



2015 United States Disc Golf Championship®
 Official Qualifying Procedures
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Overview

All current, dues-paid members of the Professional Disc Golf Association are eligible to qualify for the 2015 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 Performance Scoring™ provided by Disc Golf United™. Those gaining eligibility for either flight should register for the event as quickly as possible. There is no waiting list for the USDGC.

Open Flight

A top 10 finish at the 2014 USDGC has earned the following players automatic eligibility for the 2014 Open Flight:

Will Schusterick 1	Nate Sexton T-5	Steve Rico T-9
JohnE McCray T-2	Pasi Koivu 7	Karl Johan Nybo T-9
Paul McBeth T-2	Paul Ulibarri 8	
Patrick Brown 4	Dustin Keegan T-9	
Nate Doss T-5	Jussi Meresmaa T-9	

*Note: These players must register on or before **August 31, 2015**.*

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

Event (PDGA Sanction)	Location	Date
Aussie Open (M)	Mundaring, Australia	Jan. 29 – Feb. 1
Memorial Championship (NT)	Fountain Hills, AZ	Feb. 25-28
Glass Blown Open (NT)	Emporia, KS	April 30-May 2
Masters Cup (NT)	Santa Cruz, CA	May 15-17
Southern National Pro Championship (TBD)	Tupelo, MS	May 23 & 24
Beaver State Fling (NT)	Estacada, OR	June 12-14
Kansas City Wide Open (A)	Kansas City, MO	June 19-21
Maple Hill Open (NT)	Leicester, MA	June 25-28
Scandinavian Open (M)	Skelleftea, Sweden	July 9-12
Greater Hartford Disc Golf Open	Manchester, CT	July 4 & 5
European Open (M)	Nokia/Tampere, Finland	July 16-19
Pro World Championships (M)	Pittsburgh, PA	August 4-8
Brent Hambrick Memorial Open (A)	Columbus, OH	August 15 & 16
Ledgestone Insurance Open (NT)	Peoria, IL	August 21-23
Hall of Fame Classic (NT)	Appling, GA	Sept. 11-13

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. 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 should hold a sudden death playoff to determine the winner. If that is not possible, the spot should be awarded to the player with the lowest final round score. The spot may also be awarded to the player with the highest, current PDGA Player Rating as a last resort.

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.

USDGC Monday Qualifying

Individual qualifying rounds will take place at Winthrop on Monday, October 5, 2015. 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 2015 USDGC. Only 5 spots are available. A sudden death playoff will resolve ties if necessary.

Monday Qualifying participants 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 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.

Performance Flight

All Performance Flight competitors have a PDGA Player Rating of 875 or higher, and must have a minimum of 12 PDGA rated rounds between August 1, 2014 and the last ratings report prior to the 2015 USDGC.

A top 10 finish at the 2014 USDGC has earned the following players automatic eligibility for the 2015 Performance Flight:

Paige Pierce 1	Richard Kilander 6	Pete May T-10
Christian Olsen T-2	Holly Finley 7	
Jonathan Ray T-2	Scott Reek 8	
Nick Hanson T-4	Travis Sauls 9	
Derek Sahr T-4	Cory Obermeyer T-10	

*Note: These players must register on or before **August 31, 2015**.*

Tournament Directors of all 2015 USDGC regional qualifying events are eligible for the 2015 Performance Flight.

All remaining Performance Flight spots will be determined by **PDGA State, Province, and Country Coordinators**. Each US state, Canadian province, and PDGA-affiliated country may select one representative. Coordinators are asked to select an ideal event within their region 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, Province, and Country Representative positions are available until **August 31, 2015**. Coordinators may have this deadline extended if relying on a series or event that concludes after August 31st. The full entry fee must be paid by August 31, 2015. Players seeking these spots should contact their State, Province, or Country 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.

Should there be space available in the Performance Flight on September 1st, 2015, spots will be available to State and Country Coordinators on a first come, first served basis.

Entry Fees, Registration, & Player Check In

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 2, 2015.

Open Flight Entry Fee	\$250
Performance Flight Entry Fee	\$100

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:

US Disc Golf Championship
2850 Commerce Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730

All USDGC competitors must check in at the PDGA mobile scoring office located near Hole 18 green. Check in times are:

Monday 10/5 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Tuesday 10/6 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Players who do not check in will be removed from the tournament field. Attendance at the opening ceremony on Tuesday evening is required. Tee times will not be announced until that time.

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