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The Rattling Chains Open 2025

Part of AVT and ODDS

Caddy Handbook

Thank you for playing The Rattling Chains Open. We hope everyone enjoys the fun atmosphere and the challenge of Rockland Disc Golf Park. If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions at any time from registration to the close of the tournament and beyond, please reach out to the TDs. Anyone who has met us knows we are very approachable and are always seeking ways to make our events fun and safe for everyone.

*****Important*****

A long-term construction project is happening around Rockland Park. This has caused a detour to access the park from Route 522. This detour will add significant travel time to access the park. Please keep this in mind and plan accordingly when arriving for check-in and determining your lunch options. A lunch option is available for purchase prior to the event, please select this option during registration or contact the TD's prior to registration close (03/20 9am).

Rockland Disc Golf Park (250 Rockland Park Way, Front Royal, Va 22630) is in beautiful Warren County, Virginia, with proximity to Front Royal, Winchester, Stephens City and Strasburg.

The disc golf course is a wooded tract with 2 loops comprising holes 1-9 and 10-18. It will challenge you to slow down and think about a specific line on some of the tighter fairways.



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Am Day (Saturday): both rounds will play from the short (red) tees

Pro Day (Sunday): Round 1 will play from the short (red) tees and Round 2 will play from the long (blue) tees.

Please thank Apple Valley Disc Golf and the Warren County Parks and Recreation team for keeping the park and course in beautiful condition all year round. Let's help keep it that way on the day of the event by picking up trash we see on the course. There will be trash cans at various locations throughout the park. **No alcohol, drug use(smoking, vaping, or any other method) is allowed during a PDGA-sanctioned event (see PDGA section [3.03 C player misconduct](#)).**

Tournament Central will be located at the small shelter, between holes 1 and 10. Bathrooms (Johhny Blues) will be available near Tournament Central.

Please remember to stay hydrated throughout the day and protect yourself from the sun. Water, snacks, bug spray, hand sanitizer, and sunscreen will be available to those who need them at Tournament Central. A first aid kit will also be available at Tournament Central.

Registration is 8-9 am. Shotgun start @ 9:20. All players should be at their assigned hole and ready to play prior to the starting horn. There will be 2 short horn blasts for the 2 minute warning followed by 1 long horn blast to start the round.

Round 2 will start approximately 1 hour after the last card from Round 1 comes in. Round 2 hole assignments and start time will be announced at Tournament Central and posted on the PDGA tournament page.

Presentation of trophies and drawing of raffle tickets will take place at Tournament Central following round 2 and any playoffs, if necessary. For all raffle items, the winner must be present or another ticket will be drawn.

We will use pdga.com/score for official scoring, the access codes are

Saturday: RCOAm25

Sunday: RCOPro25



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We will also have paper cards available. It is required that all players keep score during the round, and it is recommended that 1 should be a paper card for backup. Live scoring login information will be posted online and emailed prior to the tournament. It will also be posted at Tournament Central.

Prepaid raffle tickets will be at Tournament Central. Additional raffle tickets will be available during the tournament for purchase.

All players under 13 must have a parent or guardian (13 or older) caddy with them during the entire tournament. Caddies may be switched between rounds, if necessary.

Player caddies must abide by all [PDGA rules](#) during the tournament. Players are responsible for the actions of their caddies during the tournament.

Spectators are welcome. We ask that spectators remain a safe distance away from all tee pads, fairways, greens, and players. Please remain quiet during actual play so as not to disturb any player on the course (be aware that players will be on the entire course and not just near the hole that you are spectating).

The tournament will be held rain or shine. We will monitor the weather during the tournament and in the event of lightning, play will be suspended until the lightning has cleared. The signal to suspend play due to lightning will be 3 short horn blasts followed by another 3 short horn blasts 1 minute later. **Players must immediately stop playing, mark their lie, and make their way to the nearest shelter.** For information on suspended play please refer to [section 1.07 of the PDGA rule book](#).

Playoffs will be played for first-place ties in all pro divisions and 1-3 places in all am divisions. All playoffs will be played on a loop of holes 3, 4, & 9. It will be a sudden life playoff. The first player to win a hole wins the playoff. All playoffs must be initiated by a tournament director and must be observed by a designee of the tournament director.



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There is no relief off of any tee pad.

Out-of-bounds will be noted for each hole below. [Normal OB rules apply.](#)

Approximate distance listed for each hole. Please use for reference only. Check official Park info and UDisc for distance information or use range finder if you wish.

Group A (Sunday) – All Pro divisions, MA1, MA40

Group B (Saturday) – MA50, MA60, MA2, MA3, MA4, All FA divisions, All Junior divisions

Round 1 – All divisions play from Short (red) tee - Group B will use these pars and distances for BOTH ROUNDS

Hole 1 – 390ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 4. No OB

Hole 2 - 379ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 4. No OB

Hole 3 – 297ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 3. No OB

Hole 4 – 334ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 4. No OB

Hole 5 – 309ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 4. No OB

Hole 6 - 182ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 3. No OB

Hole 7 - 457ft Group A Par 4 Group B Par 5. OB long over playground fence

Hole 8 - 193ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 3. No OB

Hole 9 - 256ft Group A Par 3 Group B Par 3. OB right over playground fence, inside shelter (surrounded by concrete), on shelter roof



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Hole 10 - 284ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 3**. OB long pond (surrounded by water)

Hole 11 - 276ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 3**. No OB

Hole 12 - 413ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 3**. No OB. May take relief from area marked with pink flags.

Hole 13 - 207ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 3**. No OB

Hole 14 281ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 4**. No OB

Hole 15 400ft **Group A Par 4** **Group B Par 4**. No OB

Hole 16 - 353ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 3**. No OB

Hole 17 - 315ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 3**. No OB

Hole 18 - 349ft **Group A Par 3** **Group B Par 3**. OB left pond (surrounded by water)

Round 2 Group A plays from Long (blue) tees

Hole 1 – 447ft **Group A Par 4** No OB

Hole 2 - 391ft **Group A Par 3** No OB

Hole 3 – 327ft **Group A Par 3** No OB

Hole 4 – 395ft **Group A Par 4** No OB

Hole 5 – 380ft **Group A Par 4** No OB

Hole 6 – 234ft **Group A Par 3** No OB

Hole 7 - 541ft **Group A Par 4** OB long over playground fence

Hole 8 - 236ft **Group A Par 3** No OB



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Hole 9 – 250ft Group A Par 3 OB right over playground fence, inside shelter (surrounded by concrete), on shelter roof

Hole 10 - 298ft Group A Par 3 OB long pond (surrounded by water)

Hole 11 - 302ft Group A Par 3 No OB

Hole 12 - 439ft Group A Par 3 No OB. May take relief from area marked with pink flags.

Hole 13 - 231ft Group A Par 3 No OB

Hole 14 356ft Group A Par 3 No OB

Hole 15 421ft Group A Par 4 No OB

Hole 16 – 406ft Group A Par 3 No OB

Hole 17 - 414ft Group A Par 3 No OB

Hole 18 - 443ft Group A Par 4 OB left pond (surrounded by water)

Please remember to play a provisional (PDGA rule 809.02) if you have a question and your group cannot come to a consensus.