

2021 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. Its mission is “to develop disc golf into a globally-recognized competitive sport and recreational activity.” Since 2005, when the PDGA International Program was founded, PDGA activities have grown exponentially across Europe, eastern Asia and Oceania. More recently, disc golf has started to take flight in Latin America and Africa. These advancements reflect the collective dedication of PDGA staff, our partner national associations, local clubs, and thousands of volunteers worldwide.

In 2020, disc golf and life in general, were severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The PDGA cancelled sanctioned competitions in mid-March, and then developed a set of safety protocols that enabled the Tour to restart in different countries and jurisdictions as local guidelines allowed. Due to the restrictions on travel, most Major and Elite Series events, including the PDGA World Championships, USA National Tour, and the Euro Tour, were not held. But, as various countries and regions reopened – some locales never closed their courses to recreational play, reports grew of record sales by manufacturers and of record numbers of new participants in our outdoors, social-distancing-friendly, and relatively low-cost sport. Thus, while we still have to get through the pandemic, the future of disc golf is brighter than ever.

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. However, due to the virus, some important plans for 2020, including the hiring of a European Administrator, the opening of a small office, and the development of a 3-5 year Strategic Plan, had to be pushed back into 2021. These are some of the key initial steps in the transition of PDGA Europe to a self-governing and self-sustaining continental branch of PDGA.

As of December 31, 2020, there were more than 11900 current members, and more than 2100 courses in the countries beyond the PDGA's historical base in USA and Canada. While Tour events diminished in the international countries from more than 1000 in 2019 to about 750 due to Covid, these numbers are expected to rebound significantly in 2021. All told the PDGA is now partnering with 43 national disc golf associations around the world. See Appendix B on PDGA and Disc Golf Demographics.

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> .

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. For more information please visit www.pdga.com/international and www.pdga.com/europe .

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
- Event software including Disc Golf Scene, Digital Scorecards, Tournament Manager, Tournament Central and Live Scoring
- Financial assistance with the translation of the “PDGA’s Official Rules of Disc Golf & Competition Manual”
- Rights to use PDGA-affiliated names and logos, provision of promo materials including PDGA logo banners

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



Participants at the 2020 Asia Open in Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Credit: Stanny Lee

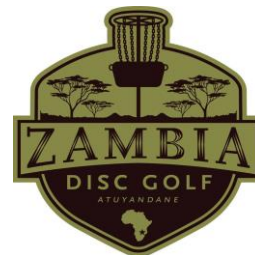
Table of PDGA Europe Affiliated Countries and Partner Associations – January 2021

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.discgolfiliiit.ee
Finland	Suomen frisbeegolfliitto	www.frisbeegolfliitto.fi
France	Fédération Française de Flying Disc	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
Scotland	Scottish Disc Golf Association	www.scottishdiscgolfassociation.co.uk
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



Table of Other PDGA Affiliated Countries and Partner Associations – January 2021

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 Academy	https://m.facebook.com/groups/411223149772644/
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





2020 Zambia Open Participants

Credit: Eagle Wings Disc Golf

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. 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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View Georgiou is Thailand's top player

Credit: Nigel Mills

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, Korean (Hangul), Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese & 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. These documents can be found here: <https://www.pdga.com/rules/official-rules-disc-golf> and here: <https://www.pdga.com/rules/competition-manual-disc-golf-events>. In turn, a synopsis of just the 2021 Revisions can be found here: <https://www.pdga.com/news/updates-coming-pdga-official-rules-disc-golf-competition-manual-2021>.

CRITICAL REMINDER to TDs: Be sure to follow all of your local governmental and the PDGA requirements concerning COVID-19 at your event(s). Review the [PDGA Requirements and Best Practices for Sanctioned Play During COVID-19](#) document prior to your event(s).

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 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 while also meeting 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 Europe Tour 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 A-B & D-F	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-G	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	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. This means that European & other countries may reserve limited places in their events for "Wildcards," as is their tradition.
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.
1.08C	Cut line at or above Payout line
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 removed.
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).

Specific Rules and Competition Issues Clarified:

- Regarding Rule 804.02 C:
REMINDER: Any Mandatory that does not have a Drop Zone within 10 meters of the Mandatory, requires a waiver from the EuroTour or Tour Manager. 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: 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.
- Reasonable Modification Request Policy: 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 re-submittal 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>.

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 tournament-errata@pdga.com.
- Member Nationality: The PDGA database displays a member's state/province and country based on their mailing address. Players who are nationals of 1 country and residents of another, who wish their country of nationality to display can do so as follows:
 - 1) Login to pdga.com
 - 2) Go to My Account > Edit
 - 3) Select desired country name from the Nationality dropdown menu.
 - 4) Save.

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 Euro Tour 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).

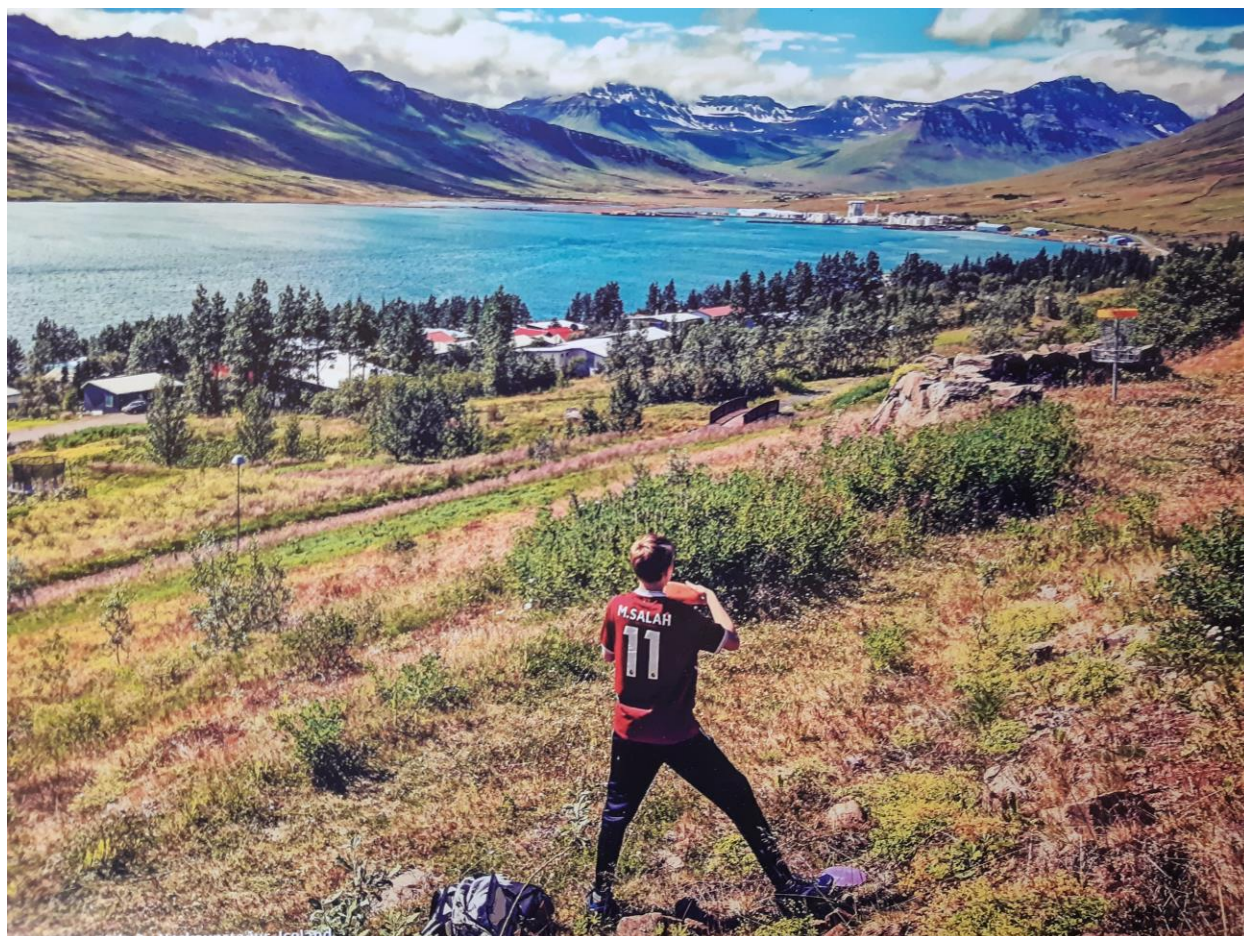
For each International event to be PDGA sanctioned the TD or country association must complete the PDGA sanctioning agreement found here: <http://www.pdga.com/pdga-event-sanctioning-agreement> . The event sanctioning submission is received when payment information is submitted on the checkout page.

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. Euro Tour Series events are entered in the PDGA database by the EuroTour Manager and pay sanctioning and player fees in Euros to PDGA Europe.



Iceland's scenic Nieskapstaour Course

Credit: Bogi Bjarnason

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> . However, events that submit the Excel file instead of using Tournament Manager will be charged a \$25 processing fee.

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#s, 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 year is their PDGA age for that entire calendar 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> for information on gender reclassification.

Player Classification:

- 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 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. 2021 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 Euro Tour 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 Europe Tour 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 & FPO 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 13 of this document: https://www.pdga.com/files/2021_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

- **Underserved Demographics:**

To foster the growth of the sport, the PDGA recommends that Tournament Directors provide for the following divisions at sanctioned events:

- Female-Only divisions
- Junior divisions
- Senior (age 50 and older) divisions

When offering these divisions, the PDGA further recommends that Tournament Directors:

- Allow these divisions to be contested with less than four players.
- Where possible, use layouts for these divisions to also include other divisions thereby providing enough Propagators (3) to allow for unofficial round ratings to be calculated.

- **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. 2021 PDGA World Championships

Event Dates	Official Name	City	State	Country
Jun 22-26	PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships	Ogden	Utah	USA
Jul 7-10	PDGA Junior Disc Golf World Championships	Emporia	Kansas	USA
Aug 3-7	PDGA Masters Disc Golf World Championships	Johnson City	Tennessee	USA
Aug 17-21	PDGA Amateur Disc Golf World Championships	Orlando	Florida	USA

Details on these 2021 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 2021 after the completion of the 2020 year end tour results and player ratings.



Eveliina Salonen is the 2020 Finland National Pro Tour Champion

Credit: PA Maseidvag

10. 2021 PDGA International Major & Championship Events

Event Dates	Tier	Official Name	City	Country	Website
July 14-18	M	European Open	Nokia	Finland	http://www.opendiscgolf.com/
August 9-15	XA	EDGF European Championship	Konopiště	Czech Republic	discgolf federation.eu
August 9-15	XA	EDGF European Masters Championship	Konopiště	Czech Republic	discgolf federation.eu
August 9-15	XA	EDGF European Juniors Championship	Konopiště	Czech Republic	discgolf federation.eu

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://discgolf federation.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. Due to Covid, the next edition has been moved back to August 17-20, 2022 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 two years prior to the event, ie June 30, 2021 for a 2023 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.



Konopiště Castle will host the 2021 European Championships Credit: Eino Ansio

11. PDGA International Disciplinary Guidelines

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

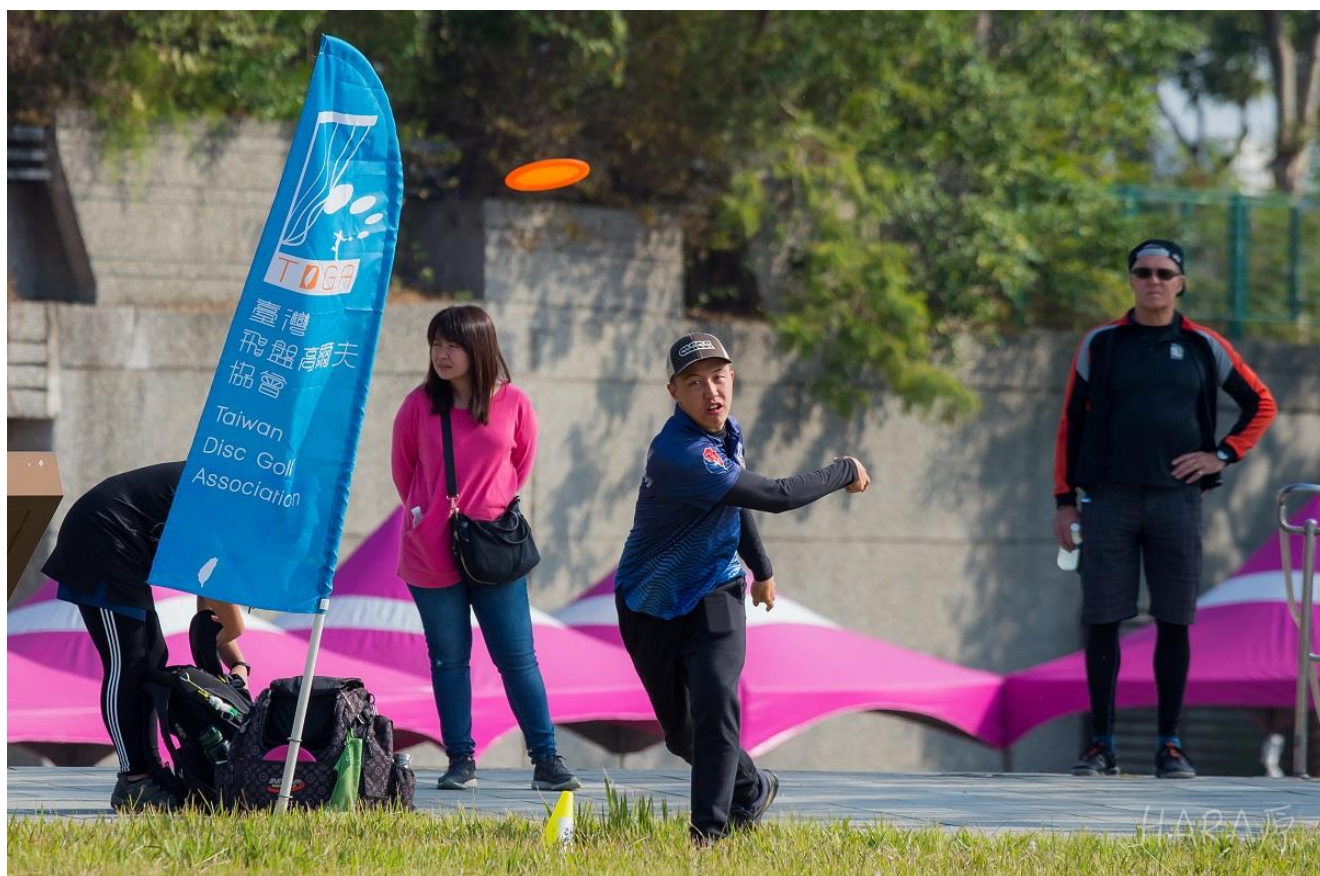
When an incident occurs at a PDGA sanctioned event it is the host country association that must first decide if this matter is to be sent to the PDGA for review. All incidents brought forward must include a completed copy of the PDGA Disciplinary Action Form. If a country association decides not to pursue 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.



Taiwanese Phenom Jacky Chen won the 2020 Asia Open

Credit: Stanny Lee

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, Guatemala, and Mauritius.

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



Andrew Ferguson tees off at sunrise in Tasmania.

Credit: Kingsley Flett



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 Europe Tour 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.

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 summits of the Board and PDGA Global representatives held in Europe.
- Organizing and supporting the Euro Tour Series events.
- The hiring and training of a full time Europe Tour Manager in March 2019
- The Registration of PDGA Europe as a not for profit in Finland in September 2019.

Following delays due to Covid, PDGA Europe's key priorities for 2021 are:

- The hiring of a PDGA Europe Administrator & the opening of an office in Finland
- The delivery of the biggest and best Euro Tour Series ever including video coverage of all events
- Beginning work on 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 – January 2021

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Europe 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 Euro Tour Series





- Since 2006, the Euro Tour has featured some of the continent's biggest and best events. For 2021, the Euro Tour 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 Euro Tour to become the third professional tour in the World and the first outside of USA.
- Much more information on the Euro Tour Series can be found at www.pdgaeurotour.com and www.facebook.com/pdgaet.

Dates	Name	Tier	Class	Location	Event Website
April 30 - May 2	Kokkedal Open	A	Pro/Am	Kokkedal, Denmark	https://2021.kokkedalopen.dk/en/intro-en/
May 5-9	Alutaguse Open	A	Pro/Am	Alutaguse, Estonia	http://alutaguseopen.skoorin.com/
May 28-30	Petzen Open	A	Pro/Am	Feistritz ob Bleiburg, Austria	https://www.petzenopen.at/
Jun 4-6	Pro Forester	A	Pro/Am	Varaždin, Croatia	http://www.dravaforester.com/en
July 1-3	Tyyni	A	Pro/Am	Sipoo, Finland	https://www.tyyni.com/
July 7-10	PCS Sula Open	A	Pro	Langevåg, Norway	http://www.pcssulaopen.com/
July 23-25	Estonian Open	A	Pro	Aegviidu, Harjumaa, Estonia	http://estonianopen.skoorin.com/

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



Estonia's Kristin Tattar is a 2 time European Women's Player of the Year Credit: Alyssa van Lanen



16. PDGA Europe Awards

Volunteer of the Year

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

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 Kasper Andersen
2012 Darius Gricius	2016 Peter Buijsrogge	

Players of the Year

Awarded since 2014, 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.

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 Simon Lizotte	2019 Kristin Tattar



Germany's Simon Lizotte, 4 time PDGA Europe Men's Player of the Year

Credit: Matej Verl



PDGA International Membership Benefits

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 and development 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 information, PDGA logo bag tag, sticker, 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.
6. The ability to vote in annual PDGA Board of Director elections and to run for a Board position. All current members can vote in PDGA Global elections; European current members can also vote in PDGA Europe Board elections. Current members can also serve on PDGA Global and PDGA Europe Committees.

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, websites, and software, including Disc Golf Scene, TournamentManager software, Tournament Central and Live Scoring
2. The on-line worldwide Course Directory which now has more than 9300 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, other Major events, the Elite Series, annual refinements to the system, and so on. In 2020 and 2021 this includes management of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on our sport.
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 participation among women, juniors and visible minorities.

5. The marketing of disc golf to the public, sponsors, social and traditional media, including live web TV coverage of leading events, print materials including *DiscGolfer* magazine, representation of the sport at trade shows, 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.
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!



Disc Retrieval at the European Open in Nokia, Finland

Credit: Eino Ansio / Spin18

PDGA Course Directory Count by Country

As of December 31, 2020 there were 9341 courses in 74 countries listed in the PDGA Course Directory

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

International							
Antarctica	1		Guam	1		Romania	1
Argentina	1		Honduras	3		Russia	6
Australia	64		Hungary	3		Saudi Arabia	1
Austria	20		Iceland	51		Slovakia	9
Åland Islands	2		Iran	1		Slovenia	6
Belarus	1		Ireland	4		South Africa	4
Belgium	8		Israel	3		South Korea	14
Belize	3		Italy	6		Spain	12
British Indian Ocean Terr	1		Japan	75		Sweden	218
Cambodia	1		Kenya	1		Switzerland	28
China	2		Latvia	8		Singapore	3
Colombia	4		Lithuania	11		Taiwan	4
Costa Rica	3		Luxemburg	2		Thailand	8
Croatia	5		Malaysia	8		Togo	1
Cuba	1		Mexico	7		Turkey	1
Curacao	1		Mongolia	1		Ukraine	2
Czech Republic	93		Namibia	1		Uzbekistan	1
Denmark	63		Netherlands	20		Vietnam	1
Dominican Republic	1		New Zealand	37		Virgin Islands	1
Ecuador	1		Nicaragua	5		Zambia	1
Estonia	146		Norway	98			
Ethiopia	2		Peru	1		Summary Info	
Finland	707		Philippines	2		USA	6936
France	68		Poland	10		Canada	300
Germany	124		Portugal	1		International	2105
Great Britain	99		Qatar	1		Total Courses	9341

2020 PDGA Top Rated International Players

Based on December 2020 Player Ratings. Only includes players who were 2020 PDGA current members & who played in a PDGA Tour Event in 2020.

Rank	FirstName	LastName	Country	Rating	Notes	Rank	FirstName	LastName	Country	Rating	Notes
European Men Rated 1005+						European Women Rated 900+					
1	Marvin	Tetzel	DE	1043		1	Eveliina	Salonen	FI	966	
2	Simon	Lizotte	DE	1035		1	Henna	Blomroos	FI	966	
2	Väinö	Mäkelä	FI	1035		3	Kristan	Tattar	EE	961	
4	Jesse	Nieminen	FI	1033		4	Tabea	Wallus	CH	952	
5	Linus	Carlsson	SE	1031		5	Sophie	Björlycke	SE	943	
6	Stephan	Müller	CH	1025		6	Lykke	Sandvik	NO	937	
6	Niklas	Anttila	FI	1025		7	Jenni	Eskelinen	FI	930	
6	KJ	Nybo	DK	1025	Master	8	Heidi	Laine	FI	926	
9	Tony	Ferro	CH	1024		9	Antonia	Faber	DE	925	
9	Timo	Hartmann	DE	1024	Amateur	10	Natalie	Hollokői	CH	919	Master
11	Albert	Tamm	EE	1022		11	Anniken	Steen	NO	915	
12	Jerome	Braun	DE	1021		11	Keiti	Tätte	EE	915	
13	Øyvind	Jarnes	NO	1020		13	Wiebke	Jahn	DE	913	
14	Oskari	Vikström	FI	1019		13	Katka	Boďová	SK	913	
15	Blair	Ásgeirsson	IS	1018		15	Sini	Lindholm	FI	909	
15	Marco	Lehoussé	BE	1018		16	Maija	Laitinen	FI	908	
15	Lauri	Lehtinen	FI	1018		17	Lena	Brammer Klok	DK	901	
18	Sylvain	Gouge	FR	1016		17	Anna-Sofia	Haipus	FI	901	
18	Lukas	Schär	CH	1016		Other European Countries Top Rated Women 850+					
18	Knut	Valen Håland	NO	1016			Laura	Posch	AT	855	
18	Leo	Piironen	FI	1016			Eliška	Bártková	CZ	873	
22	Seppo	Paju	FI	1014			Ana	Goricki	HR	860	Amateur
23	Severi	Saviniemi	FI	1013			Elena	Karlůsa	LV	880	
24	Mikael	Räsänen	FI	1012			Laura	Nagtegaal	NL	884	Master
24	Daniel	Davidsson	FI	1012			Weronika	Zieminska	PL	882	Amateur
26	Riku	Vink	FI	1011			Andreja	Bernjak	SI	852	
26	Jalle	Stoor	FI	1011			Yuliya	Pastovenska	UA	869	
26	Maxime	Tanghe	BE	1011			Rachel	Turton	UK	895	
29	Janne	Hirsimäki	FI	1010	Master						
29	Dominik	Stampfer	DE	1010		Asia/Oceania Men 990+					
31	Ståle	Hakstad	NO	1009		1	Jacky	Chen	TW	1040	
32	Joonas	Kuitunen	FI	1008		2	Tetsuya T2	Kikuchi	JP	1027	Master
32	Benedikt	Heiß	DE	1008		3	Dai	Takakura	JP	1020	
34	Mikael	Häme	FI	1007		4	Manabu	Kajiyama	JP	1019	
34	Peter	Lunde	NO	1007		5	Masatoshi	Ishihara	JP	1007	
34	Samuel	Stenman	FI	1007		6	Yasushi	Jitsuhiro	JP	1000	Master
34	Niko	Rättä	FI	1007		7	Dai	Ooishi	JP	998	
38	Tuomas	Hyytiäinen	FI	1006		8	Kouichi	Fukuta	JP	997	Master
38	Markus	Källström	SE	1006	Master	8	Ace	Hsiao	TW	997	
40	Anders	Swärd	SE	1005	Master	10	Yutaro	Sakai	JP	996	
40	Jakub	Knápek	CZ	1005		11	Jack	Lu	CN	994	
40	Silver	Lätt	EE	1005		12	Simon	Feasey	NZ	993	Grandmaster
40	Luukas	Rokkanen	FI	1005		Other Asia/Oceania Countries Top Rated Men 950+					
Other European Countries Top Rated Men 950+							Patrick	Robinson	AU	984	
	Bonaventura	Amann	AT	1004			Tsz Ho	Ming	HK	976	
	Carlos A.	Rio	ES	997	Grandmaster		Ron	Turner	MY	978	
	Peter	Teis	GR	957	Amateur		David	Morra	SG	958	Master
	Mario	Mesaric	HR	950	Amateur						
	Tamás	Kovács	HU	968		Asia/Oceania Women Rated 900+					
	Gabrielius	Gricius	LT	962		1	Rika	Tsukamoto	JP	947	Master
	Rudolfs Janis	Zohars	LV	962		2	Su Mei	Yang	TW	934	
	Bert	Brader	NL	969	Master	3	Yuka	Nakagawara	JP	913	
	Filip	Tomeczek	PL	963		4	View	Georgiou	TH	905	
	Sergei	Sorochkin	RU	951		5	Hayley	Flintoft	NZ	904	
	Zack	Bevelacqua	SI	955	Amateur	Other Asia/Oceania Countries Top Rated Women 800+					
	Michal	Kúdela	SK	979			Cassie	Sweeten	AU	873	
	Ben	Davies	UK	1002			Shinah	Kim	KR	876	
Other Countries Top Rated Men 950+							Nur Hareesa	Shahaini	MY	813	Amateur
	Randy	Dueck	BZ	961		Other Countries Top Rated Women 800+					
	A.J.	Muniz	PR	958			Melody	Kawadza	ZM	828	Amateur
	Chimuka	Mweemba	ZM	966	Amateur						

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Source: PDGA Database

EUROPE - MEN					EUROPE - WOMEN				
		PDGA#	Country	Earnings			PDGA#	Country	Earnings
Simon	Lizotte	8332	DE	\$161,717	Eveliina	Salonen	64927	FI	\$30,446
Seppo	Paju	36744	FI	\$83,184	Ragna	Bygde Lewis	8559	SE	\$28,769
Markus	Källström	13150	SE	\$71,383	Kristin	Tattar	73986	EE	\$24,362
Karl Johan	Nybo	28903	DK	\$67,346	Henna	Blomroos	59227	FI	\$23,099
Ville	Piippo	27555	FI	\$61,891	Lydie	Hellgren	24010	DK	\$20,156
Jesper	Lundmark	15239	SE	\$59,799	Birgitta	Lagerholm	15916	SE	\$18,567
Pasi	Koivu	41251	FI	\$47,783	Natalie	Holloköi	4455	CH	\$14,120
Juho	Parviainen	30858	FI	\$40,315	Camilla	Grundén	35774	SE	\$13,073
Jalle	Stoor	8992	FI	\$37,328	Sofie	Björlycke	35321	SE	\$11,545
Anders	Swärd	5310	SE	\$37,201	Angelica	Frantz	29053	SE	\$9,754
Väinö	Mäkelä	59635	FI	\$36,577	Sigrid	Sandum	8694	NO	\$8,890
Leo	Piironen	36099	FI	\$35,572	Anne	Matilainen	28827	FI	\$8,389
Emil	Dahlgren	29048	SE	\$34,012	Jenni	Eskelinen	57526	FI	\$7,748
Teemu	Nissinen	39696	FI	\$32,926	Hannele	Määttä	57529	FI	\$7,670
Espen	Møkkelgjerd	17666	NO	\$32,723	Niloofar	Mosavar Rahmar	18750	SE	\$7,634
Henrik	Johansen	42493	SE	\$26,600					
Sylvain	Gouge	8431	FR	\$26,159	ASIA/OCEANIA MEN				
Kari	Vesala	28830	FI	\$25,616			PDGA#	Country	Earnings
Dan	Johansson	29697	SE	\$25,564	Manabu	Kajiyama	8139	JP	\$41,365
Marko	Hämäläinen	52899	FI	\$25,206	Kazuo	Shirai	6075	JP	\$21,191
Jussi	Meresmaa	14600	FI	\$24,616	Simon	Feasey	8508	NZ	\$12,758
Christian	Sandström	17004	SE	\$24,338	Ron	Turner	9030	MY	\$9,932
Timo	Pursio	6005	FI	\$23,619	Yasushi	Jitsuhiro	8060	JP	\$9,492
Silver	Lätt	61186	EE	\$22,337	Bryan	Motley	11571	AU	\$9,338
Janne	Hirsimäki	47516	FI	\$22,319	Christopher	Finn	37970	AU	\$9,265
Hans	Tegebäck	11234	SE	\$22,254	Tetsuya	T2 Kikuchi	8145	JP	\$8,331
Peter	Bygde	8558	SE	\$21,660	Atsuhito	Kawasaki	6671	JP	\$8,020
Albert	Tamm	76669	EE	\$20,328	Luke	Butch	18801	TH	\$7,340
Christer	Christiansson	4591	SE	\$18,160	Patrick	Robinson	62059	AU	\$6,476
Johannes	Högberg	25307	SE	\$17,370	Jordan	Wheeler	63995	AU	\$6,351
Øyvind	Jarnes	41884	NO	\$16,975	Hideaki	Matsuda	8172	JP	\$6,311
Ståle	Hakstad	42588	NO	\$16,972	Hidekatsu	Sakai	3621	JP	\$5,220
Kristian	Bengtsson	8677	SE	\$16,971	Chris	Himing	6807	AU	\$5,061
Mikael	Räsänen	73312	FI	\$15,404	ASIA/OCEANIA WOMEN				
Juhani	Vainio	30752	FI	\$15,296			PDGA#	Country	Earnings
Derek	Robins	5980	GB	\$15,266	Chieko	Kakimoto	3644	JP	\$10,547
Knut	Valen Håland	35070	NO	\$15,168	Mayu	Iwasaki	8209	JP	\$5,584
					Naoko	Inami	4510	JP	\$5,423



Sweden's Ragna Bygde Lewis is 2nd among International Women in PDGA Tour Career Earnings

Credit: Facebook - Ragna Bygde