



**DISC STANDARD COMMITTEE**  
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Flight Test Committee – Testing Criteria

UPA Procedure DSC-001 "Disc Approval Process"

- 1.0 **Scope** – This document describes the process the UPA uses to designate a disc as a "UPA Approved Disc". See DSC-002 - UPA Disc Approval Criteria and DSC-003 – Selection Process for Disc Screening Committee and Flight Test Pool for additional details.
- 2.0 **General Guidance** – A UPA Approved Disc is defined as "Good enough for use by ultimate players (leaguers, competitors at tournaments, UPA members)." This means that the disc is good enough for league, non-championship tournament play, and for UPA member's general use. The leagues and tourneys may or may not be UPA affiliated. A candidate disc should be evaluated based on its acceptability for use by ultimate players at the league and/or basic competitive level, and does not imply that the disc will be used within the UPA Series at the Club, College or Junior level.
- 3.0 **Disc Approval Process** - The UPA Disc approval Process begins when a Disc manufacturer contacts the UPA (either with HQ personnel or directly to a member of the Disc Standards Committee) Refer to Figure 1; UPA Disc Approval Process.
  - 3.1 Disc Vendor notifies UPA HQ or the Disc Standard Committee (DSC) of intent to submit a Candidate Disc (CD) to the UPA for review.
    - 3.1.1 UPA HQ alerts DSC of vendor notification
    - 3.1.2 Disc Vendor sends samples of CD to DSC for informal review.
  - 3.2 Disc Standard Committee Informal Review of the CD:
    - 3.2.1 Members of the DSC determine if the CD warrants further testing.
    - 3.2.2 If CD is not deemed acceptable to minimum standards the disc vendor is notified.
    - 3.2.3 If the CD is unanimously accepted by the DSC for direct FTP review; then skip to step 3.3.3 with no DAC review
    - 3.2.4 If CD is deemed acceptable for additional review by Disc Approval Committee (DAC):
      - 3.2.4.1 UPA HQ notifies DAC of CD to be tested.
      - 3.2.4.2 UPA HQ provides disc vendor with mailing addresses of DAC.

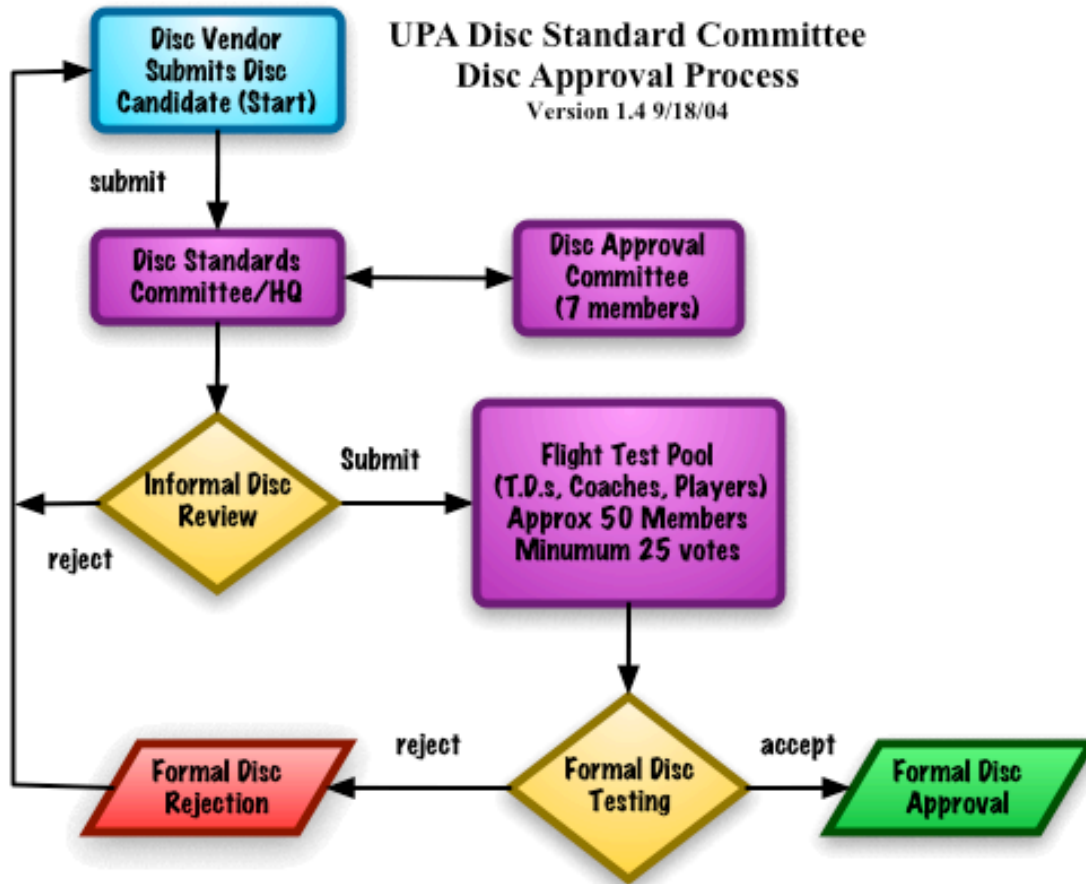


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- 3.2.4.3 Disc vendor sends additional discs to DAC for formal testing
- 3.3 Disc Approval Committee (DAC) Review of the CD:
  - 3.3.1 Members of the DAC determine if the CD meets UPA Approval standards or if the disc needs further refinement.
  - 3.3.2 If CD needs further refinement the disc vendor is notified of the disc deficiencies and the DAC awaits a new batch of discs to review.
  - 3.3.3 If DSC believes the CD meets UPA Approval standards, the CD is deemed acceptable for additional review by full Flight Test Pool (FTP):
    - 3.3.3.1 Disc Vendor pays UPA Disc Testing Fee (\$450)
    - 3.3.3.2 UPA HQ notifies FTP of CD to be tested.
    - 3.3.3.3 UPA HQ provides disc vendor with mailing addresses of FTP.
    - 3.3.3.4 Disc vendor sends additional discs to FTP for formal testing.
- 3.4 FTP Formal Testing of the CD:
  - 3.4.1 FTP reviews CD with respect to the current UPA Disc Standard Requirements and fills out Disc Testing Questionnaire (DTQ)
- 3.5 Disc Standard Committee reviews results from DTQ with respect to the current Disc Approval Criteria (DSC-002) and determines if CD is approved.
  - 3.5.1 Formal Disc Approval - Candidate Disc is approved and announcement is made in the UPA NL with a summary of the DTQ results.
  - 3.5.2 Formal Disc Rejection - Disc Vendor is notified and receives summary DTQ results.



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- 4.0 **Authority** – This procedure is approved by the UPA ExComm and maintained by the UPA Disc Standards Committee. Changes to the procedure are reviewed and commented on by the UPA HQ staff prior to inclusion in the ExComm agenda.