



2008 PDGA Tour Standards

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Goals are to:

- Provide a set of event standards so that Tournament Directors are familiar with expectations and players can expect consistency at each tier level.
- Ensure PDGA events are classified in their appropriate tiers.
- Increase the professionalism and marketability of the Tour.

A summary of changes in 2008 includes:

- Online Tournament Registration will be available at no charge to Tournament Directors of PDGA sanctioned events.
- The creation of a new Amateur division and adjustments to the ratings breaks for Amateur divisions and “Pros playing Am”.
- Increase in the non-member fee for B and C Tiers to \$10.
- Minimum payout percentage, minimum pro purse, and pro attendance for A, B, and C Tiers replaced by added cash requirements for professional divisions.
- Increase the added pro cash requirement for B Tiers from \$250 to \$500.
- Increase the added cash requirement for A Tiers from \$1000 to \$1500.
- Creation of a points series for age protected professional players.
- Eliminate the Developmental Tier (D-Tier) and replace it with a PDGA Competition Endowment Program.
- The awarding of points to all PDGA events including Majors.
- Amateurs are now allowed to accept merchandise in lieu of cash when competing in professional divisions.
- The ability for Tournament Directors to run a simplified ratings based event. (See Table 3 for more information.)
- Adjustments to the recommend maximum entry fees (Table 4) and protected distances (Table 5) of PDGA events.

A summary of changes from 2006 and 2007 that continue for 2008 includes:

- Creation of the PDGA Competition Manual covering tournament procedures and policies for all sanctioned events.
- Complimentary insurance for SuperTour events.
- Modifications to the target requirements (Table 2) for sanctioned events.

- Junior divisions eligibility changed from date of birth to year of birth
- TD/Host Club Event Fee: Provided an event meets or exceeds tier payout requirements, TDs/clubs are allowed to retain 10% of the net entry fees as an event organization and management fee up to the following maximums: NT \$750, A \$400, B \$200, C \$100. TDs/clubs may choose to donate this fee back to the event as part of their sponsorship.
- Trophy Only: At the option of the TD, players are allowed to play in Amateur and Professional divisions for which they are eligible according to classification, age and gender at a reduced entry fee. Players competing under "Trophy Only" are not allowed to accept cash or prizes based upon finish but are allowed to accept trophies. Where an event or division is full, players paying full price have priority over players paying the reduced rate.
- "Pros Playing Am" : Pros rated <970 may now compete in Amateur divisions offered at PDGA Tour A B and C tier events, for which they qualify based on player rating, age, and gender:

Pro Men and Women

<970 can play Advanced

<935 can play Intermediate

<900 can play Recreational

<935 can also play Advanced Master if they are of Masters age

<850 can play Novice

<900 can also play Advanced Grandmaster if they are of Grandmasters age

Pro Women only

<850 can play Advanced Women

<800 can play Intermediate Women

<750 can play Recreational Women

These players are awarded Amateur points for their performance but these points are not eligible for year end awards or Worlds invitations.

Tier Requirements

Please see the Tier Standards Chart (Table 1) and the accompanying notes below for the specific requirements of the different tier events.

Majors

- Complimentary PDGA Tour Insurance
- PDGA current membership mandatory
- Amateur/Junior Worlds will offer larger player packages and lower payout, similar to US Amateur DGC.
- 125+ % minimum payout in all pro divisions

Experimental Events X-Tier

- Created to accommodate alternate or experimental formats such as doubles, team events, non-basket courses, single division events, winner-take-all, skins, match play, vintage, and overall events.
- X Tier events are sanctioned as XA, XB, and XC in accordance with tier guidelines and player points are awarded accordingly.
- All X-Tier event formats must be approved by the PDGA Tour Manager.
- Formats at B-tier and above limited to Doubles, Team, Match Play, other event formats will be considered by Tour Manager upon submission of written request.
- Regardless of the format used, results must be easily convertible to PDGA divisions for player points calculation and data entry. For this reason divisional doubles (pro, advanced, etc) and

mixed doubles (male/female) cannot be combined within the same event and will require separate sanctioning agreements.

Miscellaneous

- Tournament directors whose results and/or fees are not received by the published deadlines face potential disciplinary actions including removal of their official's status and suspension from PDGA events. TD's with event fees over 90 days late will not be allowed to direct another sanctioned event until all fees are paid in full.
- When events are added to the PDGA calendar a confirmation email will be sent to the TD. This email will include a link and password to the PDGA on-line scoring system used for uploading pre-registered players as well as unofficial event results. The uploading of unofficial results does not fulfill the reporting requirements to the PDGA.
- B & C Tier events should indicate on their entry forms that all current PDGA member are to receive a \$10 discount, rather than indicating a non-member fee.
- TDs are encouraged to award PDGA memberships as prizes in the amateur and junior divisions for B, and C Tier events.
- A single event may sanction under different tiers for pro and amateur players (i.e. a Pro C/Am B tier event) by paying the sanctioning fee for the higher tier.
- Events which host two distinct competitions at the same venue(s) on the same weekend (i.e. a two round event for Intermediate and below on Saturday, two round event for Pros and Advanced on Sunday) are listed on the tour calendar, and treated by the player rating system as separate one-day events. These events pay only one sanctioning fee for their weekend event, but must submit two sanctioning agreements and two TD reports, one for each day. Players competing on both days pay the PDGA player fees for each day.
- Events which fail to meet 2007 tier requirements may be demoted in 2008. The PDGA Tour Manager will consider petitions for a waiver of said demotion; events which meet a higher tier's standards may be promoted for the following year by request of TD
- Courses are required to be setup for the first round configuration a minimum of 48 hours prior to the start of the event for National Tours and 24 hours prior to the start of the event for SuperTours. In the case of temporary holes and/or courses where baskets are unavailable, the temporary configuration must be clearly marked.
- PDGA Touring Player Card(s) are awarded to 2007 current PDGA members registered as a Professional that meet select qualification criteria. These players will be entitled to benefits throughout the year, including voting privileges on the annual PDGA awards. Touring Player Cards will be issued in March to all qualifying players who have paid their 2008 membership dues.

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Table 1: 2008 PDGA Tier Standards Chart

	National Tour	SuperTour	B Tier	C Tier
Sanctioning fee	Waived	\$100	\$75	\$50
Sanctioning agreement deadline	Not applicable	December 1st	45 days prior	30 days prior
Per player fee	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2
Membership requirements	Current PDGA Membership Required	Current PDGA Membership Required	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except Junior Divisions)	\$10 Non-Member Fee (except Junior Divisions)
Length of event	2 or 3 days	2 or 3 days	1 or 2 days	1 or 2 days
Minimum number of holes	54	54	36	36
Insurance	Complimentary	Complimentary	\$50	\$50
Added cash	To Be Determined	\$1500	\$500	None
Pro Payout %	100+%	100+%	100+%	85+%
Amateur Payout %	Not applicable	110+%	100+%	85+%
Estimated Amateur attendance	Not applicable	72+	48+	Variable
Min. Retail value of Amateur Players Package	Not applicable	\$25	\$10	None
Maximum event management fee	\$750	\$400	\$200	\$100
Completed Reporting(Electronic TD Report)	24 hours	48 hours	Two Weeks	Two weeks
Payment of fees	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days
Certified official requirements	One non-playing official per course	One non-playing official per course	One official per course	One official per event

Table 2: 2008 PDGA Target Requirements

	Major	National Tour	A Tier	XA Tier	B Tier	XB Tier	C Tier	XC Tier	D Tier
PDGA approved basket targets; same design and manufacturer recommended	X	X	X						
Targets with baskets, PDGA approval recommended				X	X		X		X
No target type required **						X		X	

** Non basket targets are allowed under XB and XC Tier events but this must be specified when filing the sanctioning agreement.

Table 3: 2008 PDGA Tour Player Divisions, Ratings & Points Factors

PROFESSIONAL CLASS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Suggested Minimum Ratings	Pro Points Factor			
					Majors	NT & A Tier	B Tier	C Tier
Pro	Open	MPO	All	970+	15	10	7.5	5
	Master	MPM	Born 1968 or earlier	935+	12	8	6	4
	Grandmaster	MPG	Born 1958 or earlier	900+	9	6	4.5	3
	Sr Grandmaster	MPS	Born 1948 or earlier	850+	6	4	3	2
	Legend	MPL	Born 1938 or earlier	800+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5
Pro Women	Open	FPO	All	900+	9	6	4.5	3
	Master	FPM	Born 1968 or earlier	875+	6	4	3	2
	Grandmaster	FPG	Born 1958 or earlier	825+	4.5	3	2.25	1.5
	Sr GM / Legend	FPS FPL	Born 1948 or earlier	775+	3	2	1.5	1
AMATEUR CLASS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Amateur Points Factor			
					Majors	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier
Amateur	Advanced	MA1	All	Any (required for 935+)	15	10	7.5	5
	Intermediate	MA2	All	< 935	12	8	6	4
	Recreational	MA3	All	< 900	9	6	4.5	3
	Novice	MA4	All	< 850	6	4	3	2
	Advanced Master	MM1	Born 1968 or earlier	Any	12	8	6	4
	Advanced Grandmaster	MG1	Born 1958 or earlier	Any	9	6	4.5	3
	Adv Sr Grandmaster	MS1	Born 1948 or earlier	Any	6	4	3	2
Amateur Women	Advanced Women	FW1	All	Any (required for 800+)	9	6	4.5	3
	Intermediate Women	FW2	All	< 800	6	4	3	2
	Recreational Women	FW3	All	< 750	4.5	3	2.25	1.5
	Adv Master Women	FM1	Born 1968 or earlier	Any	6	4	3	2
	Adv GM Women	FG1	Born 1958 or earlier	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5
Junior Boys & Girls	Youth I	MJ1 FJ1	Born 1989 or later	Any	6	4	3	2
	Junior II	MJ2 FJ2	Born 1992 or later	Any	4.5	3	2.25	1.5
	Junior III	MJ3 FJ3	Born 1995 or later	Any	3	2	1.5	1
	Junior IV	MJ4 FJ4	Born 1998 or later	Any	1.5	1	0.75	0.5
RATINGS EVENTS	Division Name	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Points Factor			
					Majors	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier
All Players	Open / Gold	MPO	All	970+	15	10	7.5	5
	Advanced / Blue	MA1	All	< 970	15	10	7.5	5
	Intermediate / White	MA2	All	< 935	12	8	6	4
	Recreational / Red	MA3	All	< 900	9	6	4.5	3
	Novice / Green	MA4	All	< 850	6	4	3	2
PROS PLAYING AM	Allowed To Participate In:	Division Code(s)	Ages Eligible	Ratings Requirement	Additional Information			
Pro	Advanced	MA1	All	< 970	Pros rated < 970 may compete in select Amateur divisions at PDGA events, for which they qualify. See table at left.			
	Advanced Master	MM1	Born 1968 or earlier	< 935				
	Advanced Grandmaster	MG1	Born 1958 or earlier	< 900				
	Intermediate	MA2	All	< 935	At the option of the TD, Pro and Am players may compete under "Trophy Only" by paying a reduced entry fee. However, these players are not allowed to accept payout other than CTPs and Player Packages.			
	Recreational	MA3	All	< 900				
Novice	MA4	All	< 850					
Pro Women	Advanced Women	FW1	All	< 850	Junior divisions are based on year of birth.			
	Intermediate Women	FW2	All	< 800				
	Recreational Women	FW3	All	< 750				

Table 4: 2008 PDGA TOUR ENTRY FEES

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TDs are strongly urged not to exceed the values listed in this table in determining their 2008 PDGA net entry fees.

Tier	Division	Pro Open Pro Women	All other Pros	Advanced	Intermediate & Recreational	Novice & Juniors
A		\$100	\$90	\$60	\$50	\$30
B		\$70	\$60	\$50	\$30	\$25
C		\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$20

• Table shows net entry fees. PDGA player fees based on event tier, plus any local club or regional series player fees should be added to these figures in order to determine overall entry fees.

Table 5: REQUIRED DISTANCES BETWEEN 2008 PDGA TOUR EVENTS

The following table shows the distances required between sanctioned tour events in order to avoid a scheduling conflict. The PDGA gives priority of dates to Majors, National Tours, and SuperTours and handles the scheduling of these events directly. State Coordinators are responsible for the scheduling of B and C Tier events and should give preference to reliable events with traditional weekends, and then to smaller or new events where there is no scheduling conflict and where the basic terms of sanctioning have been met.

Minimum # of Miles between Tour Events *

Tier	NT	A	B	C	
Major	***	***	400	250	* When one event only offers Pro divisions and another only Am divisions on the same weekend, there is no conflict.
National Tour	***	1000	300	200	
A	1000	400	200	150	* Where events are closer than the distances indicated, the higher tiered TD or Tour Manager may elect to have the protected radius waived.
B	300	200	150	50	
C	200	150	50	25	