



# 2025 PDGA International Program Guide

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## **Part 1: Information for All Countries**

### **1. Introduction**

Founded in 1976, the PDGA is the international governing body of disc golf. Its mission is “to develop disc golf into a globally-recognized competitive sport and recreational activity.” Since 2005, when the PDGA International Program began, PDGA activities and the game have grown exponentially across Europe, eastern Asia and Oceania. Over the past several years, with strategic PDGA support, disc golf has taken flight in parts of Latin America and Africa. These advances reflect the collective dedication of PDGA staff, our partner national associations, local clubs, and thousands of volunteers worldwide.

The PDGA International Program is steered by the International Director, the PDGA Europe Board of Directors and staff, and the Latin America Coordinator. Input and feedback are provided by the PDGAs affiliated National Association partners and Country Coordinators. In turn, the Program is supported by the PDGA’s Global headquarters in USA, whose team of staff and consultants manage and innovate [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com), and the member/event database. Together they also organize and help deliver the annual worldwide PDGA Tour and PDGA World Championship events, while providing social media on the latest happenings in the sport and day-to-day support to inquiries and issues from around the globe.

In calendar year 2023, there were more than 24,800 current International members, and more than 2200 PDGA Tour events, in Europe, Oceania, Asia, Latin America and Africa. All told the PDGA is now partnered with 54 national associations around the world. See Appendix B on PDGA and Disc Golf Demographics.

There are some essential differences between PDGA memberships, events and programming in USA/Canada and the rest of the world. International membership prices are lower and there are no per player or non/non-current member fees collected from international country events. These distinctions reflect a couple of key facts: In North America, PDGA is both the national and the global association, whereas in other countries, many of which have their own fee structures, it serves only as the international organization. In turn, PDGA International event standards are also not as demanding as in USA/Canada. This ensures that they accommodate the relative and different stages of development in each country. While this significantly lower-cost approach may mean that the PDGA does not offer all the activities to other countries that it does to the 80% of its overall membership based in USA/Canada, it remains a key reason for the significant success of the International Program to date.

This Guide serves as the principal resource on the International Program. **Significant changes for 2025 are shown in RED.** It details the roles of and the relations between PDGA and all countries outside of USA and Canada, the services provided by PDGA to the countries, and the standards that apply to PDGA International memberships and Tour events. For more information, please visit [www.pdga.com/international](http://www.pdga.com/international) and [www.pdga.com/europe](http://www.pdga.com/europe).

Please send any questions regarding the Guide to the PDGA International Director at [international@pdga.com](mailto:international@pdga.com).

### **2. Program Goals**

- Foster and strengthen the growth of disc golf around the world
- Support the growth and activities of national disc golf associations and disc sports bodies
- Assist in the introduction and development of disc golf in new countries and regions
- Set player standards for classification of PDGA members into universal Professional and Amateur divisions
- Set tour standards for classification of PDGA International events into appropriate tiers
- Support the translation of the Rules of Play and Competition Manual, the PDGA Tournament management tools and Apps, and other resources into different languages.
- Promote the efforts and achievements of the countries and regions in the PDGAs social and traditional media
- Strengthen the PDGA brand as the governing body of the sport, and the global players association.
- **Continue to evaluate models for the effective global governance of disc golf, recognizing there are variations at present in how the sport is administered internationally.**

### 3. Regional Strategies

The PDGA employs a variety of programming strategies on the different continents, reflecting each region's relative stage of development. Europe, which represents 85% of all PDGA International activity, and includes many countries who have been in the game since the '80s and 90s, is its own largely self-determining PDGA branch. It has its own Board of Directors and staff, develops and implements its own programs, and is provided with the bulk of PDGA income sourced from members and events in Europe for these purposes. See Part Two of this Guide for more insight into PDGA Europe, its structure and activities.

Latin America which is rapidly becoming the next significant growth area for the sport, has the advantages of sharing a by and large common language, namely Spanish, and of relative proximity and ties to the USA and its own substantial Latino population. To foster the introduction and growth of the game in more countries, a part-time PDGA Latin America Coordinator was hired in 2022 and a social media expert in 2024; they organize, oversee and promote programming activities across the region. In 2024 the made in Colombia Amapola basket by DISCORTi was approved for Championship level play. The first Latin America training of trainers' workshops were also held in Colombia, with representatives from 8 countries participating. In November 2025 the inaugural Latin America Championships will be held in Guatemala.

East and South-east Asia includes the long-established disc golf lands of Japan, Chinese Taipei and South Korea, several emerging countries where the sport was started by transplanted expats, including Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Cambodia, together with locally led newer nations, notably the People's Republic of China, Philippines and Mongolia. While distances between countries here are greater and cultures differ more so than in Europe and Latin America, there is now a critical mass of courses and players fostering national and trans-regional play. This includes the annual South-east Asia tour which is held early in calendar year, attracting tourists from USA and Europe escaping winter.

In logistically more challenging Africa, the PDGA is primarily focusing on the greater East Africa region, including Ethiopia, as well as Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia where it is partnering with and providing financial support to two of the sports leading not-for-profits - the Paul McBeth Foundation and UPlay. This strategy is proving to be more impactful in terms of developing the sport with local stakeholders and in delivering sustainable and positive results, than previous more piecemeal and experimental efforts.

Elsewhere, in countries such as Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, which require little or less direct assistance, the PDGA provides support to locally driven initiatives including Aussie Disc Golf Day and videography of NZ's Tour Down Under, as well as suggested solutions to issues on an as requested basis.

As the sport evolves so too will these strategies and the PDGAs investment in helping to grow the game in new disc golf nations. **The latest initiative is a Donate a Membership in a lower income countries Program.**



In 2023 and 2024 the PDGA donated & shipped more than 7500 discs to developing world countries

#### 4. Affiliated Countries

The International Program is centered on partnerships between PDGA Global headquarters in USA, PDGA Europe, and the National Disc Golf or Disc Sports Association(s). At the country level, the National Associations retain responsibility for all domestic/in-country issues, including the application of the standards discussed in this document. These partnerships are also built on the understanding that the National Associations will work with and support all parties who are contributing to the positive development of the game in their respective countries.

The basic and annual criteria for being a PDGA affiliated country are:

- Proof of formal existence, for example the association or club's in-country registration document
- Ten (10) or more current PDGA members annually
- One (1) or more sanctioned PDGA events annually in country, following International Event Standards
- These criteria apply to all European countries, and to established disc golf countries in Asia and Oceania
- The PDGA International Director may grant affiliated status to countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America who do not yet meet the above member or event numbers, where disc golf developmental activity is underway

PDGA support and benefits to the affiliated countries includes:

- Official recognition by the global governing body helps build in-country credibility for national associations
- Governance of the sport as a whole and related standards, including the Official Rules of Play, Competition Manual, & Technical Standards
- Sanctioning and promotion of events as part of the worldwide PDGA Tour
- Individual membership benefits, including player ratings
- Searchable databases of player, event, and country statistics at [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com)
- Event software: DiscGolfScene, Live App, Tournament Manager, Tournament Central & Live Scoring
- Financial assistance with translations of PDGA texts, notably the Rules Book and Competition Manual
- Rights to use PDGA assets, including names and logos
- Provision of promo materials such as PDGA logo banners, flags and donated discs

Countries interested in becoming affiliated can contact the International Director or PDGA Europe for more information.



Kangaroos study the art of putting at Australia's Inverleigh course Credit: Carol Heath



## PDGA Europe Affiliated Countries/Regions and Partner Associations – December 2024

Austria	Österreichischer Discgolfverband	<a href="http://www.discgolf.at">www.discgolf.at</a>
Belgium	Belgian Disc Golf Commission	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/discgolfbelgium">https://www.facebook.com/groups/discgolfbelgium</a>
Croatia	Croatian Flying Disc Association	<a href="http://www.hfds.hr">http://www.hfds.hr</a>
Czech Republic	Česká Asociace DiscGolfu	<a href="http://www.cadg.cz">www.cadg.cz</a>
Denmark	Dansk Frisbee Sport Union	<a href="https://dfsu.dk">https://dfsu.dk</a>
Estonia	Eesti Discgolfi Liit	<a href="http://www.discgolfiliit.ee">www.discgolfiliit.ee</a>
Finland	Suomen frisbeegolfliitto	<a href="http://www.frisbeegolfliitto.fi">www.frisbeegolfliitto.fi</a>
France	Fédération Française de Flying Disc	<a href="http://www.ff-flyingdisc.fr">www.ff-flyingdisc.fr</a>
Germany	Deutscher Frisbeesport Verband	<a href="http://www.discgolf.de">www.discgolf.de</a>
Hungary	Magyar Frizbi Szövetség	<a href="http://www.disc-golf.hu">www.disc-golf.hu</a>
Iceland	Íslenska Frisbígolf samband	<a href="http://www.folf.is">www.folf.is</a>
Ireland	All-Ireland Disc Golf Association	<a href="http://www.discgolf.ie">www.discgolf.ie</a>
Italy	ASD Il Disc Golf Italia	<a href="http://www.ildiscgolf.it">www.ildiscgolf.it</a>
Latvia	Latvijas Disku Golfa Federācija	<a href="http://www.ldgf.lv">www.ldgf.lv</a>
Lithuania	Lietuvos Diskgolfo Federacija	<a href="http://www.discgolf.lt">www.discgolf.lt</a>
Luxembourg	Disc Golf Club Luxembourg	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DGCLux">https://www.facebook.com/DGCLux</a>
Netherlands	Nederlandse Frisbee Bond	<a href="http://www.frisbeesport.nl">www.frisbeesport.nl</a>
Norway	Disksport Norge	<a href="http://www.disksport.no">www.disksport.no</a>
Poland	<b>None at present</b>	<a href="http://www.discgolfpoland.pl/">www.discgolfpoland.pl/</a>
Portugal	Associação Portuguesa de Ultimate e Desportos do Disco	<a href="http://www.apudd.pt">www.apudd.pt</a>
Scotland	Scottish Disc Golf Association	<a href="http://www.scottishdiscgolfassociation.co.uk">www.scottishdiscgolfassociation.co.uk</a>
Serbia	Udruženje građana Frizbijak	<a href="http://www.frizbijak.co.rs">www.frizbijak.co.rs</a>
Slovakia	Slovak Association of Frisbee	<a href="http://www.discgolf.sk">www.discgolf.sk</a>
Slovenia	Frizbi zveza Slovenije	<a href="http://www.frizbi.si">www.frizbi.si</a>
Spain	Asociación Española de Disc Golf	<a href="http://www.aediscgolf.es">http://www.aediscgolf.es</a>
Sweden	Svenska Disc Golf Förbundet	<a href="http://www.svenskdiscgolf.se">www.svenskdiscgolf.se</a>
Switzerland	Swiss Discgolf Association	<a href="http://www.discgolf.ch">www.discgolf.ch</a>
Ukraine	Disc Golf Ukraine	<a href="https://discgolf.in.ua">https://discgolf.in.ua</a>
United Kingdom	British Disc Golf Association	<a href="http://www.bdga.org.uk">www.bdga.org.uk</a>

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**Asia & Oceania PDGA Affiliated Countries and Partner Associations – December 2024**

<b>ASIA</b>		
Cambodia	Disc Golf Cambodia	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/siemreapdgc">https://www.facebook.com/groups/siemreapdgc</a>
China	China Disc Golf Center	<a href="http://www.thecdgc.com">www.thecdgc.com</a>
Chinese Taipei	Taiwan Disc Golf Association	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/585943281517211/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/585943281517211/</a>
Japan	Japan Disc Golf Association	<a href="http://www.jpdga.jp">www.jpdga.jp</a>
Malaysia	Disc Golf Malaysia	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/358793001254387">https://www.facebook.com/groups/358793001254387</a>
Mongolia	Mongolian Amateur DG Association	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/discgolfmongolia1">https://www.facebook.com/discgolfmongolia1</a>
Philippines	Disc Golf Association of Philippines	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087238055208">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087238055208</a>
Singapore	Singapore Disc Golf Club	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/singapore.disc.golf">www.facebook.com/singapore.disc.golf</a>
South Korea	Korea Disc Golf Association	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/335541173183190/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/335541173183190/</a>
Thailand	Thailand Disc Golf Association	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/175193609346877/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/175193609346877/</a>
<b>OCEANIA</b>		
Australia	Australian Disc Golf	<a href="http://www.australiandiscgolf.com">www.australiandiscgolf.com</a>
New Zealand	New Zealand Disc Golf	<a href="http://www.newzealanddiscgolf.org.nz">www.newzealanddiscgolf.org.nz</a>



Laotian-American Ohn Scoggins is the 4 time defending FP40 World Champion. Credit: PDGA Media



**Latin America & Africa PDGA Affiliated Countries and Partner Associations – December 2024**

LATIN AMERICA	& CARIBBEAN	
Brazil	Disc Golf Brasil	<a href="http://www.discgolfbrasil.org">www.discgolfbrasil.org</a>
Colombia	Federación Colombiana de Disco Volador	<a href="https://fecodv.ultimatecentral.com">https://fecodv.ultimatecentral.com</a>
Guatemala	Club de Disc Golf Guatemala	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/463712355716705">https://www.facebook.com/groups/463712355716705</a>
Mexico	Federación Mexicana de Golf de Disco	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/federacionmexicanadediscgolf">https://www.instagram.com/federacionmexicanadediscgolf</a>
Puerto Rico	Federación Puertorriquena de Disc Golf	<a href="http://www.travelingchainspr.com/federacionprdiscgolf">www.travelingchainspr.com/federacionprdiscgolf</a>
<b>AFRICA</b>		
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Disc Golf Federation	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067014331235">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067014331235</a>
Kenya	Disc Golf Kenya	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/groups/400681071486366/">https://m.facebook.com/groups/400681071486366 /</a>
Morocco	Association Marocaine Disc Golf	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090842294640">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090842294640</a>
South Africa	Disc Golf South Africa	<a href="https://discgolfsa.org">https://discgolfsa.org</a>
Uganda	Disc Golf Uganda	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554305123489">https:// www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554305123489</a>
Zambia	Zambia Disc Golf	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/zambiadiscgolfclub">https://www.facebook.com/zambiadiscgolfclub</a>



Sunset over the Rimpa Wildlife Conservancy near Nairobi, Kenya

Credit: Kevin Becker

## 5. PDGA Clubs Program

PDGA headquarters is now investing resources in growing and improving what used to be the “Affiliate Club Program” into a new, more robust “Clubs Program.” **Currently, the Program is only offered in USA and Canada where PDGA serves as both the national and the global association.** In this context, the program is a USA and Canada national level activity. **As this initiative takes flight, a long-term goal is to examine extending Program activities into more countries.**

Further justification for this currently limited geographic scope is the fact that many of the international countries have their own relations between local clubs and the national association. As an example, across Scandinavia, the players are members of their local clubs and the clubs in turn are the members of the national association. Thus, in the international context today, as in USA/Canada, the affiliation is between clubs and the national association, with each national association determining the benefits it offers to its clubs.



Songqing Guo tees off at the 2024 Panda Open in Wuxi, China

Credit: CDGC

## 6. Country Coordinators

PDGA Country Coordinators are appointed in the following manners:

- By a national disc golf association or disc sports body that is recognized by PDGA as its affiliated partner for the country in question.
- Where there is no national body recognized by PDGA, or, in the case of new disc golf countries, a Country Coordinator can be appointed by a vote of the current PDGA members within the country, or by the International Director, or in regards to European countries, by the PDGA Europe Board of Directors.

The roles and responsibilities of PDGA Country Coordinators include:

- Representation of the country and affiliated national association to PDGA and/or PDGA Europe, including participation in ongoing issue discussions and decisions.
- Promotion of the PDGA in a positive light and professional manner, **including in social media.**
- Responding to PDGA related requests from the International Director, PDGA Europe Board and/or Staff, their National Association, as well as TDs and PDGA members in their country.
- Coordination of PDGA activity and promotion in country, including the distribution of PDGA information to TDs and members. Ensuring that memberships, event dates and results are submitted to PDGA in a timely manner.
- Entry of new and updated information on country disc golf courses in the PDGA Course Directory.

**PDGA Europe Country Coordinators**

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Training of Trainers Workshop in Bogotá, Colombia, November 2024

Credit: PDGA



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Event Promotion Posters from Mongolia & Brazil



View Georgiou is Thailand's top female player

Credit: Kingsley Flett



## 7. PDGA International Memberships & Events Protocol

### a. Memberships

PDGA International memberships are submitted at <http://www.pdga.com/membership> as follows:

- By the individual member using their credit card or Paypal. This is the preferred method as the member is responsible for the accuracy of their own data.
- By National Associations who collect their players' PDGA memberships.

**Annual Prices:** US\$30 Professional Members or US\$20 Amateur & Junior Members  
+ US\$45 PDGA logo disc and mini  
+ US\$40 Annual (4 issues) airmail subscription to the PDGA's *Discgolfer* Magazine

New/first time members receive their lifetime member number. All members receive their individual member page at [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com) where their tournament results and player ratings are posted. Current members also have the right to play in PDGA Tour events around the world, subject to player qualification, and many other benefits. See Appendix A: The Benefits of PDGA International Membership.

New Members who played in PDGA Tour events before they became a member can get credit for these event results by emailing a list of the events they played, the dates of the events, and their division and places of finish to [tournament-errata@pdga.com](mailto:tournament-errata@pdga.com).

Member Nationality: **Beginning 2025 members will be required to declare their nationality when completing the membership form. This is because a) many members are citizens of 1 country but reside in another, and b) there are increasing numbers of events where nationality is a dimension of qualification, including the Pro World Championships, the European Championships, the National Championships in many countries, the WFDF World Team Championships, and the World Games. Players who signed up for 2025 before this dimension has been added to the form can declare their nationality as follows:**

Login to [pdga.com](http://pdga.com). Go to My Account > Edit.

Select the appropriate country from the Nationality dropdown menu. Save.

**Donate a Membership: For 2025 the PDGA is also introducing the ability to donate the \$20 cost of an Amateur member in a lower income country, as a means of enabling players who cannot afford the membership fee to be PDGA current members.**

### b. Event Sanctioning

All International events must be approved by the host country association before they can be PDGA sanctioned. This includes annual National Championship(s) events sanctioned by PDGA, the awarding of which falls under the authority of the National Association.

#### **Exceptions:**

- Major events and Disc Golf Pro Tour (DGPT) events which are governed by PDGA & DGPT respectively, as well as the EDGF governed European Championship events.
- Events held entirely on an overseas US Military Base do not need approval from the National Association to sanction with PDGA as the land in question is under USA authority.

Events sanctioned by 1 national association that are held in another country (typically near the border of the 2 countries), must be approved by both countries' associations before they are sanctioned by PDGA.

National Associations who do not wish to have these authorities must advise event TDs in their country that they can sanction their events with PDGA without such approval. In cases where national associations have declined this authority and there is a conflict between events that are geographically close and wish to sanction on the same date(s), the Country Coordinator should serve as Event Schedule referee.

All listed event TDs and Assistant TDs must be current PDGA members and certified PDGA officials before the PDGA will sanction their event(s).



For each International event to be PDGA sanctioned the TD or national association must complete the PDGA sanctioning agreement found here: <http://www.pdga.com/pdga-event-sanctioning-agreement> . The event sanctioning submission is received when payment information is submitted on the checkout page.

**Sanctioning Fees** are: US\$100 A Tier, US\$75 B Tier, US\$50 C Tier, US\$25 League.

Upon sanctioning the PDGA Office emails an event confirmation to the TD, copying the Country Coordinator. This email includes a link and password to the PDGA Tournament Manager system at <https://www.pdga.com/apps/tournament/manager/> . More information on this system is available at: <http://www.pdga.com/help/tournament-management> .

**Exceptions:**

Majors, DGPT, and European Championship events do not pay sanctioning fees and are entered in the tour database by PDGA staff.

**c. Official's Exam**

The official's exam is taken online at <http://www.pdga.com/rules/exam> . The exam is open book and may be taken an unlimited number of times until it is passed. Once passed, the member pays the US\$10 fee to be certified. Official's certification is valid for 3 years. All PDGA Tournament Directors and all players competing in a PDGA Major or Elite Series event are required to be Certified Officials.

**d. Event Player Registration**

All sanctioned event TDs are encouraged to use the [www.discgolfscene.com](http://www.discgolfscene.com) system provided by PDGA for player registration.

**e. Event Reports**

TDs are now required to manage and complete all reporting requirements within the web based PDGA Tournament Manager system which allows you to submit all event data online via PC, Tablet, or smart phone. This includes all financial items such as Entry Fees, Added Cash, Player Packs, Trophies, Prizes, and Payouts. Note that once the TD has completed all finance entries, they can also easily print a "Payout Sheet" that details each division's payouts, as well as all the added values provided, for posting at Tournament Central. See: <http://www.pdga.com/help/tournament-management> for all the how-to's.

International event TDs who run events in locations without internet or cell service or who upload player lists from registration sites other than Disc Golf Scene (which does it automatically) can still use the Excel file TD Report found here: <http://www.pdga.com/documents/pdga-international-td-report> to manage their ongoing event. They then copy/paste the Excel sheet of player names, PDGA#,s, scores and payout values into Tournament Manager when they have internet access again.

Where reports are late, Country Coordinators will be requested to assist the PDGA in obtaining the report. TD's with reports over 90 days late will not be allowed to direct another sanctioned event until the reports are received and may face disciplinary action.

**Official event results** are generated when a TD finalizes their event report and presses the orange "Submit Report" button at the bottom of the Submit Report page within Tournament Manager. If there are any flags raised, the PDGA staff will also review and verify that the report is complete and accurate. **Official player ratings** updates are published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

**f. Event Support Hotline:**

In 2021, the PDGA created the Event Support Team, to assist TDs in general, together with training new TDs. This service includes troubleshooting, event best practices, errata corrections, questions about the Official Rules of Disc Golf, Competition Manual and Tour Standards, Disc Golf Scene, as well as related online functionality. The Helpline is available Monday-Friday 0900-1700h and 1200-1700h on weekends, Eastern USA time, at [eventsupport@pdga.com](mailto:eventsupport@pdga.com) or by calling +1-762-253-2200.



## g. Questions, Corrections & Changes

To discuss and resolve event related, membership related, and any other issues, please contact:

### Europe:

**Events related:** The Event Support Team at [eventsupport@pdga.com](mailto:eventsupport@pdga.com) .

**Event Waiver Requests:** The Event Support Team at [eventsupport@pdga.com](mailto:eventsupport@pdga.com) .

**All European event issues & requests sent to the Team are handled by the PDGA Europe Tour Manager.**

**Membership Related:** The Memberships Manager at [membership@pdga.com](mailto:membership@pdga.com) .

**All other issues:** The PDGA Europe Office at [office@pdga-europe.com](mailto:office@pdga-europe.com) .

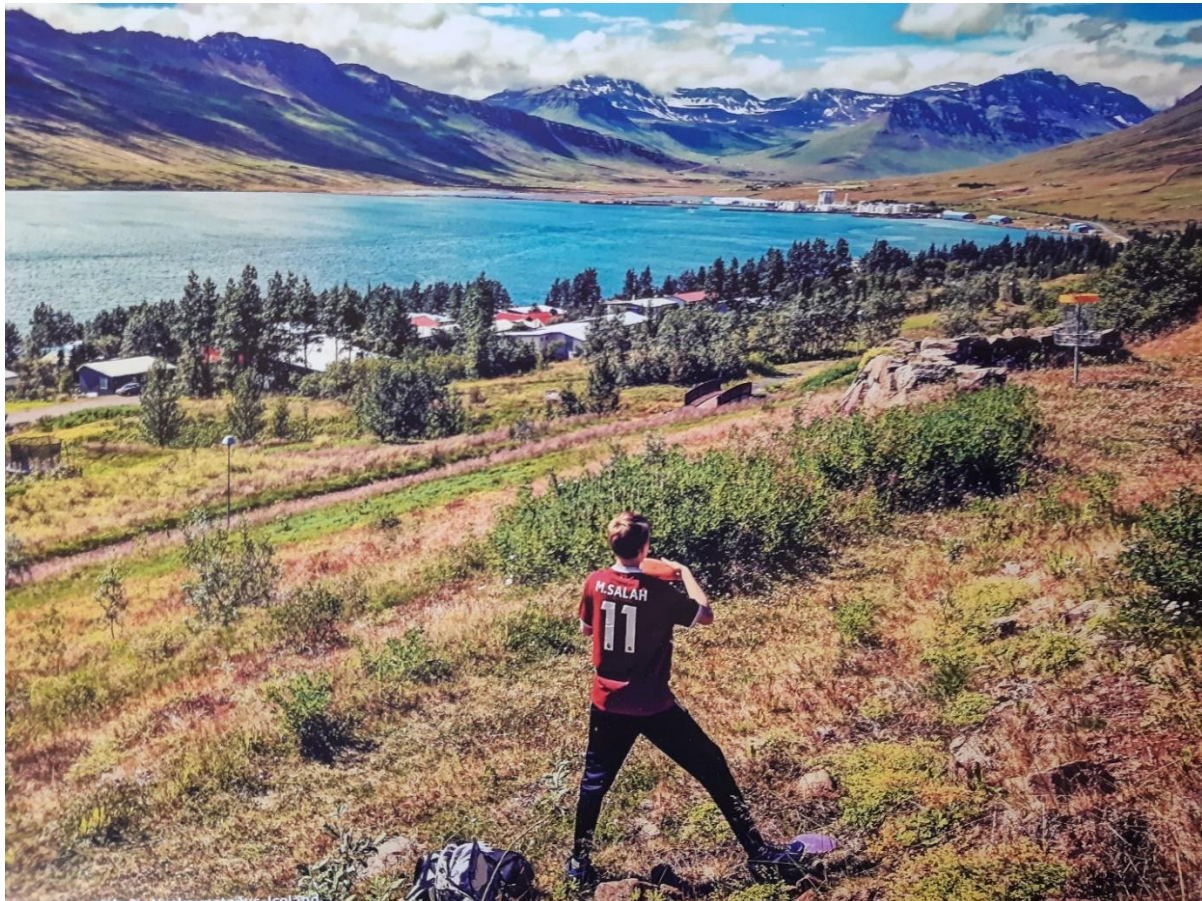
### Latin America & other International Countries:

**Events related:** The Event Support Team (see above) for technical support, the Latin America Coordinator for other issues pertaining to events held in Latin America at [latinamerica@pdga.com](mailto:latinamerica@pdga.com) , or the International Director at [international@pdga.com](mailto:international@pdga.com) for other country related issues.

**Event Waiver Requests:** The Event Support Team at [eventsupport@pdga.com](mailto:eventsupport@pdga.com) .

**Membership Related:** The Memberships Manager at [membership@pdga.com](mailto:membership@pdga.com) ;

**All other issues:** The International Director at [international@pdga.com](mailto:international@pdga.com) .



Iceland's scenic Neskaupstadur Course

Credit: Bogi Bjarnason



## 8. Player Classifications

### Divisions:

The table of PDGA Professional and Amateur divisions, which applies to all countries, can be found here: <https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/tour-documents/divisions-ratings-and-points-factors>.

### PDGA Player Age:

A player's official PDGA Age is based on their year of birth. Therefore, whatever age they will be on their birthday is their PDGA age for that entire tour year and determines their eligibility for age-based divisions. Examples:

- If a 39-year-old male player will turn 40 at any time during the calendar year, their PDGA age is 40 and they are eligible for MP40 or MA40 during the entire calendar year.
- If a 15-year-old female player will turn 16 at any time during the calendar year, their PDGA age is 16 so they are not eligible for FJ15 during that entire calendar year, they must play FJ18 or in an open age bracket division (FPO, FA1, FA2, etc.).

### Player Gender:

Women can compete in Mixed divisions, but men cannot compete in Women's divisions. The PDGA's current policy on Eligibility for Gender-Based Divisions, which also covers eligibility for transgender players can be found here: <https://www.pdga.com/medical/gender-based-division-eligibility>

### Player Reclassification:

- A player relinquishes their PDGA Amateur status by accepting money for place of finish in a Pro division or by renewing as a Pro member.
- An Amateur player retains PDGA Amateur status by accepting merchandise or nothing in lieu of Pro cash
- The requirements for reclassification from Professional to Amateur are found here: [https://www.pdga.com/files/2023\\_pdga\\_reclassification\\_from\\_pro\\_to\\_amateur\\_criteria.pdf](https://www.pdga.com/files/2023_pdga_reclassification_from_pro_to_amateur_criteria.pdf)

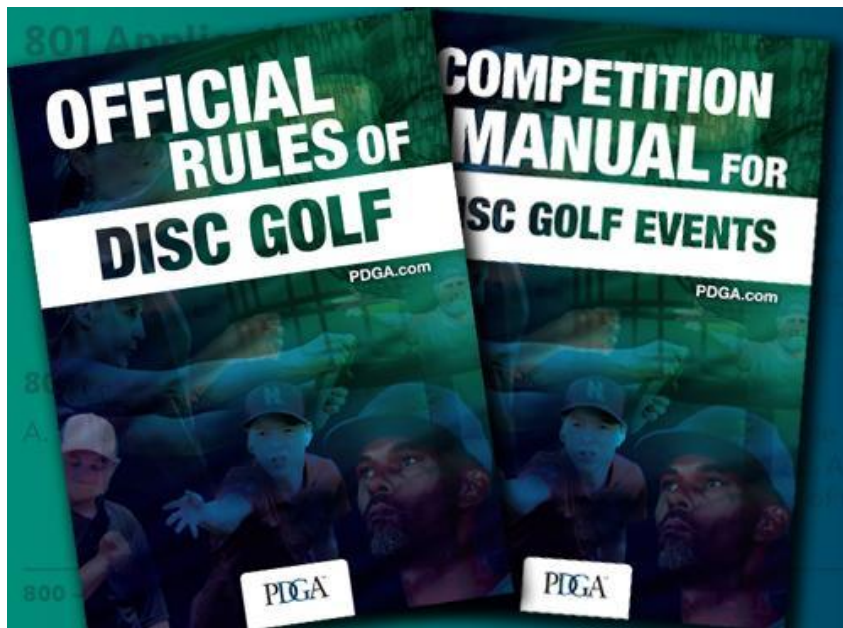
### Reasonable Modification Policy & Adaptive Rules:

This policy allows players with disabilities to apply for rules exemptions where such exemptions may allow them to participate in PDGA-sanctioned events where they otherwise could not. Rules exemptions will be provided on an annual basis requiring resubmission each year and will not be provided for injuries that are temporary in nature, such as a recoverable injury. See: <https://www.pdga.com/medical/reasonable-modification-request> . In addition, in 2023 the PDGA announced an Appendix to the Rules of Play covering Adaptive or Wheelchair athletes. For more information see: <https://www.pdga.com/news/adaptive-rules-disc-golf> .



Beneficiaries of the Paul McBeth Foundation Project in Katosi, Uganda, supported by PDGA. Credit: PMF

## 9. Official Rules of Disc Golf & Competition Manual



A new edition of the Official Rules of Disc Golf & Competition Manual (ORDG & CM) came into effect on January 1, 2022. A limited number of changes have since been made for 2023, 2024, and for 2025. **The authoritative and current online versions in English can be found here:** <https://www.pdga.com/rules> .

The PDGA funds and assists the National Associations with translations of the ORDG & CM into other languages. For more information, please contact the International Director. Since 2022, translations have been completed in 18 other languages, as found here: <https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/international-rules>

**The Official Rules of Disc Golf apply in full, at worldwide PDGA Tour Events, with the following exception:**  
For 2024, the biggest change was to 808 Scoring, whereby each player must now keep score for the entire group after each hole. This change ensures even distribution of scoring duties and reduces the possibility of cheating. As this is a substantial change from previous procedure, it has been determined that, in the international countries, this rule will continue to be highly recommended but not required in 2025. Instead, at least two players are required to keep independent scorecards. The rest of Rule 808 applies as written.

**See the following page regarding the application of the Competition Manual in the International countries.** (The Competition Manual applies in full in USA and Canada.)

**The changes for 2025 to the rules and competition standards are presented here:**  
<https://www.pdga.com/news/official-rules-disc-golf-and-competition-manual-disc-golf-events-updated-2025> .

Key changes include the following Competition Standards:

- 2.02.L. Requirement to Hold Underserved Divisions.
- 2.02.M.TD can determine appropriate divisions for players without a PDGA#.
- 5.02.C. Requirement to offer Women's Divisions that mirror the offered Mixed Divisions.
- 5.03.G. Require washrooms at PDGA events.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** the Competition Manual now includes a Section 5 on USA/Canada "Tour Standards." Within this Guide see Sections 8. "Player Classifications" and 10. "International Event Standards" for the corresponding texts regarding the International countries.



**Application of the Competition Manual in the International Countries:**

It is a goal of the PDGA that the standards and procedures described in the Competition Manual be applied at as many Tour events worldwide events as possible. By standardizing tournament procedures around the world, we will increase consistency within our sport, and thereby its credibility, while also meeting the expectations of players, media, and fans. That said, certain sections of the Competition Manual have been written primarily for USA/Canada, reflecting the size and comparatively advanced stage of the sport there. Many other countries also have their own disc golf culture and protocols, which should be recognized and respected, wherever these do not compromise the integrity of the game.

The table below lists which standards within sections 1 to 4 (plus 1 from new Section 5) of the Competition Manual are recommended in the International countries. All other standards in sections 1 to 4 are required and apply worldwide. Note these exceptions do not extend to Majors and Disc Golf Pro Tour Elite & Q Series events.

**If a National Association or event TD does not agree with certain Rules of Play or Competition Standards, they may appeal, through their Country Coordinator, to the Europe Tour Manager (European countries) or the Event Support Team (all other countries) for a waiver of the condition(s) in question.**

**Recommended Sections of Competition Manual**

For the following sections National Associations should follow the Manual but may determine their own procedures.

**These International exceptions are also presented as new Section 6 of the 2025 Competition Manual.**

1.01.B	The requirement of current PDGA membership applies to Majors, Elite Series and A tier events only in the International countries. The PDGA also does not collect player fees from International events.
1.02.C.3.d	Club Member Only Events Registration. In the International countries, club affiliation as outlined here refers to affiliation with or membership in the National Association.
1.03	Countries may have their own withdrawal & refund system which they are solely responsible for.
1.05G	As of 2024, the standards state that the TD must provide a scorecard, digital or paper, to each player. This is directly related to Rule 8.08, discussed above. Instead the TD must provide 2 scorecards to each group, to be kept independently of one another.
1.06	Grouping and Sectioning: All countries should follow the stated procedures. However, they have the following options: Random groupings are allowed in Round 1 at B & C tier events, provided the event has at least 2 Rounds. Some countries also group all players in Round 2 based only on their scores in Round 1. PDGA allows countries with such a tradition to adopt the following procedure: At B & C tier events only, players may be grouped by score regardless of division in Round 2, provided the event has at least 3 rounds. Players must be grouped by division and lowest score (per 1.06 C & D) for the final round of regulation play and in all Rounds after Round 2.
1.08.C.	Cut line at/above Payout line. The international countries may set the cut line per their local standards.
1.13	Youth Safety: This section is highly recommended. Each country determines its own protocol, for which they are responsible, regarding parents, guardians, and other persons assigned to this role.
3.07	Tour Vendor Policies. The National Association determines these.
3.08.H.	TD Rights & Responsibilities: The right to demote an event lies with the National Association.
5.03.G.	<b>Washrooms are required at International B tiers and above, and highly recommended at International C tier events.</b>



## 10. 2024 PDGA International Event Standards

- This section outlines the quantitative and qualitative standards and procedures that apply to ALL PDGA Tour Events in the International Countries except for Majors and Disc Golf Pro Tour events.
- These standards accommodate the different stages of development of each country and the models used by each country in their national and local level events and series. It is the responsibility of each National Association and event TD to ensure that the PDGA tier standards and prevailing national standards are met.
- International events must be approved by the national association before they are PDGA sanctioned.
- The host country association will determine the membership requirements, if any, of national player participation. The PDGA requires that out of country current PDGA members, who sign up on time to secure a place in an event, be allowed to participate without paying any extra fees. Exception: This does not apply to national championship events that are open only to nationals of the country in question. See X tiers below.

International Tier Standards	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier
The following are the minimum quantitative standards to be met by PDGA International events:			
<b>Sanctioning fee</b>	\$100	\$75	\$50
<b>Sanctioning deadline</b>	90 days prior	30 days prior	14 days prior
<b>TD requirements</b>	TD & Assistant TD(s) must be current PDGA members and officials.		
<b>Certified Official requirements</b>	1 official per course. TD cannot play event.	1 official per course, TD should not play event	1 official per event
<b>Player Membership requirements</b>	Current PDGA Member	Current recommended	Current recommended
<b>Length of event</b>	2 - 4 days	1 - 3 days	1 - 3 days
<b>Minimum number of holes *</b>	54	36	18 (36 preferred)
<b>Divisions</b>	See "Underserved Divisions" in Section.10 of this Guide.		
<b>Minimum Pro Purse **</b>	US\$5000 or equivalent, €5000, AUD/NZD 5000	US\$1500 or equivalent, €1500, AUD/NZD 1500	None, US\$250 or equivalent, €250, AUD/NZD 250 recommended
<b>Trophies / Medals</b>	All division winners	All division winners	All div winners recommended
<b>% Players paid out</b>	Top 25%+ in all divisions required, Top 33%+ recommended	Top 20%+ in all divisions required, Top 25%+ recommended	TBD by national assoc and/or TD, Top 20%+ recommended
<b>Pro Payout % of Entry Fees. See examples below. **</b>	75%+	50%+	0+% required, 33%+ recommended
<b>Amateur Payout % of Entry Fees incl player package value. See acceptable items &amp; examples below. **</b>	75%+	50%+	0+% required, 33%+ recommended
<b>Upload Scores to pdga.com via TournamentManager</b>	After each round	After each day	Within 24 hours of completion of event
<b>Submit Completed TD Report online via TournamentManager</b>	Within 48 hours of event completion	Within 72 hours of event completion	Within one week of event completion
* Each round of play must include at least 13 holes, for player and course ratings to be calculated.			
** Plans are for the Minimum Pro Purse and the Pro & Amateur Payout %s to be increased in 2026.			



**Qualitative International Tier Standards**

In addition to the quantitative indicators listed in the previous table, there are various qualitative indicators that help determine the tier that an event should be sanctioned at. TDs and competitors can use the following additional event quality indicators as a gauge of what to expect at different tier level events:

<b>A Tier</b>	National level events that deliver a top level player experience with many amenities
	Player registration through Disc Golf Scene or other provider
	Live scoring at pdga.com or other scorekeeping app
	Complete web page with event info (inc. accommodation, transport, registration link)
	Event caddy book for players
	Sponsors cover many tournament expenses (ideally 100%+ of entry fees go into Pro payout /Amateur player packages)
	Dedicated staff members with divided responsibilities (IT, course(s), sponsors, communication)
	Video coverage provided
	Framed Tee pads, cut fairways, OB lines all clearly marked (ropes, sticks, paint), 10m and 3m circles around baskets
	Course ready 3 days ahead of event, OBs marked and special rules in place at least 1 full day out
	Toilets on course (Tournament Central and after +/- 9 holes at a minimum)
	Water stations (Tournament Central and after +/- 9 holes at a minimum)
	Designated player warm up & spectator areas
	Printed and/or online Spectator Guide with info including etiquette and best practices.
10+ volunteers during the event for spotting, scorekeeping, players assistance, etc	
<b>B Tier</b>	Regional or state/province level events that deliver a high quality and consistent player experience
	Player registration through Disc Golf Scene, PDGA or other online live scoring recommended
	Basic web page
	Sheltered Tournament Central (tent, building near course)
	Level tee pads, cut fairways, OB lines all clearly marked (ropes, sticks, paint), 10m circles
	Course ready to play 1 day ahead of the event
	Toilet(s) and water station(s) provided
	Sponsors cover some tournament expanses & contribute to payout/prizes
	Dedicated tournament staff & non playing volunteers (Tournament Central, spotters, etc)
	The best B tier events will meet some or all A tier standards
<b>C Tier</b>	Local events that deliver the basic expectations of organized disc golf competitions
	C Tiers can be run easily in 1 day on 1 course with a minimum of staff
	C Tiers can be large events, many attract 100+ players and offer sizeable player packages/payouts
	Event Facebook page, or alternative information source online
	Course in good playable condition with all basic markings in place
	Toilet(s) and water station(s) highly recommended
	Tournament follows PDGA rules & competition standards



## Event Entry Fees & Payouts

- PDGA recommends that International events follow the table below in determining their entry fees in US\$, Euros or their equivalent in another currency. This will help build consistency in your country and around the world.

Tier	MPO	FPO	Other Pro	Amateurs	Juniors
<b>A Tier</b>	€ or \$75-125 or equivalent	€ or \$75-125 or equivalent	€ or \$75-125 or equivalent	€ or \$40-80 or equivalent	€ or \$30-60 or equivalent
<b>B Tier</b>	€ or \$40-80 or equivalent	€ or \$40-80 or equivalent	€ or \$40-80 or equivalent	€ or \$25-50 or equivalent	€ or \$20-40 or equivalent
<b>C Tier</b>	€ or \$0-50 or equivalent	€ or \$0-50 or equivalent	€ or \$0-50 or equivalent	€ or \$0-40 or equivalent	€ or \$0-30 or equivalent

- The Net/Gross entry fees system in place at USA/Canada events is not used at International events in order to simplify the calculations of payouts. Players in Pro divisions (MPx, FPx) should expect to receive cash payouts at their events that meet the minimum standards based on the event tier.
- If the event organiser does not want to offer cash payouts, (because it is culturally or historically not what their event or their country has been doing, or there are legal/tax issues in their country), they can offer Pro, or Pro/Am C tiers without a payout. Alternatively they can offer Amateur division only events where players compete for merchandise prizes, trophies, and/or receive player packages.

At PDGA sanctioned events, the recommended %s of highest finishers in each division should always receive a portion of their entry fees back as prizes; this extends to all players in the case of True Amateur events. Please see this document for detail on what items are considered part of Amateur Player Package value and what items are not:

[https://www.pdga.com/files/pdga\\_allowable\\_items\\_towards\\_player\\_pack\\_value.pdf](https://www.pdga.com/files/pdga_allowable_items_towards_player_pack_value.pdf)

- Please note that under the current standards, International event TDs can use a significant portion of entry fees to cover their event expenses, fees etc. Up to 25% at A-tier events, up to 50% at B-tier events, and 67% at C-tier events. That said, the global norm is for PDGA sanctioned events to return a substantial portion, often exceeding 100% where event sponsorships have been secured, of entry fees to players in purse or prize/player package value.
- For Amateur divisions the prevailing model is for TDs to generate money or value based on merchandise purchased at wholesale or discounted prices (for example from a disc golf manufacturer sponsor) that is then valued at retail cost in Amateur player packs and prizes. For Pro divisions, cash is cash, so TDs should be ensuring that enough of the Pro entry fee moneys are set aside for payout, and/or soliciting sponsorships, and/or using the Amateur wholesale to retail conversion to generate cash that ensures Pro payout standards are met or exceeded. Beyond player entry fees, the difference between the wholesale and retail value of amateur prizes and/or player packs is a common way to raise funds for disc golf events.

## Examples of Pro Payout / Amateur Player Package Value based on Tier Standards and Entry Fees

- A National Pro Tour event in Scandinavia sanctions as A-tier. 100 players pay the EUR 80 entry fee. That amounts to EUR 8000. The required payout is EUR 8000 X 75% entry fees = EUR 6000 which meets the standard. The event chooses what to do with the remaining EUR 2000. For example, cover direct event expenses such as toilet rentals, water on the course, food provided free to all players, printing, advertising, and/or the costs of trophies/medals, and/or provide each pro player with an event logo disc or other cool disc golf merchandise, and/or increase the pro purse, and/or pay each division a little deeper, and/or enable the TDs) to receive some compensation for their efforts.



- An Amateur B Tier event charges its 70 players the local equivalent of \$40 each to play. The event uses the True Amateur format with every player receiving a package worth \$40 retail that costs the organizers \$15. The top 3 finishers in each of 5 divisions also receive a trophy worth \$20 each. The remaining \$1450 in entry Fees cover host/park fees, on-course water station(s), on-site toilet(s), local charity donation and other event expenses. The organiser could use more than 50% of entry fees for their event expenses, because the retail value of the player packs was already sufficient to cover the minimum requirement.
- A C tier event in a new disc golf country attracts 50 Amateur players paying the equivalent of \$25. The host association or club deducts \$5 per player for its basket fund. All players receive an event logo disc that cost the organizers \$20 including shipping & customs. Any other expenses are covered by the host team. Everyone goes home happy.
- A C tier Pro/Am event in Europe has 30 Pros paying EUR 30 each and 40 Ams paying EUR 20 each. The event uses EUR 15 per player for TD fees/wages and has an additional EUR 400 in expenses not covered by sponsors or the organizers. That leaves EUR 250 available for Pro Payout and Amateur Prizes. This is used to give the Pro Winner in each division a small payout and each Amateur division winner a medal or a disc. (This example is deliberately provided because it is not uncommon in some European countries today). In this example the event returns less than 15% of entry fees value to the players. As such it is a model that PDGA hopes will become less common in the years ahead.

### **X Tier Events**

- Created to accommodate alternative or experimental formats such as doubles, team events, non-basket courses, match play, overall events, and events with non-standard rules that render rounds unrateable.
- The X designation must also be used for Singles events where eligibility is limited based on host country citizenship and/or residence. Example: the Swedish National Championships.
- X Tier events are sanctioned as XA, XB, and XC in accordance with tier guidelines.
- Results must be easily convertible to PDGA divisions for player point calculation and data entry. For this reason, Divisional Doubles (MPO, FPO, MA1, FA1, etc) and Mixed Doubles (male/female) cannot be combined within the same event and require separate sanctioning agreements.

### **Ratings Based Events and Pros Playing Am**

National Associations are responsible for deciding if Ratings Based Events (RBE) and Pros Playing Am (PPA) will be allowed in their country, and to advise their TDs accordingly. The table of RBE and PPA standards is found here: <https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/tour-documents/divisions-ratings-and-points-factors> .

### **PDGA Leagues**

- For all countries PDGA sanctioned Leagues are handled entirely by the USA Office. Sanctioning is US\$25 per League, and there is a \$1/player/week fee, half of which is kept by the League organizers. All League fees are paid in US\$ to the PDGA Office. Reporting of League Events may be completely handled through the PDGA Tournament Manager web interface.
- PDGA League formats are currently limited and sanctioned leagues must adhere to the format. The PDGA is exploring how to accommodate other League formats in the future.
- For all the information on PDGA Leagues please see: <http://www.pdga.com/leagues> or contact the PDGA Event Support Team.

### **True Amateur Payout**

- The PDGA recommends all events offer a True Am payout whereby most of the Am players' payout value is in the player packages all Amateur and Junior players receive, with only the top finisher(s) receiving additional recognition, such as trophy(ies) or medals. For more information see: <https://www.pdga.com/rules/competition-manual/206>

### Different Pro & Am Tiers

- A single event may sanction under different tiers for Pro and Amateur players (Example: a Pro C/Am B tier event) by paying the sanctioning fee for the higher tier.

### Dual or “Split” Events

- Dual events split specific divisions on to separate days of the same weekend. Example: All Amateur divisions play on Saturday and all Pro divisions play on Sunday. Because this format allows a single player to play both days in different divisions this event must be treated as two separate events for the purposes of reporting and ratings calculations. TDs using this format submit only a single sanctioning form and sanctioning fee but must make note on the sanctioning form of which divisions play on which days. TDs must treat the event as two separate events for the purposes of uploading registration lists and event results/reports.

### Underserved Divisions:

- To foster the growth of, and equity within, the sport, the PDGA has changed 2 Competition Standards regarding underserved divisions. These are defined as Women’s, Junior and Senior (age 50+) divisions.
- Under new Competition Standard 2.02 L, a Tournament Director may limit the divisions they wish to offer at their event by listing only the divisions they plan to offer on their registration form.
  - 1 - If a division is offered and at least four eligible players register for that division, it must be held.
  - 2 - If a division is underserved as defined above, the division must be held if at least one player registers.
  - 3 - In all other cases, it is at the Tournament Director's discretion whether to hold the division or not.
- Under new Competition Standard 5.02 C, TDs are now required to offer Women’s divisions that mirror the Mixed divisions offered, for a specified period. Essentially, TDs must either offer Women’s divisions for a week of early registration or for the first week of regular registration. This will work in combination with the above change to Competition Manual 2.02 L. Example: If MA1 is offered, then FA1 must also be offered.
- When offering underserved divisions, the PDGA further recommends that TDs, wherever possible, use layouts for these divisions that are also being played by other divisions so that there are enough Propagators (3) to enable round ratings to be calculated.
- The PDGA also strongly recommends that at annual National Championship(s) events, all possible divisions based on player ages, class, and gender be offered.



Philippines Junior Event Participants

Credit: DGAP





**Insurance**

- Neither PDGA nor PDGA Europe provide liability insurance coverage for events outside of USA/Canada. Instead, the decision and responsibility for determining whether insurance is needed or not at a PDGA Tour International event lies with the national associations and individual event TDs.
- Some countries have an events policy in place, other national associations are covered as members of their government’s national sports body or Olympic committee; certain countries also provide insurance of their dues paid players as a benefit of membership.
- At all times competitors should throw only when it is completely safe to do so.
- Where insurance is not in place, events should, at a minimum, be requiring players to sign a waiver.

**Specific Rules and Competition Standards - Reminders & Clarifications:**

**Course Rules:** It is the event’s responsibility to provide, at minimum, on-line or on paper, a course rules sheet, and ideally a course map, to every player so they can play the course correctly and as intended.

**Mandatory:** Any Mandatory that does not have a Drop Zone within 10 meters of the Mandatory, requires a waiver from the Europe Tour Manager or Event Support Team. This includes all Mandatories that do not have a defined Drop Zone and thereby require a throw from the previous lie.

**Round Scores for Players who do not start/finish a round:**

<https://www.pdga.com/rules/competition-manual/506> details the new protocols here, including:

**Did Not Play -** Players that never start the event (no-shows) must be removed from the event entirely.

**Did Not Finish -** Any registered player who does not finish an event for any reason other than ratings manipulation; and notifies the TD that they will not finish the event either before leaving the venue or before the start of the next round, whichever is earlier, must be listed in the event results as “Did Not Finish” (DNF) with a 999 code for the round in question.

**Ratings manipulation and leaving without notifying the TD -** The use of the 888 code and accompanying ratings penalty remains in place as of the start of 2025 but is expected to be discontinued when the related IT work has been completed. When that happens, these infractions will become disciplinary matters, and a Class D4 Offense under the Disciplinary Policy & Process.

**Must have PDGA member # to accept Pro cash:** Per the Competition Manual 1.10A, this standard, which was introduced in 2023, addresses the integrity of competition. Specifically, a player cannot take Pro cash at a PDGA Tour event, subsequently join the PDGA as an Amateur, and then compete in Amateur divisions for which they would not qualify, had they accepted cash while having a PDGA number. It does not require current membership, only that the player has a PDGA number.

**PDGA Mid-Event Weather Suspension & Cancellation Guidelines -** These guidelines are provided to help TDs manage their events in a consistent manner when dangerous conditions require the suspension or cancellation of the event: <https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/tournament-resources/pdga-mid-event-suspension-and-cancellation> .

**COVID-19 -:** Be sure your event(s) continue to follow any COVID-related local regulations.

**Recommended Minimum Distances in Kilometers between PDGA International Events**

The PDGA gives priority of dates to Majors, EDGF European Championship, and DGPT Europe events. National Associations and Country Coordinators have the authority for organizing the scheduling of all other PDGA International sanctioned events. A Pro only and an Amateur only event do not conflict.

Tier	Major	A	B	C	League
A	1000	500	250	150	50
B	500	250	150	100	25
C	200	150	100	50	0

## Target Requirements

The following target requirements apply to ALL PDGA sanctioned events:

PDGA Target Requirements <sup>1</sup>	Major	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier
PDGA approved Championship <sup>2</sup> targets of same design and manufacturer	✓	✓	✓	✓
PDGA approved Standard <sup>2</sup> targets. Same design and manufacturer recommended			✓	✓
PDGA approved Basic <sup>2</sup> target or non-approved target with basket				✓
PDGA approved Object <sup>3</sup> target			X-Tier	X-Tier

<sup>1</sup> Events that do not meet requirements may request a waiver from the Event Support Team.

<sup>2</sup> Please see Technical Standards document for more information on targets classified as Championship, Standard, Basic or Object at:

[www.pdga.com/documents/pdga-technical-standards-manufacturers-guidelines](http://www.pdga.com/documents/pdga-technical-standards-manufacturers-guidelines)

<sup>3</sup> Object targets are allowed under XB and XC Tier events, but this must be specified when filing the sanctioning agreement.



Basket hunting at the Taupo Classic in New Zealand  
Credit: Tour Down Under



A Spotter makes the Call at the Tokyo Open  
Credit: RPM Discs / Reiko Kinomayanj



## 11. 2025 PDGA World Championships & other Global-level Events

Event Dates	Official Name	City	State	Country
June 28 - July 5	PDGA Masters (Am & Pro) World Championships	Twin Cities	Minnesota	USA
July 12 - 19	PDGA Junior World Championships	Emporia	Kansas	USA
July 26 – August 3	PDGA Professional (MPO/FPO) World Championships	Tampere/Nokia		Finland
August 8 – 10	The World Games	Chengdu		China
August 16 - 23	PDGA Amateur (MA1/FA1) World Championships	Columbia	Missouri	USA

2025 marks the historic occasion when the first ever PDGA World Championship event will be held in Europe. Details on the 2025 PDGA Worlds events, as well as the bid documents for future PDGA Worlds events, can be found at: <http://www.pdga.com/world-championships> . There, click on the link to each event for the qualification standards and registration schedules.



2025 PDGA Pro Worlds will climax at the infamous Beast course in Nokia, Finland

Credit: Spin 18

### The World Games

The World Games is a global, multi-sport event held every 4 years. As the International Olympic Committee (IOC) member for disc sports, the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) is the overseer of disc golf's return, after a 24-year hiatus, to the 2025 World Games in China. The 16 countries below have qualified to participate. For more info: <https://www.theworldgames.org/>



### WFDF World Disc Golf Team Championships

The WFDF World Team Championships are held every 2 years. The 2024 edition in Western Australia drew 23 countries, with Estonia winning Gold for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time running, Australia Silver and Canada Bronze. The 2026 edition will be held in Lithuania. For more info: <https://wdf.sport/>



2024 WFDF World Team Championships Parade of Nations

Credit: Kingsley Flett



## 12. PDGA International Disciplinary Guidelines

The PDGA Disciplinary process as it applies to the International countries is as follows:

When an incident occurs at a PDGA sanctioned A, B, or C tier event it is the host country association, where the event took place, that must first decide if this matter is to be sent to the PDGA Disciplinary Committee for review. (Note - Incidents at Major or Elite events are reviewed directly by on site PDGA representatives and/or the DGPT, together with the event TD, prior to submission.)

This process begins with either a reporting PDGA member submitting a completed Disciplinary Action form to the host country association, or the association can complete the form itself.

Options for how then to proceed are as follows:

1. If the national association decides that the incident requires action it should send the completed form on to the Committee.
2. If the national association decides that it does not wish to investigate the issue, for reasons including:
  - The incident involves a player who is participating in an event in a country in which they are neither citizen nor resident
  - The association determines it does not have the capacity or experience to investigate the issueThen it should also submit the Form directly to the Disciplinary Committee
3. If a national association decides that an incident is not severe enough to warrant pursuing disciplinary action, and a PDGA member disagrees, the member may submit the Form provided it is accompanied by the signatures of at least 10 current PDGA members.

National Associations, should they so choose, and as part of their authority over their domestic affairs, may suspend one of their own members from playing in PDGA and non-PDGA events that they have sanctioned. However, in such cases the National Association bears full responsibility for any consequences of their action, and the suspension only applies within the borders of the country in question. Examples: Instances where a player is disciplined for actions unbecoming of a national member, or where an action form has been submitted to PDGA but is taking a while to be handled by the Disciplinary Committee due to a backlog of cases being investigated. In comparison, PDGA disciplinary action, when administered to a member, applies to all PDGA events and member privileges worldwide.

The Disciplinary Action Form is found here: <https://www.pdga.com/documents/disciplinary-action-form> .

The PDGA Disciplinary procedures are detailed here: <https://www.pdga.com/documents/disciplinary-process>

**Note:** The PDGA updated its disciplinary process in November 2024, including extending it to include “extraordinary circumstances” that occur outside of competition. For more information, see: <https://www.pdga.com/announcements/pdga-updates-disciplinary-policy-process-and-community-guidelines-policy>

## 13. Marco Polo Program

The goals of the Marco Polo Program are to support the introduction of Disc Golf into new countries and to strengthen its development in other countries around the world. The program provides funding for innovative international projects that promote the growth of Disc Golf, and that create links between PDGA, the countries, and the local Disc Golf communities. To date funding grants have been awarded to more than 25 countries. In 2024, grant recipients included: Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Philippines and Thailand.

In order to increase impact, in the PDGA and the Marco Polo program is now partnering on a larger scale with the Paul McBeth Foundation - <https://www.paulmcbethfoundation.org/> - and UPlay - <https://www.uplaydiscgolf.org/> , two leading disc golf not-for-profits who share the goal of growing the game in underserved areas. Counties involved in this strategy to date include Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, Mongolia, Colombia, Nicaragua, Uruguay and Tanzania.

Marco Polo grants are provided to PDGA members based in, or who are travelling to, Africa, Asia, Latin America or Oceania. Materials and equipment purchased with grant funding must become the property of an in-country participating not-for-profit disc golf, sports or community association or group, and not the individual project organizers. All project leaders receiving support submit progress reports and a comprehensive final report per the agreement they sign. Please note that in European countries the PDGA Europe Disc Golf Development Fund serves the same purposes as the Marco Polo Program.

For more information on the Marco Polo Program, including the Application Form and examples of Project Reports from recipients to date please see: <http://www.pdga.com/marco-polo-program> .



Marco Polo Program in action: Introducing the game in Cuba

Credit: PDGA Media



Teaching the basics in Mongolia  
Credit: Mongolian Amateur DG Association



Locally made baskets delivery in Thailand  
Credit: Aaron Herman



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## Part 2: PDGA Europe



Finland's Eveliina Salonen won the 2024 Pro World Championships in Lynchburg, Virginia





## 15. Overview

PDGA Europe was established in 2006 as a Committee of Country Coordinators. In 2017, the committee, together with the PDGA Global Board voted to approve the transition of PDGA Europe to a self-governing and self-sustaining continental branch of PDGA Global, and to establish a PDGA Europe Board of Directors. In 2019 PDGA Europe was officially registered in Finland as a not-for-profit sports association. PDGA Europe is dedicated to the promotion and sustainable growth of disc golf, in partnership and alignment with PDGA Global.

To date, PDGA Europe's leading activities and achievements include:

- Opening an office in a national sports organizations' building in Helsinki.
- Hiring and training of Tour, Marketing/Media and General/Office Managers.
- Annual in person summits of the Board, staff and PDGA Global representatives.
- Design and implementation of expanding annual budgets, utilizing the bulk of the European member and event sanctioning fees as received from the Global office.
- Annual General Meetings by teleconference with attending member voting per the by-laws.
- Delivery of the annual Euro Tour Series of leading events across the continent, and its significant expansion in 2022 & 2023, following 2 years of cancellations due to Covid.
- Planning & on-site support to the annual PDGA Tour Major event(s) in Europe.
- Established the PDGA Europe web shop, see: <https://www.ultimo.cz/en/pdgaeurope>
- Support the biennial European Championships, in collaboration with EDGF and event hosts.
- Fundraised €3600 and donated a further €2500 in support of disc golf in Ukraine.
- Launched the PDGA Europe Disc Golf Development Program in 2022. A total of 25 projects have received grants as of December 2024.
- Organized the inaugural (now biennial) PDGA Europe Women's Event in 2023.
- Supported the unification of the Euro Tour and European Pro Tour into the stand-alone Disc Golf Pro Tour – Europe Elite & Silver Series for 2024.
- 3 more projects were conceptualized and introduced in 2024: a National Associations' Support Program, a Competition Grant Program, and a Communications Program. See section 16 of this document for details on these initiatives.
- Production of guidebooks on *How to Build a Disc Golf Course* & *How to Grow a Disc Golf Club*, that are being translated into various languages.  
See: <https://www.pdga.com/documents/europe/brochures>
- Rewrite/update of the by-laws in 2024 to ensure they comply with Finland protocol.
- Completion of an updated Strategic Plan for 2025-27.

### Contacts & Resources:

PDGA Europe resources and information can be found at [www.pdga.com/europe](http://www.pdga.com/europe) .

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pdgaEurope>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/pdgaeurope/>

Youtube – <https://www.youtube.com/@pdgaeu>

The PDGA Europe office can be reached at:

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PDGA Europe Summit Attendees, Milan, Italy, November 2024.

**16. Programs**

**a. Disc Golf Development Program**

The PDGA Europe Development Program was launched in 2022, as a means for investing directly into the introduction of the game in new locales and its expansion across the European continent. Grants are available in support of new courses, course upgrades, women’s, juniors’ and schools/community programs, and other well-formulated projects. In 2022 & 2023, fourteen grants were awarded to 9 different countries; in 2024, 11 more grants were allocated, making for a total of 25 grants to date. For more information please see:

<https://www.pdga.com/europe/disc-golf-development-grant-program> .

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Milan's Park Lambro course was extended from 12 to 18 holes thanks to a PDGA Europe Grant



Different projects that received a PDGA Europe Grant in 2024

## b. National Associations' Support Program

This plan pursues direct lines of communication with the 29 European National Associations affiliated to PDGA Europe through each country's PDGA Coordinator and Association President. The dialogue is structured around the core topics of courses, players and events, in pursuit of the following key goals:



1- To serve as a diagnostic tool of the real situation of disc golf in each country, reflecting their varying degrees of development, in order to provide PDGA Europe with more precise knowledge leading to well-informed decisions.

2- Establish tailor-made support, as formulated in 14 Country Action Plans in 2024, with concrete measures, publicity and assessment. This strategy will be adapted and extended to more countries in 2025.

3- Enhance impact by reaching players and fans in each country through their National Associations and Clubs with individualized messaging, including translations into many different languages.

In addition, PDGA Europe collaborates with other countries where disc golf is in the process of formation, by providing general information and by sharing the best practices of countries with more established scenes.

### c. Competition Grant Program

The PDGA Europe Competition Grant Program was launched in 2024 to directly support events that focus on underserved divisions - Women, Juniors, Masters – and that have an international aspect or are prominent within their region. In the first year, 9 grants were awarded to 6 different countries. For more information please see:

[www.pdga.com/europe/competition-grant](http://www.pdga.com/europe/competition-grant)



Kaidi Allsalu teeing off for Estonia vs Australia in the 2024 WFDF World Teams Final  
Credit: Kingsley Flett



#### d. Communications Program

The fundamental objective of this broad initiative is to achieve greater visibility for PDGA Europe's activities utilizing two major themes: #GoEurope promotes and supports European competitors at leading events, while #GrowTheSport aims to boost the game and the awareness of PDGA Europe's activities in general.

Some of the most impacting actions taken here in 2024 are:

- Strong boost of social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.
- Hiring of a Communication Assistant during the high competition season.
- Creation of the PDGA Europe Content Creator's Group which promotes and coordinates the work of 73 independent media outlets.
- Production of two video spots inserted in the broadcasts of the European Open, DGPT Europe events and National Championships.
- Creation of the outreach program "PDGA Europe Talks" with 13 episodes.
- Shipping sets of PDGA Europe flags and course signage for use at national level events in 14 countries.
- Production of the handbook "How to install a Disc Golf course".
- Distribution of Press Releases to the media outlets, including through a formal partnership agreement with the Finnish News Agency *Frisbeegolfmedia*.



Heatland & Pulsea media team members filming at the Swedish Open

Credit: Matej Verl



**17. 2025 Disc Golf Pro Tour – Europe Series**

The 2025 DGPT – Europe Series will feature 5 Elite level MPO/FPO events and 2 PDGA Tour Pro Majors - see schedule below. PDGA Europe supports the DGPT - Europe Elite Events with on-site assistance similar to that provided by the PDGA Global Operations and Logistics team at DGPT events in USA. For more information visit: <https://www.dgpt.com/>

Event Dates	Tier	Tournament Name	Location
May 23 - 25	Elite	Konopiste Open	Benešov, Czechia
June 6 - 8	Elite	Ale Open	Nol, Sweden
July 4 - 6	Elite	PCS Open	Overaas, Norway
July 11 - 13	Elite	Krokhol Open	Oslo, Norway
July 17 - 20	Major	European Disc Golf Festival	Tallinn, Estonia
July 30 - August 3	Major	PDGA Pro World Championships	Tampere & Nokia, Finland
August 8 -10	Elite	Turku Open	Turku, Finland



The European Disc Golf Festival in Tallinn, Estonia will be a PDGA Pro Major in 2025. Credit: Celin

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## 18. 2025 European Disc Golf Championships

Event Dates	Tier	Official Name	City	Country
June 26 - 29	XA	European Championships - Open/Juniors	Ålesund	Norway
August 27 - 30	XA	European Championships - Masters	Salzgitter	Germany

The biennial European Championships are managed by the European Disc Golf Federation (EDGF) and the event hosts. Entry is restricted to European citizens and residents who are selected to represent their country by their National Association. PDGA Europe supports these events with financial sponsorship, social media promotion and on-site presence. For more information: <https://discgolfederation.eu> .



In 2024, Estonia's Kristin Tattar, the 2022 & 2023 Pro Women's World Champion, became the 1<sup>st</sup> ever woman to reach a 1000 PDGA Player Rating!



## 19. PDGA Europe Women’s Event

In 2023 the first PDGA Europe Women’s Event was held with 227 female players, 16 events and 13 different countries participating. The next edition will be held in September-October 2025, with specific dates to be announced. Future editions will be held biennially, during the years when the PDGA Women’s Global Event is not offered. This event demonstrates the commitment of PDGA Europe to Women’s participation in Disc Golf by providing a platform for both their inclusion and celebration.



In 2024, Silva Saarinen won 5 DGPT Europe Elite & Silver events in a row! Credit: PDGA Europe

## 20. Awards

**Volunteer of the Year** - Voted on by the PDGA Europe Board of Directors

2009	Florence Dumont	2015	Marko Saviuk	2021	Zoë Winfield
2010	Peter Bygde	2016	Peter Buijsrogge	2022	René Mikkelsen
2011	Jonas & Mats Löf	2017	Carlos Rio	2023	Henrik Rydén
2012	Darius Gričius	2018	Dinko Šimenc	2024	to be announced
2013	Laura Nagtegaal	2019	Kasper Andersen		
2014	Janne Karlsson	2020	Tapani Aulu		



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## Players of the Year

The calculation of the European Players of the Year is now aligned with the PDGA Global Players of the Year points system. Points are earned based on place of finish at these leading events:

- All Major events plus the European Championships. Maximum 100 points per event.
- 10 best DGPT results, including DGPT Europe Silver/Q series events. Maximum 60 points per event.
- 3 best results at other A-tier events. Maximum 15 points per event.

Standings are calculated automatically and will be displayed during 2025 in a fashion similar to the global results page: <https://www.pdga.com/awards-and-achievements>.

2014	Simon Lizotte & Ragna Bygde	2020	Not Awarded due to Covid
2015	Simon Lizotte & Ragna Bygde	2021	Linus Carlsson & Kristin Tattar
2016	Karl Johan Nybo & Eveliina Salonen	2022	Niklas Anttila & Kristin Tattar
2017	Simon Lizotte & Eveliina Salonen	2023	Niklas Anttila & Kristin Tattar
2018	Seppo Paju & Kristin Tattar	2024	to be announced
2019	Simon Lizotte & Kristin Tattar		



Finland's Niklas Anttila is Europe's top ranked & rated male player

Credit: PDGA Media

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2024 Amateur World Champions: MJ12 - Estonia's Taaniel Mehine & MA55 – Finland's Mika Kollanus



In 2023 Denmark's Martin Spliid & Latitude 64 organized the 1<sup>st</sup> course installations in Greenland  
Credit: Latitude 64



## PDGA International Member Benefits

### Compete. Connect. Contribute.

Since 1976 your PDGA membership and journey has enabled disc golf to grow around the world in many ways. From competing as a player in PDGA sanctioned tournaments, connecting with the community around you, and contributing to tools and grant programs offered by the PDGA, your membership ensures that disc golf will continue to grow as a sport for everyone.

The direct benefits of a PDGA international membership include:

1. All members receive:
  - Access to compete in PDGA Tour events around the world and to qualify to compete in PDGA Majors.
  - Personal PDGA player profile page at [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com) that tracks your lifetime event history and statistics including your PDGA player rating based on your performance at PDGA sanctioned events.
  - Right to become a PDGA certified Official and Tournament Director
  - Digital version of DiscGolfer Magazine – the official publication of the PDGA.
  - Access to new disc golf content on PDGA social media and YouTube channels.
  - Opt-in to the free weekly PDGA e-newsletter.
2. New, first-time members also receive their lifetime member number.
3. Option to purchase PDGA member logo discs, minis, and bag tags.
4. The ability to vote in annual PDGA Global & PDGA Europe Board of Director elections, run for a Board position, or serve on a PDGA Committee.
5. Partner Discounts:

**Disc Golf Network:** Watch the best players in the world compete at PDGA Majors and Elite Series events!. [The Disc Golf Network](#) is the best place to watch live coverage of pro disc golf. As a PDGA member, you receive [FREE access to a DGN Basic account](#) which gets you select content throughout the season at NO CHARGE. But that's not all, you can access all content available on DGN at a deeply discounted rate by [pairing your DGN and PDGA accounts](#).

**Pulsea Disc Golf Academy:** Unlock your full potential and start learning from the best players in the game. Pulsea provides all current PDGA members with a 30-day free trial to their online academy which has more than 1000 short video lessons taught by top professionals. Current members also receive a 70% discount on an annual subscription. For more info: <https://www.pulsea.com/pdga-benefit> .

**Power Disc Golf Academy:** Learn how to improve your game, have more fun, and master the art of Disc Golf. Current PDGA members will receive a free training package, which includes four free lessons, two free webinars and a downloadable PDF field work guide. If you want to join Power Disc Golf Academy, current members receive 65% off the first year of their membership. [Use code PDGA65 at checkout on powerdga.com](#)..

**Disc Golf Strong:** Provides all current members with 20% off annual access to their online self-paced coaching and training course: Disc Golf Strong Performance Academy. Learn exercises that get you warmed-up, improve your mobility, lower your injury-risk, increase your power, and ensure you are optimizing your athletic potential. <https://www.discgolfstrong.com/DGSxPDGA>

PDGA Member fees are also used to support many other activities and programs, including:

1. Technology: The development, maintenance and innovation of the PDGA database, website, software, and Apps, including [Disc Golf Scene](#), [PDGA Live](#), [Tournament Manager](#), [PDGA Digital Scorecard](#) and a searchable copy of the [Official Rules of Disc Golf](#) .
2. The on-line worldwide [Course Directory](#) which now has more than 10,000 listings in more than 75 countries/regions.
3. The work of the PDGA Staff in running the organization from day to day, including the massive worldwide memberships and events system, the Tour and competition standards, the course and player ratings system, accounting, fulfillment, the delivery of the annual Pro, Amateur, Masters and Junior World Championships, other Major events, and much more.
4. Governance by the volunteer Boards of Directors who ensure the organization is meeting its not-for-profit and fiduciary responsibilities, and the work of the volunteer Committees who review and revise the Rules of Play, test and approve discs and baskets, investigate Disciplinary issues, and examine other important dimensions of disc golf from the environment to how to expand participation among women, juniors and visible minorities.
5. The International Program, which is strengthening and supporting the growth of disc golf and the PDGA brand in more than 50 affiliated countries.
6. The Marco Polo Program and the PDGA Europe Development Fund both of which support the introduction and development of the sport in new locales and countries.
7. The International Disc Golf Center, in Wildwood Park, Columbia County, Georgia, USA. As the permanent home of our sport, the IDGC includes the Disc Golf Hall of Fame, the Steady Ed Headrick Museum, the PDGA offices, 3 world class courses, and a Pro Shop.

All these PDGA activities and programs build credibility for disc golf and contribute to the formalization, growth, and UNITY of the sport. In short, as a PDGA member you enjoy all the direct benefits of membership as listed above, while also supporting and promoting the development of the sport and the PDGA around the world.

**Join the PDGA. The professional association for ALL disc golfers!**



Disc Retrieval at the European Open in Nokia, Finland Credit: Eino Ansio / Spin18



### 2021 - 2024 PDGA Continental & Worldwide Demographics

Source: PDGA Database.

Country/Region Name/Stats in BOLD = PDGA Affiliated Country

COUNTRY / REGION	ISO	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021	2022	2023	2024
	Code	Current	Current	Current	Current	Tour	Tour	Tour	Tour
		Members	Members	Members	Members	Events	Events	Events	Events
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>									
United States	US	88148	103342	106660	95997	5465	6914	8043	7928
Canada	CA	3559	4964	5486	5294	203	294	369	382
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>91707</b>	<b>108306</b>	<b>112146</b>	<b>101291</b>	<b>5668</b>	<b>7208</b>	<b>8412</b>	<b>8310</b>
<b>North America Growth Rates</b>		<b>55.5%</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>111.5%</b>	<b>27.2%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
<b>EUROPE</b>									
Åland Islands	AX	13	18	18	13	0	0	3	6
Armenia	AM	1	6	1	2	0	0	0	2
<b>Austria</b>	<b>AT</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
Azerbaijan	AZ	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>BE</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
Bulgaria	BG	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Cyprus	CY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Czech Rep</b>	<b>CZ</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>98</b>
Estonia	EE	1253	1447	1417	1394	48	74	80	71
<b>Finland</b>	<b>FI</b>	<b>4310</b>	<b>4637</b>	<b>4562</b>	<b>4322</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>387</b>
<b>France</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>95</b>
Greece	GR	1	1	4	5	0	0	0	1
<b>Hungary</b>	<b>HU</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Iceland</b>	<b>IS</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>IE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Isle of Man	IM	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Italy</b>	<b>IT</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	<b>LV</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Montenegro	ME	0	2	10	9	0	0	1	1
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>NL</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Norway</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>2226</b>	<b>3264</b>	<b>3466</b>	<b>3760</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Poland</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>PT</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Romania	RO	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Russia	RU	51	36	1	0	16	0	0	0
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>RS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	<b>SI</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Spain</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>3865</b>	<b>4955</b>	<b>5548</b>	<b>5474</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>
Turkey	TR	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>UA</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>16593</b>	<b>20224</b>	<b>21613</b>	<b>21594</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>1782</b>	<b>1870</b>
<b>Europe Growth Rates:</b>		<b>52.1%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>52.4%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>

Notes: As of end 2024, there were current PDGA members in 89 countries/regions, 92 when Scotland, Wales & N. Ireland are factored in. 2024 PDGA Tour events were held in 62 nation states. Europe includes 29 of the 54 PDGA affiliated countries and accounts for about 86% of PDGA members & events outside of USA/Canada. Oceania is the 2nd largest region, while Asia led all continents and China, Puerto Rico & Uganda led all countries in growth %s in 2024.

COUNTRY / REGION	ISO	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021	2022	2023	2024
	Code	Current	Current	Current	Current	Tour	Tour	Tour	Tour
		Members	Members	Members	Members	Events	Events	Events	Events
<b>OCEANIA</b>									
Australia	AU	598	760	886	922	57	80	88	105
Guam	GU	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	NZ	464	751	871	918	28	62	61	63
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>1062</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>1840</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>168</b>
Oceania Growth Rates:		61.6%	42.3%	16.5%	4.5%	102.3%	67.1%	4.9%	12.8%
<b>ASIA</b>									
Cambodia	KH	1	6	6	5	1	1	3	3
China	CN	41	69	92	239	4	5	7	17
Chinese Taipei	TW	10	11	28	53	1	0	2	3
Hong Kong S.A.R.	HK	1	7	9	19	0	0	0	0
India	IN	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	1
Indonesia	ID	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Iran	IR	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Israel	IL	2	7	6	4	0	0	0	0
Japan	JP	122	170	187	202	4	22	21	26
Kazakhstan	KZ	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kuwait	KW	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	MY	33	25	29	29	5	7	7	5
Mongolia	MN	0	1	2	7	0	0	0	1
Philippines	PH	2	27	66	68	0	1	5	6
Saudi Arabia	SA	5	5	4	4	0	0	0	0
Singapore	SG	32	50	45	45	3	6	4	3
South Korea	KR	16	16	47	52	3	3	2	6
Thailand	TH	21	39	58	54	2	10	9	17
UAE	AE	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Vietnam	VN	3	7	6	4	0	0	0	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>293</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>88</b>
Asia Growth Rates:		-9.3%	50.5%	33.8%	34.7%	-25.8%	139.1%	9.1%	46.7%
<b>LATIN AMERICA &amp; CARIBBEAN</b>									
Argentina	AR	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Belize	BZ	15	34	87	42	6	13	18	9
Brazil	BR	5	5	2	6	1	1	1	1
Chile	CL	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
Colombia	CO	21	45	112	110	1	5	15	27
Costa Rica	CR	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Cuba	CU	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	DO	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
El Salvador	SV	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Guatemala	GT	1	6	11	11	0	1	1	1
Mexico	MX	50	117	162	178	3	13	33	33
Nicaragua	NI	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Panama	PA	0	2	3	27	0	0	0	5
Puerto Rico	PR	6	8	20	58	0	0	1	7
Uruguay	UY	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	VE	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>83</b>
LA & Caribbean Growth Rates:		116.7%	114.4%	84.3%	9.2%	120.0%	200.0%	109.1%	20.3%
<b>AFRICA</b>									
Ethiopia	ET	7	9	1	1	2	1	0	0
Kenya	KE	2	3	8	15	0	0	2	1
Madagascar	MG	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	MU	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Morocco	MA	0	5	6	8	0	0	0	0
Niger	NE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
São Tome & Principe	ST	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
South Africa	ZA	1	34	43	33	0	4	9	7
Tanzania	TZ	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Uganda	UG	0	3	29	55	0	0	1	3
Zambia	ZM	25	31	18	31	2	1	3	2
Zimbabwe	ZW	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
Africa Growth Rates:		-9.5%	138.9%	27.9%	38.2%	250.0%	20.0%	150.0%	-13.3%
<b>WORLDWIDE TOTALS</b>									
Worldwide Growth Rates:		54.6%	18.3%	4.5%	-7.7%	98.6%	31.2%	17.7%	0.4%

## PDGA Course Directory Count by Country

As of December 2024 there were 11132 courses in 82 countries & territories listed in the PDGA Course Directory

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<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>					
<b>Europe</b>	<b>2271</b>		Slovenia	10	<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>
Åland Islands	15		Spain	27	Antarctica
Austria	24		Sweden	283	Argentina
Belarus	1		Switzerland	42	Belize
Belgium	11		Ukraine	4	Brazil
Bulgaria	1		United Kingdom	117	Colombia
Croatia	7				Costa Rica
Cyprus	1		<b>Oceania</b>	<b>171</b>	Cuba
Czech Republic	105		Australia	104	Curacao
Denmark	87		Guam	1	Ecuador
Estonia	160		New Zealand	66	Guatemala
Finland	758				Honduras
France	121		<b>Asia</b>	<b>165</b>	Mexico
Germany	134		British Indian Ocean Terr	1	Nicaragua
Greece	1		Cambodia	1	Peru
Greenland	2		China	8	Puerto Rico
Hungary	4		Chinese Taipei	4	Virgin Islands
Iceland	66		Iran	1	<b>Africa</b>
Ireland	4		Israel	3	Ethiopia
Italy	11		Japan	78	Kenya
Latvia	30		Malaysia	13	Madagascar
Lithuania	15		Mongolia	2	Mauritius
Luxemburg	3		Phillippines	12	Namibia
Montenegro	1		Qatar	2	South Africa
Netherlands	25		Saudi Arabia	1	Togo
Norway	156		Singapore	7	Uganda
Poland	16		South Korea	17	Zambia
Portugal	5		Thailand	12	
Romania	1		Turkey	1	<b>Summary</b>
Russia	8		Uzbekistan	1	USA
Slovakia	15		Vietnam	1	Canada
					International
					<b>Total Courses</b>
					<b>11132</b>