

2010 NEFA Points Series Charter

Object of the Series

The NEFA Points Series strives to combine excellent disc golf events at excellent courses in New England into a tournament series. The NEFA Points Series culminates with qualifying players competing in a one-day stroke score tournament at the end of the season. The Finals will be held October 16, 2010 at Sugarbush Mountain disc golf course in Warren, VT. The last day a points series event may be held is October 2, 2010.

The official off-season is between the Finals date and January 1.

NEFA Point Series Events

Every attempt will be made to schedule events evenly throughout the season and with only one event per day. NEFA Point Series events must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Points events do not receive weekend exclusivity. This means that two points events can be held on one weekend or on the same day if the following conditions are met:
 - Separate day Points events must be at least 0 miles apart if both TDs agree.
 - Separate day Points events must be at least 150 miles apart if TDs do not agree.
 - Same day Single Points events must be 150 miles apart and TDs must agree.
- Double Points events have exclusivity for the day of the tournament, but not for the weekend. A separate-day single points event may be on the same weekend if TDs agree.
- There cannot be three or more points events on the same two-day weekend. Three Single Points events on a three-day weekend may be granted by the Points Committee, but only if no other solutions can be met.
- TDs may request to run a Pro-only, AM-only, or split day (Pro/AM) event. The NEFA Points committee will decide if the event is allowed.

Double Points Events

Each state may run one Double NEFA Points event which will count as two separate NEFA Points events for player points. Each state's NEFA State Representative will select his or her state's Double Points event.

Points Tabulation

A spreadsheet developed and donated to NEFA by Chuck Kennedy is used for points tabulation. Points are awarded based on how an individual finishes among all other players in the same division, regardless of NEFA membership. However, to receive points, a player must be a NEFA member.

NEFA Points Series Divisions

The following 10 divisions must be offered. There is no minimum number of players needed for a division to be offered or opened.

Pro Divisions

- Pro Open (MPO)
- Pro Masters (MPM)
- Pro Grandmasters (MPG)
- Pro Women (FPO)

Amateur Divisions

- Advanced Masters (MM1)
- Advanced (MA1)
- Intermediate (MA2)
- Recreational (MA3)
- Advanced Women (FW1)
- Intermediate Women (FW2)

Points Event Requirements

- TDs must submit their tournament requests to webmaster@nefa.com or use the Contact form (select Event Schedule) on the NEFA website.
- TDs are strongly encouraged to submit results within 24 hours and must submit them within 48 hours.
- TDs must use the standardized form on the website (Points Series > TD's Corner) and email the completed form to webmaster@nefa.com.
- TDs must submit the \$1 per player fee to an elected official or NEFA state representative the day of the event. If no official or representative is present, the fee must be received by the NEFA Treasurer within seven 7 days of the event. Failure to do so will result in a \$20 late fee.
- Bathrooms: Either indoor facilities or portable toilets must be on tournament premises.
- Divisions: TDs must offer all Points Series Divisions regardless of turnout. TDs are encouraged to offer additional divisions at their events as they see fit.
- PDGA Rules of Play: TDs must communicate any deviations and/or course-specific rules to players prior to the event.
- TDs must know the PDGA rules sufficiently to make any rulings during the tournament. TDs are encouraged to become PDGA officials. NEFA will reimburse TDs the PDGA fee for all passed tests.
- One Points Event Per Course Per Year: A course is defined as a group of holes over a specified area of terrain. Once that terrain is used for a NEFA Points event, that terrain cannot be used again for a NEFA Points Event within the same points season.

Player Requirements

- Players must be NEFA members prior to the start of a tournament to receive points.
- Players are required to play in the highest division for which they qualify to attend the finals.
- Players must have completed the minimum number of tournaments in the division they wish to qualify for the season-ending Points Finals and the final year-end NEFA Point Series Standings rewards. These minimum numbers are also the maximum number of tournaments used in calculating each player's overall Points.

Division	Minimum Number of Events
Pro Open	6
Pro Masters	5
Pro Grandmasters	5
Pro Women	4
Advanced	5
Intermediate	5
Advanced Masters	5
Advanced Women	4
Intermediate Women	4
Recreational	4

- Double Points events count as two events.

NEFA Points Series Fees

- \$25 plus \$1 per player for all points events. (\$1 fees are for all registered players, regardless of NEFA membership status.)
- All Point Series fees collected, plus a 100% match of the \$1 player fees added by NEFA, will be paid back to the players and split between the final NEFA Points Series Standing Leaders (60%) and the NEFA Finals Tournament (40%).

NEFA Points Series Standings

- Divisional standings are calculated and posted on the website on a regular basis throughout the year.
- The final NEFA Points Series Standing Leaders will be rewarded at the end of the year. The year-end standings leaders' rewards will be funded by 60% of the yearly tournament fees collected, and the NEFA added funds. Amounts and depth of payment will be determined by the Points Committee near the end of the season.

NEFA Points Finals

- Points Finals will be a one-day stroke play tournament, by division. The NEFA Finals is funded by 40% of the yearly tournament fees collected, and the NEFA added funds.
- Invitations, registration, and payouts will be handled by the NEFA Points Committee. All other aspects of the finals will be coordinated by the NEFA State Representative and with the host course/State. The NEFA State Representative or their designee will be the event TD.
- The Finals Tournament location will rotate yearly from state to state. The current host State can choose to pass the hosting rights to the next State on the list and switch positions. If a State chooses to pass on its hosting rights, it must be done in writing by April 1st.
- Future NEFA Finals will be held in the following states:
 - 2010 - Vermont
 - 2011 - New Hampshire
 - 2012 - Rhode Island
 - 2013 - Massachusetts

How to Become a NEFA Points Series TD

- Be a current NEFA member.
- Schedule an event to be held between January 1 and October 2, 2010.
- Submit your tournament request to webmaster@nefa.com or use the Contact form (select Event Schedule) on the NEFA website. You must be a current NEFA member to have your event listed as a NEFA event on the schedule. To ensure the best date for your event, submit your request during November or December prior to December 31. Refer to the scheduling procedure in the next section for more information.
- Read and understand this document. Sign and mail the last page of this Points Agreement along with a check for \$25 so that it will be received by NEFA at least one month prior to your Points event. Your event must be announced on the NEFA website at least one month prior to the event. Your event will not be listed as a NEFA Points event on the schedule until your signed agreement, check, and email request/form have been received, and you have been verified as a current NEFA member.
- Post a flyer or other information about the tournament to the NEFA discussion board prior to the event. Email flyers to webmaster@nefa.com. Information should include types of payouts, fees, facilities, directions, etc.
- Know the PDGA Rules of Play well enough to make rulings during the tournament.

Scheduling NEFA Points Events

- The NEFA Schedule Coordinators will work with all NEFA Points TDs and the NEFA Points Committee to schedule events.
- In November, the latest NEFA Points Charter (this document) will be emailed to all past and prospective NEFA Points TDs and will be posted on NEFA.com.
- The preliminary/initial schedule as well as the official schedule will include all events in our region that are sent to the Schedule Coordinators after November 1. This includes events seeking NEFA Points status and tournaments that are not part of the NEFA Points Series. Note that all events that are not NEFA Points Series events do not have any protection or exclusivity under this Charter.
- To have a non-NEFA points event placed on the schedule, email webmaster@nefa.com or use the Contact form (select Event Schedule) on the NEFA website.
- To have a NEFA points event placed on the schedule, follow the instructions in “How to Become a NEFA Points TD”.
- Past annual NEFA Points events and major events will be given first priority to reserve dates on the schedule. Considerations will also include events with expected high attendance, added sponsorships, PDGA sanctioning, and quality of course/venue. Decisions on unresolved conflicts will be determined by the Points Committee, and are final.
- All TDs are encouraged to submit their date requests in November and December.
- State Coordinators are encouraged to select their Double Points event during November or December.
- December 31 will be the last day for events to secure their date within the first official schedule and will be the last day for states to ensure a double point’s event for their state.
- On or about January 7, an official schedule will be posted.
- NEFA tournaments scheduled after December 31 must fit within the existing schedule and abide by the rules for single and double points events. Events that wish to switch dates after January 7 will be considered as new events seeking NEFA status and must fit within the existing schedule and abide by the rules for events.
- Prior to January 7, conflicts in scheduling will be identified by the Schedule Coordinators. The Schedule Coordinators will work with the TDs involved to resolve the conflict. If a conflict cannot be resolved, it will be up to the Points Committee to resolve the conflict.
- The Schedule Coordinators will continue to coordinate events throughout the year when conflicts or possible conflicts arise. It is the intent of the Point Series to spread the events evenly to all weekends as much as possible. If a conflict cannot be resolved it will be up to the Points Committee to resolve the conflict.
- If you have any questions, please contact the NEFA Schedule Coordinators (John Borelli, Titan Bariloni, Steve Solbo) or the NEFA Points Committee (Steve Solbo, Rob Tatro, Rick Williams, Titan Bariloni, Dave McHale, State Representatives).

NEFA Points Event Application

The undersigned hereby agrees to all of the terms within this NEFA Points Charter.

Tournament Name _____

Event Date(s) _____

Course _____

Event TD _____

TD Name _____

TD Phone _____

TD Email Address _____

TD Signature _____

Date _____

To be listed on the schedule you must include \$25 for each event, have emailed webmaster@nefa.com, and be a current NEFA member.

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