

Disc Golf European Championships

ECC – European Championships Committee

Guidelines and Regulations

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Definition

The Disc Golf European Championships (called herein **EC**) is a unique and standalone event, to be held biannually in one of the European countries and organized by one of the member-countries in alternation (if possible) between the northern and southern part of Europe.

The major aim of EC shall be the play for **the European Champion titles and Medals**.

EC is **limited** to players from European countries as defined here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_European_countries_by_population, and who are members of their national Disc Golf organisation. Also see Nationality.

Ownership

EC is supported by the European National Disc Golf Organisations, which are either national Disc Golf associations or the national Disc Golf committee of a national Flying Disc Sports Organisation.

EC shall be fully owned by the European Federation for Disc Golf Association EFDA (to be founded during EC 2008). Until the official foundation of EFDA is complete, a temporary committee (ECC) shall direct and control the procedure of EC. This ECC shall consist of 5 members, including the TD of EC'08.

Qualification

EC is **not** an "Open" tournament. Players must qualify for EC within their home country. The national disc golf organisations of each country are entirely responsible for the selection of their representatives at EC, providing that players qualify under the Nationality regulations below.

Suggested methods of selection include qualification on a national tour (if any), at national championships, or simply nomination of players by committee.

Qualified players (based on available spots by country) will be nominated by the national disc golf organisation for the participation at EC. Players must accept the nomination for EC and confirm their participation by a given deadline. Non-qualified players may still have a chance to be nominated in a second wave, if one of the already nominated players cannot participate or additional places become available.

Nationality

A player is qualified to represent a country if he/she meets the following regulations:

- the player holds a valid membership of the country's disc golf organisation

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- the player holds the passport of the specific country or is a current resident of the country for minimum 1 year

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- the player has been nominated by the national organisation or been allocated a wild card by the EC TD.

Division

There is no distinction made between Pros and Ams at EC and no PDGA membership is required. The following Divisions are available at EC:

Open
Master (40 or older in the year of competition)
Grandmaster (50 or older in the year of competition)
Senior Grandmaster (60 or older in the year of competition)
Women
Juniors (19 or younger in the year of competition)

A player may play within any division for which they are qualified.

Example divisional qualifications for EC 2008:

Master (players born 1968 or before)
Grandmaster (players born 1958 or before)
Senior Grandmaster (players born 1948 or before)
Juniors (players born 1989 or later)

Title & Medals

The winner of each division will receive the official title "European Champion". 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each division will be awarded with a unique medal/trophy (gold, silver and bronze). Finishers up to place 10 will receive a personal certificate.

The medals as well as the certificates shall be organized by the hosting country of EC. As soon as EFDA is in place medals/trophies shall be provided by EFDA.

The medals shall be awarded by a well known local personality (for example major, VIP, etc.)

Tiebreakers

Playoffs for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division must be used to determine the medal/trophy places.

Due to time restraints it is recommended that these sudden death playoffs be no longer than 3 holes, and that a CTP (closest to the pin) on a pro par 3 hole then be used to break any remaining ties. The holes to be used in these playoffs, including a CTP hole, as well as in any playoffs to determine

Medal/trophy places should be identified in the tournament information provided to players.

Format

EC shall be played on one (1) or two (2) 18-holes course(s). There shall be no course with more than 18 holes to provide a fixed standard for the EC.

All players shall play in minimum 3 rounds of 18-holes

A Semi-Final of 18-holes shall be played by the top 72 players (+ties) of the Open division. If the time-schedule allows, a semi-final shall also be played by the "other" divisions.

A Final of 9-holes shall be played by the 4 best players of each division.

Players-Field

Approximately 2/3 of the spots shall be allocated to the Open division (biggest division). The total number of each division ideally shall be divisible by 4 to keep the standard of 4 players per group.

Countries

The following countries have been invited to send players to EC'08:

- Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway
- Great Britain, Germany, France, Belgium, Switzerland
- Baltic States, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Russia
- Ireland, Iceland

The following "new" countries may apply for a wild-card:

- Poland, Portugal, Spain, Slovak Republic, and others

Spots by country

Each European country shall receive at least 1 spot

The basic calculation shall be done by using the percentage of each country's total number of players who have competed at the national tour, compared to the sum of all players.

However, the final number of spots by country and divisions (Open/Other) will be adjusted to have a balanced field of players, and to enable the participation of all top-players of smaller countries.

The final grid (spots by country and division) shall be calculated and fixed end of each playing year before EC. The grid shall be published together with other basic EC information not later than **1st of December**.

Registration & Deadlines

The qualification, nomination and registration is the responsibility of the national disc golf organisation. Each country shall nominate a team captain who is responsible for the "national" team and who completes the pre-registration and the payment for his team. The team-captain may also be a non-playing participant. The final registration may be completed by the players or by the team captain.

A deadline shall be fixed by the EC organisation for submitting the players list (Phase 1). All unused spots will be released in Phase 2.

Payment of all registration fees must be settled well before the event. Registration process and deadlines will be published by the EC Organization.

Team Captain (Country Rep.)

The main reason for appointing a team captain is to have a responsible contact person in each country, before and also during the event.

The team captain shall have the following duties:

- Pre-Registration of nominated players
- Correspondence with the EC organisation
- Representation of the country at meetings during EC

In addition (optional) the team captain may also handle:

- Organization/Coordination of Accommodation
- Coordinate travel and local transport
- Organise a team-outfit (optional, but would be nice)

If the team captain is not the official country representative, the nominated captain must have an official letter from his/her national disc golf organisation which appoints him/her to act as the official country-representative.

This will involve speaking for the country and if necessary to participate in voting or signing documents.

Meetings

EC shall also be the venue for the annual meeting of the European Disc Golf Association. The meeting shall be held on the evening before the event starts. In the years where no EC is held the annual meeting shall be held at another occasion.

A detailed agenda shall be sent to the national disc golf organisations prior to the meeting.

Bid Proposals

The full bidding process as well as all requirements are stated in a separate document: "Bid Proposals for EC".

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