



RULES & TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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Rules:

- The U.S. Open will follow all rules and regulations set forth by the World Axe Throwing League Official Rules. These rules can be found by going to <https://worldaxethrowingleague.com/axe-throwing-rules/>
- Any conflicting rules between the rules set forth in the WATL rule set (listed in the above link) and this U.S. Open rules document will side in favor of this U.S. Open Rules Document.
- Any rules otherwise conflicting or not clearly defined may be changed or ruled on at the discretion of the Commissioner of the World Axe Throwing League or a designated WATL Official before or during tournament play.

SATURDAY

Qualifying Throws:

Each player will get 30 throws to gain the highest points using Standard WATL match play.

Wave 1 will choose the top 50 players (by points) to move on to the tournament on Sunday.

Wave 2 will be the last chance for the bottom 50 throwers to attempt another round of qualifying throws. The top 14 of Wave 2 will move on to the final tournament.

SUNDAY

64 person final bracket seeded from the qualifying waves

Round 1 - 3:

Head to head matches. The winner of 2 out of 3 matches moves forward to the next round.

Quarter Finals and Semi Finals:

Head to head matches. The winner of 3 out of 5 matches moves forward.

Third Place Match:

Head to head matches. The winner of 4 out of 7 matches gains third place

Championship match:

The winner of 4 out of 7 matches is crowned the U.S. Open Champion of 2018

Trick Shot Tournament:

- Each player will throw 3 times, retrieving their axe/s between each throw.
- These throws must be done in a safe manner. If a throw is considered unsafe by a WATL official, the thrower will be disqualified.
- Three Judges will be scoring the three shots on a 1.0 - 10 scale. They will take into consideration aim, style, and creativity.
- The average of the three shots scores will be the overall final score.
- Thrower must use WATL standard axes and foot placement while throwing.
- Thrower may use more than one axe but all axes must be thrown simultaneously and will count as 1 of the 3 throws.
- An axe throw that has at least one axe that does not stick securely in the wood until retrieved will count as 1
- Final Score will be between 1-10

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 10th

5pm - 9pm Registration, Meet and Greet, and free throwing

Saturday, August 11th

9:30am - 10am Check-In
 10am - 1:30pm Opening Announcements + Wave 1 Qualifying throws
 Break
 2pm - 4pm Wave 2 Final Cut Off Qualifying throws
 Break
 5pm Announce Final Tournament Bracket
 5pm - 8pm Free Throws - Break
 8pm - 10pm Trick Shot Competition

Sunday, August 12th

11am - 1pm 1st & 2nd Round Elimination Matches
 Break
 2pm - 4pm Quarter Finals (Top 8)
 Semi finals (Top 4)
 Short Break
 4:30pm Third Place Match
 FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
 5pm Winners Podium and Awards



WHERE:

Bad Axe Throwing
CHICAGO, IL (Lake View Location)
2828 N Clark St Atrium Level



"I'm thrilled to be organizing an event with the goal of bringing axe throwers from all over the world together. I can't think of a better way to celebrate the sport of Urban Axe Throwing than with some friendly competition!"

Sincere thanks to all past, present, and future throwers and WATL affiliates and anyone who helps spread the love of axe throwing. We wouldn't be here if not for your passion."

- Evan Walters
Commissioner of WATL

Questions?

Please submit any questions about the U.S. Open by email to watl@worldaxethrowingleague.com