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DISC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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Welcome to the 2023 PDGA United States Amateur Disc Golf Championship, presented by Discraft, makers of the world's finest flying discs. On Sunday, June 11, 2023, a new United States Amateur Disc Golf Champion will be crowned. You have shown that you are an elite player and have earned the opportunity to compete for this PDGA Major title. Congratulations!

The Kensington Metropark Toboggan Disc Golf Course made its debut at the Discraft PDGA Pro/Am World's in 2000. Back then, Discraft owner Jim Kenner designed the Toboggan course for a 3.5-hour round of disc golf. For most who play the course today, that length-of-play target still holds true.

In 2002, the United States Amateur Disc Golf Championships (USADGC) moved onto the Toboggan and became the events home course. Every year since, the Toboggan has been the home for this PDGA Amateur Major. Todd White was the USADGC initial Tournament Director, and the first champion was Scott Burnett #20173, from Ohio.

Jim Kenner, Todd White, and Scott Burnett are forever associated with the PDGA United States Amateur Disc Golf Championship on the Kensington Metropark Toboggan Disc Golf Course.

To host a PDGA Major takes a lot of dedication, time, and effort. We would like to thank the entire staff at Discraft who are dedicated to making this event something truly amazing. The pictures for your personalized discs will be taken by Discraft's photographer Shane Law. He will work closely with Discraft's artist Allison Griwicki and turn your pictures into an event commemorative keepsake in two short days. It is an amazing process. Andrew Herron, Wes Shinevar, and Gerry Andrews have been planning many of the behind-the-scenes details that make the event complete. Discraft's Bob Julio has been leading the way with many of the decisions that need to be made about the course, the event, and organizing the players' packages. And of course, Mike Wagner whose decisions go into every great Discraft disc you throw. Thank you to everyone at Discraft!

Your being here is the result of your hard work. We would not know how awesome your talent has grown had it not been for the many great Tournament Directors the PDGA is lucky to have around the world putting in countless hours to plan, organize, and run events. Be sure to thank your local TDs back home for what they do to grow our sport.

We would like to thank the PDGA, our governing body who ultimately help bring you here. PDGA Director of Event Support Andrew "Big Dog" Sweeton and PDGA Deputy Executive Director Mike Downes assist us through the year beginning in September when we begin planning the PDGA Major events. Robert Leonard, the PDGA Operations and Logistics Manager and Jeff Jacquart the PDGA Competition Director will be on site all weekend walking the course right alongside you. Robert and Jeff will serve as PDGA Marshalls over the weekend and will be observing and answering any rules situation that may surface while out on the course. Operations and Logistics Manager Patrick Graziani plans and ensures the PDGA equipment arrives here from events that happen just before ours and arrives at the next event as smoothly as possible. Ginny Sweeton is the PDGA Human Resources Manager and provides countless hours of online assistance. There are many others at the PDGA headquarters who assist in bringing you here. Thank you PDGA!

Holden's Party Store, Zuca, Grip, Zanafel, Kar's Nuts, JBL Enterprises, Holiday Inn Express, Highest Honor, and of course the MDGO all play a major role in making this experience memorable. Thank you to all our event sponsors!

Brian Frawley is your 2023 USADGC Assistant Tournament Director, Hole 1 starter, event promoter, and emcee. Each day at Hole 1 you will get introduced either by Brian or Richard Engelmann. For as long as I have been involved with the USADGC, so has Michigan Disc Golf Organization (MDGO) Hall of Famer Jeff Schwass. Jeff has been part of every USADGC, and he will be greeting you at the end of each round near Hole 18s basket. Opening the course each day then closing it down, and many tasks in between, are the amazing efforts of Caleb Peters. Other MDGO key staff personnel are John "Nacho" Norkowski, Ben Jackson, Mat Stivers, Travis Lowe, and Dawn Lacey. Out on the course you will see our tournament spotters. These are volunteers who give up their time to sit in the weeds, rain or shine. They are there to help direct any player who may have had an errant throw leave the fairways. The volunteers help make your days go smoother and we cannot thank them enough! Starting off your round with Brian and Richard, ending with Jeff, and everything in between, well, let's just say you will be in good hands. Our entire staff is here to assist you with your USADGC experience, and this event could not happen without them.

As you look around Tournament Headquarters and throughout the Toboggan Course you will see the efforts of many who are not even here. The Kensington forestry crew maintains over 4,400 acres of wooded, hilly terrain surrounding beautiful Kent Lake. Following record breaking crowds every year for Memorial Day weekend, they begin cutting and preparing the land so we can install the course that was not here just a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to Dave Dirmeyer and the rest of the Kensington Metropark crew!

In addition, we want to recognize the efforts and thank the Huron Clinton Metropark Authority. These are the folks who manage the Kensington Metropark and many other Metroparks with disc golf courses throughout Michigan. The management at Kensington Metropark allows us to temporarily put in the Toboggan course for this event and your enjoyment.

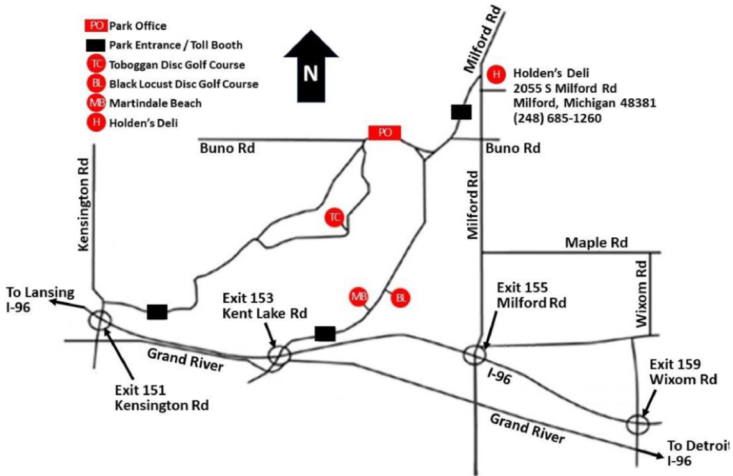
As you will see, the Toboggan course is an amazing piece of property, and we are privileged to call it the home of the USADGC. There might be a nicer, tougher, and more vicious course in America, but we do not know where that is. We thank Kensington Metropark for their tough love.

Have fun, good luck, and may the best player win.

John Minicuci #22116

United States Amateur Disc Golf Championship Tournament Director

# KENSINGTON METROPARK MAP



## 2023 PDGA US AMATEUR DISC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE

All players report near the practice baskets everyday, 30 minutes before your scheduled tee time

Day	Start	End	Event	Location
Monday-Thursday June 5 - 8	10:00am	9:30pm	Course Open: USADGC Tournament Players and Caddies only	Toboggan
Thursday, June 8	9:00am	6:00pm	Mandatory Player Check-in	Holden's (off site)
Thursday, June 8	7:00pm	8:00pm	Mandatory Player Meeting	Holden's (off site)
Thursday, June 8	10:00am	2:00pm	Darkhorse Doubles featuring Brodie Smith (Flex Start)	Toboggan
Friday, June 9	7:00am	7:00pm	Tournament Play (Course Closed)	Orchard F/Toboggan
Saturday, June 10	7:00am	7:00pm	Tournament Play (Course Closed)	Toboggan
Sunday, June 11	7:00am	7:00pm	Tournament Play (Course Closed)	Toboggan
Sunday, June 11	Immediately following the event		Awards Ceremony	Toboggan

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Questions regarding the Toboggan call:  
John Minicuci,  
Tournament Director  
**248-515-0350**

During Play if you have questions call:  
Brian Frawley  
Assistant Tournament Director  
**517-262-0973**

### Dress Code – PDGA Competition Manual; 3.04. Dress Code:

- A.** All violations of the Dress Code Policy shall be considered a Courtesy Violation under Section 8.12 of the PDGA Official Rules of Play.
- B.** All competitors and staff are required to wear a shirt.

**More information about all PDGA Rules including player code of conduct can be found at: <https://www.pdga.com/rules>**

Players who are in between rounds will be considered spectators and will not be required to conform to the Tour's dress code

# 2023 PDGA US Amateur Disc Golf Championship Event Schedule

## PLAYERS MEETING: Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7PM at HOLDENS

Friday tee times will be posted online at [www.PDGA.com](http://www.PDGA.com) following the Players Meeting.  
Saturday tee times will be grouped by Friday's score with the highest score teeing off first.  
Lowest two-day total will tee off LAST on Sunday. Highest two-day total tees off First on Sunday.

This Event will be a True Amateur event. Competitors will receive more than their entry fee in players pack and additional event value. Payout will be TROPHY ONLY.

This is a **PDGA AMATEUR MAJOR** event. All **PDGA** rules will be followed

All Park roads and parking lots are OB

Smoking off the premises on holes 3, 8, 13, 16 is allowed.

There is a PDGA approved Drop Zone on Hole 3 & 9 for lost drives only.

- For a Tee throw that is lost, the player must proceed to the provided Lost Disc Drop Zone with a penalty throw, a re-tee is not an option as the Abandoned Throw rule is suspended for Tee throws on this hole.

- For all subsequent throws that are lost, the player has the choice of either the Lost Disc Drop Zone or their previous lie, both with a penalty throw.

In the event of a tie for first place, a sudden death playoff will occur, as defined in 1.09 D.

The holes played are 1, 17 and 18. The tournament director will use a coin toss to determine who will throw first on hole 1.

### Playoff Format:

- Only first place ties will be played off.
- Use holes 1, 17, and 18 is the traditional loop.
  - Repeat until decided.
- Players will flip order on every tee shot until a winner is determined.

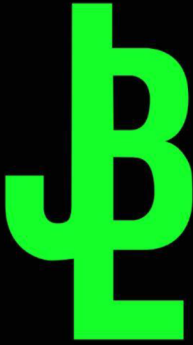
## All information subject to change at the Thursday's Player Meeting.

You can stop at the Park Office to get a detailed map of the park.

## THERE IS A \$10 DAILY FEE TO ENTER KENSINGTON.

Speed Limit is 25 MPH inside the park. Drive Safe!





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