



## The 2013 ODSA Provincial Disc Golf Season

- Player and Tournament Director Version -

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## - The 2013 ODSA Provincial Disc Golf Season -

### - Introduction -

The Ontario Disc Sports Association (ODSA) is pleased to announce the details of its 2013 Provincial Disc Golf Season. There will once again be a season-ending ODSA Provincial Disc Golf Championship (The Championship) that players will qualify for.

### - Summary of Changes for 2013 -

While a more detailed look at the changes for this year can be found further within, here are the main adjustments from last year, that players should make note of:

- **Elimination of Old Terms:** 'Gold Series' and 'Silver Tournaments' terminology to be replaced with 'Gold Events' & 'Silver Events'. The term 'Gold Passes' will be replaced with 'Championship Spots'.

- **Multiple Qualifying Methods:** Players can now earn a Championship Spot in 3 different methods.

- **Female Player Qualification and Division:** All female players are welcome to enter The Championship with **no qualification required**. Also, the elimination of the ODSA-named female player division, 'FAM', will be replaced with the PDGA's newly-named female player division, 'FA1', to be used for The Championships.



## - 2013 Provincial Disc Golf Championship Details -

The ODSA is pleased to announce the details of the 2013 Provincial Disc Golf Championship, to be hosted by the ODSA, and held on September 14-15<sup>th</sup>, at the Christie Lake Conservation Area, located in Dundas Ontario. All tournament details and regulations of The Championship can be found within this document.

### Player Information Section - Pages 3 - 11

#### - Player Qualification -

In order for players to participate in The Championship, they must earn a Championship Spot (a Spot), according to the guidelines within these Championship Details.

#### Player Qualification Process Overview

- There are three methods in which a player can earn a Spot in The Championship. Collectively known as Qualifying Events, they are individually known as **Gold Events**, **Silver Events**, and **Club Qualifiers**. For further details on all Qualifying Events, see section titled 'Qualifying Events' on page 8.

- **Gold Events** - Players earn a Spot at Gold Events by placing in the top 3 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>) of their divisions.

- **Silver Events** - Players earn a Spot at Silver Events by winning their divisions.

- **Club Qualifiers** - Players earn a Spot at Club Qualifiers by playing in a competitive club format, such as a league or ladder. Club participation is on a voluntary basis. More info on Club Qualifiers can be found on page 10.



## - Player Divisions -

- **Female** - The one Female Player Division that will be competed for at The Championship is the PDGA's newly-named 'FA1'. Female players will not be required to qualify to enter The Championship; however they are still bound by all registration rules and regulations. For ease of use, all references from hereon in, which relate to Championship Spots, will be applicable to Male Player Divisions only.

- **Male** - The four Male Player Divisions that will be competed for at The Championships are MPO, MPM, MA1, and MA2.

- Tournament Directors (TDs) may have any number of divisions at their Gold or Silver Events; however only players that enter the four Male Divisions are eligible to earn a Spot.

- Should any of the four Male divisions not exist at a Gold or Silver Event, then Spots available for those divisions will be considered null and void.

- Players winning a Spot in a Club Qualifier (see page 10) will enter into their appropriate division when registering for The Championship.

- Players are urged to choose their appropriate Division when entering into any Gold or Silver Event. See 'EXCEPTION' below.

### **EXCEPTION**

- The ODSA recognizes that from time to time, a player may not be able to enter into a division that they intend to compete in, due to low attendance in their division. Upon consulting with the TD, the player will be placed into an appropriate division in which they will compete in, for the duration of the tournament. The TD must make note of this before play commences. For the intent and purpose of The Championship only, this player is still eligible to receive a Spot for their originally intended division. If the player happens to finish in a position allocated a Spot in the division in which they have been placed, the next eligible player on the leader board will receive the spot for that division. Plus, the player who entered into that unintended division will also receive a Spot in their intended division. In other words, by default, a player will automatically receive a Spot in their originally intended division, if they do not have enough competitors to create that division. In fairness to the player, and through no fault of their own, if attendance is too low to create their intended division, and they wish to compete in the Championship against their divisional peers, they must be allowed to do so in this manner.



## **- Championship Spots -**

### **One Championship Spot Per Player**

- Players can only earn one Spot for the 2013 season. During any Qualifying Event, if a player finishes in a position to win a Spot, and has already earned a Spot in a previous Qualifying Event, the Spot will go to the next player down the leaderboard that has not yet earned a Spot.
- Championship Spots are not transferable to another division or to another player.
- Championship Spots will be presented to recipients at the awards ceremony of all Qualifying Events, in the form of a Championship Spot Letter of Congratulations, with instructions on how to proceed in the registration process for The Championship.

### **Moving Up**

- If a player who has earned a Spot has improved their ability of play, to the point that they want to move up and enter into a higher level division at another Qualifying Event, they will be allowed to do so, and will then be eligible to compete and receive a Spot in that higher level division.
- If the player earns a Spot in this higher level division, they will be required to relinquish their previously earned Spot. This relinquished Spot will be considered null and void.
- If the player fails to earn a Spot in this higher level division, their originally-won Spot remains valid to compete in The Championship, in the division in which it was earned.



### - Breaking Ties -

- If there is a tie for a Spot in a Gold or Silver Event, the tie will be broken in this order:
  - a) Best last round played by the players.
  - b) Best 2<sup>nd</sup> last round played by the players.
  - c) Best 3<sup>rd</sup> last round (if applicable) played by the players.
  - d) Best 4<sup>th</sup> last round (if applicable) played by the players.
  
- If after this a tie can still not be broken, it will be broken by a countback of the last round:
  - e) Best last hole on the **scorecard** (i.e. 18<sup>th</sup>, if played on an 18 hole course), of the last round played. Note: This last hole may not necessarily be the player's last hole played.
  - f) Then it's the 17<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, etc.

### - ODSA Membership and Ontario Residency Guidelines -

Players must meet the ODSA's membership criteria and Ontario's Residency Guidelines in order to receive a Spot. If an ineligible player is in a position to win a Spot, it will be awarded to the next eligible player on the leader board.

- Player must be a Canadian citizen or have an equivalent to landed immigrant status.
- Player must be either:
  - 1) An ODSA member of a currently-registered ODSA Disc Golf Club, or
  - 2) Be a member of the ODSA, with a No Club Affiliation status.



## **- Registration and Refund Policy -**

### **Entry Deadline - August 16, 2013**

- Female players wishing to enter The Championship may do so at anytime, while abiding by the entry deadline and all registration processes below.
- All players who have won a Championship Spot are eligible to enter The Championship, and must register by 11:59 pm, Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>, or 7 days after the Championship Spot is awarded, whichever comes later (only applicable for Championship Spots earned at the final 2013 Qualifying Event, the Flatts Classic Aug. 17-18).
- Players will register online at the ODSA website, or through the mail, and will be officially entered into the tournament once their payment has been made.
- Players will be made aware of the registration process through their Championship Spot letter, which they will receive upon winning their Spot.

### **Refund Policy**

- Cancellations received by August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will be given a full refund.
- Cancellations received by August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will be refunded ½ of the entry fee.
- Cancellations received after August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will not be refunded, and player will receive a player's package, which will be sent out after the conclusion of The Championship.



## - Qualifying Events -

In 2013, there will be three methods in which a player can earn a Spot in The Championship. Collectively known as 'Qualifying Events', they are individually known as **Gold Events**, **Silver Events**, and **Club Qualifiers**. While the Gold and Silver Events are province-wide disc golf tournaments, the Club Qualifiers will be run by local disc golf clubs that wish to participate. Details of each Qualifying Event are found below.

## - Gold Events -

### Gold Event Championship Spots - 3 per Division

- Players earn a Spot at Gold Events by placing in the top 3 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>) of their divisions, according to the guidelines within these Championship Details.

### 2013 Gold Events

May 4-5	Spring Fling at Christie Lake - Dundas ON
May 25-26	Black Fly Fling - South River ON
June 15-16	Summer Solstice - Midland ON
June 22-23	Capital Classic - Chelsea, QC
July 20-21	Breezy Treez - Brampton ON
August 17-18	Flatts Classic - St.Thomas ON

### 2013 and 2014 Transition Period

- Due to the Championship date now being locked into a new position on the calendar, the intent of the ODSA in 2013 is to continue to include all tournaments that have participated in past Gold or Silver Events.

- Here are the dates in which 2013 and 2014 Gold and Silver Events will fall into, in regards to the Player Qualification process:

2013 Gold and Silver Events: March 30, 2013 to August 18, 2013.

2014 Gold and Silver Events: August 19, 2013 to August 17, 2014.





## - Qualifying Events Cont'd -

### - Silver Events -

#### **Silver Event Championship Spots - 1 per Division**

- Players earn a Spot at Silver Events by winning their divisions, according to the guidelines within these Championship Details.

#### **2013 Silver Events**

June 1-2	B Tier in London (to be named) - London ON
June 9	Waterworks Championships - St.Thomas ON
July 6	Toronto Island Open - Toronto ON
July 6-7	Canadian Masters - St.Thomas ON
July 13	Ettyville Super Spin Championship - Bourget ON
July 13-14	Blueberry Brawl - Sudbury ON
July 13-14	Canadian National Doubles - St.Thomas ON
July 27	D&G Invitational - Oakville ON

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## - Qualifying Events Cont'd -

### - Club Qualifiers -

New this year is an additional method in which players can earn a Spot for The Championship, through their local disc golf clubs. Club participation will be solely up to the individual clubs, on a voluntary basis. All disc golf club contacts on file with the ODSA will be notified about the Club Qualifiers, in March 2013. However, all interested players are urged to discuss Club Qualifiers with their local club members and Board of Directors, in order to communicate this new concept with all concerned parties, so that everyone is fully aware. The ODSA asks for your patience with your local clubs, in this inaugural year of Club Qualifiers.

#### **Clubs and Members must be registered by April 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Clubs will be offered a number of Championship Spots, based on the number of paid and registered ODSA members, as of April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. See Chart below.
- Only those clubs who have completed their registration and **paid for their membership by April 30<sup>th</sup>**, will receive Championship Spots for their club for the current year. Registrations after May 1<sup>st</sup> will be fully accepted by the ODSA, but will not count towards the allocation of Spots.

#### **Club Qualifier Championship Spots - To be awarded to players by July 31<sup>st</sup>**

- The allocated Spots will be given to eligible clubs on May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, based on the Championship Spots Chart below.
- Clubs must award these Spots based on a competitive club format, such as a league or ladder. Clubs cannot award Spots on a non-competitive basis, such as a raffle, ring-of-fire, etc.
- **Clubs must award these spots to players no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**
- Players receiving Championship Spots through their Club Qualifiers are bound by all rules, regulations, and registration guidelines found within the Championship Details.

#### **Championship Spots Chart**

- ODSA Member Clubs having ten or more members registered with the ODSA by April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year will be allocated 1 Spot for every 10 players, as shown below, for clarification:

- 9 members = 0 spots
- 10 members = 1 spot
- 11 members = 1 spot
- 19 members = 1 spot
- 20 members = 2 spots
- etc.



## **- ODSA 2013 Provincial Championship -**

### **- Player Awards -**

#### **Trophies**

- Trophies will be awarded for Champions in each of 5 Divisions:

- MPO
- MPM
- FA1
- MA1
- MA2

#### **Bonuses**

- Entry Fee (only) paid to a 2014 PDGA Major associated with each of these 4 Divisions (MPO, MPM, MA1, and FA1).

- MA2 winner receives a 2014 PDGA Membership.



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## - Tournament Director Information - Pages 12-14 -



## - ODSA Sanctioning Criteria for Gold and Silver Events -

### - Gold Events -

The goal of the ODSA is to ensure that participants have the best tournament experience possible, at the top courses in the province. Each Gold Event venue will be chosen on criteria set forth below. Gold Event venues may change from year to year, based on their eligibility and regional location. There will be a limit of 6 Gold Events per season. For all intents and purposes, a Gold Event is defined as a disc golf tournament that has been sanctioned by the ODSA as such.

### - Gold Event Sanctioning Criteria -

- Gold Events must be sanctioned at a PDGA Tier C level or higher.
- Must be a 3-round or 4-round, two-day event.
- \$500 added to the prize purse.
- A \$2 per player sanctioning fee will be remitted to the ODSA.
- At least one Gold Event must be held in each of the four regions of Ontario (North, West, East, and Central) using the Ministry Of Tourism, Culture and Sport's map as a guideline. See "Appendix A – MTSC Provincial Regional Division".
- If a Gold Event does not meet any of the above criteria, or has an attendance of less than 40 players, the ODSA will look within the same region to have other events lobby or bid to be sanctioned as a Gold Event the following year. The bid process will also be available to the existing Gold Event in question.



## **- ODSA Sanctioning Criteria for Gold and Silver Events -**

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### **- Silver Events -**

The ODSA's mandate to promote Disc Golf in the province carries on in 2013, through a number of Silver Events, to help carry forward the visibility of the sport with a local, community-building flavor. The additional offering of Championship Spots at Silver Events has been added in 2013 to encourage increased participation at Silver Events, and to recognize the contributions of Silver Event Tournament Directors to the Ontario Disc Golf Community. For all intents and purposes, a Silver Event is defined as a disc golf tournament sanctioned by the ODSA as such.

### **- Silver Event Sanctioning Criteria -**

- A \$1 per player fee, to be remitted to the ODSA.
- Not necessary to be PDGA sanctioned, but highly encouraged.



## **- Tournament Director Support -**

### **- ODSA 2013 Gold & Silver Events -**

#### **Prize Discs**

- Prize discs will be made available to TDs at a cost of \$20/disc. The design will be similar to previous years and will be standardized for all events. Available customization of tournament name, division and rank are the only variations allowed. Orders for prize discs must be included in the completed event sanctioning form by April 15th, 2013 so that orders may be placed.

#### **ODSA Shade Tents & Scoreport, Scorecard templates**

- The ODSA has 4 - 10' x 10' shade tents available as well as a Scoreport that can be made available to TDs should they require it.

- **Note:** it is the responsibility of the tournament director to ensure the safety and integrity of these items throughout the time they are in their possession. Damages to this equipment will be charged to the sanctioned organizing club and/or the TD.

- Transportation of these tents & Scoreport to and from the event is the sole responsibility of the TD/organizing club, either from the tournament where they are previously being used or the nearest available location of ODSA storage as determined by the ODSA.

- An excel spreadsheet document can be shared with all TDs to facilitate the creation of Scoreport cards. Responsibility for creating and printing these Scoreport cards for the events lies solely on the TD/organizing club.

- A template document for individual round scorecards for players with standardized ODSA branding can be shared with all TDs to facilitate the creation of individual round scorecards. Responsibility for printing these scorecards lies solely on the organizing club/TD.

#### **ODSA Online Registration Services**

- The ODSA can offer both Gold & Silver Event online registration and payment services. This service will be offered free of any charges except for the associated PayPal fees charged during payment processing.



## - Disclaimer -

The 2013 ODSA Provincial Disc Golf Championships, including its rules and regulations, are, for all intents and purposes, to be used as guidelines in which the ODSA's Disc Golf Committee has set forth within. The ODSA's Disc Golf Committee is the sole ruling body of The Championships, its details, including its rules, regulations and eligibility criteria. While all efforts were made to ensure the accuracy and integrity of this document, any overlooked or unforeseen circumstance that subsequently comes to the attention of the ODSA, which concerns an individual, disc golf club, or tournament, in relation to the content of The Championship Details, will be reviewed and ruled upon by the Disc Golf Committee at its earliest convenience.

### **Discrepancies**

Discrepancies within this document can be forwarded to the:

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# Appendix A: Ministry Regions in Ontario

