

# UNITED STATES *Disc Golf Championship*<sup>®</sup> Oct 3-6 2012

## Official Qualifying Procedures 2012 United States Disc Golf Championship<sup>®</sup>

### Overview

All current, dues-paid members of the Professional Disc Golf Association are eligible to qualify for the 2012 USDGC. Since the USDGC is a PDGA Major, all competitors must have a current PDGA membership and must have passed the PDGA Official's exam. The estimated field size is 144 competitors split evenly into two flights of play; **Open** and **Performance**.

*Open Flight* participants will compete using raw scores. *Performance Flight* participants will compete using the Performance Scoring™ system provided by Disc Golf United™. Each flight will consist of 72 players. Those gaining eligibility for the event should submit an application for entry as soon as possible. There is no waiting list for the USDGC.

### Open Flight

The 2010 USDGC top 20 are exempt from qualifying and are eligible for the 2012 *Open Flight*.

Will Schusterick (1)	Paul Ulibarri (5)	JohnE McCray (11)	Kyle Crabtree (14)
Nikko Locastro (2)	Dave Feldberg (7)	Adam Hunt (12)	Karl Johan Nybo (17)
Steve Brinster (3)	Barry Schultz (7)	Ken Climo (12)	Eric McCabe (17)
Jussi Meresmaa (4)	Matt Orum (9)	Cale Leiviska (14)	Nate Sexton (19)
Michael Johansen (5)	Paul McBeth (10)	Gregg Barsby (14)	Steve Rico (19)

*Note: Exempt players must register on or before **August 31, 2012**.*

All remaining spots will be determined at the following regional qualifying events:

Event (Sanction)	Location	Date
The Memorial Championship (NT)	Scottsdale, AZ	February 29 – March 3
Steady Ed Memorial Masters Cup (NT)	Santa Cruz, CA	May 18-20
Kansas City Wide Open (NT)	Kansas City, MO	June 1-3
Beaver State Fling (NT)	Portland, OR	June 15-17
Stockholm Open (M)	Stockholm, Sweden	June 28 – July 1
PDGA World Championships (M)	Charlotte, NC	July 14-21
Brent Hambrick Memorial Open (NT)	Columbus, OH	August 4-5
The Vibram Open (NT)	Leicester, MA	August 31 – September 2
Southern National Pro Championship	Mobile, AL	September 1-2
USDGC Monday Qualifying	Rock Hill, SC	October 1

A total of five (5) spots will be awarded at each regional qualifying event. The top five overall scores will earn an invitation to compete. Other divisions may be eligible to qualify if they are competing during identical days and on the same course layout(s) as the Open Division. However, the decision to allow other divisions to compete for qualifying spots is at the discretion of the tournament director. Any player finishing in the top five 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:

- a) Hold a sudden death playoff to determine the winner
- b) Award the spot to the player with the lowest final round score
- c) Award the spot to the player with the highest (current) PDGA Player Rating

A player may only qualify once via Regional Qualifying events and the spot may not be handed down. Each player will have **30 days to register**. This time period begins immediately following the completion of each event.

There are no exceptions to the 30-day registration deadline. Players who miss their deadline automatically forfeit eligibility and may not re-qualify at Regional Qualifying events. Those players do remain eligible for Monday Qualifying.

### **Performance Flight**

All *Performance Flight* candidates and participants must have a PDGA Player Rating of 875 or higher, and must have a minimum of 12 PDGA Rated rounds between November 1, 2011 and October 1, 2012.

The 2011 USDGC top 10 are exempt from qualifying and are eligible for the 2012 *Performance Flight*.

John Key (1)	Dave Feldberg (4)	Clayton Nash (9)
Spencer Wilken (2)	Mike Robinson (6)	Charlie Coleman (9)
Bill Charron (2)	John Ollis (6)	Dana Vicich (9)
Lavone Wolfe (4)	Juho Rantalaiho (6)	Patrick May (9)

*Note: Exempt players must register on or before **August 31, 2012**.*

**Tournament Directors** of 2012 regional qualifying events are exempt from qualifying, and are eligible for the 2012 *Performance Flight*.

Competitors representing **Team Europe** in the 2012 President's Cup are exempt from qualifying, and are eligible for the 2012 *Performance Flight*.

All remaining *Performance Flight* spots will be determined by **PDGA State Coordinators**. Each state may select one representative. State Coordinators are asked to select an ideal event within their state that provides the greatest opportunity for local residents to qualify. Performance Scoring™ offers an equal opportunity for qualifying and is strongly encouraged, however it is not required.

State and National Representative positions are available until **August 31, 2012**. State Coordinators may have this deadline extended if relying on a series or single event that concludes after August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The full entry fee must be paid by August 31, 2012. Players seeking these spots should contact their State or National Coordinator for more information.

To apply Performance Scoring™ to your event or to obtain additional information, contact the Disc Golf United Administrator, Adrian Southern, at 800.476.3968. Scoring data from your event will be processed and the results will be sent directly to you to confirm the winner. State coordinators are also permitted to select who they believe is most deserving of the opportunity.

### **Monday Qualifying**

Individual qualifying rounds will take place at Winthrop on Monday, October 1, 2012. These rounds are for the *Open Flight* only and are open to the public. Non-PDGA members may participate in qualifying rounds, however current PDGA membership is required to compete in the USDGC.

Each of the five (5) lowest rounds will earn a right to compete in the 2012 USDGC. Players may play multiple qualifying rounds if time permits. Tee times will run from 8:00am – 2:30pm. The fee for the first round is \$50. Additional rounds are \$25 each.

Those who qualify must pay the full USDGC tournament entry fee of \$225 immediately upon confirmation of eligibility. Non-PDGA members will be required to pay membership fees at that time and must also be able to pass the PDGA Official's exam.

### **Entry Fees**

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, 2012.

<b><i>Open Flight</i></b>	\$225	<b><i>Performance Flight</i></b>	\$100
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### **Registration & Check In**

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, SC 29730

All USDGC competitors are required to check in upon arrival at Winthrop. Players who does not check 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.

Questions regarding the USDGC should be directed to Jonathan Poole, USDGC Event Director.  
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