



2014 Triple Crown Tour Event Participation Requirements

Based on their finish from the prior year's Triple Crown Tour season, teams are placed into flights for the following year. Teams in the top two flights, Pro and Elite, qualify for and are required to attend certain flight-specific events. The following outline describes the regular season participation requirements for Pro and Elite teams in order to 1) maintain eligibility for the 2014 season and series and 2) qualify to bypass Sectionals and start the post-season at Regionals.

1. Pro Flight 1-4 (Nationals semi-finalists)

- a. Eligibility for Series
 - i. 1 required event
 1. US Open
 - ii. 10 required sanctioned games
- b. Eligibility for bye to Regionals
 - i. 1 optional event
 1. Pro Finale
 - a. Priority bid
 2. Pro-Elite Challenge
 - a. Wait list bid if available
 3. Elite-Select Challenge
 - a. Wait list bid if available



2. Pro Flight 5-8 (Nationals quarter-finalists)

- a. Eligibility for Series
 - i. 1 required event
 1. Pro-Elite Challenge
 - ii. 10 required sanctioned games
- b. Eligibility for bye to Regionals
 - i. 1 optional event
 1. Pro Finale
 - a. Priority bid
 2. Elite-Select Challenge
 - a. Wait list bid if available



3. Elite Flight (Nationals 9-16)

- a. Eligibility for Series
 - i. 1 required event
 1. Elite-Select Challenge
 - ii. 10 required sanctioned games
- b. Eligibility for bye to Regionals
 - i. 1 optional event
 1. Pro-Elite Challenge
 - a. Priority bid
 2. Pro Finale
 - a. Wait list bid if available



4. Top Select (loser of "game-to-go" for last bid to Nationals)

- a. Eligibility for Series
 - i. 1 optional event
 1. Elite-Select Challenge – Teams can decline initial bid, but once committed to event must attend in order to remain eligible for Series
- b. Eligibility for bye to Regionals
 - i. n/a–All Select teams, including Top Select, must qualify for Regionals through Sectionals



5. Exception:

- a. One Canadian representative at US Open, as designated by USA Ultimate, may use US Open participation to fulfill its flight-specific event requirement to maintain eligibility for the series.





Waiting Lists for TCT Flights and Events

1. **Flight Vacancies** - Vacancies in TCT flights will be offered to teams in order of TCT flight (Pro, Elite, Top Select, Select, and Classic), as specified below. Within each flight, the waiting list order shall be decided as follows:
 - a. General wait list order
 - i. For **Pro** and **Elite** Flights, the primary factor shall be placement at the previous season's National Championships.
 1. In the event of a tie, the secondary factor shall be ranking from the previous season.
 2. In the event of another tie, order shall be determined by standard event tie-break criteria (i.e. head to head, etc.).
 - ii. For **Top Select**, **Select**, and **Classic** Flights, the primary factor shall be ranking from the previous season.
 1. In the event of a tie, order shall be determined by standard event tie-break criteria (i.e. head to head, etc.).
 - iii. Note: "Ranking" as used above refers to final regular season ranking from the previous season.
 - b. Flight-specific wait list order
 - i. Pro Flight: Elite, Top Select, Select, Classic
 - ii. Elite Flight: Top Select, Select, Classic
 - iii. Select Flight: Regional finish order within the same region
2. **Event Vacancies** - Vacancies at specific TCT events will be offered to teams in order of TCT flight (Pro, Elite, Select, and Classic), as specified below. Within each flight, the waiting list order shall be decided as follows:
 - a. General wait list order
 - i. For **Pro** and **Elite** Flights, the primary factor shall be placement at the previous season's National Championships.
 1. In the event of a tie, the secondary factor shall be ranking from the previous season.
 2. In the event of another tie, order shall be determined by standard event tie-break criteria (i.e. head to head, etc.).
 - ii. For **Select** and **Classic** Flights, the primary factor shall be ranking from the previous season.
 1. In the event of a tie, order shall be determined by standard event tie-break criteria (i.e. head to head, etc.).
 - iii. Note: "Ranking" as used above refers to final regular season ranking from the previous season.
 - b. Event-specific wait list order
 - i. **US Open**
 1. Initial invites go to the top 4 Pro finishers from the previous season's Nationals. 4 additional spots are reserved for international teams, provided USA Ultimate can fill the spots with competitive international teams by the TCT season commitment deadline.
 2. Waiting list order: Pro, Elite, Select, Classic.
 - ii. **Pro-Elite Challenge**
 1. Initial invites go to the bottom 4 Pro finishers from the previous season's Nationals and the 8 Elite teams.
 2. Waiting list order: Pro, Select, Classic.
 - iii. **Pro Finale**
 1. Initial invites go to the 8 pro teams.
 2. Waiting list order: Elite, Select, Classic.
 - iv. **Elite-Select Challenge**
 1. Initial invites go to the 8 Elite teams and the 8 Top-Select teams.





2. Waiting list order for Elite bids: Pro, Select, Classic
 3. Waiting list order for Top-Select bids: series finish order among Pro and Select teams from the same region as the team which declined. If no Pro or Select team from that region accepts the bid, then it is treated as an Elite bid (see above).
3. USA Ultimate reserves the right to modify the above rules to fill event vacancies in emergency situations.

