

WFDF 2026

World Team Disc Golf Championships

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WELCOME TO LITHUANIA

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) -consisting of Team DiscCity, the Lithuanian Flying Disc Federation, and the Lithuanian Disc Golf Federation - are pleased to present the WFDF 2026 World Team Disc Golf Championships (WTDGC), to be hosted in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The 2026 edition will mark the sixth WTDGC and, for the first time, will feature two divisions: Open Teams and Masters Teams.

The championship will take place over four (4) days from Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th September 2026, on two 18-hole courses located in the scenic Pavilniai Regional Park area of Vilnius.

WFDF extends an invitation to all member National Federations in good standing and their affiliated Disc Golf Associations to register their national teams for participation. It is expected that around 25 to 30 nations, bringing together more than 250 athletes, will take part in the tournament.

Please pay close attention to all communications issued by WFDF and the LOC, particularly regarding registration deadlines, payments and data collection. To ensure a smooth and successful event, we rely on every team to respond promptly to all requests and provide the required information on time. We will do our best to make the process simple and transparent for all participants.

The official WTDGC website (www.wtdgc.sport) will be regularly updated with event information and frequently asked questions, so please check back for the latest news. Teams are strongly advised not to make any travel or accommodation bookings until WFDF confirms their participation after registration closes.

Should you have any immediate questions that affect your team's ability to pre-register, please contact the WFDF Events Team using the details provided at the end of this bulletin.

WFDF looks forward to welcoming you and your teams to Vilnius, Lithuania, for the 2026 World Team Disc Golf Championship - an event that will combine competitive excellence, friendship and the warm hospitality of one of Europe's most beautiful capital cities.

WFDF Events Team

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EVENT DATES

The event will begin with team arrivals and unofficial practice days on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September. Official practice days will follow on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September, with the Opening Ceremony planned for the evening of Tuesday 8th September.

Depending on the number of registered teams, it is possible that some matches may be scheduled already on Tuesday 8th September, prior to the official Opening Ceremony. WFDF will advise this immediately after team fees are paid in 2025 so you can plan your bookings accordingly.

Competition will take place from Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th September, followed by the Medal and Closing Ceremony on the late afternoon of Saturday 12th September. Should weather or other unforeseen circumstances cause delays, the schedule will be adjusted to ensure all rounds are completed by the evening of 12th September.

A more detailed day-by-day schedule will be published in Bulletin #2, depending on the number of registered teams and rounds required to complete the event.

Current Provisional Schedule

- Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September – Courses open for unofficial practice.
- Monday 7th September – Courses open for official practice. Practice sessions should be booked in advance. An online booking form will be available prior to the event for teams to reserve training times.
- Tuesday 8th September – Team Registration, Captains' Meeting and Opening Ceremony.
- Games if required.
- Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th September – Competition rounds on both courses.
- Saturday 12th September – Semi-Finals and Finals, followed by the Medal and Closing Ceremony.

All teams are expected to attend the Opening Ceremony, while only team captains (or their designated representatives) are required to attend the Captains' Meeting. Further information about the meeting times and locations will be shared closer to the event. Teams should plan their travel accordingly to ensure timely arrival for the mandatory ceremonies and meetings.

Make WTDGC 2026 not just a championship, but an unforgettable experience in Lithuania. Alongside world-class Disc Golf, Vilnius offers a vibrant cultural scene, historic architecture, and picturesque nature. Teams are encouraged to take the opportunity to explore the city and its surroundings to enjoy the best of Lithuanian hospitality during their stay.



LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

WFDF has appointed Lithuanian Flying Disc Federation, in partnership with the Lithuanian Disc Golf Federation, Team DiscCity and Vilnius Disc Golf Club, to organise and stage the WFDF 2026 World Team Disc Golf Championship.

The Lithuanian Flying Disc Federation, led by its President Ričardas Zareckis will be the driving force behind event organizing. It successfully hosted the 2022 European Indoor Championships and the WFDF 2025 World Wheelchair Ultimate Championship, and it brings significant expertise and credibility to the LOC.

Led by Darius Gricius, Team DiscCity has been a driving force behind the growth of disc golf in Lithuania for over a decade, having hosted numerous national and international events. Members of the Lithuanian national team and the organising committee have also competed at the World Team Disc Golf Championships in 2019, 2022, and 2024, gaining valuable experience and a deep understanding of the event format and operational standards.

With this extensive experience and a shared passion for the sport, Team DiscCity, Vilnius Disc Golf Club and partner Federations are well prepared to deliver a professional and memorable championship that will showcase both competitive excellence and the welcoming spirit of Vilnius.



LOCATION

The WFDF 2026 World Team Disc Golf Championship will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, a dynamic European capital known for its historic Old Town, green surroundings, and welcoming atmosphere.

Lithuania, one of the three Baltic States, combines a rich cultural heritage with modern European spirit. The country is easily accessible from most major European cities by direct flights, and Vilnius offers a compact city layout where nature and urban life blend seamlessly.

With its mix of history, culture, and natural beauty, Vilnius provides the perfect backdrop for hosting an international championship, offering participants both excellent sporting facilities and a memorable travel experience.

VENUE AND COURSES

The event will be hosted on two 18-hole courses in the scenic Pavilniai Regional Park area, just a few kilometres from Vilnius city centre.

The main course, known as “The Pilgrim”, is the permanent Pūčkoriai Disc Golf Course, featuring turf tee pads, full signage, and DiscGolfPark Pro baskets over a total length of 2,478 metres. The layout combines open meadows and forested hillsides with moderate elevation changes and panoramic views over the Vilnia River valley, creating a balanced and memorable challenge for players.

A second 18-hole course of similar standard will be set up nearby as a temporary championship layout, designed to complement The Pilgrim and to accommodate both divisions and the match play format. Together, the two courses will ensure smooth scheduling and high-quality playing conditions for all participants.

Depending on the final number of registered teams, additional courses may be used for the Masters division.



TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

Vilnius is easily accessible from across Europe and beyond, with Vilnius International Airport (VNO) located just 15 km from the tournament venue and about 6 km from the city centre. The airport offers direct connections to most major European hubs including Frankfurt, Copenhagen, Warsaw, Helsinki, Vienna, and London.

Teams arriving by air can reach their accommodation or the tournament venue within 20–30 minutes by car. The LOC will provide additional information about airport transfers and local transport options closer to the event. General airport shuttles between Vilnius International Airport, the official accommodation hotel, and the tournament venue are included in the player fee (PF). Private or non-scheduled transfers may be provided at an additional cost.

Public transportation in Vilnius is reliable and well connected, with bus and trolleybus lines running throughout the city, including routes toward the Pavilniai area. Bolt and Uber ride-sharing services are widely available, providing an easy and affordable way to travel between hotels, the courses, and city attractions.

For larger groups or teams with extra equipment, rental cars or minibuses are recommended. Parking is available near both courses and at most accommodation facilities.

More detailed transport and parking information, including directions to each venue, will be published in Bulletin #2.

CLIMATE

The weather in Vilnius in September is generally mild and pleasant, making it an ideal time for outdoor sports. Average daytime temperatures range from 16 to 20 degrees Celsius (60 to 68°F), with cooler mornings and evenings. Rain is possible but usually light and occasional, and wind conditions are typically moderate.

Players can expect comfortable playing conditions, especially during the middle of the day, with around 6–7 hours of sunshine on average. While early mornings may bring some dew or light fog, September in Lithuania generally offers stable weather – perfect for disc golf competition and exploring the city after rounds.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

The following information provides a basic outline of the accommodation that will be available. More details will be posted on the official event website and sent directly to registered teams and National Federations through future bulletins and e-mails as plans are confirmed in early 2026.

Teams may begin exploring hotel and accommodation options in Vilnius, but no firm bookings should be made until after team registration closes and WFDF confirms participation.

The LOC plans to offer one main hotel in the heart of Vilnius, where all teams can be accommodated together. The estimated price is 50–60 EUR per person per night, with breakfast included.

Transfers to and from the courses will be organised exclusively for teams staying at this official hotel.

Teams choosing to arrange their own accommodation are welcome to do so, but they will need to organise their own transport to either the main hotel or directly to the courses. All captains' and other official meetings will take place at the main accommodation venue.

In addition to accommodation, teams will be able to pre-order lunch at the park (approx. 20 EUR) and dinner at the hotel (approx. 30 EUR, buffet style). Lunch will include a choice between several warm, freshly prepared meals.

Teams ordering both lunch and dinner packages will receive a 10% discount on the total food price. Further details about the official hotel, meal options, and nearby social activities will be announced in Bulletin #2.

ATMOSPHERE

WTDGC 2026 will bring together national teams and players from across the world to celebrate the sport of disc golf in a friendly and competitive spirit. The LOC aims to create an event atmosphere that balances professionalism on the course with a welcoming and enjoyable social environment even when not playing.

Throughout the week, participants can expect opportunities to meet, connect, and share experiences both during and after play. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as well as social gatherings and optional evening events, will highlight Lithuanian culture and hospitality, making this championship not just a tournament, but a shared international experience.

Teams and players are encouraged to invite their supporters, family, and friends to join them in Vilnius for an unforgettable week of disc golf, camaraderie, and discovery.

TEAMS AND DIVISIONS

The 2026 WTDGC will feature two (2) divisions:

- Open Team Division
- Masters Team Division

Eligibility:

All WFDF member National Federations in good standing are invited to participate.

Each player must hold a current PDGA membership and have passed the PDGA Officials Test.

Open Team Composition

- Minimum team composition (6 players minimum): 4 MPO and 2 FPO.
- A team may register up to 12 players.
- In each match, six (6) players will compete.

WFDF recognises that some countries may wish to enter the event but are unable to field a full team for various reasons. WFDF aims to encourage participation from as many nations as possible while maintaining fair competition and inclusiveness.

An allowance can be made for Open Teams that are unable to meet the full standard roster requirements. Such teams may include players outside the usual eligibility criteria; however, they will not be eligible for official placement or medals in the championship standings.

Any team wishing to request such an exception must contact the Competition Director Craig Sheather prior to submitting its registration.

Priority in team registration will be given to national federations entering fully eligible teams, while teams applying under this allowance may only be accepted if places remain available after the registration deadline for standard teams.

Masters Team Composition

- Minimum team composition (6 players minimum): 3× MP40, 2× FP40, 1× MP50.
- A team may register up to 12 players.
- In each match, six (6) players will compete.

WFDF recognises that some countries may wish to enter the event but are unable to put together a full Masters team. WFDF is committed to promoting inclusion and participation from as many teams and players as possible.

An allowance is made for each category to include alternate players:

- MP40 or Alternate – Mixed player with a PDGA rating under 920.
- MP50 or Alternate – MP40 player with a PDGA rating under 920 or Mixed player with a PDGA rating under 900.
- FP40 or Alternate – Female player with a PDGA rating under 820.

In each match, six (6) players will compete, and a maximum of two (2) alternate players can play in any match.

The competition format will follow the established WTDGC structure, with a combination of Singles and Doubles match play rounds. Further details on format, seeding, and scoring will be published in later bulletins.



Photo: Lagoda Disc Golf WTDGC 2022

WORLD RANKING POINTS

WFDF World Ranking Points will be awarded only to teams competing in the Open Division. Each participating Open team will receive 5 World Ranking Points for attendance, with additional points granted based on final placement in the event standings.

Placement points are calculated as $3 \times$ the number of participating Open teams, decreasing by three points per position. For example, if there are 12 Open teams, first place will receive 36 points, second place 33 points, third place 30 points, and so on.

Note on WFDF World Disc Golf Rankings:

World Ranking Points earned at the WTDGC contribute to each country's national team ranking. Only points from the three most recent WTDGC events and the most recent Continental or Regional Team events in between are included in the WFDF World Rankings calculation. An interim update of the rankings is published as soon as possible after each WTDGC.

For full details on the calculation system and current standings, please visit the official WFDF Disc Golf Rankings page at wfdf.sport/rankings-disc-golf



SPIRIT OF THE GAME

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) promotes the values of Spirit of the Game (SOTG) across all disc disciplines, including Disc Golf. Spirit of the Game represents respect, integrity, and sportsmanship — the foundation of fair play and the true essence of competition.

At the WFDF World Team Disc Golf Championship, all players, captains, and staff are expected to uphold these principles both on and off the course. This includes showing respect toward opponents, officials, volunteers, and the natural environment in which the event takes place.

While Disc Golf is officiated differently from other WFDF disciplines, players are responsible for maintaining honesty and self-officiating within the rules of the sport. Disputes should be handled respectfully, with a focus on fair and sportsmanlike resolutions.

At the end of each match, participating teams are expected to form a Spirit Circle, where players from both teams briefly reflect on the match, acknowledge good play, and share feedback in a positive and respectful manner. This exchange reinforces the community spirit of the event and promotes friendship among nations.

The WFDF encourages every participant to contribute to a positive atmosphere where competitive excellence and camaraderie go hand in hand — making the championship not only a contest of skill, but also a celebration of sportsmanship and shared values.

FEES & EVENT DEADLINES

WFDF will collect all team and player fees directly in USD.

For planning purposes, teams can expect the team fee to be approximately USD 550 and the player fee around USD 150 per player. Non-playing team members and guests will have a reduced fee of USD 100.

Exact fee amounts and payment instructions will be confirmed after registration closes and will depend on the final number of registered teams. WFDF will invoice all teams directly, and payments will be due by 15th December 2025, unless otherwise communicated.

The team fee is non-refundable for any team that withdraws after the registration date of 15th December 2025. All bank and transfer fees are the responsibility of the payer, and any outstanding amounts must be settled in cash during on-site team registration.

Player fees include event accreditation, course and roster access, entry to player meetings and social events, and eligibility to receive medals. Non-playing team staff and guests will receive equivalent accreditation access but will not appear on the competition roster. Teams are strongly advised not to make any travel or accommodation bookings until WFDF has issued official confirmation of participation.



REGISTRATION

All countries are kindly requested to complete the **online pre-registration form (REGISTER HERE before November 15th)** to express their interest in participating at the WFDF 2026 World Team Disc Golf Championship (WTDGC).

The data collected through this form will be used by the WFDF Events Team to compile a Bid Allocation List. Formal bid offers will then be issued to each Member National Federation (NF) on 17th November 2025.

A full list of participating countries will be published via official WFDF press release and on the event website once the team fees have been received by 15th January 2026.

WFDF understands that some countries may need additional time to confirm their team or secure funding to meet payment deadlines. However, all National Federations are encouraged to submit the pre-registration form as accurately as possible and to use the comments section to inform WFDF of any specific challenges or pending confirmations. This early information helps WFDF to plan and allocate bids fairly and efficiently.

For any questions regarding registration or the pre-registration process, please contact the WFDF Events Team at events@wfdf.sport

ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION

All participants at WTDGC 2026 must comply with the provisions of the WFDF Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time), the World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code"), and the International Standards issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), as published on WADA's website.

WTDGC will require every player to sign the Anti-Doping Acknowledgement Agreement and to hold a current ADEL online Anti-Doping Education certificate.

WFDF is a signatory to the WADA Anti-Doping Code and therefore all WFDF events are subject to anti-doping testing either during or out of competition. Athletes must acknowledge the authority of WFDF and its member National Federations and/or National Anti-Doping Organisations under the WFDF Anti-Doping Rules to enforce testing, manage results, and impose sanctions in accordance with the WFDF regulations.

All players must review the information on anti-doping procedures and the WADA Prohibited Substances and Methods List, which can be found online at: wfdf.sport/anti-doping

Any form of doping, as defined by the WADA Code, is strictly prohibited.

VISAS

Teams and players are responsible for obtaining their own travel documents and visas for entry into Lithuania. WFDF will provide your National Association with a letter confirming your team's registration in the event upon request.

Participants are strongly encouraged to verify visa requirements early and begin the process as soon as their registration is confirmed.

CANCELLATION / MODIFICATION POLICY

WFDF reserves the right to cancel or modify the event due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to safety, travel restrictions, or force majeure events. If any new information warrants changes to the tournament plan, WFDF will promptly communicate updates to all participating teams.

SECURITY POLICY

The Local Organising Committee will provide general security for all teams and tournament areas. Each team is encouraged to review the provided arrangements and, if necessary, supplement them with its own security personnel in coordination with the LOC and local authorities.



Photo: Lagoda Disc Golf, WTDGC 2022

CONTACT INFORMATION

EVENT CONTACTS

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Individual Events. WFDF unites 126 member associations representing athletes in more than 122 countries.

WFDF is an International Federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU). It is also a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA), the International Masters Games Association (IMGA), and the Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA).

WFDF is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code and is registered as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organisation in the state of Colorado, USA.

The primary contact for this event is the WFDF Event Manager, Dinko Šimenc who will coordinate all communications between WFDF, the LOC, and participating teams.

As questions arise, WFDF will compile a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to be shared with all teams and published on the official event website.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vilnius, Lithuania, for the WFDF 2026 World Team Disc Golf Championship. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time should you have questions or require assistance.

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