



## 2009 QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

### Section 1. Regional Qualifying Events

A total of five (5) positions will be awarded at each Regional Qualifier. The top five (5) overall scores will earn an invitation to compete. Other divisions may be eligible to qualify if they are competing during identical days and course layouts as competitors in the Open Division. This is to be determined by each tournament director at his or her respective qualifying event.

Any player finishing in the top five (5) who has qualified at an earlier event, or who has received an exemption or special invitation, will be excluded. Players shooting the next lowest score will become eligible.

In case of a tie for the final position, the tournament director may: 1) hold a sudden death playoff to determine the winner, 2) award the spot to the player with the lowest final round score, or 3) award the spot to the player with the highest (current) PDGA Player Rating. Each position must be verified by the tournament director immediately following the event.

A player may only qualify once via Regional Qualifying events. Players earning eligibility at Regional Qualifiers have **30 days to submit an application** for entry along with full payment to guarantee their position in the field. This time period begins immediately following the completion of each event.

Any player missing their deadline for entry automatically forfeits eligibility and may not re-qualify at Regional or Global Qualifying events. Players missing a registration deadline will remain eligible for Monday Qualifying, special invitation, or can be chosen as a State or National Representative.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Gentlemen's Club Challenge IX	Las Vegas, NV	February 27 - March 1, 2009
2. The Memorial	Scottsdale, AZ	March 5 - 7, 2009
3. Atlanta Open	Atlanta, GA	March 28 & 29, 2009
4. 26 <sup>th</sup> Dogwood Crosstown Classic	Raleigh, NC	April 25 & 26, 2009
5. Green Country Open	Tulsa, OK	April 25 & 26, 2009
6. Steady Ed Memorial Masters Cup	Santa Cruz, CA	May 15 - 17, 2009
7. Beaver State Fling	Portland, OR	May 22 - 24, 2009
8. High Plains Challenge	Fort Morgan, CO	June 13 & 14, 2009
9. Minnesota Majestic	Minneapolis, MN	June 19 - 21, 2009
10. Lower Peninsula Open	Kalamazoo, MI	June 26 - 28, 2009
11. Brent Hambrick Memorial	Columbus, OH	July 10 - 12, 2009
12. First Class Challenge	Des Moines, IA	July 17 - 19, 2009
13. Pittsburgh Flying Disc Open	Pittsburgh, PA	August 8 & 9, 2009
14. The Vibram Open at Maple Hill	Leicester, MA	August 14 - 16, 2009
15. Southern National Pro Champs	North Little Rock, AR	September 5 & 6, 2009

## Section 2. Global Qualifying Events

A total of five (5) positions will be awarded at each Global Qualifying event. The top five (5) overall scores will earn an invitation to compete. Other divisions may be eligible to qualify if they are competing during identical days and course layouts as competitors in the Open Division. This is to be determined by each tournament director at his or her respective qualifying event.

Any player finishing in the top five (5) who has qualified at an earlier event, or who has received an exemption or special invitation, will be excluded. Players shooting the next lowest score will become eligible.

In case of a tie for the final position, the tournament director may: 1) hold a sudden death playoff to determine the winner, 2) award the spot to the player with the lowest final round score, or 3) award the spot to the player with the highest (current) PDGA Player Rating. Each position must be verified by the tournament director immediately following the event.

A player may only qualify once via Global Qualifying events. Players earning eligibility have **30 days to submit an application** for entry along with full payment to guarantee their position in the field. This time period begins immediately following the completion of each event.

Any player missing their deadline for entry automatically forfeits eligibility and may not re-qualify at Global or Regional Qualifying events. Players missing a registration deadline will remain eligible for Monday Qualifying, special invitation, or can be chosen as a State or National Representative.

Event	Location	Date
Copenhagen Open	Copenhagen, Denmark	April 18 & 19, 2009
Swiss Open	Geneva, Switzerland	May 23 & 24, 2009
Stockholm Open	Stockholm, Sweden	June 25 & 26, 2009
PDGA World Championships	Kansas City, Missouri	July 27 - August 1, 2009
European Open	Tampere, Finland	August 27 - 30, 2009

## Section 3. State & National Representatives

PDGA State and National Coordinators may select one competitor to represent their state or country in the 2008 Championship. State & National Representative positions are **guaranteed through August 31, 2009**. Coordinators may have this deadline extended if relying on a state series or single event that concludes after August 31. The full entry fee must be paid by August 31, 2009. Players seeking these spots should contact their State or National Coordinator for more information.

## Section 4. Monday Qualifying

Individual qualifying rounds will be held at Winthrop on Monday, October 5, 2009. These rounds are open to the public. Non PDGA members may participate in qualifying rounds, however current PDGA membership is required to compete in the US Championship.

Each of the five (5) lowest rounds will earn a right to compete in the 2009 Championship.

Players may play as many qualifying rounds as daylight will allow. Fees are as follows:

First Round Fee	\$50.00
Additional Round Fee	\$25.00

Those who qualify will be required to pay the full tournament entry fee of \$230.00 immediately upon

confirmation of eligibility. Non PDGA members will be required to pay membership fees at that time.

A sudden death playoff will determine the final position in case of a tie.

All proceeds from Monday Qualifying will benefit the 2009 United States Championship general fund.

### **Section 5. Players Exempt from Regional Qualifying**

The following players are exempt from regional qualifying. Exempt positions are **guaranteed until August 31, 2009.**

#### **Top 20 - 2008 United States Championship**

Nate Doss	Cale Leiviska
Avery Jenkins	Jussi Meressmaa
Dave Feldberg	Brad Schick
JohnE McCray	Kris Orrick
Ken Climo	Gregg Barsby
Matt Orum	Arturo Villarreal
Steve Rico	Steve Brinster
Dean Tannock	Coda Hatfield
Josh Anthon	George Smith
Brian Schweberger	Will Schusterick
Paul McBeth	Barry Schultz

#### **Former United States Champions**

Ken Climo	Dave Feldberg
Barry Schultz	Nate Doss

#### **Former Open Division World Champions**

Ken Climo	Gregg Hosfeld
Cameron Todd	Johnny Sias
Ron Russell	Sam Ferrans
Steve Wisecup	Jeff Watson
John Ahart	Harold Duvall
Barry Schultz	Nathan Doss
Dave Feldberg	

#### **Top 10 - 2008 PDGA Tour Money As of January 16, 2009 (29 events not reporting)**

Dave Feldberg	Geoff Bennett
Avery Jenkins	Valarie Jenkins
Eric McCabe	Steve Rico
Nate Doss	Cale Leiviska
Barry Schultz	Ken Climo

## Section 6. Special Invitations

The following people will become eligible for entry following the completion of each respective event. Special invitation positions are **guaranteed for 30 days** after the event.

2009 United States Champion - Men's Advanced Amateur Champion

2009 United States Champion - Women's Open Division

2009 World Champion - Women's Open Division

2009 World Champion - Masters Division

2009 World Champion - Grand Masters Division

2009 World Champion - Men's Advanced Amateur Division

2009 Regional & Global Qualifier Tournament Directors

Note: Tournament Director exemptions may be assigned to a co-tournament director if approved by both the listed tournament director and the USDGC Organizing committee. Tournament directors should contact the USDGC office as soon as possible if they wish to transfer their position.

## Section 7. Sponsor Exemptions

Select sponsors may be eligible to earn a position in the 2009 Championship field. A very limited number of positions are available. Inquiries regarding sponsor exempt positions should be directed to Event Director, Jonathan Poole. 800.476.3968

## Section 8. Special Circumstances

The USDGC Organizing Committee reserves the right to select players based on his/her playing record and/or their contribution to the game.

## Section 9. Entry Fees

An entry fee of **\$230.00** shall be paid by every player. Entry fees may be charged to a VISA/MasterCard account through our online registration page or by calling the tournament office. Checks and money orders should be made payable to USDGC. There will be no refunds after Friday, October 2, 2009.

## Section 10. Registration & Check In

All current, dues-paid members of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) are eligible to compete the 2009 United States Disc Golf Championship. PDGA membership is generally required to participate in qualifying events. Questions regarding membership should be directed to the PDGA office.

Eligible participants may register by either of the following methods:

Online: [www.usdgc.com](http://www.usdgc.com)

By Phone: 800.476.3968

**By Mail:** Send complete entry form and full payment to

US Disc Golf Championship  
2850 Commerce Drive  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

**Incomplete applications, or those sent without full payment will not be accepted.**

All US Championship competitors are required to check in upon arrival at Winthrop. Players not checking in will be removed from the event unless prior notice has been provided. Attendance at the Tuesday evening Player Welcome Banquet is required. Tee times will not be announced until that time. Any player not in attendance will be removed from the field.

### **Section 11. Field Size**

The estimated field size is 175 competitors. Players eligible for the event should submit an application for entry as soon as possible. There is no waiting list for the US Championship.

### **Section 12. Important Dates**

Registration Opens	January 1, 2009
Regional Qualifying Begins	February 27, 2009
State & National Representative Deadline	August 31, 2009
Regional Qualifying Closes	September 6, 2009
Refund Deadline	October 2, 2009
Monday Qualifying	October 5, 2009
Registration Closes	October 5, 2009

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