

US Open Qualifiers Improved for 2000

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Every year, the DCI holds several US Open Qualifiers (AKA "The Meatgrinder") the day before the US Nationals begins. These tournaments offer a last chance to qualify for US Nationals. Responding to player requests, the format for this year's US Open has been improved.

Previously, a total of six two-slot US Open Qualifiers (for a total of twelve invitations) were held in the 24 hours before Nationals. This year, five four-slot US Open Qualifiers will be held (for a total of twenty invitations)!

Instead of all the US Open Qualifiers using the Standard format, two of the five qualifiers will now be Sealed Deck in response to player demand for this format to be represented at the US Open. These two qualifiers will be *Mercadian Masques*, *Nemesis* and *Prophecy* Sealed Deck.

These events will be single-elimination, with the top four players from each US Open Qualifier receiving an invitation to US Nationals the next day. The players who finish in 5th - 8th place of each US Open Qualifier will receive a booster box of *Prophecy* as a consolation prize!

The fee for the events has also been reduced. The constructed format qualifiers are only \$10.00 and the Sealed Deck format qualifiers are \$20.00. Players who are already qualified for US Nationals may not participate in the US Open Qualifiers.

All five qualifiers will take place the day before Nationals on Thursday, June 8th at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida.

The schedule is as follows: (register 1 hour before start time)

US Open Qualifier #1 - 8:00 AM register, 9:00 AM start - Standard Format - \$10

US Open Qualifier #2 - 10:00 AM register, 11:00 AM start - Sealed Deck Format - \$20

US Open Qualifier #3 - 12:00 PM register, 1:00 PM start - Standard Format - \$10

US Open Qualifier #4 - 2:00 PM register, 3:00 PM start - Sealed Deck Format - \$20

US Open Qualifier #5 - 4:00 PM register, 5:00 PM start - Standard Format - \$10

All players are welcome to compete in these events. These events will be the last chance to qualify for US Nationals 2000!