROFESSIONAL CLASS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Suggested Minimum Ratings	Pro Points Factor				
					Majors	NT & A Tier	B Tier	C Tier	League (per week)
Pro	Open	MPO	All	970+	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Master	MPM	40+ during calendar year	935+	12	8	6	4	2
	Grandmaster	MPG	50+ during calendar year	900+	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Senior Grandmaster	MPS	60+ during calendar year	850+	6	4	3	2	1
	Legend	MPL	70+ during calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Senior Legend	MPE	75+ during calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Grand Legend	MPR	80+ during calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
Pro Women	Open	FPO	All	900+	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Master	FPM	40+ during calendar year	850+	6	4	3	2	1
	Grandmaster	FPG	50+ during calendar year	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Senior Grandmaster	FPS	60+ during calendar year	750+	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Legend	FPL	70+ during calendar year	750+	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
AMATEUR CLASS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Amateur Points Factor				
					Majors	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier	League (per week)
Amateur	Advanced	MA1	All	Any (required for 935+)	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Intermediate	MA2	All	< 935	12	8	6	4	2
	Recreational	MA3	All	< 900	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Novice	MA4	All	< 850	6	4	3	2	1
	Advanced Master	MM1	40+ during calendar year	Any	12	8	6	4	2
	Advanced Grandmaster	MG1	50+ during calendar year	Any	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Adv Senior Grandmaster	MS1	60+ during calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Advanced Legend	ML1	70+ during calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
Amateur Women	Advanced Women	FW1 or FA1	All	Any (required for 800+)	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Intermediate Women	FW2 or FA2	All	< 800	6	4	3	2	1
	Recreational Women	FW3 or FA3	All	< 750	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Adv Master Women	FM1	40+ during calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Adv GM Women	FG1	50+ during calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Adv Sr GM Women	FS1	60+ during calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
Junior Boys & Girls	Junior I	MJ1 FJ1	<= 19 during calendar year	Any	6	4	3	2	1
	Junior II	MJ2 FJ2	<= 16 during calendar year	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5	0.75
	Junior III	MJ3 FJ3	<= 13 during calendar year	Any	3	2	1.5	1	0.5
	Junior IV	MJ4 FJ4	<= 10 during calendar year	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
RATINGS EVENTS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Points Factor				
					Majors	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier	League (per week)
All Players	Open / Gold	MPO	All	970+	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Advanced / Blue	MA1	All	< 970	15	10	7.5	5	2.5
	Intermediate / White	MA2	All	< 935	12	8	6	4	2
	Recreational / Red	MA3	All	< 900	9	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Novice / Green	MA4	All	< 850	6	4	3	2	1
PROS PLAYING AM	Allowed To Participate In:	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Additional Information				
Pro	Advanced	MA1	All	< 970	Junior divisions are based on year of birth, NOT the date of the tournament. Example: If a 10 year old player will turn 11 at anytime during the calendar year, they are not eligible for Junior IV during that entire calendar year.				
	Advanced Master	MM1	40+ during calendar year	< 935					
	Advanced Grand Master	MG1	50+ during calendar year	< 900					
	Advanced Senior Grandmaster	MS1	60+ during calendar year	<850					
	Intermediate	MA2	All	< 935					
	Recreational	MA3	All	< 900					
	Novice	MA4	All	< 850					
Pro Women	Advanced Women	FA1	All	< 850	Pros rated < 970 may compete in amateur divisions that they qualify for based on the table at left. This applies only to A, B and C Tier events. Pros may NOT play in Amateur divisions in PDGA Majors.				
	Advanced Master Women	FM1	40+ during calendar year	< 800					
	Intermediate Women	FA2	All	< 800					
	Recreational Women	FA3	All	< 750					

**Table 4: PDGA Tour Recommended Entry Fees**

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

Tier	Division	Pro Open Pro Women	All other Pros	Advanced	Intermediate & Recreational	Novice & Juniors
<b>A</b>		\$100	\$90	\$60	\$50	\$30
<b>B</b>		\$70	\$60	\$50	\$30	\$25
<b>C</b>		\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$20

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

**Table 5: Required Minimum Distances Between PDGA Tour Events**

The following table shows the minimum distances required between sanctioned tour events in order to avoid a scheduling conflict. The PDGA gives priority of dates to Majors, National Tours, and 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 traditional weekends, and then to smaller or new events where there is no scheduling conflict and where the basic terms of sanctioning have been met.

<b>Minimum # of Miles between Tour Events *</b>					
Tier	NT	A	B	C	
<b>Major</b>	***	***	300	200	* When one event only offers Pro divisions and another only Am divisions on the same weekend, there is no conflict.
<b>National Tour</b>	***	1000	300	200	
<b>A</b>	1000	400	200	100	* Where events are closer than the distances indicated, the higher tiered TD or Tour Manager may elect to have the protected radius waived.
<b>B</b>	300	200	100	50	
<b>C</b>	200	100	50	25	