

2024 USDGC Ground Rules

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All rules based on the PDGA Official Rules of Disc Golf with approved variances.

Note: Rules relating to USDGC are in effect for USDGC Doubles, Monday Qualifying, and USDGC.

1. Please carefully read Winthrop University Rules. Violators are subject to penalty and disqualification. Please park in marked areas only or prepare to be ticketed or towed.

Hazard rocks are obstacles per 803.02.A. Relief is limited to relocating to the nearest lie, which is no closer to the target and on the line of play from the original lie, even if the relocated lie is outside of the Hazard.

All paved roads and parking lots, beyond paved roads, sidewalks are OB except when noted in hole-specific rules or where the fairways naturally cross. Some roads and sidewalks are delineated by white lines to define the edges. Concrete curbing, where present, is the OB line. (The concrete parking lot drains that extend inwards on Hole 11 are not part of curbing; they are in-bounds.)

The Winthrop Wetlands area behind Holes 6 and 7 is OB and off-limits. If you throw a disc in, you must leave it. Spotters may be able to retrieve discs later, but they are not allowed access to the wetlands without approval. Violators are subject to penalty and disqualification.

Mandatory lines extend into the OB and Hazard.

All fences and areas beyond are OB. Discs may be retrieved after play has concluded for the day with the property owner's permission. The fences themselves are also OB. If the disc comes to rest on the "wrong" side of the fence, the disc is OB.

Posts or Rocks mark OB and Hazard. The lower string/rope near the ground is Hazard's and OB's official line. If the string/rope appears moved, consult an official.

Tiebreak procedure: First-place ties will be broken using a sudden-death tiebreaker, starting on hole 1 and playing 1, 17, and 18 in a loop until a winner is decided.



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1 Mandatory left and right. These are two single mandatories. Drop Spot for either missed mandatory marked in fairway before first mandatory. Street on left and beyond is OB.

2 Mandatory right. Drop Spot for mandatory marked in fairway near mandatory. Street on left and areas beyond are OB. Planted flower area on left OB. Parking lot is OB. Beyond fence on right is OB. Discs landing on the other side of the fence may not be retrieved. On top of building no penalty throw and played from behind building on line of play per rule 803.02B. OB marked area on right near fence.

3 Street and left of Street is OB. Rocked area on left is OB. Rocked area in fairway is OB. Mandatory left of large oak tree. Drop Spot for missed mandatory marked in fairway. To complete this mandatory, the disc must also clearly pass below some portion of the tree when crossing the mandatory to the correct side. Road (and beyond) behind green OB. Fenced maintenance area OB.

4 Mandatory right. Drop Zone is tee. Missed mandatory has the option of playing from Drop Zone or previous lie. The golf green and practice green are not out of bounds nor are they hazard..

5 Winthrop Lake, the street on right, all areas beyond the street on right are OB. The OB line for the lake is marked by string or rope. Mandatory left of tall pole with flag at corner of lake. Drop Zone for missed mandatory marked in fairway near Mandatory.

6 Winthrop Lake and the wetlands area behind the green are OB. OB area on right marked by rock. On green, the lake OB line is inside edge wood retaining wall. All OB throws are limited to two options: throw from the Drop Spot (near beach) or previous lie. Discs landing in the wetlands area may not be retrieved.

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7 The concrete culvert is in bounds up to where the Mandatory line is crossed. The street, all areas beyond the street, and the wetlands area are OB. Note that the OB line for the wetlands area is approximately 1 meter to the tee side of the fence. Discs landing in the wetlands area may not be retrieved. The entrance to the green is a triple mandatory. To complete the mandatory, the disc must pass between the two marked vertical posts and below the marked top post. Throws that miss the mandatory may be played from either of the two Drop Spots with a one-throw penalty. If after passing the mandatory correctly the disc establishes a position within one meter of the bamboo wall, the player may relocate the lie up to one meter away from and perpendicular to the mandatory line even if the direction takes the lie closer to the target. A disc that comes to rest touching or leaning against the bamboo/wooden structure is deemed NOT to have entered the restricted space (804.01B,C) just because it is leaning or touching the bamboo/wooden structure.

8 All areas beyond rocks and fence on left are OB. Hazard on right marked with rocks. Baseball field on right is OB. Mandatory left of foul pole of baseball field. Drop Spot for missed mandatory marked near foul pole. Discs landing in the baseball field, bullpen, or stadium may not be retrieved.

9 In bounds is fairway (right of rock marked line and left of baseball field and short of planted areas behind green.) All other grass areas are OB. OB Sidewalk and beyond on left and baseball field on right. OB options limited to previous lie or Drop Spot (near green, to the right of target).

10 Mandatory right near tee. Drop Zone for missed mandatory is tee. In bounds is the fairway (right of the sidewalk and left of rock marked line). All other areas including tennis court and sidewalks and beyond on left are OB. OB options limited to previous lie or Drop Zone near tree by tennis courts.

11 Asphalt sidewalk on left and beyond OB. On the right side of the fairway, the hedge row is OB, The

parking lot, the curb, concrete sidewalk, pavement and beyond are OB. Rocked areas on left and right are Hazard.

12 Asphalt sidewalk and beyond on left OB. On Coliseum roof or behind fenced area on right next to Coliseum is OB. Other sidewalks are in bounds. Rocked areas on left, center and right are OB. For the entire hole, OB options limited to previous lie or Drop Zone in middle of fairway. *Note hole 11 hazards are in play, and play as hazard, not OB.*

13 Marked OB area between asphalt sidewalk and road. (The asphalt sidewalk is in bounds.) Roads and beyond OB, parking lot area and beyond are OB. Mandatory Left of tree near road. Drop Spot marked near mandatory.

14 Road and beyond OB. On Coliseum roof or behind fenced area on right next to Coliseum is OB. Marked area on left (including sidewalk) is Hazard. All other sidewalks short of curbs are in-bounds.

15 This hole has a triple mandatory. To complete the mandatory, the disc must pass between the two marked vertical posts and below the marked top post. A disc that comes to rest touching or leaning against the wooden structure is deemed NOT to have entered the restricted space (804.01B,C) just because it is leaning or touching the bamboo/wooden structure. Drop Zone for missed mandatory is located to on right side in front of mandatory. Beyond fence in baseball field is OB. Discs landing in the baseball field may not be retrieved.

16 The street and all areas beyond the street are OB. Rocked area near target and on the left and right sides of the fairway are Hazard.

17 In bounds limited to safe area near tee and inside bales defined by string. The lake and all other land, including bales themselves, are OB. Rules for advancing are outlined below for USDGC.

OB options limited to previous lie. Player may proceed to Island Green Drop Spot after three total OB throws.

Advancing to Island Green: Advance only with an

in-bounds lie on green or after three OB throws (play from Island Green Drop Spot). OB options limited to previous lie. Player may proceed to Island Green Drop Spot only after three total OB throws. Players advancing to the Island Green Drop Spot without three total OB throws, receive a two-throw penalty for any of the three OB throws that they did not make, plus a two-throw misplay penalty.

On green: Throws landing OB must throw again from the previous lie with a one-throw penalty.

18 One player on teeing platform at a time. Winthrop Lake OB. Marked OB on left. Marked OB on right. Drives that do not cross inbounds from the tee must retee with penalty. Mandatory left of tall pole with flag near tree stump. Drop Zone for missed mandatory marked in fairway. Players please carefully watch throws on hole 18 to help your groupmates make the right call.

General Rules other side.

