



## College Disc Golf Season Guidelines (2019-2020): Frequently Asked Questions

### Rules for 2019-2020

- Regional Qualifiers will award bids to Nationals and will run as they traditionally have in the past
- Bid allocations to Nationals will depend on the size of each Regional Qualifier, event history, and other factors.
- National Championship will have rating caps for First and Second flight; those players without ratings will count as the maximum rating for that flight
- Female disc golfers have an automatic qualification to Nationals and are not required, but are encouraged, to participate in their Regional Qualifier
- Teams must form or join a conference this season (2019-2020)
- \$20 [College Disc Golf Membership](#) fee per player on a team
- Each team must register with a registrar certifiable roster of players - must be submitted 1 week in advance of Regional Qualifier and 2 weeks in advance of National Championship

### Structure

1. Will we need to join or compete in a Conference Championship in order to attend a Regional Qualifier? What about Nationals?

For 2019-2020, you do not have to participate in a Conference Championship. The Regional Qualifiers will be the only qualification requirement for the 2020 College Disc Golf National Championship. However, you must be a member of a conference before participating in Nationals.

2. What do we need for our conferences for 2019-2020?

You need to form or join a conference by the end of the 2019-2020 Season. We encourage you to form your conferences this year because the Conference Championships will go into effect for the 2020-2021 season. At that time, the Conference Championships will serve as a feeder into the Regional Championships. For the first year of conference play (2020-2021), every team that participates in a Conference Championship will automatically qualify to attend their Regional Championship. The regions will be assigned next year based on the organic development of the conferences during this season (2019-2020).

3. Will there be any support in our attempts to grow our conferences and college programs?

We are currently creating a network of players, coaches, and administrative personnel to be used as a resource for developing club programs. Also, we will have resources on our website to use when beginning a college team and/or conference. As always, questions can be directed to College Disc Golf at: [info@collegediscgolf.com](mailto:info@collegediscgolf.com).

4. Is there a deadline to register with College Disc Golf as a team? Is there a fee?

Yes, you must [register with College Disc Golf](#) and submit your roster before you compete in ANY College Disc Golf event. There is a fee of \$20 per rostered player. Memberships remain active for the entire season and are assigned to individuals.

5. How many teams must there be in a conference for next year?

A minimum of 3 teams is required to form a conference with no more than 10 teams.

6. How are we expected to create a conference when there are not enough schools in our geographic location?

While we understand the limitation in some areas with limited schools, the goal of this is to help grow collegiate disc golf via grassroots development. As demonstrated by several collegiate disc golf groups already (e.g. Oregon, Arkansas), the way to grow the collegiate scene geographically is through the establishment of conferences. We are working to launch our new site with information, contacts, resources, and more to help you form or join a conference.

7. Is Canada included? Would we ever have to travel up North?

We have interest from our Northern neighbors who would like to develop collegiate disc golf programs. They would be required to travel to the USA to participate in Regional Qualifiers and the National Championship. Likewise, schools from Alaska and Hawaii would need to travel to a Regional Qualifier to earn a bid to Nationals. For the 2020-2021 Season and beyond these two states, Canadian teams, and first year teams will have an exception stating that they are not required to participate in a Conference Championship and will receive automatic bids to their respective Regional Qualifiers (which are not included in the 18 bids awarded per region).

### Qualifying

1. Who will coordinate the Regional Qualifiers (2019-2020) and Regional Championships (2020-2021)?

They will continue as our qualifiers have in the past. A set volunteer/tournament director is responsible for maintaining his or her respective Regional Qualifier each year. Interested individuals or organizations can find the [qualifier application here](#) on our website.

2. What are the dates for the Regional Qualifiers?

The exact dates for the Regional Qualifiers are TBD. After our Tournament Directors have completed their applications, College Disc Golf will approve their events and dates. These events will be listed on our website.

3. Will women's teams or individual female competitors need to qualify?

No. Any female player has an automatic qualification to the National Championship. They are not required, but are encouraged, to attend their Regional Qualifier. They may also bring an unlimited number of teams. However, each team is limited to a maximum of 2 female players and they will compete in best shot doubles play.

4. For the National Championship, it shows the Women's Division as able to have only 1 on a team. How does that work for the team title? There won't be two singles scores to average? Or, is collegiate disc golf moving towards dropping the lowest singles score (which is why the Champion/First Flights are allowed to only have 3 players)?

Single female competitors are eligible to compete in the Women's division. They can compete in the singles play (eligible for Singles' Awards) and participate as a part of a mixed Women's team composed of players from different schools during the team rounds. The mixed teams are not eligible for team awards.

5. What if a team drops out of (or is disqualified from) the Regional Qualifier or National Championship?

If a team decides not to attend (or is disqualified from) their specified Regional Qualifier or the National Championship, then the bid will be awarded to the next highest finishing team in that specific conference/region. If no more teams are present, then the bid will transfer to the next largest conference/region.

6. Why do First Flight and Second Flight now have rating caps at the National Championship? What if a player's rating changes before the National Championship and skews the flight average rating?

The ratings cap is for the team (i.e. flight) average rather than by individual. For the National Championship, the official ratings utilized will be the month prior's PDGA Ratings Update which must be reflected on a team's roster. For this upcoming season, the team average ratings cap is 935 for First Flight and 900 for Second Flight.

If an individual increases in rating, thus causing a flight to go over the team rating cap, then they will need to update their roster to meet the requirements. Please keep in mind that you cannot "drop down" a division once an event has begun, meaning that a player on the Champion Flight roster cannot drop down to First Flight/Second Flight. Likewise, a player on First Flight cannot drop down to Second Flight.

The goal of team rating average caps is to eliminate the possibility with an individual (or individuals) "bagging" in the First Flight or Second Flight divisions in order to promote fair play. Furthermore, it encourages the growth and development of the First Flight and Second Flight divisions through just competition.

7. What if I don't have a PDGA rating?

Then your rating will count as the maximum cap for the flight you will be playing.

8. What if our roster changes between the Conference Championship, Regional Championship, and National Championship (e.g. someone withdraws from school or is injured)? Can you only qualify for the National Championship with the same players?

No. Roster additions and changes may be made at any time between events, but the new players must meet all eligibility requirements and the roster deadlines. If someone is being added after the roster deadline, they may not be able to participate and you must contact the College Disc Golf Director for approval. Furthermore, during the course of a tournament (e.g. National Championship), the roster cannot change from what was submitted prior to the event.

### Eligibility

1. What determines the eligibility of transgender athletes?

The rules state we follow both PDGA and International Olympic Committee (IOC) rules and regulations. For additional information, please see: <https://www.pdga.com/medical/gender-protected-divisions-eligibility-policy>

2. What does the registrar-certified roster entail?

The Roster Form is required to be filled-out and verifiable by the school's registrar. This must show each player on your team participating in the Regional Qualifier or National Championship (as well as substitutes), including: degree program, hours enrolled, full-time or half-time status, as well as at least 2 quarters enrollment or graduated in Fall verification (if applicable).

Competitors must also be current members of College Disc Golf.

In addition, there will be a section to record PDGA numbers as well as the number of National Championships each individual has competed in prior to the current year.

If an exception is being made for below half-time enrollment for individuals in their last semester/quarter or those enrolled in all classes available for their degree program (e.g. prerequisites course needed before remaining classes), then this will be noted in the designated section.