O.B. Careful – Design Practices

PDGA Directors Cup
Workshop Series
November 2018
Marketing Your Course

- “Unique Course Name” at “Park Name”
- Custom Course Stamp vs Event Stamp
- Create Hole Names – Helps when numbers change
- Get course listed and reviewed
- Hole Guardian Program

North Valley Park
Volunteer
Hole Guardian
___ Chuck Kennedy ___

Oakwood Park
Volunteer
Hole Guardian
___ Kate Jensen ___
Adding Temporary Holes and Courses

- Clear instructions on maps and in caddie books
- Post online as early as info is set
- Online player meeting video getting trendy
- Signage consistent with handouts
- State at meeting what doc rules if you messed up
- Course markings able to last through event
- Ideally, holes tested in advance
- Portable targets suitable for tier
Adding Temporary Holes and Courses

- Mark tee and pin locations early enough for practice
- Numbers or letters for temp holes?
  - Numbers if all temp holes after last numbered hole
  - Letters with A being the first temp in the number flow
  - Combo number/letters may be more confusing like 8A
- Please measure lengths well
- Let players know when temp holes marked or playable via web
Adding Temporary Holes and Courses

- OB lines marked near ground: paint or heavy string
- White paint on grass is best for color blind
- Orange/pink OK for tee lines if flags or cones, too
- OB flags or stakes can work well with string or paint lines. With no string or paint, must be spaced close enough for players/officials to run a string between them to make a call
OB Marking Trouble

What do you do if the OB string breaks, paint gets washed away or part of the OB line is missing or disappears?

Use a string or tape and run it from one OB/IB edge to the other OB/IB edge to see whether any part of the disc is on the IB side.
Adding OB Line Parallel to Existing OB

Diagram A – Not Enough

Diagram B - Marginal

Diagram C - Better

Diagram D – Best Practice
Player Skills Update

- PDGA Course Design Player Skill Level Guidelines link located in the Course Development section
- Criteria for Gold, Blue, White, Red & Green levels
- Course Length Ranges & Setting Par
- Signs & Tee Pads
- Hole Design Criteria
  - Effective Hole Length
  - Approach, Water Crossing & Dogleg Lengths
What’s Your Hole Design Orientation?

Fun!

Party Host

Dungeon Master

Orchestra Conductor

Drill Sergeant

Fluky << Challenge >> Fair