



Hello and welcome to the Niagara Region Disc Golf Wednesday night league! As always we look forward to playing and socializing with all of you on league nights and beyond. We sincerely hope that you will find this league to be a professional and well-organized one. The league strongly suggests a minimum attendance record of 75% for Points Purse considerations. The league also suggests enrollment into the NRDG End of Year Tournament because both the tournament and points purses are funded through nightly dues. We further encourage you to become a part of this effort. From managing league activities, course maintenance concerns, promotional considerations, obtaining sponsors and beyond there are several areas in need of volunteers. Please contact your nearest course/league director(s) if you are interested. As experience has taught us it is necessary to establish rules and guidelines so that we may conduct the league in an orderly fashion. Considerable thought and effort has gone into this packet and some great changes are in store for this year. Please read all this information before asking questions. Please feel free to make suggestions for the league, as we are always searching for ways to make these events more fun!

Divisions and Dues:

We will be accepting entries for Open and Amateur divisions. Please note that women and juniors will have a handicap (see women and juniors handicap rule). The nightly dues will be \$11.00 for the open division and \$9.00 for the amateur division. U.S. funds only, no refunds. As always there will be a point's purse for each division plus an end of the year tournament for all! Please note that the point's purses and the end of the year tournament are \$1.00 each and are funded through weekly dues. In addition is a \$2.00 league fee that will be used for future NRDG ventures. The nightly dues breakdown is as follows:

Open	\$11.00	Entry Fee
Breakdown	\$7.00	Evening Purse
	\$1.00	End of year tournament
	\$1.00	Points Purse
	\$2.00	League Fee
Amateur	\$9.00	Entry Fee
Breakdown	\$5.00	Evening Purse
	\$1.00	End of Year Tournament
	\$1.00	Points Purse
	\$2.00	League Fee

Please note that the field is limited to 72 entrants. There is no pre-registration for league nights. You must be present to submit an entry.



Ace Pool (Hole in One!)

There will be an ace pool for each course and all divisions for a fee of \$1.00 per event. (U.S. funds only) The ace pool will pay two-thirds of the current kitty for each ace in a particular division. Secondary aces, in a particular division, will receive two-thirds of the remaining kitty and so on. Determining pay out will be based upon the hole in which the ace was scored with respect to the staggered start. Example: Dick starts on hole three and Jane starts on hole fifteen. Dick gets a hole in one on hole five, Jane gets a hole in one on hole eighteen. Dick got a hole in one on his third hole, Jane on her fourth. See Dick win. In the unlikely event that a tie may occur, the two players will divide the two-thirds (2/3) of the kitty twice. The same principle would apply for a three-way tie and so on. The ace pool will be payable on the night you ace by cash or check, whichever is decided by the course/league director on hand. Please note that each course will have a separate ace pool. The end of year tournament will play for the ace pool that is currently in place for that particular course. The ace pools are capped at \$750 per division, per course and will be carried over from year to year. Any money generated above the \$750 cap will be distributed evenly into the lowest existing ace pool (i.e. lowest Am and lowest Open, respectively). Aces occurring during a playoff will be considered null and void. If all Ace pools are capped the money will be placed into league funds for use on course maintenance projects.

The End of Year Tournament

The NRDG End of Year Tournament will be held on the 2nd Saturday after the last league night (see current league information for specific date/time). The tournament will be two rounds of 18 with a best-shot, draw-doubles format. There will be two divisions; Open and Amateur, with the Women and Juniors Handicap Rule being honored. Please note that the tournament site will rotate from year to year. Sign up begins at 9:00 am and ends at 10:00 am. Don't be late! At approximately 10:15 am, the players meeting will commence. Qualification for league player status will require a minimum of 5 enrollments in Wednesday night doubles play. Since it is possible to play more than one division, it will be whichever division was played more during your first 5 weeks that determines your End of Year Tournament division status. The End of Year Tournament flat fee will be \$10.00 dollars for the open division and \$8.00 dollars for the Amateur division, plus a pro-rated fee based upon your number of entries into Wednesday night doubles play. Considering that a \$1.00 charge per entry is being contributed to the end of year tournament it is only possible to contribute \$21.00 with 100% participation (21, entries). The bottom line is that each player will be held accountable for \$21.00 regardless of division. What this means is that a \$1.00 charge will be imposed for every missed opportunity, thus leveling the contributions.

Example: Player X competes 16 times out of a possible 21 thus missing 5 entries; multiplied by \$1.00 each equals \$5.00 of prorated fees.

Pre-Registration for the End of Year Tournament will be allowed as soon as you become eligible. Please note that the field may be limited to 72 players and that pre-registration is advised. Also note that a Non-League division will not be offered as current numbers indicate that a full field is possible with regular league players. Pre-registration will be the flat fee only. All pro-rated fees will be collected on tournament day. Any pre-registered player that does not check-in by 10:00 a.m. on tournament day will forfeit their spot with no refund.



Closest to the Pin Contest (CTP)

There will be a nightly, \$2 CTP contest where 50% of the purse goes to the CTP winner and the other 50% goes into the league funds.

The Point's Purse

There will be a point's purse for all divisions, and points will be awarded based on attendance, performance, and finishing. What this means is:

Attendance points: if 10 teams play in a division, there will be 10 points for 1st, 9 points for 2nd, 8 points for 3rd and so on.

Performance points: You will receive 1 additional point for every team you beat within your division. Example: 10 teams play and you win, thus beating 9 teams, multiplied by 1 point for each team beaten equates to 9 additional points.

Finishing Point: You will receive one additional point for finishing. Consequently, not finishing constitutes an awol player rule that dictates; In the event that a player from a team leaves, the solo player will be allowed to finish with one shot and no mulligan. If that solo player places "In the Money", all money and normal points will be awarded to that player. The awol player forfeits all rights to money and points.

Place	Attendance Points	Performance Points	Finishing Points	Total Points
1	6	5	1	12
2	5	4	1	10
3	4	3	1	8
4	3	2	1	6
5	2	1	1	4
6	1	0	1	2

There will be twenty-four weeks of play for points. Your best 16 finishes will become your total points and you will be allowed six (5) scratches. Points will accumulate in the division that you play only. You may jump between divisions as much as you desire. Please note that although jumping between divisions is allowed during your 1st 5 weeks, it ultimately costs one scratch per week for weeks played in the other division with respect to the point's purse. The point's purse will pay down to eighth (8th) place at a minimum and will be reviewed two (2) weeks before the end of the season. In the event of a tie for points, respective to the money positions at the end of the season, the totals for those places would be added together and then divided equally by the number of players tied.

Registration Cards

A registration card must be filled out and signed by all players. Please note that there is a disclaimer holding the league and its directors Save/Harmless against any claims arising under participation in this league.



Nightly Sign Up

Before you sign up to play you must realize that when playing doubles the possibility of an odd number of players may occur within your division. In this event the Mulligan Rule will apply to the player drawing the odd chip. Luck of the draw applies so, please do not, "pay to play", if you won't, "play that way". Please note that sign-up will close 15 minutes prior to that evenings tee time and after that no other entries will be accepted unless approved by the course director. The field may be limited to the first 72 registrants. You must be present and there is no pre-registration.

Mulligan Rule

The Mulligan Rule shall be as follows; one (1) extra shot per hole for open players, two (2) extra shots per hole for amateur players. No carry-overs. In conjunction with this, the mulligan player will only be entitled to half the money for any placing score unless a double entry fee (optional) is paid thus entitling the player to collect fully. It is the responsibility of the mulligan player to make sure he/she has paid double before the round starts. Consequently, if a mulligan player does not pay twice and finishes with a placing score, the 2nd half of the unallocated funds would be divided equally between the point's purse and the end of year tournament purse for that players division.

Women and Juniors Handicap Rule

This is being done in lieu of starting a women's division or continuing a junior division. Based on the number of participants last year, we have chosen to integrate the women and juniors into the men's divisions. We sincerely hope that enrollment will increase to a level that may allow us to honor separate divisions. Until such time, the league, in the interest of fairness, has adopted the following rule; **Open and Amateur Women or Juniors will play from the next closest tee.** This system will be used as a general rule but may be customized to encourage more women and/or junior players.

Weekly Pay-out

Due to the fact that making loose change can be difficult a winning Doubles Team will be paid as a single entity and will be responsible for dividing the purse equally between them. Weekly pay out has been graphed for easy viewing. (See attached).

Tee Arrangement

Tees will be determined by the Course Director that evening of play.

Number of Holes

The number of holes to be played on any given evening will be at the discretion of the course/league director. Regardless, all players will play the same amount of holes at any given course. The number of entries, daylight, and amount of playable holes (18 versus 27) will factor in this decision.



Scoring

Each hole should be scored immediately upon its' completion. One team (person) should do the scoring for both teams. The responsibility should be divided equally for however many holes are being played on a given evening. Score cards are to be totaled and checked by all players in the group. Furthermore, your initials will be required so that we know that you have checked your card. This applies to all players on the scorecard. Blanks will result in a par plus four (4) being entered wherever applicable.

A par of three will be used as a reference as opposed to the course par. Total scores that are above the actual score will be left as is. Total scores that are below the actual score will be assessed a four (4) stroke penalty for each favorable stroke away from the actual score. This four (4) stroke penalty will be added to the actual score. Please make sure to check and initial your scorecard. Please return your scorecard to the course director upon completion. Missing scorecards or scorecards not handed in will insure a last place finish. Lost or unreadable scorecards may be re-constructed immediately after the round and must be initialed by the team you played against or a course director.

Playoffs

Playoffs will be for first (1st) place ties only. Such a play-off will take place on hole number one (1) for all divisions unless unanimously agreed upon by the players involved or otherwise specified by the course director. All playoffs will be from the tees which respect your division and/or gender. The winner will be either, the lowest score on that hole, and/or the closest disc to the pin on the first throw. The winning team or individual will gain the extra points & money. All other ties will not be played, with points and/or moneys being divided equally among all players involved. Aces occurring during a playoff will be considered null and void.

Out of Bounds

A disc is out of bounds at all courses if:

1. The disc is two meters (6 ft. 6 in.) off the ground.
2. The disc lands on or over any road.
3. The disc lies on or over the parking lots.
4. The disc is completely surrounded by water other than casual water present on the course. (See a course/league director(s) for clarification if necessary).

*In addition to the standard out of bounds practices, there will be particular out of bounds specific to each individual course. Please see a course/league director(s) for clarification at each course before beginning play.



Rain Procedure

The league still plays during rainstorms so please come prepared to weather the storm. In the event that lightning occurs and it is deemed unsafe to play by a course/league director or certified P.D.G.A. official, an air horn will be sounded and play will stop. All players should immediately take shelter and report to league headquarters as soon as possible. Deciding to continue play will be at the discretion of the course director. In the event that play is not possible the winner will be the lowest score at the highest number of holes played by all participants. See a course/league director(s) for details.

Course Care

As league players it is our responsibility to maintain and improve the course. The focus of our intent is to promote disc golf sports and sportsmanship. Please bear in mind that image is everything. You, as a player; can help by keeping the course clean, respecting park personnel and property, acting in a professional manner and maintaining a drug free play zone.

Casual Water

Often times, water accumulates undesirably on the fairways. This water is referred to as "casual", as it is normally not intended to be there. If your disc happens to land in this water you may obtain relief. Relief will be in a backward direction on a straight line connecting target and disc until a desirable (or dry) location is obtained.

Mandatory Dog-Legs

A new P.D.G.A. rule exists regarding mandatory dog-legs and will also be adopted by the league. The rule states that if a mandatory is missed the player may take a one stroke penalty and play from the spot where your shot broke the plane created by the tee and the mandatory in play.

Closing Comments

In general, we will use the Professional Disc Golf Association rules as a guideline. Foot faults, proper stances, falling putts, casual water and general etiquette etc. are important rules to be followed and should be enforced by the players in each group. Please see a course/league director for a copy of the current P.D.G.A. RULES. Please remember that we are here to have fun and that badgering over the rules is sometimes necessary and often times inappropriate. The course/league director(s) reserve the right to make final decisions on any questionable calls that may arise. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in the Niagara Region Disc Golf, Doubles League.