

**WFDF 2019 World Team Disc Golf Championships**  
**Mäetaguse Disc Golf Centre, Estonia**  
**21 – 24 August 2019**  
**WTDGC 2019 Bulletin #1 (Issued 1 October 2018)**



The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), the Estonian Disc Golf Association and the Tournament Organising Committee (TOC), are excited to host the WFDF 2019 World Team Disc Golf Championships in Mäetaguse, Estonia.

This event is WFDF's premier disc golf event in which we extend invitations to all member National Federations and their Disc Golf Associations for players to represent their country.

The tournament will run from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at the Mäetaguse Disc Golf Centre on the Estonia Disc Golf Championship course. The course will be open for practice from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August inclusive.

All WFDF National Federation (NF) members or countries with a national Disc Golf Association (DGA) are invited to participate at the tournament by sending a team. It is not a requirement that players hold a PDGA membership but it is advantageous for all teams that they do so.

We look forward to welcoming you and to working together to collect the registration information and payments needed to successfully plan and run WTDGC. Please support and assist the TOC and WFDF by respecting all deadlines and responding when asked.

Below are the details that you need to start registering your team and some basic information to help you with planning and making travel plans.

**NOTE: There are action points throughout this bulletin highlighted in red, please pay particular attention to these.**

We can't wait to see you all in Estonia at WTDGC 2019.

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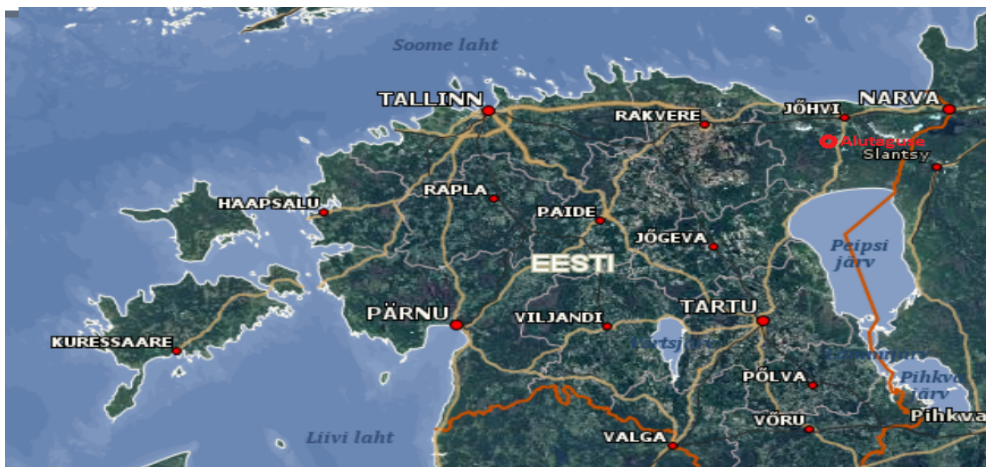
## Event Dates

WTDGC will be a four (4) day tournament. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 inclusive. The course will be open for practice from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August inclusive.

It is expected that all teams will attend the team briefing and opening ceremony at 18.00 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Please plan your travel accordingly.

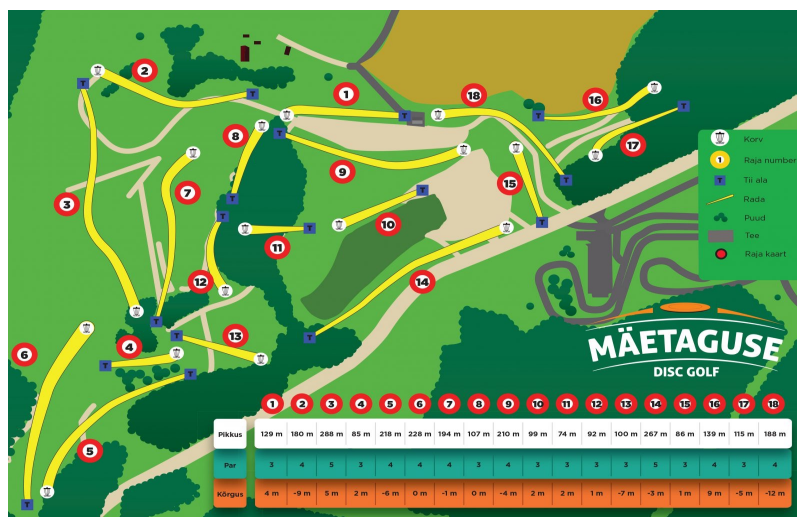
## Location

WTDGC will be hosted in Estonia at the Maetaguse Disc Golf course.



Maetaguse Disc Golf Centre was established in 2016 as an 18 hole (PAR 65) and will be the main tournament centre and course. The course is located at 2799m elevation with EVO Baskets and Artificial Turf Tees.

Mäetaguse disc golf park is the first Estonian course rated AAA. It has long open holes with lots of ob-s and is located in a beautiful landscape.



If there are more than 16 teams registered a 2nd course will be added. The 18 hole (PAR 62) Alutaguse Disc Golf Park (est. 2012) will be the 2nd course. Alutaguse parish is located in Ida-Viru country which is about 180 km from Tallinn and is some 30kms from Maetaguse DG.

The tee type is artificial turf and the targets are EVO baskets. The Championship course at Alutaguse is a woody course with very varied terrain. It has a lot of ups and downs on the course with few obsticals as the forest makes the course challenging enough.



## Fee structure

All payments are to be made in US Dollars \$. The fee structure has been set and advertised in Euros.

Fees have been set at the maximum and will be considered for reduction after the team registrations close and our best efforts at obtaining sponsorship have been realized. Should the team numbers exceed expectations or we obtain significant sponsorship we may can reduce the Team Fee. The TOC will advise WFDF if there is any possibility to return part of the team fees or reduce Player Fees.

\*\*\*\* Fees are payable in USD invoiced at the conversion rate the day of payment of fees \*\*\*\*

WTDGC 2019 Fees (Euro )	Full payment required BEFORE:	Fees:
Team Fee – Early Bird Discount	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	850
Player Fee (per player)	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	50
Team Fee (regular price)	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	1,000

## Registration

Team registration is open from the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and closes on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. All team fees must be paid in full between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and must be made by the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Any WFDF member national flying disc federation or national disc golf associations can nominate teams to participate We encourage all players wanting to participate to reach out to your National Disc Golf Co-ordinator or National Flying Disc Federation as soon as possible.

The team fee is not reimbursable. The player fee cannot be reimbursed but can be transferred to another player.

Team Fees cover all fixed costs for the event including all course preparations, green fees, marketing and media as well as insurance, scoring systems, video and digital coverage and public relations. It is expected that WTDGC will draw a considerable public response in Estonia.

**NOTE: To register your team, please follow the steps carefully as outlined below:**

**STEP 1** – Complete the on-line team registration form by using the following link and submit PRIOR to 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019: <https://goo.gl/forms/SFgld7lzQBYX6elv2>

**STEP 2** – Pay the team fee prior to the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (or early discount rate prior to 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019).

NOTE: Filling out the online registration form will automatically generate a pro-forma invoice – you may cancel your bid or choose not to come up until when you make a team fee payment (fees are non-refundable). The last date for that is 15th April 2019.

## Player Fees

Player fees will include all transport within Estonia. This includes transport from the airport at Tallin and between hotels, hostels and other accommodation to the courses that will be used in the event. Teams and individuals will not need to hire cars or other transport when in Estonia. This is both a saving for all teams and players as well as within WFDF's Sustainability Policy. Players' Fees will also cover all other flexible costs that apply on a participating basis including all social events. Should sponsorship be forthcoming for the event or specific aspects of the event then Player Fees may be returned to each country.

## Accommodation

Mäetaguse Manor Hotel and Spa will be the main tournament hotel.



Mäetaguse Manor Hotel & Spa is located 500m from Mäetaguse course and has a nice restaurant and grocery shop 200m nearby. Main center of competition (players meeting, evening events, ceremonies).

Prices for WTDGC participants (all prices are per room for one night with the breakfast):

TWIN room(15) –63 €

DOUBLE room(4) - 71 €

TWIN room (allergy free) - 67,50 €

SWEET (for 2 persons) - 112,50 €

TRIPLE (1)- 78 €

FAMILY(1) – 94 €

## Alutaguse Recreation and Sport Center



Alutaguse Recreation and Sports Center. (50m from Alutaguse course) Includes a sauna and washing room; 1 sauna complex and cafeteria

Prices for WTDGC (all prices per room for one night with the breakfast):

SINGLE(2) 35€

TWIN(10) 55€

TRIPLE(3) 75€

FAMILY(7) 80€ (can be used also as a triple room for adults)

Capacity – 74 people

### Other hotels

In between the two courses is Illuka Manor, which also offers accommodation. Prices are similar to Alutaguse and around 40 people can be accommodated there.

The first two options are the main hotels –Alutaguse has more like Pub food served whole day – main dishes costing 4-6 eur.

Accommodation and Food, and individual player fees are payable from March 1st- April 15th 2019.

## Tournament Organising Committee (TOC)

The Tournament Organising Committee (TOC) will be made up of WFDF Disc Golf Chair who will act as the Tournament Technical Director and two members of the WFDF Disc Golf Committee; WTDGC Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Director.

All matters related to Format, Scheduling and Seeding will be handled by WFDF.

All matters related to the organisation of the event, including scoring, will be handled by WFDF, supported by TOC and Estonia Disc Golf Association and PDGA.

All matters related to on-site facilities, including course preparation and maintenance, accommodation, food and transport as well as all social events, marketing and media will be handled by Estonia Disc Golf Association in collaboration with WFDF.

All financial matters will be handled by Estonia Disc Golf Association, in collaboration with WFDF who will collect Team and Individual Player Fees

## Team Selection & about the Championship

The 2019 event will broadly follow the successful format and scheduling of the 2017 event. The following detail will help NF and DGA members select their teams.

The WTDGC event will feature four (4) divisions (Open, Women's, Master's and Junior) with teams consisting of a minimum of 6 players with a team having the option to bring up to 12 players.

Teams will compete in multiple competition matchplay formats throughout the Event with each round including players seeded within their team. Teams will be made up of; 3 x MPO, 1 x FPO, 1 MP40 and 1 x Junior player MJ18 or FJ18. The MPO players in each team would be seeded according to their PDGA Ratings on July 1st 2019.

The definition for MPO, FPO and MP40 are those that will be used by PDGA on January 1st 2019. The definition for a Junior to compete at WTDGC is that they should be 18 or under in the year of the event irrespective of their past disc golf history.

All rounds will be single or doubles matchplay in a variety of formats with a variety of combinations of players. The exact details cannot be decided until all teams are registered but it is expected that all players will be paired with their team members to compete against the equally seeded players in their opponents team.

There are likely to be four sets of combinations of players for doubles play. This will allow all players in the team of 6 to play every round with team mates from different divisions. Teams may, of course, substitute any of their players for other players in their team should they chose to bring more than 6 players as long as they fit the criteria of the team combination structure.

### Format

At present it is planned that 24 teams will take part in this Championship. The following format will be used if 24 teams register.

#### Rounds 1 to 5

There will be 4 pools of 6 teams seeded according to the WFDF and PDGA World Disc Golf Rankings published on July 1st 2019. Each team will play every other team in their pool. This will be over a 9-hole course. There will be a minimum of two 9-hole courses available.

#### Rounds 6, 7 and 8

Top 16 teams from Rounds 1-5 will be divided into 4 pools of 4. The remainder of teams will be divided into 2 further pools of 4. Each team will play every other team in their pool.

#### Quarter Final

Top 2 teams in each pool will play for place in the semi final in a knockout, match play format. This will include teams now seeded 17 and 18 who will play for the 'Plate' trophy.

Semi final and Final

The top 4 teams will play a knockout round and the winners and losers will then play for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

The TOC reserves the right to amend the format at their discretion.

### **Example of Team and Player Formats for Round 1**

Each player in each team will be allocated a number as below

	Player Number
MPO 1	1
MPO 2	2
MPO 3	3
FPO	4
MP40	5
MJ18 or FJ18	6

### **Exemplar of Game structure for Round 1**

Singles will be Matchplay over 9 holes

Doubles will be Alternate shot Matchplay for Round 1 over 9 holes

Play will start with a disc flip with winners choosing to tee first or second. This will apply to all rounds.

As each Game will be played on either Holes 1-9 OR 10-18 Matchplay ensures a more equal way of deciding games rather than stroke play in a Round Robin format. Every team will play 5 games in either 1-9 or 10-18 formats.

All Format options will be drawn randomly for each game ensuring no bias towards any team or seed. As far as is possible to judge before the event there will be no advantage for any team in playing a specific set of formats.

Where teams have registered more than 6 players they can substitute those players into any match in any Game as long as they meet the criteria for the Divisions in which they play. MP40 and MJ18 players may play in MPO as long as the criteria for those divisions are also met. All MPO players will be seeded according to their PDGA rating relative to all other MPO players from their team who are chosen to play in a specific match. If an MPO, MP40 or MJ18 player does not have a PDGA rating they will be allocated the 75th centile rating by the TOC as of July 1st 2019.

This format allows all players to have singles matches and doubles matches in Round One (1). Each player also gets to play with every other member of their team in Doubles. It also allows for the substitutions (as described above) to be made by teams that have more than the minimum 6 players in their squad.

WFDF Disc Golf Committee believes this is a unique format that meets the standards of Inclusion and Equality expected of its organisation.

### **Points System**

Every match in each game is important and points will be awarded so that all players are rewarded for their own individual and team efforts.



Points are awarded for every game. Results for Round 1 will be an accumulation of points against all teams in all games to decide the schedule for Round 2.

All Games Singles or Doubles – will be worth 2 pts for a win; 1 pt for a draw.

So every Game in Round 1 has a potential of 8 points per team.

The Points system will also be used in all further Rounds.

### **Tie Breaks**

If there is a 2-way tie on points after Round 1 has been completed then Head to Head results of points won will count first. If still a tie then hole Match-play scores in Doubles will be used. If still a tie then scores in Match play in Singles will be used. If still a tie then a play off will be held between MPO1 players starting on hole 18.

If a 3-way or more tie on points after Round 1 has been completed then points in games between those three or more teams will be calculated. If there is a clear 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc in the group then those results stand. If after points in games between those 3 or more teams there are 2 teams tied then Head to Head result will count first.

However, if still a tie between all teams then Match-play scores in Doubles will be used between all 3 or more teams. If still a tie then scores in Singles will be used. If still a tie then a play off will be held between MJ18 players starting on hole 18.

### **Examples of Schedule:**

Game 1. Wednesday 9.00 – Format Alpha = USA v GBR

MPO 1 USA v MPO 1 GBR (Singles Matchplay)

MPO 2 USA v MPO 2 GBR (Singles Matchplay)

MPO 3 & MP40 USA v MPO 3 & MP40 GBR (Doubles Matchplay – Alternate Shot)

FPO & MJ18 USA v FPO & MJ18 GBR (Doubles Matchplay – Alternate Shot)

### **Dispensation clause**

WFDF has a firm belief in offering developing countries and players the widest set of opportunities to take part in this event. We are committed to both inclusion and equality in our practices and this event will be delivered so that as many countries, their representatives and players can participate.

If any country is unable to field a full team of 6 in the divisions specified they may apply for special dispensation to take part. This process will be overseen by the WFDF Board and Disc Golf Committee and all applications will be judged based on the specific circumstances raised by each country.

To enable as many countries as possible to participate at WTDGC, a dispensation clause will allow a team to apply to select a player from any division to play in place of a woman, junior or master as long as they do not have a rating above the 75th centile of the top quartile of players in that division within the PDGA ratings as of July 1st 2019. (Currently; Women's would be over the rating of 821, Juniors 911 and Masters 908.) Nations may also substitute a player of any gender in their division except the women's division on application to WFDF should that be outside the definition of divisions according to PDGA.

As in all WFDF events, to enable the growth of the sport across the world, countries without the requisite number of players may also apply to join other countries to enter a multinational team.

All applications to apply the Dispensation clause must come from each country's WFDF representative or National Disc Golf Association where Disc Golf is not represented by WFDF.

Teams that are granted a dispensation for either individual players or are composed of players from multiple countries will not be able to officially progress beyond the first round of the event, though they will be able to continue to play in the tournament.

Participants wanting to form part of a national team should contact their WFDF or PDGA National Disc Association with an email copy to WFDF Disc Golf Chair - Charlie.mead01@gmail.com

### **Medals**

Champions will be crowned with WFDF Gold, Silver or Bronze medals with trophies awarded to the winning teams and individuals. No prize money will be awarded.

### **Doubles Rules and Formats**

The exact format for each round will be decided once registration has been complete. These are the options that will be available for the TOC to choose from.

These rules for doubles play have been approved by the PDGA Rules Committee. Doubles play comes in a variety of formats for WTDGC. Best Shot, Best Disc (aka Best Score), Alternate Shot, are described below. Except where noted, PDGA rules apply.

One oddity about doubles formats with regard to the rules is that a team may often disregard a player's shot (or score, in Best Disc), giving that player a good deal of theoretical leeway as far as rules are concerned. As always, any attempt to circumvent the rules in order to gain competitive advantage is subject to action up to and including disqualification. In most cases, a warning or penalty throw incurred by a player shall apply to that player only; for example, if player A throws a drive out-of-bounds in Best Shot and the team elects to play player A's drive, the team is then lying two at player A's lie. Warnings and penalty throws for the following violations shall apply to the team as a whole: courtesy, practice throw, interference, late scorecard, and incorrect scorecard. All other warnings and penalty throws shall apply to the offending player only. Any call that requires confirmation must be confirmed by players on other teams.

In the Best Shot and Best Disc formats, you do not throw if it is mathematically impossible for you to improve your team's score on a hole. In the Best Shot format, the second player does not throw if the first player has holed out. If you are playing Best Disc format and your partner has holed out, you do not throw unless you can improve on your partner's score. Any throw made which cannot possibly improve a team's score on a hole is considered an extra throw. A doubles team receives a courtesy warning for an extra throw made by any partner which cannot possibly improve the team's score on a hole regardless of doubles format.

The team receives a one throw penalty for each subsequent extra throw during the round.

The formats described below may be extended beyond doubles (to triples, etc) if desired.

### **Best Shot**

Best Shot is by far the most popular doubles format. Both players throw from each lie (starting with the tee shot), then the team chooses which of the resulting lies to continue play from, until the hole is completed.

- A team may take a reasonable amount of time to pick which lie they want before the 30-second play clock starts.
- A lie that is picked up without being marked is gone forever; the team must throw from the other lie. If the second lie is picked up, it must be replaced in accordance with PDGA rules. All lies must be marked according to PDGA rules.
- If the first player throws from the wrong lie, the second player may still throw from the correct lie.
- In case of injury or disqualification, one partner may play alone, throwing one shot at each lie (essentially playing singles).

### **Alternate Shot**

In Alternate Shot, only one sequence of throws is made on each hole. The team selects a player to throw the tee shot at the beginning of the round. The other player then throws from the subsequent lie, and play alternates in that fashion until the round is completed. Alternate Shot is closer to a singles format, where one partner can't bail the other out. If you miss a short putt, chances are good that you'll be driving the next hole.

- If the wrong player on a team throws, another team must call it immediately, like a foot fault. The team receives a warning, and the correct player throws. Subsequent violations incur a one-throw penalty.
- For any violation that requires a rethrow (stance violation, provisional throw), the same player throws.

### **Best Disc (Best Score)**

In Best Disc (also known as Best Score), each player plays the hole as they would while playing singles; there are no shared lies. The team score is the best score on the hole by one of its players.

- The player who is away will always throw first, with this exception: If both players are lying the same number of throws, the team may choose which player throws first.
- A player must pick up once it is impossible for him to better the team's score.
- In case of injury or disqualification, one partner may play alone.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Below you will find answers to some questions that we have already been asked, but drop us a line if you need to know more.

### **TEAM SELECTION**

What are the rules about including players of different genders to the suggested team format?

Every team has the choice of including players of either gender in three (3) of the divisions. Only Women may participate in the FPO. You can substitute a female player for the MPO, MP40 or MJ1 divisions.

What are the rules for the inclusion of trans-gender athletes in the FPO division?

These are complex but can be found on the WFDF website [here](#). Trans-gender athletes can compete in MPO, MP40 and MJ18 divisions as these are open to all genders.

Can we enter a multi-national team if we cannot get enough players from our own country?

Yes. If your National Disc Golf Co-ordinator or Flying Disc Federation indicates that they are unable to send a full team, they may nominate you to join a multi-national team. Your National Federation will need to apply to the WFDF Disc Golf Chair but there is opportunity for this to happen.

NOTE – any multi-national team will not be able to medal or compete past the 1st round.

I want to play, but my I don't know who to contact.

If you do not know who your WFDF Representative is or your PDGA Representative for your National Disc Golf Association then please get in touch with WFDF Disc Golf Chair Charlie Mead at [Charlie.mead01@gmail.com](mailto:Charlie.mead01@gmail.com).

## DISPENSATION CLAUSE

Why has this clause been introduced?

WFDF recognises that some countries will want to enter the event but may not be able to put a full team together for many reasons. We want to encourage as many Teams and players as possible from around the world to attend the event and are committed to the principles of inclusion.

I am unsure how to apply the Dispensation Clause to the FPO, MP40 and Junior division athletes, can you explain please?

Each team can substitute an athlete in the MP40, FPO and Junior divisions with any player who does not have a PDGA Rating above the 75th centile in the top quadrant of the division that they are replacing.

For example in 2017 this meant that a male athlete replacing a player in FPO could not have a rating over 820; an athlete of any age replacing a player in MJ18 could not have a rating over 910; and an athlete of any age replacing a player in MP40 could not have a rating over 911. Guidance on specific ratings for 2019 will be given as member countries apply for dispensation.

Any players who do not hold a PDGA membership or have a PDGA rating will be able to substitute in.

## EVENT FORMAT

What format is being considered?

The TOC is considering multiple formats. There is likely to be a combination of singles and doubles match play in the early rounds of the event with the introduction of other formats later in the schedule. The precise format will be decided to best fit the number of teams who have registered.

When will the final event format and game schedule be published?

This will depend on the number of teams who Register for the event. The latest date for the publication will be two weeks after the close of Registration for teams on June 1st 2019

Is the schedule outlined in Bulletin #1 fixed.

No. This is an indicative schedule based on 24 teams entering the event.

Will WFDF be issuing a World Ranking based on the 2016, 2017 and 2019 WTDGC events?

Yes. All teams entering the event will be ranked afterwards. This will particularly help WFDF Members and National DG Associations in gaining recognition from National Sporting Award bodies as well as International organisations such as IOC and IWGA.