

I. General

1. This document describes how the **Tri-Point Disc Golf Tour** (referred as *the Tour* in the text) comes into being and provides guidelines for its organization, management, and tournaments.
2. This document defines minimum standards that a Disc Golf tournament must meet to be part of the Tour. The abbreviation **TPDGT** is a working title used for the Tour.
3. By applying for hosting of a Tour tournament, the applicant must comply with these standards.
4. The Tour is a joint event of the Austrian Disc Golf Association, Disc Golf Hungary and the Slovak Association of Frisbee (and its disc golf section) who are the joint co-owners of the Tour with equal shares.
5. All decisions regarding the organization (tournament date and site selection, etc.), rulings not covered in the standards or PDGA rules are taken by the Tour board (referred as the Board in the text) consisting of one delegate from each country / association.
6. Each country/association nominates one representative (National **TPDGT** Coordinator – NC) by the end of September responsible for all matters concerning the Tour in the upcoming season.
7. All information will be shared via discgolf.at, disc-golf.hu, discgolf.sk

II. Tour/Tournaments

1. The Tour consists of six (6) tournaments each calendar year. Each participating country/association usually hosts two (2) tournaments.
2. Tour tournaments take place in Austria, Hungary or Slovakia not further than 250 km (as the crow flies) from the meeting point of the borderline – the so called **Tri-Point** of all the three participating countries. The Board makes the final decisions on the locations and dates of the events associated with the Tour.
3. The Board publishes a standardized organizer Tour application form and distributes it to NCs. An application for a Tour tournament then must be submitted to the respective NC by the end of October of the previous season at the latest. Subsequent postponements are only possible upon approval of the Board.
4. Each Tour tournament must be PDGA sanctioned at least as C-tier but preferably as B-tier and higher.
5. Each Tour tournament must be open for at least 72 participants.
6. Each Tour tournament must last at least two (2) days.
7. Tournament days are usually Saturday and Sunday.

III. Divisions

1. The Tour competition runs in divisions MPO, FPO, MJ18, FJ18 (Tour Competition Divisions). The Tour points are awarded only for players registered and playing in these divisions.
2. At each Tour tournament all Tour Competition Divisions must be open without any requirement of a minimum number of participants.
3. At the discretion of the Tournament director (TD) additional PDGA divisions may be offered. In these divisions TD may impose a minimal number of participants restriction by publishing a notice on the registration page. Absent such notice, TD shall offer for competition any such division which has four or more players that are eligible and who wish to compete. TDs may offer divisions with fewer than four players at their discretion.
4. Participation in a Tour tournament is open to any player unless the maximum number of participants has not yet been exceeded. Each TD can distribute **up to 7 spots out of the tournament capacity as wildcards**, e.g., to guarantee a starting place for local players. If any of the wildcards are not awarded until an imposed deadline (approved by the Board) the starting positions must be assigned to the next ranked players on the waiting list.
5. Pre-registration of participants (helpers, club members, etc.) in the regular field is not permitted under any circumstances.

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IV. Registration and Tournament Information

Registration and Tournament Website

1. The registration and tournament information must be in English (an additional text in native language of the organizer is permitted) and must be solely done online on a public website with a public list of registered players and of players on the waiting list.
2. It is recommended that TDs use ``*Tournament Registration Tool*'' on discgolf.at for registration for each Tour event. The tool is available to every Tour TD (for questions or problems with the application contact the ÖDGV's IT representative). However, TDs may use a different registration tool of their choice as long as a fair and equal access to the registration tool is provided to all interested players.
3. The information about the tournament on the tournament website must include at least the following details:
 - maximum number of participants,
 - number of rounds played / at least three regular rounds should be scheduled for all participants,
 - preliminary event schedule with the time of the players meeting and awards ceremony,
 - registration details (with all restrictions and registration phases) and deadlines,
 - tournament costs (tournament fees, meal and accommodation costs if provided by the organizer, ace pools, etc.) including the payment details,
 - location of the course,
 - information on catering/food during the tournament,
 - accommodation options if available (contact addresses, booking information, etc.)
4. The tournament information and the time and date of the online registration start must be communicated to the Board by TD by an email no later than one week before the start of the registration. The Board members must share the information within their countries/associations.
5. Registration must start at least eight weeks before the start of the event. It is recommended to start the registration on Sundays at 9pm so that a uniform date is established.
6. The Tour is a competitive series of tournaments that creates the opportunity for the best players in the region to compete against each other more frequently. The registration should be performed in the two phases described below.
7. Each year on December 31 the minimum ratings for the registration for all Tour Competition Divisions during **Phase 1** in the next calendar year are calculated from the then current PDGA ratings.
 - a. In FPO the minimum rating is set to be equal to the PDGA rating of the 10th highest rated female player in the region (Austria, Hungary, Slovakia);
 - b. in MPO the minimum rating is set to be equal to the PDGA rating of the 40th highest rated male player in the same region;
 - c. in FJ18 and MJ18 the minimum ratings are set to be equal 100 points less than the minimum ratings set by these rules for FPO and MPO, respectively.
8. **Phase 1** of the registration lasts for one week. The registration is open only for players competing in Tour Competition Divisions and the minimal current PDGA rating is required on the level set in IV.7.
9. In **Phase 1** the following restrictions for the number of registrant places are imposed:
 - a. approximately 15% of the starting places are reserved for FPO (11 players out of 72);
 - b. approximately 58.5% of the starting places are reserved for MPO (42 players out of 72);
 - c. approximately 5.5% of the starting places are reserved for FJ18 (4 players out of 72);
 - d. approximately 11% of the starting places are reserved for MJ18 (8 players out of 72);
 - e. **up to 7 starting places** are reserved for wildcards.
10. **Phase 2** starts at the same time as **Phase 1** ends. At this stage the registration is open for players of all divisions without any restrictions. The players on the waiting list are always sorted according to the time of their registration regardless of the division they play.

Course

11. A course for the regular rounds must consist of at least 18 and at most 21 different holes. Each basket may only belong to one designated hole.
12. Baskets are not required to be PDGA approved, however they should meet the technical standards of "Disc changes have to be approved by the board of the AHSKT"

Golf Target Specifications” as described by the PDGA (www.pdga.com/files/pdgatechstandards_1-15-17.pdf). Baskets should meet at least the “Standard” specifications, but it is recommended to use baskets meeting the “Championship” specifications.

13. All tees, mandatories, drop zones and OBs must be clearly marked, preferably using stakes visible from a distance.
14. Tee-signs containing at least a hole number, par, and hole length have to be provided at each hole. An increase in the quality of information (height indication, graphic) is recommended.
15. A tournament course map shall be published on the tournament website at least two (2) weeks before the start of the tournament, including any special hole rules diverting from the standard PDGA Rules of Play.

Tournament, Results, and Tour Fees

16. Players meeting must be held in English.
17. Grouping of players. TDs can group the players according to the PDGA Competition Manual or they can use the rule used traditionally in our region (approved by the PDGA International Guide):
 - a. in the first round random grouping (or seeded grouping, or snake grouping),
 - b. in the second round all players are grouped according to their score,
 - c. in the third round all players are grouped according to their division and the scores.
18. Under any circumstances (except unexpected cancelation of the rounds due to inclement weather) the players should be grouped according to their divisions in the last regular round and in the final round of play. The grouping format (and possible tie-breakers) should be published on the tournament website and at the players meeting. The feature cards for the first round can be used only in the case all players are grouped in the first round according to their ratings or in the format in which players with the similar rating tiers are randomly grouped within the individual tiers. Such a format needs to be approved by the Board at least five (5) days before the tournament.
19. The tournament results have to be published based on the current PDGA-standards (<http://www.pdga.com/pdga-documents/tour-documents/pdga-tour-standards>).
20. The final results (player names, their PDGA numbers, sums per round, and totals) must also be sent by e-mail to the respective NC at the latest one day after the end of the tournament. NC will be responsible to forward it to the Board.
21. There are fees imposed at each Tour tournament. The Tour fee for each player is 4 Euro/player at each tournament regardless of the division they play at the event. The fee will be used to cover the cost of the Tour organization:
 - a. 1.50 Euro/player/tournament will be spend on Tour prizes,
 - b. 0.50 Euro/player/tournament will cover the IT infrastructure and work,
 - c. 2.00 Euro/player/tournament goes to the hosting disc golf association for the support of future projects or covering administration costs.
22. TD must transfer the Tour fees total to the hosting association within 10 days after the end of the tournament.
23. Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the course must be available.
24. On Saturday a “players party” or the possibility of a “sociable meeting” is desired.
25. Sanitary facilities in the immediate vicinity of the course are highly appreciated.

Grouping after tournament rounds

26. The distribution of flights in the first round of each tournament shall be a semi-random draw, ensuring the largest possible diversity of divisions in each flight. The exact method of such draw is left to the discretion of the TD.
27. From the second round and on, the flights should be divided based on the results/points of the previous rounds, with equal scores being ordered along the following tie-breaking principles:
 - a. Better previous round score goes first;
 - b. If no decision, then number of (1) albatrosses, (2) eagles, and (3) birdies in the last round - in this particular order
 - c. If no decision, lower PDGA number goes first
 - d. If no decision, alphabetical order - last name, then first name decides, players earlier in the alphabet going first

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- e. If no decision, date of birth decides, younger players going first
- f. If no decision, random order

V. Tournament Final Round

1. At each Tour tournament TD can select one of the following final formats:
 - a. A six (6) holes final round of the top five (5) scores in MPO, top four (4) scores in FPO, and the top four (4) scores in any other divisions with at least four (4) players.
 - b. A complete final round for all players (i.e. final round is the last regular round).
 - c. A nine (9) holes final round of 36 players, including at least top five (5) scores in MPO, top four (4) scores in FPO, and top four (4) scores in any other Tour division (MJ18, FJ18) with at least four (4) players
2. The number of starting positions of all divisions in the final round corresponds to the percentage of the participants of the divisions in the total field (rounded up/off to the nearest whole number).
3. At least four (4) final places are available for each division unless less than four (4) players played all previous rounds. In this case, no separate final of the division will be held and extra final round spots can be redistributed to other divisions.
4. Vacated final or semi-final spots may be filled with other players who do not qualify; they can play the round unofficially without being able to improve their placement. Their results of the round will not be reported in any form of the tournament results and in the official PDGA tournament report.
5. Eligible players who choose not to participate in a semi-final or in a final round shall receive ranking according to their total score prior to the round behind all players competing officially in the round.

VI. Tour Ranking and Determination of Winners

1. Three (3) results counted towards each participant's total result. Only one result (the better one) of the tournaments in one country/run by an association in one country will be counted.
2. Points are awarded to players who finish the tournament according to the player's tournament rank as shown in the Tour point table. Point distribution to tied players shall be determined by adding the total points allocated to the number of positions represented by the tied players and dividing that by the number of tied players.
3. In the case of a tie for any position in the final Tour ranking after the last tournament of the season, the tie is broken by the following rule:
 - a. The primary tie-breaker are the points scored in direct encounters of the tied players;
 - b. In case of a tie in the primary tie-breaker, the second tie-breaker is the higher number of tournament victories in the Tour in the current calendar year;
4. In the case the tie-breakers in article VI.3 of these rules do not break a tie for the first position in the final Tour ranking in a Tour division after the last tournament of the season, a winner in this division must be decided by the sudden-death play-off. Sudden-death play shall begin with Hole #1 of the final round layout unless a different hole or series of holes is designated by the Board prior to the start of the tournament.
5. If a player is not present in order to take part in the sudden death, this will be considered a non-compete for the final decision. The sudden death is played out among the tied players present.
6. If none of the tied athletes are present, the overall victory will be determined by the present Board members by a random draw.

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Rank	Points
1	100
2	92
3	85
4	79
5	74
6	69
7	65
8	61
9	57
10	53
11	50
12	47
13	44
14	41
15	38
16	35
17	33
18	31
19	29
20	27
21	25
22	23
23	21
24	19
25	17
26	15
27	14
28	13
29	12
30	11
31	10
32	9
33	8
34	7
35	6
36	5
37	4
38	3
39	2
40+	1

One point minimum for each participant which finishes the tournament.

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