

2020 PDGA International Program Guide

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Part 1: Information for All Countries

1. Introduction

The PDGA is the international governing body of disc golf. Since 2005, when the PDGA International Program was founded, PDGA activity has grown exponentially across Europe, eastern Asia and Oceania. Now disc golf is starting to take flight in Latin America and Africa. This progress is all in pursuit of the PDGA's mission "to develop disc golf into a globally-recognized competitive sport and recreational activity."

In 2019 there were more than 9700 current PDGA International members, 1000 PDGA Tour events, and 1900 courses in the countries beyond the PDGA's historical base in USA and Canada. All told the PDGA is now partnering with 42 national disc golf associations around the world. See Appendix B on PDGA and Disc Golf Demographics. For more information please visit www.pdga.com/international and www.pdga.com/europe.

The PDGA also serves as a resource base for building the game at the grassroots level in new locales. Funding support is available to countries, where disc golf is being introduced and developed, through the Marco Polo Program, details for which can be found at: <http://www.pdga.com/marco-polo-program>.

The PDGA International Program is steered by the International Director, who serves on behalf of the PDGA Executive Director and Board of Directors. Input and advice are also provided by the Country Coordinators and National Association partners. The Program is supported by the PDGA's USA office staff, through www.pdga.com, and the PDGA's global database, in activities that include member inquiries, event results processing, player ratings calculation, social media and promotion, sponsorship of and on-site support at International Major and Championship events, financial accounts management, and problem solving.

On September 1, 2017, the inaugural PDGA Europe Board of Directors assumed office, and began work on its legal, governance and protocol documents. In March 2019 a full-time PDGA Europe Tour Manager was hired. In September 2019 PDGA Europe was formally registered in Finland. Priorities in 2020 include the appointment of a European Administrator, and the development of a 3-5 year Strategic Plan. These are some of the key initial actions in the transition of PDGA Europe to a self-governing and self-sustaining continental branch of PDGA.

This Guide serves as the principal resource on the International Program. It details the roles of and the relations between PDGA and all countries outside of USA and Canada, the basic services provided by PDGA to the countries, and the standards that apply to PDGA International memberships and Tour events. Please send any questions regarding the Guide to the PDGA International Director at bhoeniger@pdga.com.

2. Program Goals

- Foster and strengthen the growth of disc golf around the world
- Support the growth 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 into other languages.
- Strengthen the PDGA brand as the global players association and leader in organized competitive disc golf

3. Affiliated Countries

The International Program is built on the basis of 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.

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

- 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, Latin America and elsewhere who do not meet the above criteria, where disc golf developmental activity is underway

PDGA support and benefits to the affiliated country includes:

- Global organization, governance and related standards, including the 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
- Financial assistance with the translation of the “PDGA’s Official Rules of Disc Golf & Competition Manual”,
- Rights to use PDGA-affiliated names and logos including PDGA Tour & PDGA Major, provision of related promotional materials including PDGA logo banners

Countries interested in becoming PDGA affiliated should contact the International Director for more information.



Disc Retrieval at the European Open in Nokia, Finland

Credit: Eino Ansio / Spin18

Table of PDGA Europe Affiliated Countries and Partner Associations – January 2020

Affiliated Country	Partner Association	Website
EUROPE		
Austria	Österreichischer Discgolfverband	www.discgolf.at
Belgium	Belgian Disc Golf Commission	www.belgiandiscgolf.net
Croatia	Croatian Flying Disc Association	http://www.hfds.hr
Czech Republic	Česká Asociace DiscGolfu	www.idiscgolf.cz
Denmark	Dansk Disc Golf Union	www.ddgu.dk
Estonia	Eesti Discgolfi Liit	www.discgolfliit.ee
Finland	Suomen frisbeegolfliitto	www.frisbeegolfliitto.fi
France	Fédération Flying Disc France	www.ffdf.fr
Germany	Deutscher Frisbeesport Verband	www.discgolf.de
Hungary	Magyar Frizbi Szövetség	www.disc-golf.hu
Iceland	Íslenska Frisbígolf samband	www.folf.is
Ireland	All Ireland Disc Golf	www.aidg.ie
Italy	ASD Il Disc Golf Italia	www.ildiscgolf.it
Latvia	Latvijas Disku Golfa Federācija	www.ldgf.lv
Lithuania	VšĮ Vilniaus Diskgolfo Klubas	www.discgolf.lt
Netherlands	Nederlandse Frisbee Bond	www.frisbeesport.nl
Norway	Disksport Norge	www.disksport.no
Poland	Polskie Stowarzyszenie Disc Golfa	www.discgolfpoland.pl/
Russia	Russian Disc Golf Association	http://www.rdga.ru
Serbia	Udruženje građana Frizbijak	www.frizbijak.co.rs
Slovakia	Slovak Association of Frisbee	www.discgolf.sk
Slovenia	Frizbi zveza Slovenije	www.frizbi.si
Spain	Asociación Española de Disc Golf	http://www.aediscgolf.es
Sweden	Svenska Disc Golf Förbundet	www.svenskdiscgolf.se
Switzerland	Swiss Discgolf Association	www.discgolf.ch
Ukraine	Disc Golf Ukraine	https://discgolf.in.ua
United Kingdom	British Disc Golf Association	www.bdga.org.uk

European National Association Logos

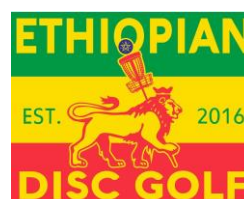


Disc Golf POLAND



Table of Other PDGA Affiliated Countries and Partner Associations – January 2020

ASIA		
Cambodia	Disc Golf Cambodia	https://www.facebook.com/groups/siemreapdgc
China	China Disc Golf Center	www.thecdgc.com
Japan	Japan Disc Golf Association	www.jpdbg.jp
Malaysia	Disc Golf Malaysia	https://www.facebook.com/groups/358793001254387
Singapore	Singapore Disc Golf Club	www.facebook.com/singapore.disc.golf
South Korea	Korea Disc Golf Association	https://www.facebook.com/groups/104904042887989
Taiwan	Taiwan Disc Golf Association	https://www.facebook.com/groups/585943281517211/
Thailand	Thailand Disc Golf Association	https://www.facebook.com/groups/175193609346877/
Vietnam	Saigon Disc Golf Club	https://www.facebook.com/groups/saigondiscgolf/
OCEANIA		
Australia	Australian Disc Golf	www.australiandiscgolf.com
New Zealand	New Zealand Disc Golf	www.newzealanddiscgolf.org.nz
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN		
Brazil	Disc Golf Brasil	www.discgolfbrasil.org
Mexico	Tamayo Disc Golf	https://www.facebook.com/TamayoDiscGolf/
AFRICA		
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Disc Golf Association	https://www.facebook.com/Ethiopian-Disc-Golf-Association-502480383184750/
Zambia	Zambia Disc Golf	https://www.facebook.com/zambiadiscgolfclub





View Georgiou is Thailand's top player

Credit: Nigel Mills

4. 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.
- 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 such as the International Program Guide, on-line membership sign-up, on line sanctioning, reporting and management of events, officials' tests, etc. Ensuring that their country's memberships, event dates and results are submitted to PDGA in a timely manner.
- Maintaining the accounting of and settling the country membership and events fees owed to PDGA
- Entry of new and updated information on country disc golf courses in the PDGA Course Directory

PDGA Europe Country Coordinators

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PDGA Europe Country Coordinators

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Suleman Mohammed is Ethiopia's top player

Credit: PDGA Media

5. PDGA Rules of Play & Competition Manual

A new edition of the Official Rules of Disc Golf & Competition Manual came into effect on January 1, 2018. To date, these documents have been translated into: Amharic, Croatian, Czech, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Icelandic, Japanese, Mandarin, Polish & Spanish. These translations can all be found at

<https://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/international-rules> .

Please note that the English online versions are the authoritative versions with additional updated information and rules not found in the 2018 print versions. The synopsis of the 2019 Revisions can be found here: <https://www.pdga.com/rules/> . (Note: there are no further revisions for 2020.)

Application of the Competition Manual in the International Countries

It is a goal of PDGA that the standards and procedures described in the Competition Manual be applied at as many PDGA Tour events worldwide events as possible. By standardizing Tour competition procedures around the world, we will increase consistency within and thereby the credibility of our sport and meet the expectations of travelling players. That said, certain sections of the Competition Manual have been written primarily for USA/Canada. Moreover, each country has its own disc golf culture. With this in mind, the tables below represent the consensus of the countries who responded to the Competition Manual survey conducted in January 2018.

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 EuroTour Manager (European countries) or the PDGA Tour Manager (all other countries) for a waiver of the condition(s) in question.

Mandatory Sections of Competition Manual

These sections of the Competition Manual are required of all worldwide PDGA Tour events:

1.01 A	Player Eligibility
1.01 B	Current PDGA membership required to play in any Major, EuroTour Elite Series or A Tier event.
	This requirement now extends to all International A or XA tier events.
1.05	Practice Rounds, Beginning Play, Late Arrivals
1.07	Suspension of Play
1.08	Reduction of Field Size (Cuts) *See International Tier Standards Table for Payout Requirements.
1.09	Ties
1.10 B	Amateur playing Pro cannot accept prizes instead of cash. This has been adjusted and only
	applies at Major, EuroTour Elite Series, and A/XA tier events.
	This means Ams playing Pro can accept prizes at B & C tier events.
1.10 D-E	Distribution of Prizes
1.11 A,B,D	Officials
1.12	Tournament Officials
2.01-2.05	Division Qualifications - Section 2 applies in its entirety at all PDGA Tour events worldwide
3.01-3.06	Player Code of Conduct - Section 3 almost applies in full at all PDGA Tour events worldwide
3.08 A-C & E-I	Tournament Director Rights & Responsibilities

Recommended Sections of Competition Manual

For the following sections countries should follow the Manual, but may determine their own procedures.

1.02	Tournament Registration.
1.03 & 1.04	Withdrawals/Refunds & Event Check-in.
1.06	Grouping and Sectioning:
	All countries should follow the stated procedures. However some countries have a tradition
	of grouping all players in Round 2 based only on their scores in Round 1.
	PDGA therefore requests that countries with a different tradition 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 D) for the final round of regulation play and in all Rounds after Round 2.
1.10C	Added cash to pro divisions is allocated based on the % of entry fees brought into the overall
	Pro portion of the event by each division
1.13	Youth Safety:
	This section is highly recommended. It is up to each country to decide on their protocol
	regarding parents, guardians, and other persons assigned to this role.
3.07	Tour Vendor Policies.

Sections of Competition Manual which DO NOT APPLY in the PDGA International Countries

1.01 C	Non-current or non-member fees at B and C tier events. This applies only to USA and Canada.
1.10 A	This clause has been suspended.
1.11 C	In terms of International events, at present players are only required to be Certified Officials
	at Majors (and not at EuroTour Elite Series events).
3.08 D	Tournament Financial Disclosure. It is up to each country to decide their procedures here,
	with the following exception: Majors and EuroTour events must provide a full accounting of
	income and expenses, both in cash and in kind, in their event report.

Specific Rules and Competition Issues Clarified:

The following clarifications have been requested by Country Coordinators and therefore are included here:

- Rule 804.02 C has been changed to the following: "Any Mandatory that does not have a Drop Zone within 10 meters of the Mandatory, now requires a waiver." (This rule change is to prevent players from returning to the tee or previous lie, as was written previously, which in theory could mean walking back more than 100 meters.)
- Round Scores for Players who do not start/finish a round: Enter 888 when a player has not notified the TD they will not be playing the next scheduled round. Enter 888 when a player has been confirmed to have manipulated their score or dropped out to preserve their rating. For all other cases where a player was not able to finish the round, enter 999. Players that never start the event (no-shows) should be removed from the event entirely.

6. PDGA International Memberships & Events Protocol

a. Memberships

All 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 because the member is responsible for the accuracy of their own data and payment is received by PDGA when the membership is submitted.
- By Country Associations who collect their national players' PDGA memberships.

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

- Members receive a PDGA member card, an individual member page at www.pdga.com including event results and player rating, the right to play in PDGA Tour events around the world, the right to play in PDGA Major and other leading events subject to player qualification, and other benefits. The PDGA sends members a copy of the Official Rules Book & Competition Manual each time a new edition is published. New members receive this booklet with their membership. See Appendix A: The Benefits of PDGA International Membership.
- New Members who played in PDGA Tour events before they became a member can also 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 the PDGA Tour Manager.

b. 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 must pay 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 in a USA National Tour Series event are required to be Certified Officials.

c. Event Sanctioning

All International events must be approved by the host country association before they can be PDGA sanctioned. Exceptions: Major events and EuroTour Series events which are governed by PDGA & PDGA Europe respectively, as well as the EDGF governed European Championship events.

This includes annual National Championship(s) events sanctioned by PDGA, the awarding of which falls under the authority of the National Association.

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 country 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](https://www.pdga.com/help/tournament-management) system. See: <https://www.pdga.com/help/tournament-management>.

Exceptions:

PDGA International Major events and the European Championships are entered in the PDGA database by PDGA staff and do not pay sanctioning fees. EuroTour Series events are entered in the PDGA database by the EuroTour Manager and pay sanctioning and player fees in Euros to PDGA Europe.

d. Event Reports

TDs can and are now encouraged to fully manage and complete all reporting requirements within the web based PDGA [Tournament Manager](https://www.pdga.com/help/tournament-management) 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: <https://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 help manage their event.

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 via Tournament Manager or when the PDGA processes the next batch of Excel event reports into the database. **Official player ratings** updates are published on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

e. Questions, Corrections & Changes

European countries, events and members can email office@pdga-europe.com whenever they have a membership or event related problem or change requiring resolution. For example, when a member has not received something from PDGA that they paid for, or they have a change of address, or their name is not correct in the PDGA database. Likewise, when there are any changes or corrections to an event's information, or official results such as missing player PDGA#, wrong player score or payout amount, etc. All other countries can email their questions and issues to the International Director for resolution.

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7. Player Classifications

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, NOT their birthdate. So whatever age they will be on their birthday during the calendar tour year is their PDGA age for that entire calendar 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 a higher age bracket division.

Player Gender:

Females can compete in male ("mixed") divisions, males cannot compete in female divisions. The PDGA follows the International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards on Gender Reassignment and Hyperandrogenism in sports. See: <https://www.pdga.com/medical/gender-protected-divisions-eligibility-policy> .

Changing Player Classification

- A player relinquishes their PDGA Amateur status by accepting money for place of finish in a Pro division or by applying for a Pro membership.
- An Amateur player retains PDGA Amateur status by accepting merchandise or nothing in lieu of Pro cash
- The requirements for reclassification from Pro to Amateur are found here: <http://www.pdga.com/faq/pdga-tour/reclassification>



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

8. 2019 PDGA International Tour Event Standards

- This section outlines the standards and procedures that apply to ALL PDGA Tour Events in the International Countries except for Majors and EuroTour Series events.
- These standards accommodate the different stages of development of each country and the different models used by each country in their national and local level events and series. It is the responsibility of each Country Association and event TD to ensure that the prevailing national standards are met.
- All International Tour events must be approved by the host country association before they will be PDGA sanctioned. See section 6c. of this document. National Associations who do not wish to have this authority must advise event TDs in their country that they can sanction their events with PDGA without such approval.
- 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.
- If a National Association or event TD does not agree with certain Rules of Play or Competition Standards, he/she may appeal, through their Country Coordinator, to the PDGA EuroTour Manager (European countries) or the PDGA Tour Manager (all other countries) for a waiver of the condition(s) in question.

International Tier Standards	A Tier	B Tier	C Tier
The following are the minimum standards to be met by PDGA International events at the different Tier levels:			
Sanctioning fee	\$100	\$75	\$50
Sanctioning deadline	90 days prior	30 days prior	7 days prior
TD requirements	TD & Assistant TDs must be current PDGA members and officials.		
Certified Official requirements	1 official per course. TD cannot play event.	1 official per course	1 official per event
Player Membership requirements	Current PDGA Member	none	none
Length of event	2 - 4 days	1 - 3 days	1 - 2 days
Minimum number of holes *	54	36	18 (36 preferred)
Divisions	Determined by host country association and/or TD		
Minimum Pro Purse	US\$4000 or €3500 equivalent	US\$800 or €700 equivalent	none
Trophies / Medals	MPO Top 3 + other Division winners	Each division winner	none
% Players paid out	Top 25%+ in all divisions required, Top 33% recommended	Top 20%+ in all divisions required, Top 25%+ recommended	TBD by host country assoc and/or TD, Top 20%+ recommended
Pro Payout % of Net Entry Fees	75%+	50%+	0%+
Amateur Payout % of Net Entry Fees incl player package value	75%+	50%+	0%+
Upload Scores to pdga.com via Tournament Manager	After each day	Within 24 hours of completion of event	Within 24 hours of completion of event
Submit Completed TD Report to tdreport@pdga.com	Within 48 hours of event completion	Within one week of event completion	Within two weeks of event completion
* Each round of play must include at least 13 holes in order for player and course ratings to be calculated.			

Event Entry Fees

- PDGA recommends that International countries and events follow the table below in determining their entry fees in local currency and US\$. This will build consistency in events and player experiences in your country and around the world.
- Please note this table shows total entry fees. From these amounts certain items may be deducted, leaving the NET ENTRY FEES referred to in the Tier Standards above. These deductions include:
 - Host country association and/or local club fees
 - Host park, land owner, and/or municipal authorities fees (green fees)

Tier	MPO	FPO	Other Pro	Amateurs	Juniors
A Tier	\$ 70-110	\$ 70-110	\$ 70-110	\$ 40-55	\$ 30-45
	€ 60-100	€ 60-100	€ 60-100	€ 35-50	€ 25-40
B Tier	\$ 40-70	\$ 40-70	\$ 40-70	\$ 25-40	\$ 15-30
	€ 35-60	€ 35-60	€ 35-60	€ 20-35	€ 12-25
C Tier	\$ 0-50	\$ 0-50	\$ 0-50	\$ 0-30	\$ 0-20
	€ 0-45	€ 0-45	€ 0-45	€ 0-25	€ 0-18

X Tier Events

- Created to accommodate alternate or experimental formats such as doubles, team events, non-basket courses, match play, and overall events.
- The X designation is also to 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 and player points are awarded accordingly.
- Results must be easily convertible to PDGA divisions for player point calculation and data entry. For this reason, Divisional Doubles (pro, advanced, 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 can be found on page 10 of this document: https://www.pdga.com/files/2020_pdga_tour_standards.pdf.

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, or an Excel file League Report may still be submitted via email to the PDGA Tour Manager.
- 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>

Miscellaneous

- **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: http://www.pdga.com/files/pdga_true_amateur_event_guidelines.pdf
- **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.
- **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> .

Target Requirements

The following target requirements apply to ALL PDGA sanctioned events:

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

¹ Events that do not meet the requirements may request a waiver from the Tour Manager.

² 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

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

Recommended Minimum Distances in Kilometers between PDGA International Events

The PDGA gives priority of dates to Majors, EDGF European Championship, and EuroTour Series 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	2000	1000	500	300	100
B	1000	500	300	200	50
C	500	300	200	100	0

9. 2020 PDGA World Championships

Event Dates	Official Name	City	State	Country
Jun 13-20	PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships	Ogden	Utah	USA
Jul 6-11	PDGA Junior Disc Golf World Championships	Emporia	Kansas	USA
Jul 25-Aug 1	PDGA Amateur Disc Golf World Championships	Orlando	Florida	USA
Aug 22-29	PDGA Masters Disc Golf World Championships	Johnson City	Tennessee	USA

Details on these 2020 events and the PDGA Worlds bid documents can be found at: <http://www.pdga.com/world-championships>. At the same page, click on the link to each event to find the player qualification standards and registration schedules. The lists of invited players will be posted in March 2020 after the completion of the 2019 year end tour results and player ratings.



Finland's Henna Blomroos finished 2nd at the 2019 European Open

Credit: Spin18 / Eino Ansio

10. 2020 PDGA International Major & Championship Events

Event Date	Tier	Official Name	City	Country	Website
July 16-19	M	European Open	Nokia	Finland	http://www.opendiscgolf.com/
August 14-23	XA	EDGF European Championship	Konopiště	Czech Republic	www.edgc2020.com
August 14-23	XA	EDGF European Masters Championship	Konopiště	Czech Republic	www.edgc2020.com

European Disc Golf Championship

Held every 2 years, the European Championship events are managed by the European Disc Golf Federation (EDGF) and the event hosts. Entry is restricted to qualified European citizens and residents. The event bid documents and guidelines are available at <http://discgolfederation.eu/>.

WFDF World Team Championship

The WFDF World Team Championship is also held every 2 years. The 2019 edition in Estonia drew 17 countries, with Finland winning Gold, Germany Silver, and Estonia Bronze. The 2021 edition will be held in Croatia.

Notes

The PDGA supports International Major events, the European Championships and the WFDF Team World Championships with financial sponsorship, social media promotion, live scoring and on-site presence.

In order to be considered for PDGA International Major event status, the following is required:

- The submission of a detailed bid proposal which must be received by June 30 one year prior to the event, ie June 30, 2020 for a 2021 Major event. For more information please see <http://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/major-event-bids/bid-guidelines-international-major-disc-golf-events>.
- In-depth review of the bid proposal by the PDGA Executive Director, Operations Director and International Director, followed by approval by the PDGA Board of Directors.
- Events approved for International Major status must sign an event agreement with the PDGA.



Estonia's Albert Tamm finished T 3rd at the 2019 European Open

Credit: Spin 18 / Eino Ansio

11. PDGA International Disciplinary Guidelines

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

When an incident occurs at a PDGA sanctioned event it is the host country association that must first decide if this matter is to be sent to the PDGA for review. All incidents brought forward must include a completed copy of the PDGA Disciplinary Action Form. If a country association decides not to pursue a disciplinary issue, and a PDGA member disagrees, he/she may submit the Form provided it is accompanied by the signatures of at least 10 current PDGA members.

Europe - The PDGA Europe Disciplinary Committee (DC) reviews incidents occurring within Europe (except at Major events which are handled by the USA DC), and submits its findings to the USA DC, who in turn forward recommended actions to the Global Board for final review and approval. For more information please contact disciplinary@pdga-europe.com.

Asia/Oceania and other International Countries – All cases are handled by the USA Disciplinary Committee.

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

For more info on the PDGA Disciplinary procedures see:
https://www.pdga.com/files/pdga_disciplinary_process_final_01012020.pdf.



Malaysia's Nurhareesa Shahaini lets one rip Credit: Philip Preshaw

12. Marco Polo Program

The Marco Polo Program was conceived and approved by the PDGA Board of Directors in 2011, with an official start date of January 1, 2012. The goals of this 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 up to \$3000 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 for disc golf development activities in Barbados, Mexico, Israel, Spain, Honduras, Italy, Ethiopia, Scotland, Zambia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Brazil, Colombia, China, and Guatemala.

Grants will be provided to PDGA international members and to USA/Canada members who have the opportunity to travel overseas. 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 participants. All projects receiving support must promote the PDGA and its contributions as part of its project activities.

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



10 Time World Champion David Greenwell teaches disc golf skills to members of the Zhongxin Yangguang Yizhan group in Ningbo, China
Credit: PDGA Media



Iceland's scenic Nieskapstaour Course

Credit: Bogi Bjarnason



Part 2: PDGA Europe

13. PDGA Europe Overview

PDGA Europe was originally established in 2006 as a Steering Committee of the PDGA Board of Directors. The Committee was composed of the PDGA affiliated European Country Coordinators, representing their National Disc Golf or Disc Sports Associations, the PDGA EuroTour Manager, and the PDGA International Director.

In 2017, the PDGA Europe Committee and the PDGA Global Board voted to approve the International Director's Concept Paper for the Transition of PDGA Europe towards a self-governing and self-sustaining continental branch of PDGA Global, and to establish a PDGA Europe Board of Directors. Currently the Board consists of 6 Europeans and 1 representative appointed by PDGA Global.

To date PDGA Europe's achievements include:

- Agreement regarding relations and responsibilities between PDGA Europe and PDGA Headquarters
- Survey of European members on membership package contents and fulfillment
- Monthly teleconferences discussing ongoing business
- The first two in person meetings of the Board and PDGA Global representatives held in Europe.
- Scheduling and approving the 2019 and 2020 EuroTour Series.
- The hiring and training of a Tour Manager in March 2019
- The Registration of PDGA Europe as a not for profit in Finland in September 2019.

PDGA Europe's key priorities for 2020 are:

- The hiring of a full time PDGA Europe Administrator
- The completion of a 3-5 year Strategic Plan

PDGA Europe resources and information can now be found at www.pdga.com/europe . For more information on PDGA Europe please contact a PDGA Europe Board or staff member.

PDGA Europe Board of Directors & Staff as of January 2020

President	Kajsa	Wickström	kwickstroem@pdga-europe.com
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Board Member	Terry	Calhoun	tcalhoun@pdga-europe.com
Tour Manager	Matej	Verl	mverl@pdga-europe.com



14. PDGA Europe Committees

Currently PDGA Europe operates 3 Committees per the table below. The Women's Committee is a joint Committee with the European Disc Golf Federation. More committees will be developed based on organization priorities and resources.

Committee	Contact
Disciplinary	disciplinary@pdga-europe.com
EuroTour	eurotour@pdga-europe.com
Women	women@pdga-europe.com

Emails sent to a Committee will be delivered to the Committee Chair.

15. PDGA EuroTour Series



- Since 2006, the EuroTour has been a championship series featuring some of the continent's biggest and best events and attracting top players from the host countries, Europe and USA. With PDGA Europe now operational, in 2020 the EuroTour will be undergoing significant development and increased investment in order to provide top quality tournaments for participants, and media coverage for followers everywhere. Over the next 1-2 years, the goal is for the EuroTour to become the third professional tour in the World and the first outside of USA.
- Much more information on the EuroTour Series can be found at www.pdgaeurotour.com and www.facebook.com/pdgaet.



2020 PDGA EuroTour Schedule

Dates	Name	Tier	Class	Location	Event Website
April 10-12	Spring Forester	A	Pro/Am	Varaždin, Croatia	http://www.dravaforester.com/en
May 16-17	Kokkedal Open	A	Pro/Am	Kokkedal & Hillerød, Denmark	https://2020.kokkedalopen.dk/en/intro-en/
May 22-24	Petzen Open	A	Pro/Am	Feistritz ob Bleiburg, Austria	https://www.petzenopen.at/
Jun 25-27	NBDG Tyyni Open	A	Pro/Am	Sipoo, Finland	https://www.tyyni.com/
July 3-5	Sula Open	A	Pro	Langevåg, Norway	http://www.sulaopen.com/
July 9-11	Estonian Open	A	Pro	Aegviidu, Harjumaa, Estonia	http://estonianopen.skoorin.com/

- Players intent on competing at EuroTour events should consult each event's website for the registration schedule and process



Germany's Simon Lizotte, 3 time PDGA Europe Men's Player of the Year

Credit: Eino Ansio



16. PDGA Europe Awards

Volunteer of the Year

Created in 2009, this award is voted on by the PDGA Europe Board of Directors

PDGA Europe Volunteer of the Year					
2009	Florence Dumont	2013	Laura Nagtegaal	2017	Carlos Rio
2010	Peter Bygde	2014	Janne Karlsson	2018	Dinko Šimenc
2011	Jonas & Mats Löf	2015	Marko Saviauk	2019	to be announced
2012	Darius Gricius	2016	Peter Buijsrogge		

Male & Female Players of the Year

Since 2014 European Male and Female Players of the Year have also been recognized. The winners are determined by a points-based system that includes year-end Player Ratings, and places of finish on the EuroTour Series and at PDGA Major events and the European Championships.

PDGA Europe Players of the Year			
2014	Simon Lizotte	2014	Ragna Bygde
2015	Simon Lizotte	2015	Ragna Bygde
2016	Karl Johan Nybo	2016	Eveliina Salonen
2017	Simon Lizotte	2017	Eveliina Salonen
2018	Seppo Paju	2018	Kristin Tattar
2019	to be announced	2019	to be announced



Estonia's Kristin Tattar won the 2019 United States Women's Championship Credit: PDGA Media



PDGA International Membership Benefits

Part 1: What is the PDGA?

The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) is an international not-for-profit organization based in Georgia, USA. Founded in 1976, the PDGA is run by its member-players, and serves as the governing body for the sport of disc golf.

As a primary stakeholder in the growth and development of disc golf, the PDGA partners, supports, and works with the National Disc Golf and Disc Sports Associations, disc golf clubs, parks departments, Tournament Directors, manufacturers, retailers, promoters, and the media.

The PDGA is based on an annual membership and tournament system. In 2019, the PDGA had 52500+ active members, and sanctioned more than 4500 competitive disc golf events for men and women of all age groups and skill levels. The PDGA Tour includes thousands of local and regional events, the season-long National Tour and EuroTour Series, the PDGA Professional Amateur and Junior Disc Golf World Championships, the USDGC, and other Major and Championship events in USA, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

Traditionally focused on the USA and Canada, PDGA activity in other countries has been growing exponentially since 2005, when the International Program was introduced. In 2018 there were more than 9500 PDGA international members and more than 1000 Tour events in Europe, east and south-east Asia, Oceania, Latin America and Africa. In other corners of the globe where disc golf is just beginning to take flight, the PDGA serves as a resource base for building the game at the grassroots level. In 2012 the PDGA also introduced the Marco Polo Program which provides funding support for initiatives aimed at introducing and developing the game in new countries and locales.

The PDGA has a full-time staff of twenty, led by the Executive Director, who is appointed by and reports to the volunteer Board of Directors. Part-time Consultants are used on specific projects including the International Program. In 2017 the first PDGA Europe Board of Directors was elected and in early 2019 the first full time PDGA Europe employee was hired. Throughout its 43-year existence the PDGA has relied heavily on a large cadre of dedicated volunteers – the Tournament Directors, the Committee members, and so on - and it is these committed volunteers who are the real backbone of the organization and the sport.

Part 2: Benefits of PDGA Membership

There are many benefits of being a current PDGA International member. Some are direct benefits to the individual, while others are more indirect, and reflect the growth of the sport as a whole.

The direct benefits of PDGA membership include:

1. All renewing members receive a basic membership package including current year member card, annual tour/member information, PDGA logo bag tag, sticker, a vote in PDGA Board elections, and a UDisc app Pro subscription (see <https://udisc.com/>).
2. New, first-time members also receive lifetime member #, and the latest rules book. Renewing members receive a complimentary copy of the rules book whenever a new edition is printed.

3. Current members are eligible to compete in all levels of PDGA Tour events where they earn points towards invitations to Major events including the PDGA World Championships. Current PDGA members can track their tournament season and career results at their own personal stats pages at www.pdga.com.
4. PDGA members also gain their own very cool player rating, based on their round by round performances at Tour events. The PDGA Ratings system measures a player's ongoing level of play, enabling them to compare their game with friends and rivals, and with the best disc golfers in their country and around the world. Qualification for an increasing number of top level events is now based on player ratings.
5. Current International members also have the option to receive the informative PDGA e-newsletter (free), and to purchase a subscription to the PDGA's *DiscGolfer* magazine, as well as PDGA logo minis and discs.

PDGA Member fees are also used to support many other activities and programs – the indirect benefits of membership – including:

1. The development, maintenance and innovation of the PDGA database and websites.
2. The on-line worldwide Course Directory which now has more than 8500 listings in more than 70 countries.
3. The work of the PDGA Staff in running the organization day to day including processing and maintenance of the now huge memberships and events system, the associated accounting, the management and delivery of the annual Pro Amateur and Junior World Championships, annual refinements to the system, and so on.
4. Governance by the volunteer Boards of Directors and the work of the volunteer Committee members who review and revise the Rules of Play, test and approve discs and baskets for sanctioned play, develop the Tour and competition standards, oversee the course and player ratings system, investigate Disciplinary issues, and examine other important aspects of disc golf from the environment to sustainability to how to grow women's play.
5. The marketing of disc golf to the public, sponsors, social and traditional media, including representation of the sport at trade shows, live web TV coverage of leading events, print materials including *DiscGolfer* magazine, photography, videos on disc golf instruction, leading events, great shots, etc.
6. The International Program, which is strengthening and supporting the growth of disc golf and the PDGA brand in more than 40 affiliated countries. Beyond providing sanctioned PDGA Tour events and the benefits of membership, the International Program fosters the globalization of the Rules, competition formats, and other standards, all with the aim of increasing international play. The Rules book and Competition Manual together with other key PDGA information have also been translated into and published in other languages. This Program is steered by the International Director with advice and input from the elected PDGA Europe Board, and from the Country Representatives, as appointed by each participating country's national disc sports or disc golf governing body. Information on this program is available at www.pdga.com/international and at www.pdga.com/europe.
7. The International Disc Golf Center, in Wildwood Park, Columbia County, Georgia, which opened in April 2007. A fabulous resource and headquarters for the sport, the IDGC is home to the Disc Golf Hall of Fame, the Steady Ed Headrick Museum, the PDGA offices, and 3 world class courses.

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!

2014 - 2019 PDGA International Demographics

Country Name/Year in BOLD = PDGA Affiliated Country

Prepared by Brian Hoeniger, International Director January 1, 2020

COUNTRY	ISO	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
		Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Majors			
	Code	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	& A Tier	B Tier	C Tier	Leagues
EUROPE																	
Åland Islands	AX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Austria	AT	10	69	10	94	16	112	14	128	12	126	15	142	0	0	15	0
Belgium	BE	9	34	11	46	10	50	15	43	9	41	7	33	0	0	7	0
Croatia	HR	3	17	6	18	10	21	15	22	17	29	15	36	0	0	15	0
Czech Rep	CZ	10	45	17	94	20	115	21	141	27	169	29	216	0	1	28	0
Denmark	DK	11	158	10	179	16	181	21	259	18	257	22	319	0	3	19	0
Estonia	EE	10	105	23	246	35	510	41	769	60	878	44	930	4	2	35	3
Finland	FI	75	1018	149	1620	216	2403	215	2737	225	2810	277	3095	8	11	247	11
France	FR	14	207	19	191	8	161	8	209	16	192	27	289	0	7	20	0
Germany	DE	29	199	35	234	40	274	40	315	47	367	58	431	0	5	51	2
Greece	GR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hungary	HU	2	17	2	20	2	26	3	25	5	25	6	25	0	0	6	0
Iceland	IS	2	18	7	51	9	62	11	82	9	87	14	104	0	1	6	7
Ireland	IE	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	11	0	0	1	0
Italy	IT	3	12	1	16	1	18	1	13	1	14	4	15	0	0	4	0
Latvia	LV	2	10	2	9	2	28	8	36	10	38	24	50	0	2	21	1
Lithuania	LT	3	13	6	24	4	23	8	33	9	39	11	58	0	1	10	0
Luxembourg	LU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	NL	11	50	14	54	22	66	26	79	26	91	27	88	0	1	26	0
Norway	NO	23	202	25	325	28	422	44	565	54	747	60	916	1	5	54	0
Poland	PL	0	4	1	15	5	36	5	38	7	43	12	55	0	0	12	0
Portugal	PT	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
Romania	RO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Russia	RU	1	15	6	58	4	55	6	16	14	23	11	24	0	0	11	0
Serbia	RS	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	2	21	3	22	0	0	3	0
Slovakia	SK	2	8	4	12	5	16	3	19	6	26	7	33	0	0	7	0
Slovenia	SI	0	1	2	10	3	10	4	12	5	13	4	18	0	0	4	0
Spain	ES	1	13	3	14	2	14	6	21	4	34	7	44	0	2	5	0
Sweden	SE	71	500	80	668	75	774	89	910	126	1171	176	1579	8	2	155	11
Switzerland	CH	9	95	10	95	13	105	13	111	9	111	14	119	0	3	11	0
Ukraine	UA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	14	4	18	0	0	4	0
United Kingdom	GB	20	113	27	138	45	187	44	177	32	198	43	240	0	5	32	6
SUB-TOTAL		321	2924	470	4233	591	5676	661	6777	752	7574	922	8925	21	51	809	41
Europe Growth Rates:		23.0%	36.1%	46.4%	44.7%	25.7%	34.1%	11.8%	19.4%	13.8%	11.8%	22.6%	17.8%				

NOTES:

In 2019 there were current PDGA members in 62 countries, and 2019 PDGA Tour events in 41 countries, outside of USA/Canada.

Europe continues to account for the great majority of PDGA International activity with 91.8% of current members, 87.9 % of events, and 27 of 41 affiliated countries in 2019.

However these numbers skew heavily towards the 3 mainland Scandinavia countries (FI, NO, SE) plus Estonia which accounted for 73% of Euro members and 60% of Euro events in 2019. Sweden led the Euro countries in growth in 2019. Disc golf continues to spread into Eastern Europe. Ireland became the latest affiliated country in 2019.

COUNTRY	ISO	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
		Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Tour	Current	Majors			
	Code	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	Events	Members	& A Tier	B Tier	C Tier	Leagues
ASIA																	
Cambodia	CM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
China	CN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	3	35	5	47	0	0	5	0
Hong Kong	HK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
India	IN	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Israel	IL	0	3	1	7	0	5	0	4	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0
Japan	JP	23	94	22	100	29	104	24	90	25	84	22	84	0	20	2	0
Malaysia	MY	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	6	28	0	0	6	0
Philippines	PH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Singapore	SG	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	24	0	0	2	0
South Korea	KR	3	10	2	13	2	17	1	25	1	15	8	63	0	2	6	0
Taiwan	TW	0	11	1	1	0	3	1	4	0	8	0	10	0	0	0	0
Thailand	TH	1	11	1	20	7	16	10	26	18	46	17	48	2	0	11	4
UAE	AE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vietnam	VN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	7	0	0	1	0
SUB-TOTAL		27	129	27	147	38	159	36	169	47	221	61	332	2	22	33	4
OCEANIA																	
Australia	AU	15	93	21	137	26	176	25	219	27	242	34	284	0	1	33	0
New Zealand	NZ	0	11	2	32	9	38	11	69	24	121	24	210	1	2	21	0
SUB-TOTAL		15	104	23	169	35	214	36	288	51	363	58	494	1	3	54	0
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN																	
Bahamas	BS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Belize	BZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Brazil	BR	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	10	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
Colombia	CO	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Costa Rica	CR	0	0	1	12	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Guatemala	GT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mexico	MX	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	10	0	0	2	0
Puerto Rico	PR	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL		0	4	1	19	1	8	2	19	2	11	4	26	0	0	4	0
AFRICA																	
Ethiopia	ET	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	1	0	0	1	0
Mauritius	MU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mozambique	MZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
South Africa	ZA	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Zambia	ZM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	15	0	0	2	0
SUB-TOTAL		0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	1	18	3	19	0	0	3	0
REST OF WORLD TOTALS																	
Rest of World Growth Rates:		-9.5%	11.2%	21.4%	41.6%	45.1%	13.4%	0.0%	25.1%	36.5%	27.7%	24.8%	42.1%				
INTERNATIONAL TOTALS																	
International Growth Rates:		19.0%	33.9%	43.5%	44.5%	27.6%	32.6%	10.5%	19.8%	16.1%	12.8%	22.9%	19.6%				

In 2019 PDGA activity in Asia/Oceania excluding Japan continued to grow significantly, above all in New Zealand, South Korea, SE Asia, and the Malay peninsula. Ethiopia, Zambia and most of Asia are examples of American expatriates and local fanatics introducing and spurring the growth of the game with PDGA support. In 2019 the 1st ever PDGA events were held in Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Zambia and Mexico. The debut of PDGA activity in Mexico is a most welcome development.

PDGA Course Directory Count by Country

As of December 31, 2019 there were courses in 71 countries listed in the PDGA Course Directory

For more information see: <https://www.pdga.com/course-directory>

International							
Antarctica	1		Great Britain	92		Qatar	1
Argentina	1		Guam	1		Romania	1
Australia	58		Honduras	3		Russia	5
Austria	19		Hungary	3		Saudi Arabia	1
Belarus	1		Iceland	50		Slovakia	9
Belgium	8		Ireland	4		Slovenia	5
Belize	2		Israel	3		South Africa	3
Brazil	1		Italy	7		South Korea	14
British Indian Ocean Terr	1		Japan	76		Spain	11
Cambodia	1		Kenya	1		Sweden	217
China	1		Latvia	8		Switzerland	26
Colombia	1		Lithuania	8		Taiwan	3
Costa Rica	3		Luxemburg	2		Thailand	6
Croatia	5		Malaysia	6		Togo	1
Cuba	1		Mexico	6		Turkey	1
Curacao	1		Mongolia	1		Uzbekistan	1
Czech Republic	90		Namibia	1		Vietnam	1
Denmark	62		Netherlands	19		Virgin Islands	1
Dominican Republic	1		New Zealand	33		Zambia	1
Ecuador	1		Nicaragua	5			
Estonia	134		Norway	89		Summary Info	
Ethiopia	2		Peru	1		USA	6644
Finland	613		Phllippines	2		Canada	275
France	52		Poland	9		International	1914
Germany	115		Portugal	1		Total Courses	8833

2019 PDGA International Events Summary by Country

Based on Events Reporting as of January 1, 2020 (Leagues Included, Series excluded)

Country	Events	Pros	Ams	Total Players	Total Pro Purse
Europe					
Austria	14	655	15	670	\$0
Belgium	7	146	1	147	\$0
Croatia	12	382	11	393	\$0
Czech Republic	28	1695	341	2036	\$3,317
Denmark	22	554	687	1241	\$17,337
Estonia	44	1668	2402	4070	\$41,656
Finland	276	7552	11258	18810	\$199,768
France	26	464	599	1063	\$2,957
Germany	58	3325	477	3802	\$11,814
Hungary	6	164	25	189	\$0
Iceland	14	413	531	944	\$1,096
Ireland	1	0	11	11	\$0
Italy	4	25	70	95	\$688
Latvia	24	994	263	1257	\$3,536
Lithuania	11	538	111	649	\$5,046
Netherlands	27	344	509	853	\$3,478
Norway	60	1938	1534	3472	\$57,513
Poland	12	426	32	458	\$815
Russia	11	141	3	144	\$0
Serbia	3	79	0	79	\$0
Slovakia	7	314	50	364	\$0
Slovenia	4	135	3	138	\$0
Spain	7	235	275	510	\$5,677
Sweden	176	4554	5639	10193	\$77,679
Switzerland	14	706	31	737	\$8,035
Ukraine	4	41	19	60	\$0
United Kingdom	42	464	1159	1623	\$7,784
Europe Total	914	27952	26056	54008	\$448,195
Asia/Oceania					
Australia	34	214	1060	1274	\$7,660
China	5	9	95	104	\$0
Japan	21	637	395	1032	\$14,019
Malaysia	6	57	144	201	\$750
New Zealand	24	410	808	1218	\$8,663
Singapore	2	7	70	77	\$153
South Korea	8	167	154	321	\$6,773
Thailand	17	222	472	694	\$8,338
Vietnam	1	4	22	26	\$220
Asia/Oceania Total	118	1727	3220	4947	\$46,576
Other Countries				0	
Bahamas	1	0	2	2	\$0
Brasil	1	13	11	24	\$0
Ethiopia	1	8	30	38	\$0
Mexico	2	3	52	55	\$0
Zambia	2	43	40	83	\$364
Other Countries Total	7	67	135	202	\$364
Grand Total	1039	29746	29411	59157	\$495,135

Leading 2019 PDGA International Events

Based on Events Reporting as of January 1, 2020 (Leagues Excluded)

# of Players		
Europe		
Dynamic Discs Tyyni	Finland	958
Tyyni One Round @ Nevas	Finland	312
Eesti Meistrivõistlused Discgolfis	Estonia	260
Tyyni One Round @ Sibbe	Finland	235
Eesti Harrastajate Meistrivõistlused	Estonia	218
Tyyni One Round @ Kartano	Finland	217
Järva AMATÖRnament	Sweden	199
European Amateur Open	Finland	194
Startti-Pro/Masters	Finland	188
ET#3 - Kokkedal Open	Denmark	180
Baltic Disc Golf Championships	Estonia	169
EDGL Karikasari Pro Am Jõulumäe	Estonia	168
Tyyni Flex Start @ Ford	Finland	165
ET#8 - Nokia Open	Finland	165
Asia/Oceania		
Australian Disc Golf Championships	Australia	100
NZ Disc Golf Championship	New Zealand	97
Paradise Plates	New Zealand	92
Kanto Open	Japan	91
Queenstown Classic DG Tournament	New Zealand	72
Lords of Lismore	New Zealand	72
Samui Swine Classic - Ams	Thailand	70
Other Countries		
Zambia Open	Zambia	52
Pro Purse		
Europe		
European Open	Finland	\$41,717
Dynamic Discs Tyyni	Finland	\$23,814
ET#7 - Estonian Open	Estonia	\$11,967
ET#8 - Nokia Open	Finland	\$9,614
PCS Open	Norway	\$9,107
Swedish Open	Sweden	\$8,437
Alutaguse Open	Estonia	\$8,391
ET#4 - Sula Open	Norway	\$6,915
NM i Diskgolf	Norway	\$6,251
Eesti Meistrivõistlused Discgolfis	Estonia	\$6,246
Swedish Championships	Sweden	\$6,236
ET#3 - Kokkedal Open	Denmark	\$6,119
Flaktveit Open	Norway	\$6,117
Asia/Oceania		
Samui Swine Classic - Pros	Thailand	\$6,560
Paradise Plates	New Zealand	\$3,515
NZ Disc Golf Championship	New Zealand	\$2,790
Japan National Championship	Japan	\$2,619
Daegu Open	South Korea	\$1,997
Korea Open Championship	South Korea	\$1,750
Australian Disc Golf Championships	Australia	\$1,645

2019 PDGA Top Rated International Players

Based on December 2019 Player Ratings. Only includes players who were 2019 PDGA current members & who played in a PDGA Tour Event in 2019.

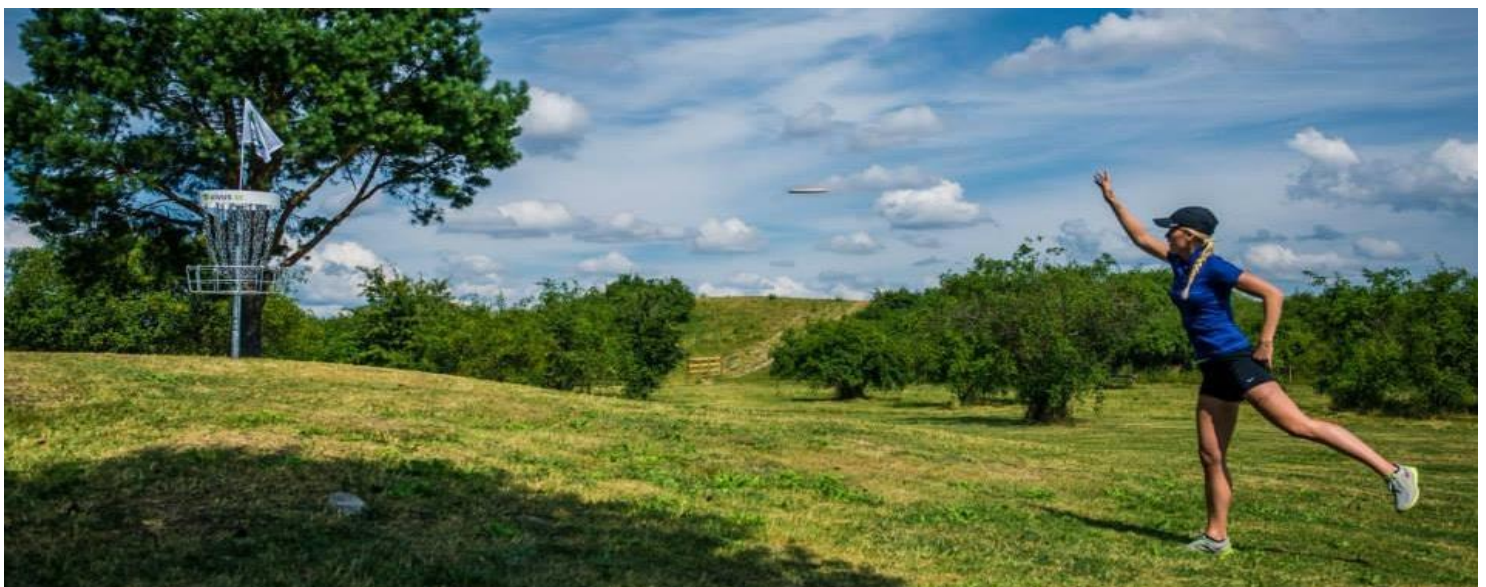
Rank	FirstName	LastName	Country	Rating	Notes	Rank	FirstName	LastName	Country	Rating	Notes
	European Men Rated 1005+						European Women Rated 900+				
1	Simon	Lizotte	DE	1040		1	Henna	Blomroos	FI	972	
2	Väinö	Mäkelä	FI	1029		2	Kristin	Tattar	EE	968	
3	Marvin	Tetzel	DE	1026		3	Eveliina	Salonen	FI	964	
3	Karl Johan	Nybo	DK	1026	Master	4	Ragna	Bygde Lewis	SE	949	
5	Jesse	Nieminen	FI	1025		5	Sofie	Björlycke	SE	928	
5	Seppo	Paju	FI	1025		6	Natalie	Hollokői	CH	925	
7	Jalle	Stoor	FI	1023		7	Antonia	Faber	DE	924	
8	Niku	Mustalammi	FI	1021		8	Tabea	Wallus	CH	923	
9	Albert	Tamm	EE	1020		8	Heidi	Laine	FI	923	
9	Stephan	Müller	CH	1020	Master	10	Maris	Perendi	EE	921	
11	Mikael	Räsänen	FI	1018		11	Katharina	Gusenbauer	AT	915	
12	Tony	Ferro	CH	1016		12	Jenni	Eskelinen	FI	914	
13	Niklas	Anttila	FI	1015		13	Katka	Bodová	SK	911	
13	Lauri	Lehtinen	FI	1015		14	Wiebke	Jahn	DE	908	
13	Oskari	Vikström	FI	1015		15	Maike	Lizotte	DE	907	
13	Mikael	Häme	FI	1015		16	Camilla	Grundén	SE	905	
13	Tobias	Östling	SE	1015		17	Lykke	Sandvik	NO	902	
13	Leo	Piironen	FI	1015			Other European Countries Top Rated Women 850+				
19	Linus	Carlsson	SE	1014			Eva	Bínová	CZ	895	
19	Silver	Lätt	EE	1014			Lydie	Hellgren	DK	889	Grandmaster
21	Jerome	Braun	DE	1012			Kimberley	Carniel	FR	862	Amateur
22	Teemu	Nissinen	FI	1009			Sue	Underwood	GB	874	
22	Sylvain	Gouge	FR	1009	Master		Alise	Olte	LV	855	Amateur
24	Henric	Hagman	SE	1008			Marta	Sand	LV	851	Amateur
25	Emile	Barbe	CH	1007			Laura	Nagtegaal	NL	878	Master
25	Kevin	Konsorr	DE	1007			Weronika	Zieminska	PL	866	Junior
25	Emil	Dahlgren	SE	1007			Yuliya	Pastovenska	UA	870	
28	Samuel	Stenman	FI	1006			Asia/Oceania Men 990+				
28	Knut	Valen Håland	NO	1006		1	Tetsuya	T2 Kikuchi	JP	1032	Master
30	Markus	Källström	SE	1006	Master	2	Manabu	Kajiyama	JP	1024	
30	Kristian	Bengtsson	SE	1006	Master	3	Yasushi	Jitsuhiro	JP	1010	Master
32	Timo	Hartmann	DE	1005	Junior	4	Jackson	Sullivan	NZ	1001	
32	Daniel	Davidsson	FI	1005	Junior	5	Yutaro	Sakai	JP	998	
32	Antti	Kotilainen	FI	1005		6	Kouichi	Fukuta	JP	995	Master
32	Carl	Ulvinen	SE	1005		6	Youhei	Ohtaki	JP	995	
32	Øyvind	Jarnes	NO	1005		8	Kenta	Nagaoka	JP	994	
32	Maxime	Tanghe	BE	1005		9	Daisuke	Takahashi	JP	993	
32	Anders	Swärd	SE	1005	Master	9	Patrick	Robinson	AU	993	
	Other European Countries Top Rated Men 900+					9	Simon	Feasey	NZ	993	Grandmaster
	Bonaventura	Amann	AT	988			Other Asia/Oceania Countries Top Rated Men 900+				
	Laurenz	Schaurhofer	AT	988			Jack	Lu	CN	980	
	Jakub	Knápek	CZ	991			Tsz Ho	Ming	HK	973	
	Carlos A.	Rio	ES	986	Grandmaster		Yair	Razin	IL	920	Amateur
	Daniel	Ryan	GB	980			Wonseok	Seo	KR	976	
	Peter	Teis	GR	955	Amateur		Ron	Turner	MY	963	
	Mario	Mesaric	HR	958	Amateur		David	Morra	SG	949	Master
	Dani	Hatvani	HU	966			Yothin	Vetne	TH	966	Junior
	Robert	Stokes	IT	924			Ryan	Hebert	VN	945	
	Gabrielius	Gricius	LT	970			Asia/Oceania Women Rated 900+				
	Aigars	Ancans	LV	953		1	Rika	Tsukamoto	JP	933	Master
	Bert	Brader	NL	970	Master	2	Sachiko	Sato	JP	917	Sr Grandmaster
	Szymon	Wacior	PL	960		3	Yuka	Nakagawara	JP	910	
	Sergei	Sorochkin	RU	946		4	View	Georgiou	TH	909	
	Svit	Savnik	SI	964	Junior	5	Narumi	Kanehiro	JP	908	
	Michal	Kúdela	SK	987		6	Hayley	Flintoft	NZ	905	
	Bohdan	Aleksieiev	UA	924	Amateur		Other Asia/Oceania Countries Top Rated Women				
	Other Countries Top Rated Men						Kristina	Wilson	AU	896	
	Mark	Lozano	MX	959	Grandmaster		Shinah	Kim	KR	876	
	Kurt	Karlsson	MZ	965	Grandmaster		Nur Hareesa	Shahaini	MY	792	Amateur
	A.J.	Muniz	PR	959			Other Countries Top Rated Women				
	Wilborn	Munkombwe	ZM	927	Amateur		Melody	Kawadza	ZM	869	Amateur

PDGA Tour - International Player Career Earnings Leaders

as of 12/31/2019

Source: PDGA Database

EUROPE - MEN					EUROPE - WOMEN				
		PDGA#	Country	Earnings			PDGA#	Country	Earnings
Simon	Lizotte	8332	DE	\$149,571	Ragna	Bygde Lewis	8559	SE	\$28,770
Seppo	Paju	36744	FI	\$79,591	Eveliina	Salonen	64927	FI	\$23,667
Markus	Källström	13150	SE	\$71,384	Kristin	Tattar	73986	EE	\$23,162
Karl Johan	Nybo	28903	DK	\$65,968	Lydie	Hellgren	24010	DK	\$19,698
Jesper	Lundmark	15239	SE	\$59,800	Birgitta	Lagerholm	15916	SE	\$18,568
Ville	Piippo	27555	FI	\$58,811	Henna	Blomroos	59227	FI	\$18,179
Pasi	Koivu	41251	FI	\$47,783	Natalie	Holloköi	4455	CH	\$14,051
Juho	Parviainen	30858	FI	\$39,324	Camilla	Grundén	35774	SE	\$13,073
Anders	Swärd	5310	SE	\$36,614	Sofie	Björlycke	35321	SE	\$11,176
Jalle	Stoor	8992	FI	\$36,569	Angelica	Frantz	29053	SE	\$9,755
Leo	Piironen	36099	FI	\$34,690	Sigrid	Sandum	8694	NO	\$8,890
Emil	Dahlgren	29048	SE	\$33,479	Anne	Matilainen	28827	FI	\$8,389
Teemu	Nissinen	39696	FI	\$32,927	Niloofar	Mosavar Rahmar	18750	SE	\$7,635
Espen	Møkelgjerd	17666	NO	\$32,305	Hannele	Määttä	57529	FI	\$7,540
Väinö	Mäkelä	59635	FI	\$28,386	Jenni	Eskelinen	57526	FI	\$7,438
Henrik	Johansen	42493	SE	\$26,527					
Sylvain	Gouge	8431	FR	\$25,959	ASIA/OCEANIA MEN				
Dan	Johansson	29697	SE	\$25,513	Manabu	Kajiyama	8139	JP	\$40,396
Jussi	Meresmaa	14600	FI	\$24,617	Kazuo	Shirai	6075	JP	\$20,853
Christian	Sandström	17004	SE	\$24,339	Simon	Feasey	8508	NZ	\$11,849
Kari	Vesala	28830	FI	\$23,882	Ron	Turner	9030	MY	\$9,492
Timo	Pursio	6005	FI	\$23,619	Yasushi	Jitsuhiro	8060	JP	\$9,353
Marko	Hämäläinen	52899	FI	\$22,291	Bryan	Motley	11571	AU	\$9,339
Hans	Tegebäck	11234	SE	\$21,946	Christopher	Finn	37970	AU	\$9,104
Peter	Bygde	8558	SE	\$21,661	Tetsuya	T2 Kikuchi	8145	JP	\$8,152
Janne	Hirsimäki	47516	FI	\$20,831	Atsuhito	Kawasaki	6671	JP	\$7,796
Silver	Lätt	61186	EE	\$20,645	Luke	Butch	18801	MY	\$7,164
Christer	Christiansson	4591	SE	\$18,161	Hideaki	Matsuda	8172	JP	\$6,311
Johannes	Högberg	25307	SE	\$17,161	Patrick	Robinson	62059	AU	\$6,121
Albert	Tamm	76669	EE	\$16,654	Jordan	Wheeler	63995	AU	\$5,709
Kristian	Bengtsson	8677	SE	\$16,588	Hidekatsu	Sakai	3621	JP	\$5,220
Derek	Robins	5980	GB	\$15,068	Chris	Himing	6807	AU	\$5,061
Carlos A.	Rio	16108	ES	\$14,779					
Anders	Källström	13175	SE	\$14,721	ASIA/OCEANIA WOMEN				
Ståle	Hakstad	42588	NO	\$14,666	Chieko	Kakimoto	3644	JP	\$10,547
Paul	Francz	3289	CH	\$14,055	Mayu	Iwasaki	8209	JP	\$5,585
Juhani	Vainio	30752	FI	\$13,968	Naoko	Inami	4510	JP	\$5,424



Sweden's Ragna Bygde Lewis leads all International Women in PDGA Tour Career Earnings

Credit: Facebook - Ragna Bygde