



EDGF EUROPEAN DISC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS

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EUROPEAN DISC GOLF FEDERATION

This document outlines the concept of the EDGF European Disc Golf Championships.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. The EDGC

The European Disc Golf Championships (called herein EDGC) is a unique, continental event to be held currently biannually in one of the European countries, and organized by one of the member-countries in alternation (if possible) between the northern and southern part of Europe. With a further development of the EDGC, separate events for single (i.e. junior's ages) or group (i.e. senior's ages) of divisions may be offered.

The major aim of the EDGC shall be the play for the **European Champion titles and medals**.

The event shall be organized on the same scale and quality level as a PDGA major event, but includes the outstanding disc golf community feeling that has been strong in all the previous EDGCs.

The event is officially named: **EDGF European Disc Golf Championships**.

1.2. The EDGF

The European Disc Golf Federation (called herein EDGF) is a non-profit association formed by the European national disc golf organization and represents its members towards EFDF, WFDF and other European and International institutions.

Major focus of EDGF are the European Disc Golf Championships, its standardization, further development and sanctioning. In addition EDGF supports the establishment of new Disc Golf Association in European countries.

1.3. The EDGC Advisory Committee

The EDGC Advisory Committee is responsible for the EDGC's bidding process, forming rules and allocating the tournament spots and waiting list spots to participating countries. The committee shall assist the further standardization and development of the EDGC. The Committee shall consist of 5 members, including a chair elected by the EDGF board. The Committee reports to the EDGF President. Detailed tasks of the committee are defined in a separate document.

2. OWNERSHIP

EDGC is supported by the European National Disc Golf Organizations, which are either national Disc Golf Associations or the Disc Golf Committee of a national Flying Disc Sports Organization.

The EDGC in all its forms is fully owned by EDGF. PDGA and EDGF have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which PDGA recognizes EDGF's ownership of EDGC in writing, in addition the agreement also defines the roles and responsibilities of each organization in Europe.

3. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

EDGC is not an "Open" tournament. It is limited to players from European countries* only.

In general, EDGF member countries only can send athletes to the EDGC(s). Due to the fact that the European disc golf community is still growing, and as many as possible European countries shall be present at the EDGC, the EDGF will use its right to invite also non-EDGF member countries to send players to the EDGC. (Non-members needs to be quantified (maybe not in document, but internally, yes); both for threshold when this no longer done, and/or how many non-members are invited; and on which criteria)

*The List of European countries can be found on the EDGF website
<http://www.discgolffederation.eu>

4. QUALIFICATION

Players must qualify for EDGC within their home country. The national disc golf organizations of each country are entirely responsible for the selection of their representatives at EDGC, providing that players qualify under the Nationality regulations below.

Suggested methods of selection include qualification on a national tour (if any), at national championships, or simply nomination of players by committee.

Qualified players (based on available spots by country) will be nominated by the national disc golf organization for the participation at EDGC. Players must accept the nomination for EDGC and confirm their participation by a given deadline. Non-qualified players may still have a chance to be nominated in a second wave, if one of the already nominated players cannot participate or additional places become available.

5. NATIONALITY

A player is qualified to represent a country if he/she meets the following regulations:

- The player holds a valid membership of the country's disc golf organization or flying disc organization when there is no disc golf organization?.

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- The player holds the passport of the specific country or is a current resident of the country for minimum 1 year.

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- The player has been nominated by the national organization.

Exceptions may be granted by EDGF to smaller countries without a national disc golf organization.

6. PDGA MEMBERSHIP

An individual PDGA membership was not required in the past to participate at the EDGC. Due to the cooperation between EDGF and PDGA and the fact, that the PDGA membership and its rating system has become a strong and valuable tool in the sport of disc golf, PDGA membership and Certified Official Exam are required for all players.

7. EVENT FORMAT

To standardize the EDGC(s), the following formats will be played:

7.1. Individual – all Divisions

- Players field with a maximum of 200 competitors (subject to review if divisions change)
- 1 (one) competitive 18-holes course
- 4 rounds for all players (exempts on request)
- 1 (one) round per day with tee times (staggered start)
- Divisions (see addendum 2)
- Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) for top-3 in all division
- Playoffs for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division must be used to determine the medal places
- Certificate for places 4 to 6 in all divisions
- Prize-money according to PDGA regulations

7.2. Individual – Single Division or Groups of Division

Offering an EDGC for Open/Women or Junior’s ages or Senior’s ages separately, is subject of discussion and no decisions have been made yet. Any further decisions will added to this document and communicated accordingly.

7.3. Nations Cup

Nations Cup is a unique feature of the European Disc Golf Championships to highlight the fact that the players are not competing just for themselves as individuals. They are also competing for their country.

Nations Cup is an official competition and a trophy will be presented to the winner of the Nation’s Cup.

Nations Cup Points System:

Points are calculated after each round. Each country’s players’ PDGA ratings are averaged to establish a base level for each country. Country’s players round ratings average then compared with the base level to give a performance for each round.

7.4. National doubles

A national Doubles competition may be offered before the official event.

- Divisions: Open and Mixed
- 1 round, 18 holes, Best-shot
- Small entry fee
- Prices for top-3 of each division or 100% pay-out of entry fees

8. TITLES AND MEDALS

The winner of each division will receive the official title “European Disc Golf Champion”.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each vision will be awarded with a unique medal (gold, silver and bronze). Finishers up to place 6 will receive a personal certificate.

The winning country of the Nations Cup will be awarded a trophy.

The medals, the Nations Cup trophy, and the certificates will be provided by EDGF. Design of medals in accordance with the event organizers (LOC)

The medals (and flowers if possible) shall be handed out to the athletes at the awards ceremony by a local personality (for example mayor, VIP, etc.) assisted by an EDGF representative, a PDGA Europe representative and the president of the organizing committee. Detailed procedure to be determined well in advance of the awards ceremony.

9.2. SPOTS ALLOCATION

Due to the fact that the sizes of the countries varies from 1 up to 2.000+ players (PDGA members) it is almost impossible to create a mathematic formula to calculate an automatic distribution of the available spots in a fair way to the many countries. Also using a fixed number of participants by divisions in a multiple divisions' event is impractical due to the different age-structure in the countries.

The main goal is to provide a **well-balanced** table and enable all countries to participate with an appropriate number of athletes.

The following procedure has been used to allocate the spots:

- The country specific PDGA membership numbers will provide straight figures
- A ranking list will give a good picture of the European disc golf community
- Based on this list, the countries are grouped (Level 1-8)
- Similar sized countries grouped in the same level
- Spots added manually in a way that finally all spots are distributed
- Similar sized countries receive the same amount of spots

The table ([see addendum 3](#)) have to be reviewed and adjusted according to the actual membership figures and number of countries well in advance by the EDGC Advisory Committee.

10. PLAYER REGISTRATION & DEADLINES

The qualification, nomination and registration is the responsibility of the national disc golf organization. Each country shall nominate a team captain who is responsible for the “national” team and who completes the pre-registration and the payment for his team. The team-captain may also be a non-playing participant. The final registration may be completed by the players or by the team captain.

The LOC shall prepare a Roadmap containing the registration steps, rulings for the registration and all deadlines.

All information shall be available with a unique EDGC Website driven by the respective organizers (a sub-domain with appropriate access right can be offered by EDGF on request).

11. TEAM CAPTAIN

The team captain is a responsible contact person in each country, before and also during the event. He/she will be announced by each country

The team captain shall have the following duties:

- Pre-Registration of nominated players
- Correspondence with the EDGC organisation
- Representation of the country at ceremonies and meetings during EDGC
- Arrange payment(s) of entry fees

In addition (optional) the team captain may also handle:

- Organization/Coordination of Accommodation
- Coordinate travel and local transport
- Organise a team-outfit

If the team captain is not the official country representative, the nominated captain must have an official letter from his/her national disc golf organization which appoints him/her to act as the official country-representative. This will involve speaking for the country and if necessary to participate in voting or signing documents.

12. MEDIA AND MARKETING

The Media and Marketing Rights of the EDGC lie with EDGF, but will be transferred with the Sanctioning Agreement (contract) in details to the respective EDGC organising committee (LOC). Also see the “LOC Requirement Manual”.

13. SANCTIONING

The EDGC will be co-sanctioned by the EDGF and the PDGA. A Sanctioning Agreement (contract) will be issued by EDGF which also includes any details regarding Fees, Sponsoring, Media, and Marketing of EDGC. The sanctioning fee is part of EDGF’s budget and will be fixed by the EDGF General Assembly yearly. All financial agreements shall be stated clearly in the Sanctioning Agreement. The Sanctioning Agreement to be issued in two (2) copies and to be signed by EDGF and the EDGC Organizers (LOC).

14. EDGC GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS VERSIONS

Updated versions shall be named with version-number and year of issue.

ADDENDUM 1: EDGC DIVISIONS

The following divisions which shall be played at the EDGC (other divisions may be added if necessary):

Division Name	Division Code	Ages Eligible
Open Men	MPO	All
Open Women	FPO	All
Master	MPM	40+ during calendar year of event
Master Women	FPM	40+ during calendar year of event
Grandmaster	MPG	50+ during calendar year of event
Senior Grandmaster	MPS	60+ during calendar year of event
Juniors	MJ1	<= 18 during calendar year of event

ADDENDUM 2: EXAMPLE COUNTRY SPOTS ALLOCATION

According to the General Rules (Art. 9.1) and the spots allocation Process (Art. 9.2) the table below shows the recommended country spots allocation table. All free spots after phase I of the registration process will be re-allocated to the waiting list by the EDGC Advisory Committee.

Country	DTA-270815	Level	Country	Host	Allocated	Total	%
Finland	1534	1	1	5	24	30	15.0
Sweden	608	2	1		19	20	10.0
Norway	310	3	1		14	15	7.5
Germany	207	4	1		11	12	6.0
Estonia	193	4	1		11	12	6.0
France	188	4	1		11	12	6.0
Denmark	167	4	1		11	12	6.0
United Kingdom	109	5	1		8	9	4.5
Switzerland	94	5	1		8	9	4.5
Austria	85	5	1		8	9	4.5
Czech Republic	69	5	1		8	9	4.5
Iceland	46	6	1		5	6	3.0
Netherland	45	6	1		5	6	3.0
Belgium	45	6	1		5	6	3.0
Lithuania	21	7	1		2	3	1.5
Croatia	18	7	1		2	3	1.5
Hungary	16	7	1		2	3	1.5
Italy	15	7	1		2	3	1.5
Russia	13	7	1		2	3	1.5
Spain	11	7	1		2	3	1.5
Slovakia	10	7	1		2	3	1.5
Poland	10	7	1		2	3	1.5
Slovenia	10	7	1		2	3	1.5
Latvia	9	7	1		2	3	1.5
Israel	5	8	1		0	1	0.5
Ireland	1	8	1		0	1	0.5
Portugal	1	8	1		0	1	0.5
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ADDENDUM 3: NATIONS CUP

At the EDGC, also the Nations Cup will be performed again, where each player representing their country can demonstrate their skills in a European Nations Championships as well as individually.

In each division points will be distributed to the players in each round and summed up to the total of each country.

Because each country is different in configuration (some countries have lots of MPO players, others depend heavily on their age-protected division players. By using a country's position in a division, you'd automatically set-up a certain country for a potential win. That should not happen.

To allow for a points system that all players will contribute to, and not just a limited number of players (country sizes range from 3 to 31 players), a system that uses all players' efforts was made.

All players are different, but they all share one single thing that binds them; their rating, and the wish to 'at least play their own rating'. How often have you played a round where you did not place well, but were satisfied because you did play above your rating? That principle is what we're using for the Nations Cup system; but instead using all 200 individual players' ratings, we're looking at a Country Rating (by averaging the ratings for all of that country's players).

At the end of a round (this does not apply to round 4), each player will have received a round rating. Now, your country's players' round ratings are averaged, and are then compared with your Country Rating. To discount the effect of injuries or "never-ending bad luck" on your country's chances to win too much, each country will see the poorest round rating excluded (provided it is 60+ rating points below their own rating). Obviously, DNF's are not included in the calculations. Did your country perform better or poorer than your Country Rating? The best performing Country gets the highest points, the poorest performing country gets the lowest points.

How does it work?

Your country has a Country Rating of 917.5 (four players: 898, 910, 920, 940).

Your country's players' round #1 ratings are 835, 860, 900 and 1000. The 835 round rating is excluded. That results in a 920.0 round average for your country. Your country performed 2.5 rating points over its Country Rating. We will call that a Country Round Performance (CRP) of +2.5. All CRP's are put in a list, and the country with the highest CRP will receive the highest points (21), the second-highest will receive 20 points, etcetera, until all 21 countries received points.

After three rounds, there is a cut to the finals. Every country will see one of more players not making it to the finals. At this point the individual players will all “simply” be focused of finishing higher than their direct opponents, not necessarily their rating. Dealing with newly calculated Country Ratings would miss the point. To find a useful method for the final, AND be able to reward a good finish, the each top 3 finish in each division will receive points for your country.

Does a player from your country finish top 3 in a division (top 5 for MPO & FPO), then your country gets bonus points. For MPO/FPO these points are 10, 7, 5, 3, 2. For other divisions these are 5, 3, 2.

The country with the highest points total wins the EDGC Nations Cup.

Tie-breaker

Ties after the final round will be broken by the higher cumulative Country Rating Performance (two decimal positions) score in rounds one through three.

Point tables (used for EDGC 2016)

Country Ratings (calculated using player ratings per August 16th 2016)

Country	# Players	Country Rating *	Country	# Players	Country Rating *
Austria	10	927.3	Lithuania	4	941.3
Belgium	5	921.8	The Netherlands	6	859.7
Czech Republic	10	916.8	Norway	17	938.9
Denmark	14	942.6	Poland	4	877.3
Estonia	13	904.3	Russia	3	859.3
Finland	31	964.4	Slovakia	3	938.0
France	12	925.4	Spain	3	957.3
Germany	13	953.2	Sweden	21	964.1
Hungary	3	949.0	Switzerland	9	953.0
Iceland	6	920.7	United Kingdom	10	921.9
Latvia	3	848.3			

* = ratings calculated based on players data per August 23rd 2016. Final list will be published morning of August 24th 2016.

Points table for rounds 1, 2 and 3

Place CRP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Points	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Points table for final round

Final position	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 rd place	5 rd place
Points (MPO/FPO)	10	7	5	3	2
Points (other divisions)	5	3	2	-	-