

DGPT Tour Card Program

2023, v. 1.0 (11/18/22)

Message from the Tour Director

In 2022 the Disc Golf Pro Tour launched the first Tour Card program for pro players on Tour. For 2023, we've built on the initial pilot program, learning from challenges and implementing ideas from tour card holders and the Player's Council. We're pleased to present version 1.0 of the 2023 Tour Card program. Please note that, as we get closer to the 2023 season kick off, we may make updates and additions to the program. Any final changes will be published in an updated version on 2/1/23 and communicated to players. In order to register and participate in the program, players must also agree to the terms, conditions and enhanced professionalism standards at DGPT events.

2023 Updates:

At its core, the Tour Card program will be similar with goals to increase player benefits, improve event experience and professionalism, and continue to add off-site benefits for players. The total number of Tour Cards has expanded to 135. Registration through the Tour Pass is now the primary event qualification and registration method. Non-Tour Card holders will still be able to access events through regional and week-of qualifiers, single-event exemptions, and ratings-based open registration tiers, however open registration will be reduced. A new partial "Silver Card" will be launched as a pilot program that gives limited access to DGPT Silver Event registration along with 4 Elite Events for 15 players on the cusp of qualifying for a Tour Card.

Tour Card benefits will again be both on and off the course. Being a Tour Card holder bestows perks and privileges to players, along with the ability to give meaningful contributions to the development of the Disc Golf Pro Tour and the Tour Card program itself. Being a Tour Card holder means that you can vote to elect members of the DGPT Player Council, as well as run as a Player Representative if you see fit.

Costs to implement the Tour Card program in 2022 far outpaced the fees that the program brought in. As we continue to increase tour card benefits and services to over 100 Tour Card holders at over 20 events over the course of the season, we've done our best to limit price increases to support the program. As it was last year, the costs to implement the program are fixed. Therefore, all players, regardless of usage, will be asked to pay the same season long fee. However, this year, all players who qualify for DGPT events via other methods will also have to pay an event fee for the on-site benefits. We know that while this is a step in the continued evolution of professionalism for disc golf, that it is not a small fee for some. If you need assistance or terms with payment, please review the financial assistance program and contact me.

Thank you for being a part of the development of pro disc golf!

Jeff Spring - DGPT CEO & Director

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

At each event, a ***Tour Card Advance Sheet*** will be sent to all Tour Card holders at least 1 week before the competition start date to outline how to access benefits at the upcoming event.

EVENTS:

- Full Tour Card Program at all DGPT Elite Events & PDGA Majors
 - Partial Benefits at DGPT Silver Events, no fee assessed for Silver events.
- Non-Event Benefits active through 12/31/23

COST: \$1,000 for complete 2023 Season (\$50/event, 20 total events, 16 DGPT Elite & 4 Majors)

- Event Registration Pricing:
 - Elite/Elite+: \$300
 - Silver: \$200
 - Playoffs: \$400
 - Tour Championship: \$500
- All non-tour card players who qualify for DGPT events must pay the \$50 event fee.

WHO: Contact the following DGPT employees with questions on the Tour Card Program and benefits throughout the season.

- Jeff Spring (jspring@dgpt.com, CEO & Tour Director)
- Phill Dilone (pdilone@dgpt.com, Assistant Tour Director)
- Brian Cole (bcole@dgpt.com, Operations & Logistics Director)
- Seth Munsey (smunsey@dgpt.com, Director of Health & Sports Performance)
- Charles McCracken (charles@dgpt.com, Communications Director)
- Sean Jack (sean@dgpt.com, VP of Partnerships)
- Baker Helton (baker@dgpt.com, VP of Business Administration)

HOW: Competitors must qualify to be eligible to register for their Tour Pass.

- Top 80 Men in 2022 DGPT Standings
- Top 40 Women in 2022 DGPT Standings
- 10 MPO & 5 FPO Exemptions, chosen through application.
 - Applications will be reviewed and issued by 12/1/22.

WHAT: Overview (more details below)

- Access to Tour Pass Registration
- Upgraded Event Facilities & Services
- Access to Enhanced Health & Wellness Program
- Player's Council Participation, DGPT & Tour Card Development
- Designated Google Workspace Account & Enhanced Communications
- Other Benefits: Discounts, Perks & Inclusions
- Agreement to Terms, Conditions, and Enhanced Professionalism Standards

BENEFITS

1. Upgraded Event Facilities & Services

- Tour Card Player Parking & Transportation
 - Parking areas with special access, controlled by event staff and security.
 - No fan access to player parking, whether by ropes or security.
 - Van/Golf Cart Shuttles to Competitor Warm Up areas, tourney central, Tour Card Hospitality.
 - New: We will strive to reduce the amount of venues that need to shuttle to parking and warm-up areas. When necessary to shuttle, Communication and timing with shuttle drivers will be upgraded with more transparency and confidence for players to use.
- Locker Room and/or Private Bathroom Access
 - Player-only access to a space to change and use the restroom.
 - Development of more on site locker room/changing facility access continues. Some onsite permanent bath/changing rooms may be designated as player-only.
 - Private mobile bathrooms/changing rooms will be rented when locker rooms are not available, placed near player parking & warm up areas.
- Event Security: All Event Days, All Events
 - Event security team active during all competition hours.
 - Focus on player safety & privacy and spectator compliance.
 - Security will monitor player parking, warm-up areas, and
- Hospitality & Privacy Tent
 - Walled tents with sides for competitor privacy located at DG Strong Performance Zone/Warm Up Area.
 - Snacks and drinks provided daily during competition days.
- Private Starting & Scoring Tents
 - Walled tents for enhanced privacy for pre & post round meetings with DGPT & Tournament Staff.
- Autograph Day & Autograph Areas
 - In an effort to reduce autograph needs during competition days, the DGPT will ticket and manage the final day of practice before competition for spectators to attend. Each event will designate this day as the official **Autograph Day**. The DGPT will coordinate with players to set up availability for autograph sessions, helping to reduce the need for autographs in-event.
 - Each event will provide a well-defined autograph area. This area will be centrally located near the post-round scoring & media area and will be the only area where players are asked to give autographs.
- Improved Warm-up Facilities
 - The DGPT will ensure continued upgrades to in-event warm up facilities, including renting additional space on-site or nearby.

- When necessary off-site fields/warm-up areas will be secured to ensure ability for long throws and proper spacing at every event.
- A minimum of 4 practice baskets will be provided, which may be mixed between warm-up areas and putting areas closer to Hole 1, when the warm-up area is not close-by.
- Special Services
 - New special services will be available intermittently, including but not limited to:
 - Health & Wellness Opportunities: Guided Yoga, Hiking and Mountain Biking
 - Offered Monday-Wednesday when possible
 - Haircuts: More opportunities to use on-site barber services
 - Sponsored Product Program:
 - Sampling and offerings from DGPT partners will be made available for players to try intermittently throughout the season.

Please Note: NEW in 2023, access to enhanced on-site amenities must be purchased by all players that qualify that gain entry into a DGPT event (through ratings-based registration, qualification, or sponsor exemption) for \$50/event. All players will have access to on-site facility programs.

2. Health & Wellness Program

Overview: For implementation of, and questions about, the DGPT Health & Wellness Program for competitors please email Seth Munsey at smunsey@dgpt.com.

- Athletic Performance Zone
 - DGPT Tour Card Holders will get access to the Athletic Performance Zone at every Elite Series Event.
 - Access to the Athletic Performance Zone to warm-up before their round.
 - Access to the Athletic Performance Zone post-round for guided cool-down and recovery.
 - Post-round access to leg compression therapy machines, massage guns, and additional tools to accelerate recovery.
 - Pre/Post round electrolyte supplementation available.
 - Recovery products available.
- Free Training & Wellness Resources
 - Priority access to DGPT Health and Performance Coaches for athlete coaching.
 - Mental Game, Nutrition, Performance Training, Recovery, Prehab.
 - In-Season Training Program accessible via the Disc Golf Strong Training App.
 - Physical Therapy and Massage when available.
- TeleWellness Program
 - Accessible to all 2023 DGPT Tour Card holders free of charge.
 - Thirty minute video or phone appointments available with DGPT Health Advisors to discuss health and wellness concerns.
 - DGPT Health Advisor provides guidance and assists in locating a medical professional for in-person evaluation and treatment when deemed necessary. The DGPT Health Advisor

will work through an established network of providers, or go outside that network when necessary to help advise and connect with the best treatment possible.

- DGPT Health Advisor schedules follow-up calls with athletes to provide additional guidance and answer questions.
- Through DGPT Health & Wellness, line up calls with providers:
 - Physical Therapy
 - Doctors
 - Specialists
 - Referrals for follow up care
- Event Training Resources
 - Access to the Disc Golf Strong Performance Zone
 - Specific space & credentials for up to 2 Player Staff/Team Members
 - Physical Therapy (when available, only at select events in 2023)
 - Massage (when available, only at select events in 2023)

3. Participation in Tour Development Process

The DGPT Player Council consists of 7 Tour Card Players who represent the touring card players. The current council is:

- Nate Sexton
- Missy Gannon
- Paul Ulibarri
- Paige Pierce
- Chris Clemons
- Luke Humphries
- Sarah Hokom

There are 3 working committees that council members participate in, while other business falls to the full Council:

- Rules & Competition
- Media & Marketing
- Tour Structure & Event Development

Other Tour Card players may be asked to participate as working members on committees.

Changes to the council are made by annual vote. The next vote will be at the close of the 2023 season. Four spots will be up for 2 season terms and 3 spots will be up for 1 season terms. Any tour card player is eligible to run for a position on the Council. Council spots are awarded by Tour Card Player vote. All Tour Card Holders will have the following benefits:

- Access to the Tour Card Discussion Group
- Voting rights to elect DGPT Player Council
- Voting rights on opinion polling and official Tour Card votes

4. Access to Tour Pass Registration

Tour Pass Registration is a central benefit for Tour Card Players. It includes:

- Pre-registration to all DGPT events, starting Saturday, November 19, 2022.
- Refunds up to 24 hours before events begin for just cause (illness, injury, travel issues)
- Other refunds (no just cause) in line with the PDGA Refund Policy

2023 Event Registration Timeline & Overview:

- Tour Pass registration begins Saturday, November 19th.
- No other registration methods begin until January 9, 2022.
- Tour Pass registration can be used to register for events throughout the season.
 - An In-season registration form will be activated on January 9th and pre-season Tour Pass Sales will close at that time.
- Once tiered, ratings-based open registration begins (which will again be in waves in 2023), spots for Tour Card Holders will be based on availability per event. If the event is full, Tour Card holders will go on the waitlist.
- Other DGPT Event Registration Methods:
 - Event-by-Event Sponsor Exemptions
 - Event Team Issues: (2) MPO and (1) FPO Sponsor exemption
 - The Event Team decides the Exemption method.
 - DGPT
 - Week Of Qualifying Play-ins
 - Each event will hold week of play-ins to award registration access to the event
 - Regional Qualifiers
 - Each event will give three regional events 2 MPO and 1 FPO spots to the MPO and FPO winners (and runner up in MPO).

New in 2023 is the addition of a limited-access Silver Tour Card. This gives players who did not qualify for a Tour Card the opportunity to register for Silver Tournaments and up to 4 Elite Series Tournaments. Details below.

5. Other Benefits

- Physical Tour Card
 - Picture ID to access all Tour Card Program Benefits, including future discounts with partners
 - Tour Card Parking Car Pass (to hang from rearview mirror)
 - Player Parking lane (or instructions on cutting lines of cars) to avoid waits, when necessary.
 - 2023 DGPT Caddie Bib with personalized name.
 - 2023 DGPT Tour Card holder pin.
- Promotional Opportunities with the DGPT

- As a Tour Card Holder, you will gain access to any and all promotional or merchandising programs initiated by the DGPT. You will also be given a direct line to the DGPT promotional and merchandising team to propose projects to work on.
- Participation in Opendorse Social Media Program
- Event Publicity: Tour Card holders will be selected to participate in Tour Publicity at different events across the country, including national and international PR opportunities.
- Vending Opportunities
 - Tour Card holders will be allowed to set up and vend, free-of-charge at all DGPT Event Fly-marts.
 - Players must register for vending at fly-marts in advance.
 - Event flymart vending registration will be sent out on a weekly basis.
 - Limited on-site, in-event vending opportunities on a case-by-case basis.
- Disc Golf Network Subscriptions:
 - Every Tour Card holder will receive 4 annual subscriptions to the Disc Golf Network.
 - You may use or gift the subscriptions as you see fit.
 - These are not for resale, and doing so may result in fines or expulsion from the Tour Card Program.
- Credentials & Badges
 - Tour Cards:
 - Players may use their tour cards as VIP spectator passes at events.
 - Players are not allowed inside a different player group on-course without a caddy badge.
 - Support Badges:
 - Players will receive two (2) support team credentials for their time on site. These badges will provide access to player-only areas and are meant for coaches, trainers, managers, or significant others. Please note that **only** a caddy badge will grant access to on course competition areas.
 - Support badges will also grant access to VIP spectating areas for that player only. Support badges will not work as VIP access to other player's cards.
 - Caddy Bib:
 - New for 2023, player's will get a DGPT branded caddy bib for use on the course.
 - Caddies must wear their caddy bibs in
 - Players will also receive a Caddy Badge to give to their caddy for access in and out of event sites and player only areas.
 - DGPT events continue to increase oversight of credentialing processes, therefore, players must credential all people who join them at Tour events.
 - All badges must be displayed over outerwear and easily visible.
- Tickets to DGPT Events:
 - Every Tour Card holder is eligible for 2 VIP tickets to each DGPT event that they are playing in, in order to offer to family or close friends. These have limits and must be requested and granted by the DGPT. These will not grant access to player-only areas.

- There is a maximum of 25 Tour Card VIP tickets available per event on a first come first serve basis.
- Tickets must be requested a minimum of 7 days in advance of the first round of competition.
- Ticket requests may be denied by the DGPT if the 25 ticket limit is already exceeded.
- These are not transferable to other Tour Card Players.
- They are not permitted for resale, and doing so may result in fines or expulsion from the Tour Card Program.
- 40% Discount to DGPT Store on select items.
- Participation in a Pro Gear Program
 - This is in process through Expert Voice and benefits will be active by 2/1/23.
- More discount programs in process:
 - Travel & Lodging Discount Programs
 - Recreation Inclusions & Discounts
 - Health & Wellness Discounts (Gyms, etc...)

PARTICIPATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS & PROFESSIONALISM STANDARDS

Overview

By purchasing a 2023 Tour Pass and being a part of this year's program, all participants acknowledge that they accept all terms and conditions as listed. Additional terms may be implemented before or during the 2022 season as reviewed with the DGPT Player Council or the PDGA. If, at any time, a player wishes to discontinue their participation in the Tour Card Program, they may request a refund and they will be removed from the Tour Card program. Refunds will be prorated based on how far into the 2023 season we are. Any updates to the final 2023 Tour Card Program, including any updates to terms and conditions, will be issued on 2/1/23. Players may be asked to re-affirm elements in the terms and conditions of the Tour Card program at that time.

Media Availability

The Tour Card will come with a new system to execute and approve media availability both at events or remotely. PDGA media policies will stay in place. Press conferences and post-round media availability will remain required when requested. Additional media availability standards will be approved after being discussed with the Player Council.

DGPT Tour & Competition Standards

All PDGA Tour Standards and the PDGA Competition Manual will apply to DGPT events. The DGPT will implement additional standards during the 2022 season.

- **Added Cash Minimums:**
 - 2023 Minimum of \$300,000 Added Cash at the DGPT Championship
 - 2023 Minimum of \$60,000 Added Cash at Playoff Events
 - 2023 Minimum of \$50,000 Added Cash at Elite+ Events

- 2023 Minimum of \$30,000 Added Cash at DGPT Elite Events.
- 2023 Minimum of \$15,000 Added Cash at DGPT Silver Events
- *Note:* The DGPT added over \$400,000 to events, separate from event teams, in 2022
- **Competition Area Policy:** Areas around the tee, fairways and greens will be restricted to competitor and caddy access only.

Player Code of Conduct

In order to increase the level of professionalism at DGPT events, a Player Code of Conduct will be implemented through development with the DGPT Player Council and PDGA. This will be applied to conduct on and off the course.

Fines

The DGPT will begin the process of implementing a fine system for competitors. This will provide a third option for discipline in addition to probation or suspension. This program will be determined by the DGPT Player Council and rolled out before the start of the 2023 season. All Tour Card players must agree to participate in the program to retain their Tour Card.

Event Attendance

For special qualifying based events and playoff events that Tour Card players qualify for, the DGPT requires player attendance. The following events are mandatory to attend for those who qualify:

- DGPT All Star Weekend
- DGPT Championship

When players who qualify for these events do not attend it can result in negative public relations issues for the DGPT which in turn can result in damage to the tour brand. Therefore, unless there is just cause, players who qualify for and do not attend these events will be subject to fines from the Disc Golf Pro Tour. Fines will vary based on the historic earnings of the player in question, but are not to exceed \$5,000 in 2023. For players who cannot attend for just cause (such as injury/health, family emergencies, etc...), they may reach out to the CEO of the DGPT (jspring@dgpt.com) to gain a waiver for absence.

Drug Testing

Please note that the development of a drug testing program for DGPT competitors is in its initial stages. We anticipate implementing this program in 2024, but if prepared prior to that date, implementation may commence. This program will be in conjunction with the PDGA and take input from the DGPT Player Council. If initiated in 2023, all Tour Card players must agree to participate in the program to retain their Tour Card.

OTHER INFORMATION

Financial Assistance Requests

If the fee to gain entry into the Tour Card Program will create a financial hardship for players, they may apply for financial assistance. Assistance can be one of two forms; (1) deferred payment on a schedule, or (2) assistance in finding a sponsor to cover their Tour Card fees.

To apply, please email the Tour Director (jspring@dgpt.com) with the following:

1. Type of Financial Assistance Requested
2. Efforts to Gain Sponsorship/Reason for Request

Tour Card Exemption Application Process

Competitors who have not qualified to participate in the 2023 Tour Card Program, may apply to gain an exemption to the program. The DGPT will grant 10 MPO and top 5 FPO tour cards through this process for 2023.

The DGPT will consider the following criteria while determining Tour Card exemptions:

- 2022 DGPT Points
- PDGA Player Rating
- Historic performance results on the DGPT
- Injury considerations
- International performance/considerations
- Travel restrictions

Tour Card Exemption Applications will be reviewed, determined and issued by 12/1/22. Players who have applied for these will hear back on the results at that time and those who are selected may begin registration.

Silver Tour Card (Pilot Program)

New in 2023 as a pilot program, the Silver Tour Card will be a limited exemption and benefit program that allows professional disc golfers who have not qualified for the full Tour Card program to have limited access to registration and benefits. The final details of this program will be separated from the Tour Card Program. Registration for events via the Silver Tour Card will happen separately. The DGPT will issue Silver Tour Cards to 10 MPO and 5 FPO players who do not qualify for their full Tour Cards on a case-by-case basis from the exemption applications. Silver Tour Cards will be issued on 12/1/22 and Silver Tour Card registration will go live at that time.

Silver Tour Cards will give players access to:

- Tour Pass registration for:

- All Silver Series events
- 4 Elite Events
- Access to On-Site Benefits
- Other benefits as determined. These will be published for Silver Card

Silver Tour cards will cost a minimum of \$500.