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2011 QUALIFYING PROCEDURES revised 3.23.11

Section 1. Eligibility and the Performance Scoring Format – New for 2011

Competitors must meet the following requirements to qualify for the 2011 USDGC:

- You must have a PDGA Player Rating of 850 or higher
- At regional qualifying events you must play the exact course configuration(s) as the Open Division. Playing on the same days and/or times is not required.

DGU (Disc Golf United™) Performance Scoring Method:

- The qualifying leaderboard is based on the compared performances of each competitor. DGU Performance is measured by the difference between a competitor's projected score and their actual score (i.e., over, equal to, or under their projection).
- Projected scores are created using a player's current PDGA player rating. The 10 competitors with the lowest over/under scores – relative to their projected scores – will qualify for the 2011 USDGC.
- Competitors who have previously qualified or are exempt from qualifying are excluded from the top 10.
- Additional rounds such as Final 9 and Skins play should not be included in the USDGC qualifying process.

Section 2. Official Qualifying Events

A total of ten (10) positions will be awarded at each qualifying events. The top ten (10) overall scores will qualify for the 2011 USDGC.

Any player finishing in the top ten (10) who has qualified at a previous qualifying event, or who has received an exemption or special invitation, will be excluded. Players with the next best score will become eligible.

In case of a tie for the final position, the winner should be determined by the best, final round performance. If players are still tied then refer to the previous round until the tie is broken.

Qualifying tournaments are not required to use Performance Scoring. These events will use the traditional, medal play format. Performance calculations will be applied to medal play results to determine the qualifying results.

A player may only qualify once via regional qualifying events. Players who qualify for the 2011 USDGC 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 other regional qualifiers. Those players do remain eligible for the Last Chance Qualifier, special invitation, or to be chosen as a State or National Representative.

Event	Location	Date	PDGA Region
Piney Woods Pro-Am	Tyler, TX	December 11 & 12, 2010	*Wildcard
Pot of Gold	New Orleans, LA	March 12, 2011	Region 2
Atlanta Open	Atlanta, GA	April 16 & 17, 2011	Region 1
Dynamic Discs Glass Blown Open	Emporia, KS	April 16 & 17, 2011	Region 6
The Peoples' Championship	Lehigh Valley, PA	May 14 & 15, 2011	Region 8
Greater Milwaukee Open	Milwaukee, WI	May 21 & 22, 2011	Region 7
Zoo Town Open	Missoula, MT	June 11 & 12, 2011	Region 5
High Plains Challenge	Fort Morgan, CO	June 18 & 19, 2011	Region 3
PDGA Amateur World Championships	Rochester, NY	July 26-30, 2011	Region 8
Santa Maria Open	Santa Maria, CA	July 29-31, 2011	Region 4
PDGA Pro World Championships	Santa Cruz, CA	August 8-13, 2011	Region 4
PDGA Global Tournament	Global	August 19-21, 2011	All Regions

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

PDGA Region 1 – Florida, Georgia, North & South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia

PDGA Region 2 – Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas

PDGA Region 3 – New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah

PDGA Region 4 – California, Nevada, Hawaii

PDGA Region 5 – Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming

PDGA Region 6 – North & South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota

PDGA Region 7 – Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio

PDGA Region 8 – Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont

Section 2. Monday Qualifying

Individual qualifying rounds will be held at Winthrop on **Monday, October 3, 2011**. These rounds will use DGU Performance Scoring and are open to everyone who has a PDGA Player Rating of 850 or higher. Current PDGA membership is not required to qualify, however a current PDGA membership is required to compete in the US Championship. A minimum of five (5) spots will be available that day.

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

First Round Fee	\$35.00
Additional Round Fee (unlimited)	\$20.00

Those who qualify on Monday are required to pay the full tournament entry fee of \$100.00 immediately upon confirmation of eligibility. If your PDGA membership is not current then you will be required to renew 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 2011 United States Championship general fund.

Section 3. State & National Representatives

PDGA State and National Coordinators may select one competitor to represent their state or country in the 2011 US Championship. Each State Coordinator is encouraged to select the best (large and diverse field) tournament for the people of their respective state. Results from the event can be run through the performance-based calculations provided by Disc Golf United. This enables a player to be chosen using the same format they will experience at the 2011 USDGC. Using this process is encouraged, however it is not required.

State & National Representative positions are available until August 31, 2011. 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, 2011. Players seeking these spots should contact their State or National Coordinator for more information.

Section 4. Players Exempt from Regional Qualifying

The following players are exempt from regional qualifying. Exempt players must register on or before **August 31, 2011**.

Top 20 - 2010 United States Championship

Will Schusterick	JohnE McCray
Nikko Locastro	Adam Hunt
Steve Brinster	Ken Climo
Jussi Meresmaa	Cale Leiviska
Michael Johansen	Gregory Barsby
Paul Ulibarri	Kyle Crabtree
Dave Feldberg	Eric McCabe
Barry Schultz	Karl Johan Nybo
Matt Orum	Nate Sexton
Paul McBeth	Steve Rico

Former United States Champions

Ken Climo	Dave Feldberg
Barry Schultz	Nate Doss
Nikko Locastro	Will Schusterick

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	Avery Jenkins
Eric McCabe	

Section 5. 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.

- 2010 Women's United States Champion (Open)
- 2011 United States Amateur Champion (Men's Advanced)
- 2011 Women's World Champion (Open)
- 2011 Masters World Champion
- 2011 Grand Masters World Champion
- 2011 Amateur World Champion (Men's Advanced)
- 2011 National Deaf Disc Golf Champion (Open)
- 2011 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 6. Sponsor Exemptions

Select sponsors may be eligible to earn a position in the 2011 Championship field. A limited number of positions are available. Inquiries regarding sponsor exempt positions should be directed to Event Director, Jonathan Poole. 704.724.1352 or jp@innovadiscs.com

Section 7. 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 8. Entry Fees

An entry fee of **\$100.00** 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 30, 2011.

Section 9. Registration & Check In

All current, dues-paid members of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) are eligible to compete the 2011 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

By Phone: 800.476.3968

By Mail: Send complete entry form and full payment to

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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 10. Field Size

The estimated field size is 150 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 11. Important Dates

Registration Deadline for State & National Representatives	August 31, 2011
Registration Deadline for Exempt Players	August 31, 2011
Regional Qualifying Closes	August 28, 2011
Refund Deadline	September 30, 2011
Last Chance Qualifier	October 3, 2011