



## Open Division

## Competitor Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Official Rules of the 2009 Military Long Drive Qualifier

Every Competitor must read these rules, provide all requested information on the Competitor Registration Form and sign it prior to competition. This is a local qualifying event sanctioned by the Long Drivers of America (LDA). LDA rules will be applied as follows.

Check which applies:  MALE  FEMALE

- Eligibility** – Active Duty service members from any branch of service and their family members 18 years and older with valid Military ID card, Reservists, National Guard, and Retirees may participate in the Long Drive Competition held on participating US Army golf courses. Reservists and National Guard members regardless of status are eligible to compete. Additional divisions may be added at the local competition sites however only the open division will qualify for the Military Long Drive Championship (MLDC) in Mesquite, NV.
  - Women golfers competing will be spotted 65 yards to their long drive score.
  - Previous year MLDC champion will advance directly to the preliminary final round of the MLDC in Mesquite, NV.
- Prizes** – Local prizes at each of the participating US Army golf courses will be awarded first – third finishes. Each first place winner will win an all expense paid trip to compete in the preliminary round in Mesquite, NV. In addition to competing the trip includes airfare, hotel, ground transportation, meals and one round of golf. Second and third place finishers will be paid gift certificates in the amounts of \$200 and \$100 respectively. The preliminary and final round of the MLDC will be held in conjunction with the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship (WLDC) in Mesquite NV Oct 25 – 30, 2009. The top winner of the MLDC who wins the modified double elimination format event will receive \$10,000 cash and exemption into the open division 2010 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship. Winners will be subject to all federal and state taxes.
  - With the acceptance of the grand prize of \$10,000, the winner forfeits amateur status for a period of time determined by the United States Golf Association (USGA) in accordance with USGA Rule 3-2a. Grand prize winner should review USGA rule 9-4 for reinstatement purposes.
  - If applicable, winners must be in leave status to accept the all expense paid trip to Mesquite NV.
- Entry Fees** - Each Competitor shall pay \$10.00 per try. Six balls are considered one try. A competitor may try as many times as he/she wishes and as time permits. Form of payment is determined by each golf facility on an individual basis.
- Participating locations** – for a complete list of participating locations log onto [www.armymwrgolf.com](http://www.armymwrgolf.com).
- Registration**- As a competitor registers and pays the entry fee, his/her name will be added to the official score sheet. This will determine the hitting order for the day.
- Additional Tries** - If the competitor wishes to hit again, he/she may register for additional tries as time permits and pay the appropriate entry fee. His/her name will be put on the next available line on the official score sheet. He/she may take **a maximum of two (2) consecutive tries** if other competitors are waiting. Competitors do not have to hit in consecutive rounds to hit again, however the site director may limit walk-up sign ups one hour prior to the close of the event.
- Timing for the Competition** - As the competitors name is called, he/she has **three minutes (single on the tee or two hitting simultaneously) or five minutes (two on the tee hitting alternately)** to complete their try. There are no practice shots from the tee area.
- Weather Conditions**- Neither MWR, Dr Pepper/Snapple Group nor the LDA will guarantee the weather conditions during competition or that the conditions will remain constant during the competition. All marks will stand and are final. In the case that weather impacts the event and competitors must seek cover and the event does not restart, the winning drives at that point will be awarded.
- Definition of a Qualified Drive** – A “Qualified Drive” must be a minimum of 200 yards that comes to rest within the boundaries of the competition grid, and has not come in contact with the ground or other objects outside the gridlines. A qualified drive cannot land out of play and then come back into play. A drive that does not meet the specified minimum yard line is considered out of play. Bad weather may result in the minimum being lowered. This will be at the discretion of the Site Director.
- Official Long Drive Ball** - All Competitors must hit the Pinnacle Gold FX Long golf ball provided by Long Drivers of America. Once the Competitor receives the official golf balls from the Site Director, those balls must be kept visible in the teeing area at all times (do not put them in pockets, bags or with anyone else).
- Measurement of Drives** - Drives will be measured from the tee line to the farthest point of the golf ball. Distance will include carry and roll of the ball.
- Recording Drives** - Each of the Competitor’s drives will be recorded on the official score sheet. If a Competitor hits a qualified drive that is considered one of the five longest of the day, the location of the ball will be accurately marked (**and if needed measured**) with a sprinkler flag.
- In Case of a Tie** - In the event there are two (2) or more identical distances recorded for determining first through third place, (within six inches of another competitors drive), it is deemed a tie. The tied competitors will hit three additional balls (best-ball wins) to determine the final winning drive for each ranking. This process will continue until a winner is

declared. The loser of the play off will automatically drop to the next lowest ranking, and further corresponding adjustments to the rankings will be made as appropriate. If one of the competitors is not present for the playoff, then the player that is present will be deemed the winner. The hitting order will remain the same as originally registered on the official score sheet.

14. **Golf Equipment** - All clubs used must conform to U.S.G.A. Standards and not exceed the "LDA" club length limit of 50 inches, and are subject to inspection by a host site director. LDA length is measured from the floor to the butt cap of the grip with the club at right angle to the ground (90° upright position on flat surface against the wall).
15. Competitors may change equipment during competition however must do so within the appropriate timeline as outlined in paragraph 7 above.
16. **Golf Etiquette** - Proper golf etiquette is required during all levels of the competition. At no time will disorderly conduct, abusive language, intoxication and/or possession or use of an illegal substance be tolerated. Violations of this rule shall be cause for immediate expulsion from the event and forfeiture of all monies paid. The host site director, MWR and the LDA has the right to refuse service to anyone for the transgressions of this rule.
17. **Dress Code** – All competitors must adhere to the host facility dress code. All Army golf courses are "soft-spike" only. It is the responsibility of each competitor to know and comply with the dress code of the site.
18. **Food and Beverages** - During a Local Qualification Event, only soft drinks and/or water are permitted in the teeing area. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted during the competition.
19. **Qualification for preliminary round of MLDC** –The format for the preliminary round will be a modified double elimination tournament. All local winners from each of the host MLDC sites plus the previous year MLDC champion will earn a spot to compete in the preliminary round that will take place on Tuesday, October 27 2009. **Alternate Competitors** - In some cases, Competitors who qualify to compete in the preliminary round may not be available to participate. If this occurs, the MWR and the LDA will refer to the next highest long drive score from that qualifying host location. The alternate will be offered the opportunity to participate in the preliminary round in Mesquite, NV.
  - a. Participation in the events at the WLDC is voluntary and winners will not be in any official US Army capacity.
20. **Qualification for the grand prize competition at the WLDC.** Only 6 competitors will advance from the preliminary round to the MLDC final round in Mesquite NV. Announcement of the competitors to advance will be made directly following the preliminary round. The final round will be played on or about 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 28, 2009.
21. **In Case of Discrepancies, Decisions and Interpretation of Rules** - The appointed Site Director shall make all decisions on site pertaining to interpretations of the Official Rules, postponement of the event, rescheduling and all other decision affecting the outcome of the event. In the event that you have questions or complaints at the time of the local competition, you can contact an LDA representative at (817) 819-4497. Long Drivers of America is the final arbiter of the event and, as such, any decision or interpretation of the Official Rules by the LDA shall stand.
22. **Acceptance of prizes.** By accepting any of the prizes, the winners agree to hold harmless the United States Government, the Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command (FMWRC), the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund (AMWRF), and all Installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation Funds (IMWRFs), Acushnet, the LDA, Dr Pepper/Snapple Group Inc, their affiliates and the officers, directors, employees and agents of each of them from any liability from any injuries, losses or damages related in any way to participation in the Military Long Drive Championship presented by Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc. Winners assume all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claimed to be caused, by participation in this event or through the use or redemption of any prize.
23. **Substitution of prizes.** The FMWRC reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. Acceptance of a prize constitutes permission to use the winners' names and/or likeness for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation, unless prohibited by law. By accepting the installation grand prize, the winners agree to wear apparel provided by FMWRC to attend the WLDC.
24. **Force Majeure.** The FMWRC or the host installation/facility is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the event or in the announcement of prizes. In the event the FMWRC or host installation is prevented from continuing with the event, or the integrity and/or feasibility of the event is severely undermined by any event beyond the Army's control, including but not limited to fire, flood, epidemic, earthquake, explosion, labor dispute or strike, act of God or public enemy, satellite or equipment failure/problem, riot of civil or local government law, order or regulation, order of any court or jurisdiction, or other cause not reasonably with the Army's control (each a "Force Majeure" event, the Army shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to abbreviate, modify, suspend, cancel or terminate the event without further obligation. If the Army, in its sole discretion, elects to abbreviate the event as a result of a Force Majeure event, the Army reserves the right, but not the obligation, to award prizes from among all winners at the time of such a Force Majeure event.
25. **Questions** Any questions regarding the event may be sent to "Military Long Drive Championship" PO Box 150304, Alexandria, VA 22315-0162 or email: [mwrpromotions@conus.army.mil](mailto:mwrpromotions@conus.army.mil)

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Submit this completed form along with the entry fee at any participating MWR golf course.  
For a complete list of participating Army golf programs, log on to [www.armymwrgolf.com](http://www.armymwrgolf.com).)

How did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_

- Check this box if you would like to receive email updates from the local MWR Army Golf program.
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