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1. What is PDGA Europe?

- PDGA Europe is a Steering Committee consisting of the PDGA affiliated Country Coordinators, the PDGA EuroTour Manager, and the PDGA International Director, all voting members. PDGA Europe is empowered to take Europe-wide decisions involving PDGA Tour, event, membership and related disc golf standards. Certain decisions, including the awarding of Major event status, will require the approval of the PDGA Board and/or Executive Director. PDGA Europe is supported in terms of management, finances, marketing/promotion, and otherwise by PDGAHQ.
- The PDGA Europe yahoo group is used for ongoing communication among the Committee members
- PDGA Europe websites are www.pdga-europe.com and www.pdga.com
- English is the official language of PDGA Europe.
- The contents of this document have been approved by the PDGA Europe Committee.

2. Goals of PDGA Europe are to:

- Strengthen and support the growth and expansion of disc golf throughout Europe through the PDGA affiliated country and international program
- Strive to ensure equality and fairness in decision making for both the Scandinavian based “EuroNorth” and the continental Europe based “EuroSouth” countries.
- Set tour standards for classification of PDGA-affiliated European events into appropriate tiers within the different countries.
- Set standards for classification of European players into universal Professional and Amateur divisions for competition in PDGA events in Europe and around the world
- Develop multi-lingual versions of standard PDGA documents, including the PDGA Rules of Play, the Official’s Exam, informational and marketing flyers, as tools for the affiliated countries
- Assist in the introduction and development of disc golf into other European countries
- Increase the professionalism, and the marketability of PDGA EuroTour events to communities, businesses, and the media at the local, regional, and national levels.
- Support the growth of individual national disc golf associations through affiliation with PDGA Europe.
- Strengthen the PDGA brand as the global leader in organized/competitive disc golf

3. PDGA Affiliated Country

The cornerstone of the strategy for growing disc golf internationally is the building of partnerships between the PDGA, PDGA Europe, and the national disc golf (or disc sports) association(s), both at the country and at the continental level. At the country level, these relations focus on growing PDGA memberships and integrating tournaments into a global system of PDGA Tour events, with the National Associations retaining responsibility for all other domestic/in-country issues. At the continental level, the focus is on developing the PDGA EuroTour, PDGA Major events, the European Championships, the marketing of these events, and related event standards.

The following 19 countries are participating in PDGA Europe in 2013:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

The following countries are targeted for future affiliation with PDGA Europe:

Croatia, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia.

All European countries are welcome to join and should contact the PDGA International Director or the PDGA EuroTour Manager for more information.



The basic criteria for being a PDGA affiliated country in 2013 are:

- The collection and submission of at least ten (10) PDGA memberships, including payment, to PDGAHQ
- The hosting of one (1) or more sanctioned PDGA Tour events in country, including adherence to PDGA event standards and the submission of timely event information, results, and fees

4. PDGA Country Coordinator

Each affiliated country has a PDGA Country Coordinator, as appointed by the national association, or in the absence of a national disc golf or disc sports body, by the current PDGA members in that country. The Country Coordinator serves as representative to the PDGA Europe Committee. The roles and responsibilities of PDGA Country Coordinators include:

- The promotion, and submission of memberships using the forms provided by PDGAHQ
- The submission of event dates to the PDGA Office Manager, and event results to the PDGA International Director using the forms provided
- The management, tracking, and submission of the membership and event fees due from their country. All fees are sent to the PDGA Office in Georgia, USA, with the exception of EuroTour event fees which are sent to the PDGA EuroTour Manager.
- See Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the systems used to submit and track memberships and events information and payments
- Participation in the PDGA Europe yahoo group discussions on current topics
- Country vote on any PDGA Europe and International disc golf topics requiring group decision
- Coordination of PDGA activity and promotion in country, including the distribution of PDGA Europe resources and tools to TDs and members (Guide to PDGA Europe, International Event Report, on-line scoring instructions, membership forms, officials tests, info on the benefits of PDGA membership, etc.).
- The handling of PDGA related requests from TDs and members in their country
- Communication with PDGA regarding country issues and priorities including reporting on any significant developments or breakthroughs, and identifying specific areas for PDGA support
- Facilitation of new and updated information on country disc golf courses in the PDGA Course Directory

PDGA support and benefits to the affiliated country includes:

- individual membership benefits, including player ratings, as discussed below
- PDGA Tour calendar listings and event results posted at www.pdga-europe.com and www.pdga.com
- PDGA support packages and resources, including banners, merchandise samples, tour programs, course design, event management, marketing and sponsorship materials, etc
- assistance with the translation of key PDGA literature, such as the "PDGA Rules of Play", Officials Test, and "What is Disc Golf" brochure, into local languages
- rights to use PDGA or PDGA-affiliated names and logos
- dedicated topical areas at www.pdga-europe.com and in the international section at www.pdga.com with linkages to events, country websites and other information



5. Affiliated Country Memberships

1. Each country association should have its own membership system with national fees and the option for members to pay for a PDGA Affiliated Membership. Countries that do not have a formal association or membership structure are encouraged to register their players as affiliated members with the PDGA, and to seek advice from other European countries and the PDGA in establishing a country association.

2. 2013 PDGA Affiliated International Membership Fees:

US\$30 Professional
US\$20 Amateur & Junior

- Receives PDGA member/tour card, sticker, information, rules book*, tracking of individual's player results and rating at www.pdga.com, the right to play in PDGA Tour events around the world, the right to play in PDGA Major events subject to player qualification.

*The PDGA generally gives its members 1 rules book each time a new edition is published. New members receive the rules book as part of their membership. National Associations also can distribute copies of the rules book in their local language.

+ US\$10 New member discs

- For this fee a new first time PDGA affiliated member also receives a PDGA logo disc. All new members receive a PDGA logo mini disc with their member #.

+ US\$35 *Discgolfer* - PDGA Magazine

- Annual subscription (4 quarterly issues) sent by airmail.

- Each affiliated Country Coordinator receives a complementary magazine subscription
- The PDGA international membership price structure remains lower than for USA members. This reflects the fact that most European players also pay a national association fee whereas in USA the PDGA is the national association. USA members also have more opportunities to compete in PDGA events and benefit from greater PDGA activity in USA.
- See Appendix 1 for the 2013 PDGA Europe membership forms
- See Appendix 2 "The Benefits of International PDGA Membership"

3. Standard Individual International PDGA Membership (available at www.pdgastore.com)

- The PDGA has members from around the world, including many non-affiliated countries where there are less than 5 and in some cases only 1 member. Any international disc golf player can therefore also pay for their membership directly to the PDGA Office, by mail or on line. However this method of paying is not considered to be part of the affiliated country program. Therefore the prices are higher:
 - Renewal with NO magazine - \$40
 - Renewal with airmail magazine - \$75
 - New member with NO magazine - \$40
 - New member with airmail magazine - \$75
 - These new member prices include the new member PDGA logo disc and mini.



6. PDGA Europe Player Classifications

The following list includes all 2013 PDGA Professional and Amateur divisions. The typical PDGA event divisions are shown in **bold**.

PROFESSIONALS:

- In Professional divisions, players compete for cash in Euros (€) (or the local national currency), and trophies.
- The following Professional divisions may be offered at 2013 PDGA Tour events in Europe:
 - o **Open (MPO) – All players eligible, regardless of age or gender.**
 - o **Women (FPO) – All female players eligible, regardless of age.**
 - o **Master (MPM) – All players born 1973 or earlier, regardless of gender.**
 - o Master Women (FPM) – All female players born 1973 or earlier.
 - o **Grandmaster (MPG) – All players born 1963 or earlier, regardless of gender.**
 - o Grandmaster Women (FPG) – All female players born 1963 or earlier.
 - o Senior Grandmaster (MPS) – All players born 1953 or earlier, regardless of gender.
 - o Senior Grandmaster Women (FPS) – All female players born 1953 or earlier.
 - o Legend (MPL) – All players born 1943 or earlier, regardless of gender.
 - o Legend Women (FPL) – All female players born 1943 or earlier.
 - o Senior Legend (MPE) – All players born 1938 or earlier, regardless of gender.
 - o Grand Legend (MPR) – All players born 1933 or earlier, regardless of gender.

AMATEURS:

- In Amateur and Junior divisions, players compete for prizes and trophies.
- The following Amateur and Junior divisions may be offered at 2013 PDGA Tour events in Europe:
 - o **Advanced Amateur (MA1) – All players eligible, required for players rated 935+.**
 - o **Advanced Women (FW1) – All female players eligible, required for players rated 800+.**
 - o Amateur Master (MM1) – All players born 1973 or earlier, regardless of gender.
 - o Amateur Master Women (FM1) – All female players born 1973 or earlier.
 - o Amateur Grandmaster (MG1) – All players born 1963 or earlier, regardless of gender.
 - o Amateur Grandmaster Women (FG1) – All female players born 1963 or earlier.
 - o Amateur Senior Grandmaster (MS1) – All players born 1953 or earlier, regardless of gender.
 - o Amateur Senior Grandmaster Women (FS1) – All female players born 1953 or earlier.
 - o Amateur Legend (ML1) – All players born 1943 or earlier, regardless of gender.
 - o **Intermediate Amateur (MA2) – All players with a rating of <935**
 - o Intermediate Women (FW2) – All female players with a rating of <800
 - o **Recreational Amateur (MA3) – All players with a rating of <900**
 - o Recreational Women (FW3) – All female players with a rating of <750
 - o Novice Amateur (MA4) – All players with a rating of <850
 - o **Junior I (MJ1, FJ1) – Players born 1994 or later.**
 - o **Junior II (MJ2, FJ2) – Players born 1997 or later.**
 - o Junior III (MJ3, FJ3) – Players born 2000 or later.
 - o Junior IV (MJ4, FJ4) – Players born 2003 or later.
- A player relinquishes their PDGA Amateur status by accepting money for place of finish in a Pro division.
- A player retains PDGA Amateur status by accepting Amateur merchandise in lieu of cash won in a Pro division.
- Pro players are not eligible to compete in Amateur and Junior divisions at PDGA Europe events, but may seek reclassification as Amateur by petitioning their National Association or Country Representative.



7. Leading Disc Golf Events in Europe

A. Latitude 64 Copenhagen Open

- This first time PDGA Major event will be held **May 9-12, 2013** at the Valbyparken in Copenhagen, Denmark. All participants must be current PDGA members and must have passed the PDGA official's test in order to compete in this event. See www.cphopen.dk for more information.

B. European Open

- This PDGA Major event will be held **July 18-21, 2013** in Nokia, Finland. All participants must be current PDGA members and must have passed the PDGA official's test in order to compete in this event.. See www.opendiscgolf.com for more information.

C. European Disc Golf Championships

- The European DGCs are held every 2 years and are managed jointly by the event hosts and by the European DGCs Committee, which is a sub-Committee of PDGA Europe, on behalf of the National Associations. Entry is restricted to qualifying European citizens and residents.
- The next European DGCs will be held in 2014. The event location and other details will be announced in 2013.
- The bid deadline for the European DGCs is December 31 two years prior, i.e. Dec 31, 2014 for the 2016 ECs

D. USDGC Qualifiers

- The two PDGA Europe Majors in 2013 will serve as qualifier events for the USDGC Open flight. Each PDGA affiliated country will also be able to determine 1 national player entry for the USDGC Performance flight. Upon finalization, the player qualification standards for the 2013 USDGC will be posted at: <http://www.usdgc.com/competitors/qualifying> .

E. Comments

- 2013 PDGA event sponsorships will be: Copenhagen Open \$2500 & European Open \$3000.
- The evolution of a set of leading European events must allow for potential Tour Major events to develop in the EuroSouth to ensure balance. PDGA reserves the right to restrict the number of Major events worldwide.
- In order to be considered for Tour Major status, the following is required:
 - i. The submission of a detailed proposal demonstrating how the event will be of a very high standard in all aspects, including management, marketing, sponsorship, courses, player field, purse, hotel, food, and other amenities. This proposal must be received by March 31 one year prior to the event, ie March 31, 2013 for a 2014 Major event.
 - ii. In-depth review and approval of the proposal by the PDGA Board of Directors.

8. 2013 PDGA EuroTour

a. Overview

- A championship series of 8-12 leading events across Europe, featuring many of the continent's biggest and best events. Participating players earn points at each event towards the season-long EuroTour titles and cash bonuses.
- Bids from the countries for EuroTour (ET) events must be submitted to the EuroTour Manager by November 15th of the previous year. Sole bids from a country may be considered after this date, but only up to December 15th .
- 2 or 3 day events only.
- In an 8, 10 or 12 event series, events will be equally divided between the EuroNorth and the EuroSouth. In a 9 or 11 event series, the events will be split as equally as possible.



- EuroNorth is generally defined as Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, & Russia. EuroSouth is generally defined as Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland & United Kingdom.
- In order to ensure a balanced schedule, a EuroSouth country may be assigned to EuroNorth or vice versa.
- While the focus of the EuroTour is primarily on the Pro divisions, countries are also welcome to host Amateur divisions as part of their event(s), as they deem appropriate.
- The EuroTour standards will be reviewed in-depth in 2013, with the aim of producing a new set of guidelines for 2014 that best accommodates the different visions of the countries and their player levels.

b. 2013 PDGA EuroTour Schedule – Final

EventDate	Tier	OfficialName	City	Country	Region
Apr 6-7	B	Dutch Open	Berschenhoek	Netherlands	South
Apr 13-14	B	Vilnius Open	Vilnius	Lithuania	South
May 4-5	B	Kokkedal Open	Copenhagen	Denmark	North
May 18-19	A	Twin Lakes Annual	Stockholm	Sweden	North
Jun 7-9	B	Sula Open	Sula	Norway	North
Jun 28-30	B	Estonian Open	Tallinn	Estonia	North
Jul 12-14	A	European Open - The Preliminary	Turku	Finland	North
Aug 9-11	B	Finnish Open	Oulu	Finland	North
Aug 31-Sep 1	B	Belgian Open	Braine l'Alleud	Belgium	South
Sep 28-29	B	XVII French Disc Golf Open	Jablins-Annet	France	South
Oct 5-6	B	Disc Golf Italia Open	Florence	Italy	South

c. 2013 PDGA EuroTour Points & Bonus System

- A € 5 per player fee is collected at EuroTour events. These fees go towards the EuroTour player bonuses and trophies (+/- 2/3), and the management of the PDGA EuroTour and PDGA Europe website (+/- 1/3).
- For players in the MPO, FPO, MPM and MPG divisions the top 4 event points will be counted towards their overall EuroTour position and the bonus payouts. Up to 3 of these events can be in one half of the continent, meaning either the EuroNorth or the EuroSouth. However, in order to count in the EuroTour standings, a player's 4th event must be in the other half of the continent. A minimum of 3 EuroTour events must be played in order for a player in these divisions to qualify for the bonus payouts, with at least 1 event played in each half of the continent.
- For players in the MJ1 and MPS divisions the top 3 event points will be counted towards their overall EuroTour position and the bonus payouts. Up to 2 of these events can be in one half of the continent, meaning either the EuroNorth or the EuroSouth. However, in order to count in the EuroTour standings, an MPS or MJ1 player's 3rd event must be in the other half of the continent. A minimum of 2 EuroTour events must be played in order for a player in these divisions to qualify for the EuroTour trophies, with at least 1 event played in each half of the continent.

Points System:

The EuroTour points system awards 150 points to the winners in each pro division, and descending amounts of points based on division and place of finish. Please see the 2013 EuroTour points table (Appendix 8) for the specific numbers of points awarded in each division to each position.

The maximum # of points an MPO FPO MPM or MPG player can obtain is 600, based on 1st place finishes at 4 EuroTour events. The maximum # of points an MPS, or MJ1 player can obtain is 450, based on 1st place finishes at 3 EuroTour events.



Points will also be tracked for MA1 division as a courtesy for MA1 competitors.

The latest EuroTour points standings will be posted shortly after each event at www.pdga-europe.com.

Tiebreakers for final position will be decided based first on points earned in head to head play, then on the basis of comparative scores in head to head play, and if necessary by further review of each player's cumulative and comparative EuroTour results.

Players who qualify to compete in more than 1 division can register in their division of choice for each ET event. ET points are awarded based on the division a player actually competes in. ET points earned in different divisions cannot be combined into one division.

A EuroTour event in which a player starts but Does Not Finish (DNFs) will still be counted towards that player's overall EuroTour position and bonus payout.

Bonus System:

The top 10 MPO, the top 3 FPO, the top 3 MPM and the top 3 MPG will be paid EuroTour bonuses, amounts to be determined based on the amount of sanctioning and player fees received from EuroTour events. Medals will also be awarded to the top 3 EuroTour finishers in MPO, FPO, MPM, MPG, MPS, and MJ1 divisions only.

d. 2013 EuroTour Event Player Qualification & Registration:

- Events must be open to all PDGA members - both players from European countries and overseas players. All players must be current PDGA members before the day that the event starts in order to participate. A player's PDGA membership must be verified as current (paid) before tee off. It is the responsibility of each player to provide proof to the tournament center desk, by presenting their 2013 PDGA membership card or printed evidence of membership paid from the PDGA website or their National Association.
- Events must offer registration in the 6 divisions for which EuroTour points are officially awarded, namely Open (MPO), Women (FPO), Master (MPM), Grandmaster (MPG), Senior Grandmaster (MPS), and Junior (MJ1). EuroTour events who wish to include Amateur and/or more Junior divisions may do so, but may only open registration for these divisions at "Stage 3."

Events must use the 12 week / 7 Stage registration system described below. The tournament website shall list these procedures including a checkbox, which registering players need to mark, to confirm that they have understood and agree to the registration procedures. The opening date for registration must be announced to the PDGA Europe yahoo group at least 2 weeks in advance so that the Country Coordinators can inform their member players accordingly. No players may register for an event before their Stage begins. 10 spots are to be reserved for Pro Women players

- A maximum of 20% of the total places in the event, and an absolute maximum of 25 individual places are to be reserved as "Wildcards." These places will be assigned by the host TD to players of their choice. Wildcards are aimed at ensuring that traveling international players, top European pros who failed to register earlier, domestic players from the host country, and players from smaller or newer European countries also have opportunity to participate. TDs should announce how they intend on using their Wildcards. TDs have the option to not use some or all of their Wildcards and to make those places part of general event registration instead.

Ratings-Based Registration Stages			
Division	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
MPO	975+	940+	All Ratings
FPO	900+	825+	All Ratings
MPM	950+	900+	All Ratings
MPG	925+	875+	All Ratings
MPS	875+	825+	All Ratings
MJ1	925+	875+	All Ratings

- Stage 1 = Registration Weeks 1 & 2, to begin on a date announced by the TD. Only Stage 1 players who qualify for Stage 1 in the table above may register. Payments for all players registering during Stage 1 must be received by the tournament by the end of Stage 1. Any registering players whose payment is not received by the end of Stage 1 will be removed from the list of registered players. If the event is filled before the end of Stage 1 all players registering after this time will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they registered and will not pay their entry fees.
- Stage 2 = Registration Weeks 3 & 4. Only Stage 2 players who qualify for Stage 2 in the table above may register. Payments for all players registering during Stage 2 must be received by the tournament by the end of Stage 2. Any registering players whose payment is not received by the end of Stage 2 will be removed from the list of registered players. If the event is filled before the end of Stage 2 all players registering after this time will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they registered and will not pay their entry fees.
- Stage 3 = Registration Weeks 5 & 6. Only Stage 3 players who qualify for Stage 3 in the table above may register. Payments for all players registering during Stage 3 must be received by the tournament by the end of Stage 3. Any registering players whose payment is not received by the end of Stage 3 will be removed from the list of registered players. If the event is filled before the end of Stage 3 all players registering after this time will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they registered and will not pay their entry fees.
- Stage 4 = Registration Week 7. Open to Pro Women only until the event includes a total of 10 Pro Women, including women who have been on the waiting list. Any registering Pro Women whose payment is not received by the end of Stage 4 will be removed from the list of registered players.
- Stage 5 = Registration Weeks 8 & 9. During this Stage the Wildcard places will be assigned. Entry fee payments from players receiving Wildcards must be received by the end of this stage.
- Stage 6 = Registration Weeks 10 & 11. If there are remaining spots available they will be offered to players on the waiting list in the order in which said players registered. It is up to the TD how to handle this, but the recommendation is to send an e-mail on the first day of week 10 to x number of players on the waiting list and to give them until the last day of week 10 to pay. Then the same procedure can be followed in week 11 for possible remaining spots.
- Stage 7 = Registration Week 12. Any players who withdraw are replaced by the players who are now at the top of the waiting list. Refunds of entry fees for players who withdraw from an event after paying are at the TD's discretion. The PDGA recommends that all paid players who withdraw at least 1 week in advance of an event be given a 100% refund less any administrative/bank costs involved.



**Here is an example of a EuroTour event player registration sequence.
Event capacity: 90 players including 18 wildcards.**

- Stage 1: 34 players register, including 3 women. 2 payments are not received by the Stage 1 deadline. Players accepted = 32.
- Stage 2: 28 players register and pay, including 2 women. 3 payments are not received by the Stage 2 deadline. Players accepted = 25.
- Stage 3: 24 players register, including 1 woman. The first 11 players including the 1 woman are accepted, all of whom pay by the Stage 3 deadline.
- The event now has 68 players, including 6 women.
- Stage 4: 2 more women register and pay.
- Stage 5: The TD then assigns the 18 Wildcards all of whom pay within 2 weeks. The event now has 88 players.
- Stage 6: The remaining 2 spots are awarded to the 2 players at the top of the waitlist. The event is now full at 90 players.
- Stage 7: Of these 90 players, 3 withdraw. Their entry fees are refunded and their places are awarded to first 3 remaining players on the waitlist who pay immediately. The event field is now complete.

e. EuroTour Event Standards

- Minimum 3 rounds of 18 or more holes (= 54 holes in total) for all players
- For events which play less than 63 holes during regulation play, a Final Round of at least 9 holes must be held. For events which play 63 or more holes during regulation play (for example 3 rounds x 21 or more holes) a Final Round is not required.
- For events with Finals, the TD will determine prior to their event, and announce at the player meeting, which of the following formats will be used in the Final Round following regulation play:
 - a. 9 holes, shotgun start = 36 players in 4somes
 - b. 9 holes, staggered start = 36 players in 4somes
 - c. 18 holes, shotgun start = 72 players in 4somes
- Each final group should consist of 4 players. Each division with 3 or more players should have players advance to the finals. If necessary the smallest divisions can be combined in one group.
- For the larger divisions at least 25% of the total number of players in each division should participate in the final, rounded up to make foursomes. Examples: a 25 player division would qualify at least 8 players (2 foursomes) for finals; an 87 person division would qualify at least 24 players (6 foursomes).
- It is the TD's choice whether or not to let tied players play the final or if the players should be separated by tie-breakers.
- The following are recommendations for event awards ceremonies, in the interest of attracting many of the players and spectators while still ensuring them a good departure time. Awards will be organized in advance, will start within 15 minutes of the completion of play, and will last no longer than 15-20 minutes. Only the trophy winners should be announced, with a separate table set up for players to collect their envelopes and prizes. While the pro payout and amateur prizes should be distributed as much as possible at the event it is up to each TD to determine how they will handle the payout, including the use of post event payment systems such as wire transfer and paypal.
- Event results, using the PDGA provided International Event Report form, are to be submitted to the PDGA International Director, and the EuroTour Manager no later than 3 days following the event.



- Tournament Director must be a non-playing staff member who is a current PDGA member and who has passed the PDGA Officials Test (certified PDGA official).
- € 100 PDGA EuroTour Sanction Fee.
Sanctioning Agreement and Fee submitted to the PDGA EuroTour Manager 3 months prior to event
- € 5 PDGA EuroTour Player Fee required to be collected from every Pro, Amateur, and Junior player by the Host as part of entry fee, player fees received by PDGA EuroTour Manager within 1 month following event.

f. Tier Standards

The PDGA Europe Committee has set the following standards and expectations for the different tiers (or levels) of events. For the continental showcase EuroTour events, these standards are expected to be closely followed or exceeded.

If an event or TD does not agree with certain standards or Rules, he/she may appeal, through their Country Coordinator, to the PDGA Europe Committee for a waiver of the condition(s) in question.

Beyond these standards, the philosophy of the PDGA is that any sanctioned event that is well organized, and that provides its player-customers with a solid competition, and a generous return on their entry fees, is more than acceptable. Host clubs and TDs should also be able to show a profit within reason, especially where their efforts have resulted in significant event sponsorship.

The PDGA reviews but does not micro-manage its Tour events. The PDGA will only get involved when events fall significantly below standards or fail to respect the Rules of Play, when it receives complaints about an event from its member-players, or when an event is late in submitting its report and/or fees.

A Tier:

- € 100 sanctioning fee, €5 per player fee. All EuroTour event fees are sent to the PDGA EuroTour Manager.
- 90+ pro player field expected, 72 pro player minimum capacity.
- Courses groomed for event including fairways cleaned, course event and tour signage, banners, etc on display
- € 5000 minimum pro payout including € 1000 minimum sponsor cash added
- 80%+ of net entry fees & sponsor cash paid out, minimum 33% of players in each division paid out
- Trophies to at least Top 3 in MPO division, the FPO winner, and to winners of all other divisions with at least 4 players
- Complete event results posted on-line at end of each day

B Tier:

- € 100 sanctioning fee, €5 per player fee. All EuroTour event fees are sent to the PDGA EuroTour Manager.
- 48 pro player & 72 total players minimum capacity
- Courses groomed for event including fairways cleaned, course event and tour signage, banners, etc on display
- € 1500 minimum pro purse including € 250 minimum sponsor cash added
- 80%+ of net entry fees & sponsor cash paid out, minimum 33% of players in each division paid out
- Trophies to at least Top 3 in MPO division, the FPO winner, and to winners of all other divisions with at least 4 players
- Complete event results posted on-line at end of each day



9. 2013 PDGA EuroChallenge Tour

a. Overview

- The EuroChallenge Tour consists of all other PDGA sanctioned events in Europe
- While the promotion of national and PDGA memberships is always encouraged, it is the responsibility of the host association to determine the membership requirements, if any, of participating in their EuroChallenge events. The PDGA does require that out of country current members, who sign up on time to secure a position in a EuroChallenge event, be allowed to participate without paying any extra fees.
- Affiliated countries will determine which of their other national events they wish to sanction with PDGA, and the tier levels for these events, following the guidelines below.
- These events receive the standard benefits of PDGA sanctioning including listing on the PDGA Tour calendar, calculation and publication of player statistics and ratings, etc.
- For 2013, EuroChallenge Tour events are to submit a sanctioning fee of A Tier - US\$ 75, B Tier - US\$ 50, C Tier - US\$ 25. These fees are collected by the PDGA Office, and cover the costs incurred in servicing events and in generating player statistics and ratings.
- In order to be listed in the PDGA Tour calendar, the event sanctioning fee must have been received by the Country Coordinator or by the PDGA Office.
- Tournament Director must be a current PDGA member and have passed the certified PDGA official's test.
- EuroChallenge Tour events can apply for promotion to EuroTour in future years based on performance

All EuroChallenge Tour events must meet the following timelines:

- 1 month prior to event: submission of event Sanctioning Fee to PDGA Country Coordinator for sending on to PDGAHQ.
- 1 month following event: submission of electronic PDGA event report including scores, payout, courses played, and other details to Country Coordinator and to PDGAHQ.

b. Tier Standards

The PDGA Europe Committee has set the following standards and expectations for the different tiers (or levels) of EuroChallenge Tour events. If an event or TD does not agree with certain standards or Rules, he/she may appeal, through their Country Coordinator, to the PDGA Europe Committee for a waiver of the condition(s) in question.

The requirements for EuroChallenge events are designed to accommodate the standards and norms used by each country in their national/domestic series, and in their local level events. It is up to each Tournament Director to ensure that prevailing national standards are met.

A Tier:

- US\$ 75 sanctioning fee, sent to PDGA Office.
- 48 pro player & 72 total players minimum capacity
- Courses groomed for event
- € 2500 minimum pro payout
- 70%+ of entry fees & net sponsor cash paid out, minimum 33% of players in each division paid out
- Trophies to at least Top 3 in MPO division and to winners of all other divisions
- All EuroChallenge events with an expected pro payout of at least € 5000 must sanction as A tier

B Tier:

- US\$ 50 sanctioning fee, sent to PDGA Office.
- 24 pro player, 72 total players minimum capacity
- Courses groomed for event
- € 750 minimum pro payout
- 50%+ of net entry fees & sponsor cash paid out, minimum 25% of players in each division paid out
- Trophies to winners in all divisions
- All EuroChallenge events with an expected pro payout of at least € 1500 must sanction as B tier
- Exception: Any National Championships event below A tier standards may sanction as a B Tier



C Tier:

- US\$ 25 sanctioning fee, sent to PDGA Office.
- Events which fall below B tier standards as described above
- EuroChallenge C Tiers includes events without entry fees or payouts or that pay out solely in prizes/merchandise.

10. Event Entry Fees and Payout Standards

Calculation of Entry Fees

- PDGA Europe events and TDs are requested to follow the flexible table below in determining their entry fees. This will build consistency in events and player experience in your country and across Europe.
- 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:
 - a. PDGA EuroTour event player fees - € 5 per player (all divisions)
 - b. Host country association and/or local club fees
 - c. Host park, land owner, and/or municipal authorities fees (green fees)

2013 PDGA EUROPE – RECOMMENDED TOTAL ENTRY FEES					
EuroTier	Open	Women	Master/GM	Amateurs	Juniors
Euro Major & Euro DGCs	€ 90-125	€ 90-125	€ 90-125	€ 50-125	€ 50-125
EuroTour A Tier	€ 60-100	€ 60-90	€ 60-90	€ 30-50	€ 30-50
EuroTour B Tier	€ 40-80	€ 40-70	€ 40-70	€ 20-40	€ 20-40
Challenge Tour A Tier	€ 40-80	€ 40-70	€ 40-70	€ 20-40	€ 20-40
Challenge Tour B Tier	€ 20-50	€ 20-50	€ 20-50	€ 10-30	€ 10-30
Challenge Tour C Tier	€ 0-30	€ 0-30	€ 0-30	€ 0-20	€ 0-20

Calculation of Event and Divisional Payouts

- The minimum amounts and %s of players to be paid out at EuroTour and EuroChallenge events by Tier are described in Sections 8 and 9 of this document.

Example:

The payout standards for a EuroTour B tier event are:

- € 1500 minimum pro purse including € 250 minimum sponsor cash added
- 80%+ of net entry fees & sponsor cash paid out, minimum 33% of players in each division paid out
- For a EuroTour B tier with € 250 sponsor cash and 35 pro players paying a net entry fee of € 50 the calculation of the minimum purse is therefore (€ 250 + € 1750 = € 2000) x 80% = € 1600.
- The remaining % of net entry fees and sponsor cash (in the above case this = 20% or € 400) should also go to the purse, to the extent this is reasonably possible. However these funds, in particular sponsorship monies, are also for the TD and the host club to use in covering their other costs (trophies, pro player



packages, food and drink provided free to players, and other event organization costs), and even in making a small profit.

- PDGA Europe events and TDs are also expected to follow the 2013 PDGA International Payout Table (see Appendix 4) in determining the payouts for each division at their events. This table provides payout schedules and curves for the top 25%, 33%, and 40% of players within a division. This table is also built into the International Event Report form, as a tool for assisting TDs with their payout calculations. Please see the Table for the payout curves used and for an example of a division payout calculation.
- At all PDGA Europe events each Pro division is to receive its proportional share of the net entry fees in the purse.
- In regards to the allocation of added money, it is recommended that this be divided among all pro divisions, but that MPO (top players) and especially FPO (small division of top women players) receive a greater share on a per player basis. For example, a Euro event payout could include € 5 added per MPO player, FPO € 10, and other pro divisions € 3 per player.

11. Rules of Play

- All PDGA Tour events and Tournament Directors acknowledge that they are familiar with and agree to follow the official PDGA Rules of Play. The 2013 Rules of Play will be in effect.
- The PDGA Europe guidelines supersede any wordings from the PDGA Competition Manual, wherever there are contradictions. This is because the Competition Manual is mainly aimed at USA events. The exception is the annual PDGA Europe Major event(s), where the Competition Manual is in effect. Beyond this it is up to each European country to determine how the standards and procedures discussed in the Competition Manual are applied in their country.
- A new official's test was released in 2011, with retesting for existing officials required. All TDs of 2013 PDGA Europe events are required to have passed this test before their event(s). The test costs \$10 and is available at www.pdga.com in English, Finnish, German and Russian.
- The following PDGA policy is a requirement of all 2013 PDGA Tour Events:
Any player who uses an illegal substance, or any other substance forbidden by park or course rules, during his or her play (from the 2-minute warning through submission of his or her scorecard) shall be disqualified from the event. This standard applies equally to underage consumption of otherwise legal substances, as well as to substances illegal for use by all. This standard also extends to venues where alcohol or recreational drugs are otherwise permitted: in such cases there must be a course or event rule in place making the use of alcohol or recreational drugs during play illegal. In summary, the use of alcohol, illegal substances, and recreational drugs whether legal or not, will not be tolerated during competition. TD's are to report any and all such disqualifications: i) at EuroTour events to PDGA Europe, and ii) at PDGA EuroChallenge Tour events to the host National Association. All players should be aware that violation of this rule may result in disciplinary action being taken by PDGA against the player or players in question, including possible suspension.
- The decision to apply the 2 meter rule rests with the National Associations and with each event Tournament Director. National Associations may declare whether the 2 meter rule will be applied or not applied at all PDGA events in their country. In the absence of such a declaration, the decision will rest with individual TDs, who must announce their decision at the players meeting or in the event information. Where no announcement is made the 2 meter rule will NOT be in effect.



Tiebreakers

- Playoffs for first place in any division must be used to determine the winner. These playoffs will typically begin on hole 1 and last as long as needed to determine the winner. First place cash/prize value must be awarded to the playoff winner and listed in event results.
- Players tying for 2nd or 3rd place or any other positions (asides from 1st place) are deemed by PDGA to have tied and must split cash/prize value for the positions in question. These players may playoff or use another means for determining trophy winners but must show as finishing tied in the official event results.
- For EuroTour event semi finals and finals: While the event TD is the ultimate decider, it is recommended that all ties after regulation play that extend beyond the number of spots allocated for a division be broken before semi-final or final play begins. For example, after regulation play, if there is a 3 way tie for 4th place in MPM division, these 3 players would playoff for the last spot in the MPM Final, with the 2 playoff losers finishing tied 5th. Due to time restraints it is recommended that these sudden death playoffs for semi final and final places 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 champions should be identified in the tournament information provided to players.

12. Acknowledgement of Standards

All PDGA Europe events and Tournament Directors acknowledge that they have read and agree to follow the 2013 PDGA Europe standards outlined in this document.

13. PDGA Europe Disciplinary Guidelines

The following have been adopted from the British DGA and PDGA USA to provide the Committee with a set of rules for dealing with complaints against Players or Tournament Directors, and to ensure that PDGA By-Laws are followed. They also provide a guide for Players and TDs, such that they know what to expect from the Committee as regards disciplinary action, whether they are the alleged offender or complaining member.

Offences

Including (but not limited to):

1. Serious or Repeated Violations of the Rules of Play (Players)
2. Bringing the Sport into disrepute (Players or TDs)
3. Failure to observe Tour Guidelines (TDs)

Complaints Time line

In order to be considered by the PDGA Europe Committee, the PDGA Disciplinary Action Form must be completed, either by the complaining member or the representative of the country in which the incident took place, and be received by the Committee within 30 days of the incident in question. (See Appendix 10).

As soon as the completed Form is received, the Committee should:

1. Within 14 days, consider whether it is sufficiently serious to merit further investigation. If not, then the complaining member should be informed and given reasons for the matter not being pursued. Otherwise, if the matter merits further consideration,
2. Seek further corroborative evidence over the following 14 days, and
3. Decide (within a further 14 days) if sufficient evidence exists for the complaint to be upheld, and if so
4. Issue a recommended sanction to the PDGA Disciplinary Committee Chair, who will:
Determine if sanction is to be ratified, communicate their decision to the offending member(s) and the member(s) host country association(s), including the opportunity for the disciplined member(s) to appeal, and publish the sanction imposed to the PDGA membership.

Sanctions

Depending on the severity of the offence, the following sanctions may be applied to players or TDs:

1. Informal warning
2. Formal warning
3. Probation
4. Suspension from competing in and/or directing and/or officiating PDGA sanctioned events



Prior conduct will be taken into account in determining the appropriate level of disciplinary action. In addition, further sanctions (e.g. Financial/restitutionary) may be recommended by the Committee.

Voting

A majority vote is required by the Committee, both in relation to the evidence presented and the extent of the sanction imposed.

Special Cases

A Committee member complained against should not take part in the complaints or voting processes. A substitute Committee member shall be nominated by the remainder of the Committee.

14. PDGA Europe Contacts

PDGA Europe resources and information can be found at www.pdga-europe.com, including the contents of this Guide, the 2013 PDGA EuroTour and EuroChallenge Tour schedules and event results, the latest EuroTour standings, historical PDGA Europe events, EuroTour photos, individual EuroTour player statistics, and more. Additional resources related to the PDGA International Program can be found at <http://www.pdga.com/international>.

For more information on PDGA Europe please contact your Country Coordinator, or one of the other PDGA representatives listed below:

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