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Championship Series Eligibility– Testing Process  
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UPA Procedure DSC-004 “UPA Championship Series Eligibility”

1. **Scope** – This document describes the criteria the UPA uses to determine if a disc is eligible for use in the UPA Championship Series
2. **General Guidance** – This process describes discs that are eligible for use in UPA Championship Series Events. . ***This process only adds a disc to a list of potential discs eligible to be used in Series play – a positive vote does not mean the disc replaces the current Series approved disc.***
3. **Candidate Disc Requirements** - A candidate disc will only be considered for UPA Championship Series Eligibility when the following criteria have been met:
  - 3.1. The candidate disc must be “UPA Approved” (See “DSC-001” “UPA Disc Approval Process” for additional details.)
  - 3.2. The candidate disc must sponsor an event in all 6 club regions. There can be more events sponsored in any given region; but each region must be represented.
  - 3.3. Disc Sponsorship for an event is defined as:
    - 3.3.1. Sponsor’s Disc is designated as “Game Disc” for the sponsored tournament subject to section IV in the 11<sup>th</sup> edition rules of Ultimate.
    - 3.3.2. The Sponsor will provide sufficient discs for the event equal to or greater than 3 times the number of teams present.
    - 3.3.3. There will be a minimum of 12 teams participating
  - 3.4. The sponsored events must include either of the following:
    - 3.4.1. Open and Women’s division teams
    - 3.4.2. Mixed teams



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- 3.4.3.** *It is highly recommended that the disc sponsor choose tournaments with sufficient numbers of teams that compete at a high level (see section 4 "Selection Process")*
- 3.5. It is the responsibility of the Disc Sponsor to provide sufficient documentation to the UPA Disc Standards Committee to verify sections 3.2 - 3.4 prior to consideration. After each tournament the UPA will survey the participants of the event to record the suitability of the disc for ultimate.
- 4. Selection Process** – Annually, the UPA Staff will survey the Open and Women's teams who competed for the UPA Club Series Championship the prior year and record the results for each disc submitted for review.
- 4.1.** One representative from each team will answer the survey.
- 4.2.** Teams will be surveyed between July 31 and Sept 30.
- 4.3.** Teams will be provided with the results from the surveys generated by participants of sponsored events (section 3)
- 4.4.** Only discs that meet the requirements of section 3 in the previous two calendar year period will be on the ballot.
- 4.5.** Teams will be asked several questions; but one question "Is this disc good enough for use in the UPA Championship Series?" will determine Series Eligibility.
- 4.6.** To become eligible for use in the UPA Championship Series, a disc under consideration must score greater than 75% "yes" for both the Open and Women's divisions.
- 5. Removal from Series Eligibility** - A disc may be removed from the list of UPA Championship Series Eligible Discs by a simple majority vote by either division. However; there must be a minimum of one UPA Championship Eligible Discs on the list. When there is one disc on the list it may not be removed.
- 6. 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.