



## 2008 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. The Memorial	Scottsdale, AZ	March 6 – 8, 2008
2. Atlanta Open	Atlanta, GA	April 5 & 6, 2008
3. Bowling Green Open	Bowling Green, KY	April 12 & 13, 2008
4. Masters Cup	Santa Cruz, CA	May 3 & 4, 2008
5. Carolina Clash	Charlotte, NC	May 10 & 11, 2008
6. Greater Tulsa Open	Tulsa, OK	May 17 & 18, 2008
7. Des Moines Challenge	Des Moines, IA	May 24 & 25, 2008
8. Minnesota Majestic	Twin Cities, MN	May 30 – June 1, 2008
9. Kansas City Wide Open	Kansas City, MO	June 7 & 8, 2008
10. Golden State Classic	La Mirado, CA	June 20 – 22, 2008
11. Brent Hambrick Memorial	Columbus, OH	July 12 & 13, 2008
12. Beaver State Fling	Portland, OR	July 18 – 20, 2008
13. The Open at Maple Hill	Leicester, MA	July 25 – 27, 2008
14. Full Throttle Challenge	Solitude, UT	August 29 – 31, 2008
15. Southern National Championship	Little Rock, AR	August 30 & 31, 2008

### 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.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Swiss Open	Geneva, Switzerland	May 3 & 4, 2008
Japan Open	Tochigi, Nasu Highlands, Japan	June 12 – 14, 2008
Tali Open	Helsinki, Finland	June 28 & 29, 2008
Scandinavian Open	Skelleftea, Sweden	July 17 – 20, 2008
PDGA Pro World Championships	Kalamazoo, Michigan	August 11 – 16, 2008
European Disc Golf Championships	Sohnstetten, Germany	August 25 – 31, 2008

### **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, 2008**. 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, 2008. 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, September 29, 2008. These rounds are open to the public. Non PDGA members may participate in qualifying rounds, but current PDGA membership is required to compete in the Championship.

Each of the five (5) lowest rounds will earn a right to compete in the 2008 Championship.

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

First Round Fee	\$50.00
Additional Round Fees	\$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 2008 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, 2008**.

#### **Top 20 - 2007 United States Championship**

Ken Climo	Garrett Gurthie
Avery Jenkins	Linus Astrom
Steve Rico	Josh Anthon
Nathan Doss	JohnE. McCray
David Feldberg	Matt Orum
Eric McCabe	Coda Hatfield
Steve Brinster	Jesper Lundmark
Dean Tannock	Kris Orrick
Barry Schultz	Dave Orrick
Mike Randolph	Phillip Brathwaite
Cale Leiviska	

### **Former United States Champions**

Dave Feldberg  
Barry Schultz  
Ken Climo

### **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

### **Top 10 – 2007 PDGA Tour Money**

Ken Climo	Markus Kallstrom
Dave Feldberg	Coda Hatfield
Nathan Doss	Des Reading
Avery Jenkins	Steve Rico
Cale Leiviska	Geoff Bennett

### **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.

2008 United States Champion - Men's Advanced Amateur Champion

2008 United States Champion - Women's Open Division

2008 United States Mid-Nationals Champion

2008 World Champion - Women's Open Division

2008 World Champion - Masters Division

2008 World Champion - Grand Masters Division

2008 World Champion - Men's Advanced Amateur Division

2008 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 2008 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, September 26, 2008.

## Section 10. Registration & Check In

All current, dues-paid members of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) are eligible to compete the 2008 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 Players Meeting is required. Tee times are not 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, 2008
Regional Qualifying Begins	March 6, 2008
State & National Representative Deadline	August 31, 2008
Regional Qualifying Closes	August 31, 2008
Refund Deadline	September 26, 2008
Monday Qualifying	September 29, 2008
Registration Closes	September 29, 2008