



DISC STANDARD COMMITTEE
APPROVED – VERSION 1.0
Flight Test Committee – Testing Criteria

UPA Procedure DSC-002 "Flight Test Pool Testing Criteria"

- 1.0 **Scope** – This document describes the selection criteria and lists the survey questions the UPA uses to determine if a disc is designated as a "UPA Approved Disc". See "DSC-001" "UPA Disc Approval Process" 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 **Survey Questions** – The UPA will survey the members of the Flight Test Pool (FTP) and record the results for each disc submitted for review. FTP members will record the Temperature, Altitude, and Wind speed for a given test. The experience and hand sizes of the FTP members are also queried by the survey. In order to build a knowledge base, candidate discs are rated with respect to hardness, catchability, grip, and flight characteristics. The critical survey questions are:
 - 3.1 How would you rate the disc overall? (Where 5 is excellent and 1 is poor)
 - 3.2 Is this disc good enough for: (check all that apply)
 - 3.2.1 Recreational (beach) play
 - 3.2.2 High School Gym class teaching Ultimate
 - 3.2.3 Novice League play
 - 3.2.4 Elite Summer Leagues (includes National level players)
 - 3.2.5 Minor Ultimate Tournaments (e.g. Hat Tourney)
 - 3.2.6 Major Ultimate Tournaments (e.g. Poultry Days/Santa Cruz)
 - 3.2.7 Youth State Championships
 - 3.2.8 Club National Championship Series
 - 3.2.9 None of the above
 - 3.3 How does this disc compared to current UPA approved discs? (Much Worse, worse, about the same, better, way better)

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4.1 UPA Approved disc will have a minimum 25 votes from the FTP.

4.2 UPA Approved disc will score greater than 50% "yes" for questions 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, and 3.2.5

5.0 **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.