

General Bid Guidelines for 2026/2027 NADGT Premier Events and Championships

We will be accepting bids for 2026 and 2027.

This document, along with the corresponding Bid Specifics document(s), is your roadmap as you craft your proposal(s) for the NADGT Event(s) you wish to host. It outlines the key requirements and expectations, ensuring you are well-prepared and understand what is needed for a successful bid. By following these guidelines, you can ensure that your bid is comprehensive, well-structured, and meets all the criteria for consideration.

Bid Submission Deadline: Tuesday, September 1st, 2025 Selection Announcement: January 2026

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Dear Prospective Host city,

We deeply value your interest in hosting a NADGT Event, one of the most impactful community events in disc golf. This comprehensive package has been meticulously crafted to assist you in presenting your case for hosting one of these premier events. As you construct your proposal, this "Bid Guidelines" document should be your trusted companion, along with the specific bid package document(s) for the event(s) you aspire to host.

These bid guidelines form the basis for the event agreement contract and are an integral part of the commitment. The agreement will be presented to your team upon the event's awarding. If you have any questions regarding the bid process or your bid proposal for a NADGT event, don't hesitate to contact our NADGT Tour Director, Kyle Maute (Kyle.Maute@nadgt.com.)

Regards, David Feldberg NADGT CEO

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 About Disc Golf

Disc Golf uses the same general rules, terminology, and etiquette as traditional golf. However, instead of using a range of clubs to hit a ball into a hole in the ground, a competitor throws a sport-specific flying disc or Frisbee® into a standardized disc-catching target. There are 18 pro-rated targets, and the game's object is to play the course with the fewest number of throws of the disc as possible.

The sport was formalized in the 1970s and is designed to be enjoyed by people of all ages, making it an excellent lifetime fitness sport. The fact that nearly every American has thrown a flying disc at some point in their lives gives the game broad appeal and a receptive audience. Over 10,000-disc golf courses can be found in the U.S. and over 60 countries worldwide, and the sport is currently experiencing exponential growth and popularity.

1.2 About the National Amateur Disc Golf Tour (NADGT)

The National Amateur Disc Golf Tour (NADGT) is the world's largest amateur disc golf tour with 200-plus yearly events all over the US and Canada that qualify amateurs to compete in a National Championship. NADGT started in 2016 and has made it a mission to give regular players the high-level event feeling that professionals are accustomed to receiving. A large percentage of the current professional players have come through the NADGT system. Over the years NADGT has given away multiple cars as prizes as well as full professional tour cards to its champions. But overall, the NADGT aims to provide fun for all skill levels.

NADGT is also a gold level Donator to the Educational Disc Golf Experience (EDGE) and the Paul McBeth Foundation (PMBF). EDGE is the leader in introducing disc golf to children in schools nationwide. PMBF is focused on introducing disc golf to underserved communities and countries around the world.

1.3 Structure of NADGT Events.

The NADGT offers multiple styles and formats of events. We are able to create events that fit your area's size, infrastructure, and level of interest. Below is a list of our current event styles, but we are always open to any suggestions or modifications that may be needed by prospective parties.

National Championships - The North American Disc Golf Championship is going into its 6th year. It is hosted in October/November and averages 1,000 players: plus, friends, families, caddies, and spectators. This event requires multiple courses, meeting areas and host hotels. The National Championships is a weeklong event and showcases the best amateur disc golf talent in the world. Players attend from 48 states and 5 Canadian Provinces.

Junior Championships - The North American Junior Championships is going into its 3rd year. It is generally hosted in the summer and attracts a couple hundred junior players from all over the USA and Canada. It requires 2 courses and a host hotel. These kids are the future of disc golf and it's always exciting to host full families.

Premier Events - Premier events are 2–3-day events that can be hosted anytime during the year. They attract a couple hundred players from surrounding states. These events can be held on as little as one course. NADGT currently hosts 16 Premier events in the USA yearly and is looking to expand to 25 per year.

Exclusive Events - Exclusive events are 1–2 day events that can be hosted anytime of the year. They attract 50-150 players from neighboring communities and states. They require just one course. NADGT hosts 150 of these events yearly. These are a great way for a city or community to get involved in disc golf without large investment.

2. HOST ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

For most disc golf event proposals they will tell you that you need the following:

- A current PDGA member in good standing
- A current PDGA rules official
- Up to date with all past tournament payments and reporting
- Vastly experienced in hosting large PDGA-sanctioned events (A-Tier and above)

Not the NADGT, we pride ourselves on providing you with the team you will need to host one of our events. This locally-sourced team is fully supported by our core staff, who combined have over hundred years of experience in hosting disc golf events, and has a former Professional World Champion as its leader.

2.1 Endorsements & Support

The final bid should include a letter of endorsement and support from the local convention and visitor's bureau, sports commission, or tourism department in the city or cities where the event will be hosted. This letter should pledge their support for the event and outline how they will assist in its promotion and execution. It can also include letters from any local dignitaries who are in support of the event, the parks department or venue owners of the disc golf courses on which the event will be played.

If this information about the Course is outside of your bandwidth, we are more than happy to also assist you in selecting and improving the courses you need to host an event.

2.2 Grants

The NADGT is always looking to get support from sports and developmental grants and have experienced great success in the past. Bid packages that include opportunities to work with grants will have favor in the bid application process in 3.1.

3. BID SUBMISSION

3.1 Bid Application Process

Your primary contact will be David Feldberg, who may follow up with you directly to ask for more information, clarification, or supporting documents. A NADGT representative may also visit the site during the selection process.

The NADGT Core Team will review all bids and decide which bid fits each event the best.

All bids should include the event's name and the year or years you want to be considered for.

3.2 Bid Submission

Proposals shall be emailed to: David.Feldberg@nadgt.com

The deadline for submitting a bid for a 2026 or 2027 event is September 1, 2025.

The NADGT intends to award the bids in January 2026.

4. BID DOCUMENT GUIDELINES

4.1 Event Goals and Expectations

World-Class Competition, World-Class Event Services

When creating your bid, please prioritize competitors' needs and expectations on and off the course over anything else. Off the course, all services should go smoothly for the competitors, so they don't have to worry about anything except their competition. For example, catering services should serve food for athletes competing at the highest levels while addressing cultural differences, expectations, and other dietary needs and restrictions. Event transportation should be on time and sufficient. Hotels should be quiet, clean, and conveniently located. Still, putting the athletes first and delivering a world-class event should be incorporated into all plans and decisions.

Value

Most disc golf tournaments are, for the most part, fully funded through player contributions. Traveling for an event can be expensive, with airfare, tournament fees, lodging, and meals. The NADGT will work to ensure that they receive quality services and competition throughout their NADGT event experience, so they see good value for their investment.

4.2 Bid Application Contents

In your proposal to host a NADGT Event in your city/area, the NADGT would like to see information on the following:

Proposed Dates:

Please identify three potential dates for the event, listed in order of preference.

Host Organization:

- The year of the NADGT event(s) you are proposing to host.
- The name of the city or cities to host the competition.

The committed support of the host community involved with the event, including involvement
of the local chamber of commerce, convention, and visitor's bureau, sports commission, the parks
and recreation department, etc., to also include other support proposed by the host community,
including financial commitments, volunteer support, course improvements, event marketing,
and publicity support.

Courses:

- A list of the disc golf course(s) to be used in the event, including location, number of holes, type and condition of tees, type and condition of targets, signage, parking, and other assets.
 All courses will be inspected for suitability, and NADGT will grant final approval.
 This will include a site visit, if necessary.
- The support infrastructure amenities surrounding the courses include buildings, pavilions, parking, restrooms, nearby restaurants, gas, quickie shops, etc.
- Describe Park security and plans for security during the event to protect event assets and competitors.
- Spectator accommodation, if applicable.

Additional Event Venues:

Please identify the venue for each of the following and list all related amenities, including parking, capacity, equipment provided and required, etc.

- Proposed location of player check-in. Typically includes NADGT check-in, host check-in, distribution of player packages, and event-branded merchandise sales.
- Proposed location of the Field Events competitions (national championships only).
 Field events include long drive, putting, and others.
- Proposed location of the opening ceremonies/players meeting. List related amenities such as pavilion, theater, auditorium, meeting room, P/A equipment, seating, etc.
- Proposed location of the Fly-mart (a vendor marketplace.)
- Proposed location of any other evening ancillary events such as a player's party, concert, demonstrations, clinics, or other planned social gatherings.
- Proposed location of the awards ceremony immediately following the finals. List related amenities such as pavilion, theater, auditorium, meeting room, P/A equipment, parking, etc.

Host Hotel(s):

The NADGT requests the local CVB or Sports Commission, recommend appropriate hotels in the area based on price, quality, meeting space, and proximity to competition venues. The NADGT will handle hotel negotiations and contracts with the hotels in coordination with the local tourism agency.

Host Community Support:

- NADGT does not require a bid fee
- Letter of support from the local government acknowledging support
- Course reservation fees comped (if any)
- Local permit fees comped (if any)
- Local advertising

The NADGT staff is available to help with host community support negotiations. Before signing, all contracts should be sent to the NADGT office for review and approval.

Marketing/Publicity:

A brief publicity and marketing plan is requested, identifying the following:

- How the event will "connect" with the local community.
- How the event will be publicized and promoted locally and nationally.
- Are there possible or intended ties to local or regional charitable organizations ("legacy" programs)?
- General plans for obtaining sponsorship, including sponsorship levels intended, target sponsors, etc.

5. MEDIA

The NADGT retains all event video, audio, and photographic rights. The use of any sounds or images derived from the event must be authorized with the written consent of the NADGT. The NADGT must pre-approve all sponsorship packages, including media. The NADGT media team must discuss and contract all media partnerships. The NADGT shall retain the right to record the event while photographing participants. All event branding and marketing must be coordinated with NADGT.

6. SPONSORSHIP

The NADGT and HOST agree to maintain open communication about sponsorship contracts to avoid developing sponsorship conflicts. NADGT reserves the right to approve or disapprove any potential event sponsor. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and will be given within 14 business days of NADGT confirmation of such notification. By agreeing to host a NADGT event, HOST agrees to fully cooperate with all sponsorship and media-related arrangements established by the NADGT.

7. CONCLUSION

Thank you for your interest in hosting a NADGT event! We realize that none of these events would be possible without the time and effort put forth by your community. Preparing a bid to host a NADGT event is a rewarding endeavor, and the NADGT thanks you for your interest and commitment. We rely on hosts like you and your community to help us bring together the best disc golfers in the World in competition and fellowship.

We are committed to growing our sport, and these events will help increase disc golf's exposure and development in your community while allowing new generations of disc golfers to experience the NADGT experience. We look forward to reviewing your bid, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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