# **BULLETIN #1 (Issued Oct 2023)**

# WFDF 2024 World Team Disc Golf Championship (WTDGC) 6th-9th November, 2024 Mundaring, Perth, Australia



#### **WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA**

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) Mundaring Sporting Club Disc Golf, are excited to present the WFDF 2024 World Team Disc Golf Championship (WTDGC) to be hosted in Mundaring, east of Perth, Western Australia. This event will be WFDF's 5th event for national disc golf teams and we extend invitations to all WFDF member National Federations and their Disc Golf Associations to register.

The WTDGC will be hosted over 4 days from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November on two 18-hole courses located in the bush and throughout the Mundaring Sporting Club Golf course.

Please pay close attention to all communications going out from WFDF and the LOC, paying particular attention to details such as deadlines. To plan a successful event, we all need to work together to make sure we collect all the information and fees on time. Please do everything you can to support us by respecting all deadlines and responding with the necessary data efficiently. We will do our best to make the process as simple as we can.

The WTDGC website will be updated with event information and answers to frequently asked questions, so please be sure to check back regularly www.wtdgc.sport (after 15 Dec). Following are the main details that you need to know before deciding to register your team. Please note that teams should not make travel plans until AFTER the official bid list with countries attending is published. NOTE: There are action points throughout this bulletin highlighted in red, please pay particular attention to these.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) for WTDGC 2024 will be Mundaring Sporting Club Disc Golf who is dedicated to the growth and development of Disc Golf with a strong focus of Growth. Ken Summers and his organising team are committed to creating an exciting and fun experience for all participants of WTDGC 2024. With a diverse team experienced in running international Ultimate and Disc Golf major tournaments, the LOC and Mundaring are sure to provide an experience both on and off the course which will be centred around delivering an amazing experience and creating a fun atmosphere, with all the essential facilities.

It is estimated that teams from over 16 nations comprising approximately 150 athletes will take part in the Tournament. Disc Golf players will have the opportunity to experience a marathon of Disc Golf while in Australia with the WTDGC, Aussie Open and Australian Pro events all taking place in November.

On the following pages you will find the details you need to begin the WTDGC registration process. Please pay attention to action points highlighted in red. We've also included some extra details on transport and accommodation to help you with your decision planning, however all teams are reminded strongly that NO BOOKINGS for flights, visas, hotels should be made until we close the REGISTRATION (collect fees).

Should you have any immediate questions that affect your ability to pre-register your teams, please feel free to reach out to the WFDF Events Team (contact details on the back page of this bulletin). Teams from all WFDF member National Federations are welcome to participate. We look forward to hosting you in Mundaring, Perth, Western Australia next year.

**WFDF Managing Director Events & Operations** Karina Woldt

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#### **EVENT DATES**

WTDGC will be a four (4) day tournament from Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th November, 2024 inclusive. Should weather cause delays to play, the schedules will be adjusted accordingly to ensure the final is played as scheduled on day 4 or prior. The medal ceremony will follow immediately after the conclusion of the final game. A players party and auction will also be added to the calendar of events with more details to follow in April.

Both 18 basket DG courses at the Mundaring Sporting Club Golf course will be open for practice from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The final competition schedule will be dependent on the amount of teams and number of rounds needed to be played.

#### **Current Provisional schedule:**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November Course open for practice. Practice sessions should be booked in advance.
  There will be a booking form opened online in April for teams to pre-book training times.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Event Registration, Players Briefing and Opening Ceremony.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Round play.
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Semi Finals and Finals, Medal Ceremony and Closing Ceremony.

It is expected that all teams will attend the Players Briefing and Opening Ceremony. More details will be made available closer to the event in April. Please plan your travel arrival and time accordingly. The meetings and opening ceremony will be in person and will be a lot of fun for everyone.

Make WTDGC the trip of a lifetime by including sightseeing and more Disc Golf Play around Australia. Disc Golf players can plan a whole month of Disc Golf in Australia (Perth and NSW) by participation in other major DG events happening in the month of November. WTDGC, Aussie Open and the Australian DG Pros will all take place during the month of November, 2024. International players are encouraged and welcome to register for all events.

#### LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The event will be headed up by highly experienced Disc Golfers Ken and Sue Summers as the Tournament Directors, working with the local organising committee (LOC) of dedicated key staff from the Mundaring Sporting Club, DIsc Golf Department.

Mundaring Disc Golf Sports venue has previously hosted the 2015 and 2017 Australian leg of the Disc Golf World Tour Event - "the Aussie Open" and will again host the Aussie Open in 2024 at the same famous course.

Ken and Sue have put a lot of planning into the bid for WTDGC, combining their experience and knowledge gained by attending prior WFDF World Championship events with their passion for the sport. The Mundaring DG Club has a passion for growing the popularity of the sport and are excited and honoured to welcome the world to their beautiful Club.



## **LOCATION & VENUE MAPS**



The 5th World Team Disc Golf Championships will be held in the western part of Australia in the town of Mundaring, located a 45-minute drive east of Perth, the capital city of Western Australia.

Australia is the oldest, smallest, driest and flattest inhabited continent and one of the largest countries on Earth.

We acknowledge the Traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Owners of the land, sea and waters of the Australian continent, and recognise their custodianship of culture and Country for over 60,000 years.

The Mundaring Sporting Club is located at 665 Coolgardie St, Mundaring, WA, Australia

Perth is a vibrant city with an exceptional blend of natural beauty, arts and culture and amazing beaches. Mundaring's spectacular Jarrah forests and national parks are only 35 kilometers from Perth and 25 kilometers from Perth's International airport.



Mundaring is best known as the Heart of the Perth Hills. The area offers amazing trails and spectacular State Forests full of Eucalyptus Gum and Jarrah Trees. It comes as no surprise that wildlife is never far away. Take

a stroll and you are guaranteed to be inundated with aussie wildlife. Colourful native birds, curios kangaroos and if you're lucky, swim with the dolphins at the Perth beaches. To find out more about Australia visit <a href="https://www.australia.com">www.australia.com</a>



The event will take place on two 18-hole Disc Golf Courses specially designed to suit the match play format of the event. Both courses will be finalised after team registration closes. You can expect courses with medium-range and gradual elevation changes. The courses play through a combination of native bush and an 18-hole golf course, with a mix of wooded and more open holes.







#### **CLIMATE**

The weather in Perth and Mundaring in November is forecast as warm-to-hot and dry, averaging a maximum of 23 degrees Celsius (73 degrees Fahrenheit) with an average of 9 hours of sunshine per day.

There is little rainfall at this time of year. Beautiful weather for Disc Golf!

Ocean temperatures in Perth are around 23 degrees warm at this time of year - warm enough to dip your toes in the water of one of the 19 beaches in Perth.

#### **ATMOSPHERE**

WTDGC will be centred around bringing international disc golfers from many countries together and the LOC is focused on delivering an amazing experience and creating a fun atmosphere throughout the week to celebrate Disc Golf. Teams and players attending WTDGC are encouraged to talk to your family and friends and bring them with you for an amazing trip to Australia.

Entertainment and activities throughout the day and evenings will ensure players love every minute of this event – even when not on the DG Course.

Social events such as auction night and the party will incorporate everyone together and we are looking forward to that special energetic vibe that only comes from members of the Disc Golf Community!

#### **AIRPORTS & TRANSPORT**

Participants should plan to fly into Australia via the Perth International Airport (PER) or via Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport (SYD), Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (MEL) if you are intending on sightseeing the East of Australia either before or after your participation at WTDGC.

There are over 130 daily international and domestic flights to Perth from a wide range of destinations. Participants will have no problems finding flights to suit your needs.

Driving across the country from the East to the West is NOT RECOMMENDED due to the vast distance of some 4000 kms and the sometimes remote and unpassable roads.

Participants can choose to arrive by private or public transport to the Mundaring region from the airport. Travel from airports to the event are at the cost and responsibility of each individual.

Teams should make enquiries about flights, however **no flights should be booked until after registration is closed** and after WFDF confirms each team on the bid list. This will happen on the 15th of January.

Teams are encouraged to consider car rentals as a good way to get around and to see Perth/Mundaring and the surrounding area.

#### **FOOD**

The LOC are currently in talks with a catering company to provide lunch catering at the venue throughout the week. There are also food trucks at the course.

Most teams will be expected to arrange their own breakfast (or book as part of your bed package) and dinners in the evening. There are a variety of restaurants, supermarkets and other bakery type establishments within the Mundaring region.

While in Australia, why not try some of the famous foods such as Vegemite on toast, Fairy Bread or a famous Aussie Meat Pie!



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The following information provides a basic outline of the accommodation that will be available. More information will be posted on the event website and sent to registered teams and National Federations by bulletins and or e-mails as details firm up in early 2024.

Teams should make enquiries about hotels and accommodation, however no firm bookings should be made until after the team registration is closed and after WFDF confirms each team on the bid list has given a green light for the event to proceed.

The LOC has been in talks with the local council in regards to some "under construction" accommodation options some 15 minutes from the course. That will not be known until next year if it will be finished in time.

Hotels, Motels, AirBnB's and Home stays are also options for teams to explore. While all teams will have different budgets and requirements, we kindly ask for you to reach out when you are exploring booking options so that WFDF and the LOC can assist you.

For planning purposes - Teams should budget for \$75-125 per person (hotel/ house) or less if planning more budget accommodation usage such as camping and or shared accommodation. Camping is an option to "Bring your own everything" for those teams with a small budget. We strongly encourage all teams to consider all options when booking accommodation.



#### **HEALTH & MEDICAL**

All event participants and spectators travelling with the team are recommended to obtain travel insurance prior to booking flights and health insurance before leaving your home country.

The Australian healthcare system for visitors is based on individuals carrying personal insurance. WFDF and the LOC do not provide coverage for participants outside of the general first aid administered at the course. There are always risks associated with playing Disc Golf and travelling internationally. There may be injuries or illness in which players need medical attention that requires emergency visits to local hospitals.

WFDF and the LOC kindly request that all players and event participants acknowledge these risks and understand that WFDF and the LOC cannot be held liable for any risk or cost associated with injury or bad health at WTDGC. All event participants should alleviate some personal financial liability by purchasing your own travel and health insurance to make sure you are covered for any medical issues or event cancellations that could arise. Participants will be required to sign an Event Participant Agreement published in advance of the event.

#### **VISAS**

Once the event bid list is published and your team is registered, we encourage each team to make specific and timely enquiries about obtaining a visa to enter Australia. Teams and individual players are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit Australia and to compete at WTDGC. Each person is 100% responsible for ensuring that their own visa arrangements are taken care of.

The WFDF and the LOC cannot provide specific advice on the process, however we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible. WFDF can provide your team manager/administrator with a letter confirming your team's registration at the event.

Specific player letters for visa appointments can only be done after players have registered and paid their fees) we require confirmation from the National Federation that they endorse the player on the roster. The following details for all the members of your team are required:

- Full name (as shown on passport);
- Passport number;
- Date of birth;
- Role on team (i.e. player, coach, manager, etc.)

Please do not send an email about this - we will open an online form in January for teams looking for letters about the event. Make sure you leave us some time to produce this document: do not assume that we can send it back the same day. Please note: we cannot and will not provide a formal "invitation" to attend the event and non-ability to enter Poland is not grounds to request a refund for a team and/or player fees.

We recommend EVERY TEAM makes specific enquiries to fully understand visa and travel requirements.



#### WTDGC TEAMS

All WFDF member National Federations are invited to participate in WTDGC, as are their national Disc Golf Associations. It is a requirement that players hold current PDGA membership and have passed the Officials Test.

WFDF World Ranking Points will be awarded to every team that attends with bonus points available the higher up the event table a team finishes.

Each team will be allocated 5 World Ranking Points for participation.

Points shall also be awarded for finishing places at WTDGC - Each place shall be awarded 3 x the number of teams who attend the event. For example if there were 12 teams then first place would be awarded  $12 \times 3$ , second place  $11 \times 3$  etc.

#### **FORMAT**

The format of the event will be confirmed once teams have registered and after the fee payment deadline.

The team structure from the last World Team Disc Golf Championships in 2022 will be replicated . The event will have teams of 6 with 3 x MPO, 2 x FPO and 1 x MPM/FP40. Teams may register and bring a maximum of 12 players allowing for substitutes between divisions. WFDF acknowledges that Juniors may form part of the team. Teams will

The competition format will follow previous WTDGC events with a combination of Doubles and Singles Matchplay rounds played against the equivalent seeds from competing teams.

WFDF will also incorporate Spirit of the Game (SOTG) by giving an award to the team that finishes with the highest spirit score. This will involve all players and all teams voting in four (4) categories for their opponents. Categories are: Rules and Knowledge, Fair Mindedness, Positive Attitude and Self Control and Communication.

#### **DISPENSATION CLAUSE**

WFDF recognises that some countries will want to enter the event but may not be able to put a full team together for many reasons. We want to encourage as many teams and players as possible from around the world to attend the event and are committed to the principles of inclusion. Each team can substitute an athlete in the MP40 and FPO divisions with any player who does not have a PDGA Rating above the 75th centile in the top quadrant of the division that they are replacing.

Guidance on specific ratings for 2024 will be given as member countries apply for dispensation. Application for dispensation must be made in writing at the time of player fee payment (end of March).



#### **FEES & EVENT DEADLINES**

The fees are currently estimated (to be firmed up after the pre-registration closes) and due as follows;

FEE	NOTE	DEADLINE
Online Pre-registration (obligation free)		Saturday 30th DEC 2023
Formal Bid Allocation	Email to NF's/Teams	Monday 15th JAN 2024
Team Fee Invoices Sent		Monday 15th JAN 2024
Team Fee - payment due	USD \$550	Wednesday 31st JAN 2024
Player Fee Invoices Sent		Friday 15th MAR 2024
Player & Guest Fee - Payment Due <sup>1</sup>	Player - USD \$150 Non playing Guest -USD \$100	Sunday 31st MAR 2024
LATE fee surcharge for any addition in number of players or guests or team (per addition)	USD \$25	From 1 April 2024 through until 15th October 2024
Final Roster Due		Tuesday 15th October 2024

- WFDF will invoice and collect all fees for WTDGC. All fees are in US Dollars \$ (please ensure your payment is made in the right currency)
- The team fee is NOT reimbursable for any team that withdraws after 15th January 2024.
- All bank fees and transfer charges are at the cost of the payer if there are any outstanding monies they will be collected in cash during on-site event registration
- All fees will be confirmed and clearly outlined AFTER team pre-registration closes on the 15th January 2024.
- We encourage all teams to reach out to us during the pre-registration period, even if you are uncertain, or still calculating the ability to participate. We will allow late team registrations after the deadline if there are available bids.

Player Fees will include event accreditation, DG course and roster access for play, access to all player zones and meetings, access to the party and also the event gift and Players can access the podium to receive medals.

Non-playing Team Support fees are for people travelling and associated with the team (coaches, support, admin and guests) but are not taking the field to play. They will receive the same benefits as a player but will not be on any roster and are not entitled to play.

Spectators are non-accredited individuals who will not be able to participate with the team or take part in any of the event or team functions and will be treated as spectators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Value of invoice will by default be for 6 players unless Teams have specifically noted Player Numbers in advance of the initial invoice. You will be asked about team size prior to Friday 15th March.



#### **ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION**

WTDGC participants must comply with, all of the provisions of the WFDF Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time), the World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code") and the International Standards issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), as amended from time to time, and published on WADA's website.

WTDGC will require every player to sign the Anti-Doping Acknowledgement Agreement and to hold a current ADEL online Anti-Doping Education certificate.

WFDF is a signatory to the WADA Anti-Doping code and therefore all WFDF events are subject to Anti-doping Testing either during event or out of competition testing. Athletes must acknowledge that the Authority of WFDF and its member National Federations and/or National Anti-Doping Organisations under the WFDF Anti-Doping Rules to enforce, to manage results under, and to impose sanctions in accordance with the WFDF Anti-Doping Rules.

All players must read the information on Anti-Doping and WADA prohibited substances & methods list found online. http://wfdf.org/anti-doping

Any form of Doping as defined by the WADA code is PROHIBITED.



### REGISTRATION

All countries are kindly requested to fill out the pre-registration form to express an interest to participate at WTDGC 2024. A bid allocation list will be compiled by the WFDF Events Team using the data collected from pre-registration. WFDF will then make firm bid offers to each Member National Federation (NF) on Monday 15th January 2024.

A full bid list with Countries Participating will be published via press release and the event website after the team fees are collected by the due date of Wednesday 31st of January 2024.

We recognise that some countries may require more time to determine if you can field a team. We acknowledge that some countries may be uncertain they can raise the money to meet the due date deadlines. We kindly ask that all NF's fill out the online form for bids to the best of your knowledge and use the questions/comments section at the end to update us with challenges or problems you are needing to overcome.

Should you have any questions - please feel free to ask.

# PRE-REGISTRATION (click <u>here</u>)



### **EVENT CONTACTS**

The World Flying Disc Federation ("WFDF") is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Individual Events. WFDF is a federation of 110 member associations, which represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 106 countries. WFDF is an International Federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA), the International Masters Games Association (IMGA), and the Association for the International Sport for All (TAFISA). WFDF is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, and is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

The Primary contact for this event is the WFDF Managing Director of Events and Operations Karina Woldt who will answer your questions or find out more information to share with you from Ken and Charlie.

As questions come in, we will prepare a FAQ to share with all of the teams and publish answers to your questions on the event website.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Mundaring, Perth, Western Australia for the WFDF 2024 World Team Disc Golf Championship. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have any questions.

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Coming soon (under construction - check back in December)

Official website: www.wtdgc.sport and Official Facebook page: @wfdf.wtdgc