

2023 ARK Flex

Mission Statement

The ARK Flex Series is a series of tournaments organized by Eli Webb. The goal of the series is to provide players of all skill levels with the opportunity to play shorter PDGA sanctioned events throughout Central Arkansas at a discounted price with smaller commitment windows to allow for scheduling flexibility.

Series Format

The series will consist of 4-8 PDGA sanctioned C Tier events for the 2023 season. Events will be run between August and November. (Next season will be more spaced out scheduling wise and farther reaching) Players will earn points at each event they participate in. There will be 3 pools of players set forth and outlined later in this document. At the end of the season, the top finishers in each pool will earn Awards/prizes/rewards based on the total points earned.

Individual Event Format

Each event within the series will be run using the following format:

- 1 PDGA sanctioned round of 18 holes
- A teeing window with enough slots to accommodate a minimum of 144 players per event
- All divisions will play the same layout at a particular event
- All official scoring will be handled through PDGA live scoring
- There will not be any kind of awards ceremony at each individual event. Players may leave once their round is complete.

Divisions (Divisions subject to removal/addition upon request)

The following divisions will be offered as part of the point series:

- Mixed Open (MPO)
- Female Open
- Pro Master 40+ (MP40)
- Pro Master 50+ (MP50)
- Pro Master 50+ (MP50)
- Advanced (MA1)
- Amateur Master 40+ (MA40)
- Amateur Master 50+ (MA50)
- Amateur Master 60+ (MA60)
- Intermediate (MA2)
- Recreational (MA3)
- Advanced Women (FA1)
- Intermediate Women (FA2)
- Recreational Women (FA3)
- Junior ≤18 (MJ18)
- Junior ≤12 (MJ12)
- Junior Girls ≤12 (FJ12)

Divisions listed are a culmination of popular and standard offered divisions after seeing/playing/traveling all over the country. These can be updated to allow in other divisions upon request.

POOLS

A: ALL Pro Divisions, MA1

B: MA2, MA40, MA50, FA1, FA2

C: MA3, MA60, All Junior, FA3, Age protected Women's Divisions

Registration

Any player that participates in a minimum of one Flex Series event is automatically included as part of the series with no additional cost to the player and will begin to accrue points immediately after their first event, Registration for each event will be handled individually through Disc Golf Scene. There will be no minimum player requirement for any specific division.

Walk Up Policy

Walk ups will be gladly be accepted the day of the event, assuming there is space available. You may pay with cash, or most versions of mobile pay (Paypal, Venmo, etc) Walk ups will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis beginning at the official check in time the day of the event. Walk ups accepted up til 30 minutes before the posted last card tee off.

Refund Policy

- 100% Refund of entry fee (minus PayPal/DGS fees) more than 3 days before the event.
- 80% Refund of entry fee (minus Paypal/DGS fees) within 3 days
- 50% Refund of entry fee (minus Paypal/DGS fees) the day before or day of.
- In the case of unforeseen weather or a cancellation of the event for any reason, 100% refunds (minus Paypal/DGS fees) will be issued.
- All Optional Ace Pot or CTP add-ons to your entry feel from any refund request will not be calculated into the “entry fee” and be automatically be returned with the Above mentioned percentage refund.

Fees

There is no season long fee to enter the Flex Series. Entering in any individual event automatically enters a player into the Series.

The entry fee for each individual event will be \$25, regardless of division. The breakdown of that fee will be as follows:

- \$2 to the PDGA
- \$2 to the course fund of the hosting course (green’s fees)
- \$1 TD Fee (Will be used to cover costs of course assets or to aid in course fee)
- \$20 to the payout (Pros) or Custom Voucher (AM’s)

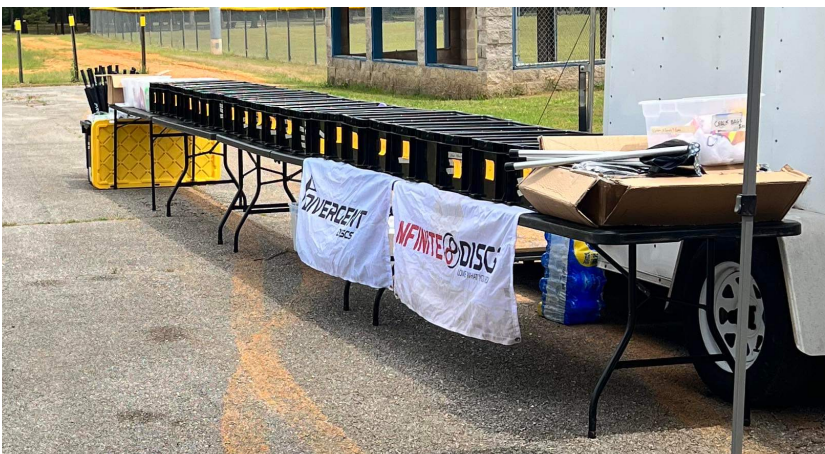
All Vouchers for Am’s must be used same day and can be redeemed for any item in the mobile trailer. We house over 1500 discs as well as bags and other merchandise.

Disc Brands included but not limited to:

- Prodigy
- Innova
- Discraft
- Trilogy
- Discmania
- Lone Star Discs
- Thought Space Athletics

The trailer is now also a Proud Retailer of Chalky mini’s which is an Arkansas Local Chalk bag Company from up in Heber Springs.

(chalkymini.com)



Individual Event Awards / Prizes

At each individual event, the following awards/prizes will be given out:

- **Cash Payout** to the top 40% of each Pro Division
- No payouts for Amateur divisions. All AM's will receive a **player pack voucher**
- **Ace Pot:** (Optional \$5 Ace Pot for every event) An Initial \$100 will be put in place to kick start the Ace pot. All players registered for a particular event and have paid into the ACE pot for that event are entered into that events Ace Pot.

The Ace Pot carries over after each event if an ace is not hit. There will NOT be a throw off in the event an ace is not hit.

In the event an Ace is hit, that player will be responsible for finding me after his/her round to let me know and to exchange information on how best to get the money to you at the conclusion of the event. If the player forgets or fails to find me before the conclusion of the event, said player forfeits their ace pot and it will carry over into the next Flex event.

If by the end of the Series and no aces have been hit, the money will be appropriately split between AM/Pro and used as Added Cash for the 2nd Annual Natural State Championships Nov 4-5.

- **A Minimum of 1 CTP:** You have the option of paying \$5 for the CTP. 1/2 rounded up of the CTP money will be used as a **Cash CTP**. The other 1/2 will go towards adding more CTP prizes.

There will not be an awards ceremony at the individual events. Any prizes listed here will be distributed after the event's completion. Players do not have to be present to win.

Points System

Points will be awarded to each player at every event based on the order of finish within their Division, and how they shot according to their respective Pool. In order to receive points, you must complete your round.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points
1st	100	6th	60	11th	36	16th	17
2nd	85	7th	55	12th	32	17th	14
3rd	75	8th	50	13th	28	18th	11
4th	70	9th	45	14th	24	19th	8
5th	65	10th	40	15th	20	>=20th	5

*In the event of a tie, points are split evenly across tied places.

Points will be awarded as follows for Scores in your Pool:

Finish	Points
Bogey Free Round	50
Turkey (3 birdies in a row)	10
Hot Streak (Each consecutive Birdie after the Turkey)	5
Start Strong and Finish Hot (Birdie first and last hole)	10
Eagle Bounty (Any eagle on a Par 4-5)	20

Standings

**Season standings will be kept and updated the week after every event. **

Series Payouts / Awards / Prizes

In order to qualify for a season ending payout/award, a player must participate in a minimum of 33% of the Flex Series Events within the same division. A player may only receive an award in one division/pool per season. In the event a player plays 3 events in 2 different divisions within the same season, the player will qualify for an award in the higher ranking division. Higher ranking Divisions, could mean moving up to a higher pool. *For example: if a player plays 3 events in MA2, followed by 3 events in MA1, that player would only be eligible for a prize in MA1 regardless of their finish in MA2. In turn moving them from Pool B to Pool A.*

3 events 1/3 played

4 events 2/4 played

5 events 2/5 played

6 events 2/5 played

7 events 3/7 played

Pool A	Awards Provided
1st	PDGA Membership Renewal
2nd	Entry Fee paid of a tournament of your choice up to \$50. (Ace pot/additional add-ons up to \$50 are included)
Pool B	Awards Provided
1st	Entry Fee paid of a tournament of your choice up to \$75. (Ace pot/additional add-ons up to \$75 are included)
2nd	PDGA Membership Renewal
3rd	\$50 Gift Card to Local Disc Golf Store (Store TBA)
Pool C	Awards Provided
1st	Entry Fee paid of a tournament of your choice up to \$75. (Ace pot/additional add-ons up to \$75 are included)
2nd	PDGA Membership Renewal
3rd	\$50 Gift Card to Local Disc Golf Store (Store TBA)

Season Ending Tiebreakers

Tiebreakers will be applied only for positions within a Pool tied for an Award. We will follow the following procedure to break any ties in this scenario:

- Total points earned at each players Top 3 events
- Total points earned at each players Top 4 events
- Total points earned at each players Top 5 events
- Lowest combined round score across common events
- Coin Flip

Event Selection

Event coordination and selection is at the discretion of Eli Webb. If you are a course PRO/Ambassador and interested in hosting a Flex Series event at your course, please contact Eli Webb (eliwebb4@gmail.com).

Sponsorship / Partnership Opportunities

While this series was designed to be self sufficient, we are always willing to listen to sponsorship or partnership opportunities. If interested, please contact Eli Webb (eliwebb4@gmail.com) to begin a discussion.

Questions

Any questions about the 2023 ARK Flex Series should be directed at Eli Webb via email at: eliwebb42gmail.com