

NZDG National Tour Policy 23/24

1. New Zealand Disc Golf Association (hereafter NZDG) National Tour calendar:

- 1.1. The nationwide New Zealand Disc Golf Tour (hereafter NZDG Tour) season is held between June 1st and May 31st.
- 1.2. There are three event levels / tiers on the NZDG Tour: Major, Tour, Minor

Major (70 points)

- Minimum of 54 holes
- Minimum of 144 player capacity (50 players are required to receive points).
The majors are owned by NZDG and are:
 - The NZDG National Championships (Nationals)
 - The North Island Championships (NI Champs)
 - The South Island Championships (SI Champs)
- PDGA B-Tier or higher
- Applied for before April 31st of the previous tour season.
- Registration opens at least four months prior to the event.

Tour (50 points)

- Minimum of 36 holes (54 preferred)
- 72 player capacity (36 players required to receive full points)
- PDGA C-Tier or higher
- Applied for six months prior to the event or before the season starts.
- Registration opens at least two months prior to the event or before the season starts.

Minor (40 points)

- Events not meeting all of the requirements for a tour level event may apply to be a NZDG minor event worth 40 points.
- Applied for three months prior to the event or before the season starts.

- 1.3. The NZDG Tour Director shall confirm events and dates with event organisers and then publish the event details as follows:
 - On the newzealanddiscgolf.org.nz website.
 - On the NZDG google calendar
 - On the NZDG Facebook event pages (event organisers must invite NZDG to co-host their events)
- 1.4. Dates for NZDG Major events:
 - 1.4.1. Nationals must be hosted between 1st February and 30th April
 - 1.4.2. NI Champs and SI Champs must be hosted between 1st November and 31st March
 - 1.4.3. All Majors must be a minimum of two weeks apart (four weeks preferred)

2. The NZDG Tour points system and scoring:

The NZDG tour scoring system is hosted at [Tournaments | NZDG \(newzealanddiscgolf.org.nz\)](https://tournaments.nzdg.org.nz)

2.1 There are three scoring levels / tiers (as per 1.2 above) – 40 point, 50 point, and 70 point.

2.2 The following equation is used to calculate tour points for NZDG sanctioned events:

Tour points = 1 + (max tour points -1) x (scoring group player count - player's ranking) / (scoring group player count - 1). This calculation allocates points based on the number of players and the players ranking in that event.

2.3 The following equation is used to calculate the best number of events used to calculate overall tour points:

Player's Tour Points = Sum of their best "X" performances (where "X" = the number of total (not including minors) events confirmed by 30 September / 3 and then rounded down). For example, if there were 20 events confirmed on 30 September, a player's tour points would be a sum of their best 6 events.

$(20 / 3 = 6.66 = 6)$

2.4 A players' score from no more than two majors (70 point) events can be included.

2.5 If an event is cut short due to force majeure or other reasons and minimum requirement of holes played (18) is not met then the points will not be awarded.

2.6 Player classification:

Players are classified by the division they play in the tournament. *E.g. If a Grandmasters player plays a tour event in the Masters division then their tour points are calculated towards their placing in the Masters division for the NZDG Tour).*

NZDG Tour divisions:

- Open - MPO
- Pro Masters (MP40 & MP50)
- Advanced (MA1)
- Intermediate (MA2, MA3 & MA4)
- Amateur Masters (MA40)
- Amateur Grand Masters (MA50)
- Senior Grand Masters (MA60 & MP60)
- Legends (MA70 & MP70)
- Juniors (Includes all Junior mixed divisions)
- Women's Open - FPO
- Women's Advanced (FA1, FA2, FA3 & FA4)
- Women's Masters (FA40 and FP40)
- Women's Grand Masters (FA50 and FP50)
- Women's Senior Grand Masters (FA60 & FP60)
- Women's Legends (FA70 & FP70)
- Women's Juniors (includes all Junior girls divisions)

2.6.1 All NZDG tour events must offer MPO and FPO divisions at a minimum.

- 2.7 A player can have their tour points transferred from one division to another division if the division the points are being transferred to was not offered at the event and both divisions are within the same tour scoring points group. *E.g. MA50 is not offered at Event A. A touring Amateur Grand Masters player can enter MA40 at Event A and have their points accrued from the event transferred to Amateur Grand Masters as both MA40 and MA50 are within the same tour scoring group.* Additional tour points transfers from between two scoring groups may be allowed in some cases - see the [Tour Points Transfer System Guide](#). To have tour points transferred players must email the Tour Director within four weeks of event completion (by email to tour@nzdg.org.nz).

3. NZDG sanctioning requirements:

- 3.1 The event must abide by the current PDGA rules of disc golf.
- 3.1.1 International events are subject to the PDGA International Program Guide and NOT PDGA Tour Standards which apply to the USA and Canada mainly. There are some parts that overlap, but these are outlined in the International Program Guide. The PDGA Tour Standards can be used as a guide for reference.
https://www.pdga.com/files/2021_international_program_guide_2021-02-10.pdf **Applies**
https://www.pdga.com/files/2021_pdga_tour_standards.pdf **Does NOT apply**
https://www.pdga.com/files/divisions_ratings_and_points_factors_07-15-2021.pdf
- 3.1.2 If there are any unresolved PDGA rules queries during an NZDG sanctioned event after consulting event rules officials and the Tournament Director (hereafter TD) , the TD must contact the NZDG Tour Director as soon as possible and before the event awards ceremony. If unable to contact the NZDG Tour Director, then contact the current PDGA NZ rep – as of May 2023 this is Simon Feasey (Mobile 021 653 653).
- 3.2 NZDG requires event TDs to be current PDGA Rules Officials..
- 3.3 The event organiser must include the current NZDG automatic membership policy (i.e. automatic membership for 12 months from event date, mailchimp email database opt-in) in their published event details.
- 3.3.1 All players who register to play the complete number of holes for an NZDG sanctioned event are required to pay the \$5 NZDG membership levy.
- 3.3.2 These players become members of NZDG for 12 months from the starting event date as per the NZDG constitution.
- 3.3.3 The NZDG membership levy must be included in event registration fees and collected by the event organisers. Event organisers agree to collect this membership fee on behalf of NZDG and will pass it on in a reasonable time frame.
- 3.4 Registration has to be open a minimum of 2 months prior to the event. Registration opening date (including time and website) has to be announced at least a week in advance to give all eligible players equal chance at registering. Priority registration can be implemented allowing early registration to the following groups (no more than 50% of total available spots):
- The previous years' tournament division winners
 - Event helpers and volunteers
 - TD discretion (wildcards, local club members, rating based)
- 3.5 Event organisers must have a published cancellation / refund policy in place.

- 3.6 Event organisers must have a health and safety plan in place prior to the event. This is to be emailed to the Tour Director before the event begins.
- 3.7 Event organisers must confirm with the NZDG Tour Director if they are planning to use alternate tees and have adequate Drop Zones (hereafter DZ) in place for players unable to throw longer distances. Please note that if a TD allows players to go straight to the DZ from the tee then that player will be playing their third shot from the DZ.
- 3.8 Event organisers must collect player information and contact details for the NZDG member database and provide this to the NZDG secretary (secretary@nzdg.org.nz) within 48 hours of the completion of their event. Player contact details must include a minimum of:
 - 3.8.1 First name, last name, email, postal address, date of birth, PDGA number
- 3.9 Event organisers must provide final scores or a link to published final scores to the NZDG Tour director (tour@nzdg.org.nz) within 48 hours of the finishing of their event.
- 3.10 Tournament directors are responsible to make sure NZDG flags make it to the next tournament on the same island. Unless otherwise arranged, flags must be sent to the next tournament director or NZDG within 48 hours. NZDG will reimburse courier costs.

4. Tour event standards

- 4.1 Tee pads should be clearly marked. If the sides/back are not marked then the tee pad area is considered to be 1.2m wide and 3m long. Tee pad surface should be even and not contain protruding rocks or roots. Tee areas should be level from left to right. They should not slope from front to back.
- 4.2 OB lines should be clearly marked. Avoid using grass/dirt transitions as OB lines. Use stakes, paint, flags or string whenever possible.
- 4.3 All mandos must have marked dropzones. Drop zones must be within 10-metres of a mando or PDGA dispensation must be obtained.
- 4.4 If using tee times there should be a designated practice area available to players to warm up their throws and putts. Located on the same or adjoining property.
- 4.5 If the event is held on a temporary course the course must be available for practice the day before the tournament. All registered players must have equal access for practice.
- 4.6 Major event standards (on top of the previous points):
 - 4.6.1 Earthen (grass, bare ground, gravel) tee pads are not allowed for use at Major events.
 - 4.6.2 OB lines must be clearly marked. Grass/dirt transitions cannot be used as OB lines unless clearly marked by other means. Use stakes, string, flags or paint whenever possible.
 - 4.6.3 For Major events the course must be available for practice a minimum of one half day per course before the tournament.
 - 4.6.4 Major event average hole length (course length divided by number of holes) must be at least 80m.
 - 4.6.5 Major events must have a caddy book and course map available prior to the event.
 - 4.6.6 Major events must use PDGA approved Championship* targets of the same design and manufacturer.

*Refer to https://www.pdga.com/files/pdga-technical-standards_2021-01-20_0.pdf

- 4.7 Toilet facilities must be accessible on the course or within a close proximity.
- 4.8 Events that meet all the criteria will have preference for sanctioning. There can be exceptions to these standards that can be reviewed on a case by case basis.

5. Review

- 5.1 All decision making will be made without bias or prejudice and in a fair, impartial, confidential and professional manner.
- 5.2 Policy Breach:
 - If a complaint is made regarding failings that are discovered in the tour events as set out in this policy, the event in question will be reviewed as per these policies by the NZDG Tour Director and taken to the board for a decision on the appropriate course of action.