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Professional Disc Golf Association Tournament in Athens

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – May 13, 2021 – The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced the Athens TN, “Hit Me With Your Best Shot” Disc Golf Tournament will be May 15-16 at the Athens Regional Park course, located at 2405 Decatur Pike. This is a Pro/AM B Tier PDGA sanctioned event managed by Bluegrass Disc Golf of Bowling Green, KY. The tournament has 148 players from 9 states registered.

Spectators are welcomed and will be admitted free to this event. The course will be closed for public play during the tournament.

“In 2011 when we designed the first 9 holes and opened to the public, quite frankly people were wondering what disc golf was. Today, we have one of the most played courses anywhere. During the initial stages, I asked PDGA member and course designer H.B. Clark about the future of disc golf in Athens. We both looked at the long-term course possibilities and I asked him to design a course capable of hosting this caliber of tournament. It is very satisfying to see this type of event come to our course after a decade of hard work. I encourage the public to support this event. With community support and a good showing this weekend, our goal is to elevate this to an A Tier PDGA tournament,” said Austin Fesmire, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Tee Times will begin at 8:00 am each day and will continue every 10 minutes until 2:30 pm. Pros will begin at 12:40 pm with the pro-open starting at 1:10 pm.

“I guarantee you if you come watch the pros throw for distance on hole number 1, you will be amazed at how far a disc can be thrown and you will be telling your friends about it,” said Fesmire.

For complete tournament information visit: <https://www.pdga.com/tour/event/48344> or <http://www.bluegrassdiscgolf.org/Athens.html>

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2700 OPT 3.