



DISC STANDARD COMMITTEE

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U-12 Disc – Testing Criteria

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UPA Procedure DSC-003 “Flight Test Pool & Testing Criteria for U-12 Discs”

- 1.0 Scope** – This document describes the composition of the Flight Test Pool and the survey questions the UPA uses to determine if a disc is designated as a “UPA Approved Disc for U-12 Play”. See “DSC-001” “UPA Disc Approval Process” for additional details.
- 2.0 General Guidance** – A UPA Approved Disc for U-12 Play is defined as “Good enough for use by U-12 ultimate players”. This means that the disc is good enough for U-12 Play in league, tournament play, or for UPA U-12 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 U-12 Players defined as 12 years old and under, and does not imply that the disc will be used within the UPA Series at the Club, College or Youth level.
- 3.0 Flight Test Pool** – The Flight Test Pool (FTP) will be made up of at least 10 adults (over the age of 18)
 - 3.1 Each adult will have regular contact with at least 5 disc throwers age 12 and under (throwers)
 - 3.2 The FTP will include representatives from all 6 UPA adult club regions
 - 3.3 At least 3 members will be coaches of practicing 12 and under teams
 - 3.4 At least 2 members will be PE teachers
 - 3.5 At least 2 members will be in contact with non-disc practicing youth
- 4.0 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 given tests. The experience, age, gender, and hand sizes of the throwers 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:
 - 4.1 How would you rate the disc overall? (Where 5 is excellent and 1 is poor)
 - 4.2 Is this disc good enough for: (check all that apply)
 - 4.2.1 Elementary Gym Class teaching Ultimate/disc skills
 - 4.2.2 Middle School Gym Class teaching Ultimate/disc skills
 - 4.2.3 7-8 year old League and Tournament play
 - 4.2.4 9-10 year old League and Tournament play
 - 4.2.5 11-12 year old League and Tournament play
 - 4.2.6 12-16 year old League and Tournament play
 - 4.2.7 None of the above
 - 4.3 How does this disc compare to current UPA approved discs for U-12 play? (Much Worse, worse, about the same, better, way better)
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- 4.5 In order for a disc to be eligible for Approval there needs to be a minimum of 10 votes from the FTP. Each FTP member will have observed at least 5 players 12 and under use the candidate disc in order to vote.
- 4.6 To achieve “UPA Approved” status, a disc under consideration must score greater than 50% “yes” for questions 4.2.1, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4.
- 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.