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## 2010 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.

Players who miss their deadline automatically forfeit eligibility and may not re-qualify at Regional or Global Qualifying events. Those players do remain eligible for the Last Chance Qualifier, special invitation, or to be chosen as a State or National Representative.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Region</b>
1. Piney Woods Pro-Am	Tyler, TX	December 12 & 13, 2009	South Central
2. The Memorial	Scottsdale, AZ	March 3 - 6, 2010	Southwest
3. Sunshine State Shootout	Ocala, FL	March 26 - 28, 2010	Southeast
4. Glass Blown Open	Emporia, KS	April 17 & 18, 2010	Lower Mid West
5. Carolina Clash	Charlotte, NC	April 23 - 25, 2010	Appalachian
6. Seneca Creek Soiree	Gaithersburg, MD	May 1 & 2, 2010	Wildcard* (Mid Atl)
7. Steady Ed Memorial Masters Cup	Santa Cruz, CA	May 21 - 23, 2010	West
8. Beaver State Fling	Portland, OR	May 28 - 30, 2010	Northwest
9. Minnesota Majestic	Twin Cities, MN	June 25 - 27, 2010	Great Plains
10. Brent Hambrick Memorial	Columbus, OH	July 10 & 11, 2010	Mid East
11. Vibram Open at Maple Hill	Leicester, MA	August 13 - 15, 2010	Northeast
12. Full Throttle Challenge	Salt Lake City, UT	August 20 - 22, 2010	Rocky Mountain
13. Skylands Classic at Warwick	Warwick, NY	August 27 - 29, 2010	Mid Atlantic
14. Southern National Pro Champs	Memphis, TN	September 4 & 5, 2010	South

\*There is one (1) Wildcard event each year. Wildcard events may be of any tier and in any region.

### 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 Last Chance Qualifier, special invitation, or can be chosen as a State or National Representative.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Copenhagen Open	Copenhagen, Denmark	April 24 & 25, 2010
2. British Open	Isle of Mull, United Kingdom	July 2 – 4, 2010
3. Japan Open	Nasu Shiobara, Japan	June 10 – 12, 2010
4. Scandanavian Open	Skelleftea, Sweden	July 15 – 18, 2010
5. PDGA Pro World Championships	Crown Point, Indiana, USA	July 27 – 31, 2010
6. European Open	Pas-de-Calais, France	August 23 – 29, 2010

### **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 available until August 31, 2010. 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, 2010. Players seeking these spots should contact their State or National Coordinator for more information.

### **Section 4. USDGC Last Chance Qualifier (New Date!)**

Individual qualifying rounds will be held at Winthrop on [Saturday, October 2, 2010](#). 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 2010 Championship.

Players may play multiple qualifying rounds. Fees are as follows:

First Round Fee	\$50.00
Additional Round Fee (unlimited)	\$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 Last Chance Qualifier will benefit the 2010 United States Championship general fund.

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

The following players are exempt from regional qualifying. Exempt players must register on or before **August 31, 2010**.

#### **Top 20 - 2009 United States Championship**

Nikko Locastro	Brad Hammock
Dave Feldberg	Ken Climo
Josh Anthon	Michael Johansen

Nate Doss  
Cale Leiviska  
Phil Arthur  
Paul Ulibarri  
Barry Schultz  
Jussi Meresmaa  
Avery Jenkins  
Derek Billings

Dion Arlyn  
Greg Barsby  
Steve Rico  
Ziggy Bierehoven  
Garrett Gurthie  
Will Schusterick  
Devan Owens

**Former United States Champions**

Ken Climo  
Barry Schultz  
Nikko Locastro

Dave Feldberg  
Nate Doss

**Former Open Division World Champions**

Ken Climo  
Cameron Todd  
Ron Russell  
Steve Wisecup  
John Ahart  
Barry Schultz  
Dave Feldberg

Gregg Hosfeld  
Johnny Sias  
Sam Ferrans  
Jeff Watson  
Harold Duvall  
Nathan Doss  
Avery Jenkins

**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 Women's United States Champion (Open)

2010 United States Amateur Champion (Men's Advanced)

2010 Women's World Champion (Open)

2010 Masters World Champion

2010 Grand Masters World Champion

2010 Amateur World Champion (Men's Advanced)

2010 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 2010 Championship field. A 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 1, 2010.

## Section 10. Registration & Check In

All current, dues-paid members of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) are eligible to compete the 2010 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

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**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 180 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 Deadline for State & National Representatives	August 31, 2010
Registration Deadline for Exempt Players	August 31, 2010
Regional Qualifying Closes	September 5, 2010
Refund Deadline	October 1, 2010
Last Chance Qualifier	October 2, 2010

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