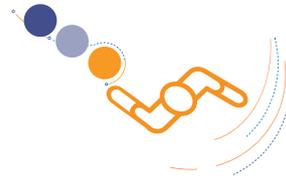


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WFDF 2022 World Team Disc Golf Championship

Varaždin - Croatia

Wednesday 17th - Saturday 20th August 2022 (4 days)
WTDGC Bulletin #1 (Issued November 2021)

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) Lagoda Disc Golf Club, are excited to present the WFDF 2022 World Team Disc Golf Championship (WTDGC) to be hosted in Varaždin northern Croatia. This event will be WFDF's 4th event for national disc golf teams and we extend invitations to all WFDF member National Federations and their Disc Golf Associations to register.

The WTDGC will be hosted over 4 days from Wednesday 17th of August to Saturday 20th August on two 18-hole courses located in the forests and on the Drava river embankment. Both courses will be open for practice from Monday 15th August.

Please pay close attention to all communications going out from WFDF and the LOC, paying particular attention to details such as deadlines. To plan a successful event, we all need to work together to make sure we collect all the information and fees on time. Please do everything you can to support us by respecting all deadlines and responding with the necessary data efficiently. We will do our best to make the process as simple as we can.

The WTDGC website will continue to be updated with event information and answers to frequently asked questions, so please be sure to check back regularly **www.wtdgc.sport**. Following are the main details that you need to know before deciding to register your team. Please note that teams should not make travel plans until AFTER the official bid list with countries attending is published AFTER the 15th January 2022 as uncertainties still remain around the Covid-19 pandemic and impacts on global travel.

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



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LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) for WTDGC 2022 will be the Lagoda Disc Golf Club who is dedicated to the growth and development of Disc Golf with a strong focus of organising international events that are run professionally. Dinko Simenc and his organising team are committed to creating an amazing experience for all participants of WTDGC 2022.

With experience of hosting over 70 international Disc Golf tournaments, the LOC and Varaždin are sure to provide an experience both on and off the course which will be centered around delivering an amazing experience and creating a fun atmosphere, with all the essential facilities. As host of the recent and successful WFDF European Team Disc Golf Championship the LOC had the opportunity to have a preliminary run through and to gain key insights into the planning for next year. Teams had the opportunity to use one of the courses and to experience the city and surrounding areas.

The WTDGC is proudly supported by the Croatian Flying Disc Federation, the City of Varaždin and the Varaždin City Tourist Board.



EVENT DATES

The final schedule will be dependent on the amount of teams and number of rounds needed to be played.

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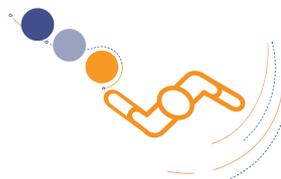
Provisional schedule:

- Monday 15th August - Course open for practice. Practice sessions should be booked in advance.
- Tuesday 16th August - Registration, Players Briefing and Opening Ceremony.
- Wednesday 17th August - Saturday 20th August - Round play.
- Saturday 20th August - Semi Finals and Finals, Medal Ceremony and Closing Ceremony.



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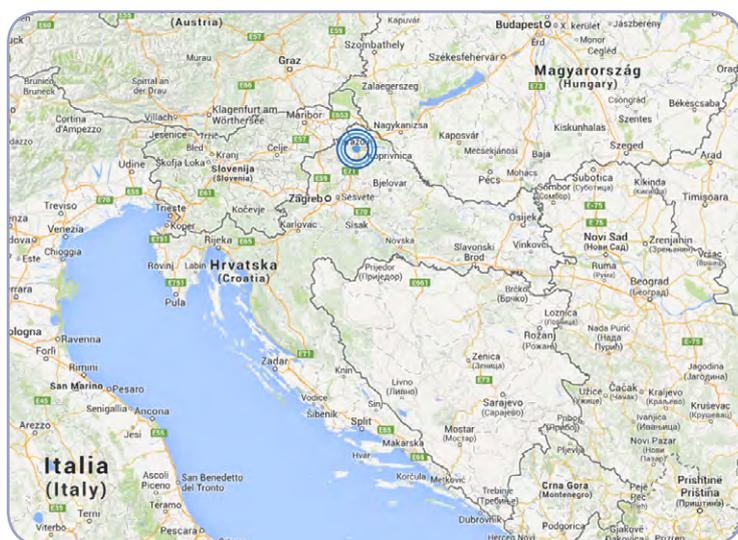
It is expected that all teams will attend the Players Briefing and Opening Ceremony. More details will be made available closer to the event. Please plan your travel arrival and time accordingly. The meetings and opening ceremony will be held virtually if necessary to adhere to the Covid-19 hygiene guidelines (will not be known until March/April next year)

Adjustments will be made to the schedule if weather causes delays so that all competition is complete by afternoon on Saturday 20th August.

LOCATION & VENUE MAPS

The 4th World Team Disc Golf Championships will be held in the northern part of Croatia in the city of Varaždin located on the southern bank of the River Drava. The city is rich in history and one of the most attractive continental Croatia's destinations to visit with large pedestrian zone in the town center full of 18th and 19th century houses and palaces.

Varaždin is located 90 kilometers from Zagreb International airport and participants can choose to arrive by private or public transport with shuttles. Other airports further away such as Maribor, Graz, Ljubljana, Rijeka, Budapest and Vienna could also be used. Travel from airports to the event are at the cost and responsibility of each individual.



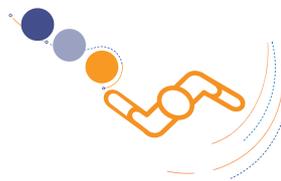
The event will take place on two 18-hole Disc Golf Courses specially designed to suit the match play format of the event. Both courses will be finalised after team registration closes. You can expect mostly flat courses with some small elevation changes. Fields, forests and river edges for all tees.

The weather in Croatia in August is forecast as hot and dry with an average of 14.5 hours of sunshine per day.

Perfect weather to play Disc Golf!

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ACCOMMODATION

Travel and hotel costs will be a major part of your expenses to participate at WTDGC. The LOC has worked hard to get special group rates and packages at a variety of options in the area.

All accommodation bookings can be booked through the LOC who are using the Tourist Agency DMKVall 042, a partner of the event. Bookings through the LOC are not mandatory and we encourage teams to investigate alternatives as you wish, however the LOC feels confident that the official accommodation option will provide a fun, inclusive and value added experience for all players. A discount to player fees will be available to anyone using the official event accommodation making bookings through the LOC since some venue costs are subsidized by the partnership formed with the Tourist Agency.

The WTDGC official accommodation will be student dorms a 10 minute walk to both courses. The dorms were built in 2017 and offer modern rooms with full facilities such as small kitchens, laundry, bathrooms, parking and common areas for players to gather after a day out on the course to share their stories. There is a restaurant attached to the dorms where meals will be served for those who pre-purchase the meal plan. Dorm prices will firm in a few weeks, but will not exceed €30 / US\$ 34 per person / per night in a twin share room (2 beds) inclusive of breakfast. Single use or 3 person rooms are also available on request.

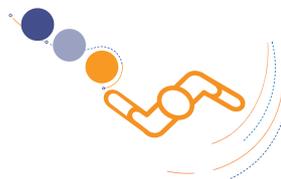
In addition to the student dorms, a higher level of accommodation will be offered to teams or players who prefer a little more luxury. The Boutique Hotel Park and Turist Hotel will be made available through the LOC too. Hotels will average €60-70 / US\$ 68-80 per person / per night for Bed and Breakfast in a 2 person shared room. Please remember to book through the LOC for your hotel booking to ensure the discounted event fees are applied.

Teams are reminded that they should only book their accommodation (private or through the LOC) and flights after WFDF's Covid-19 Working Group agrees the event can proceed. Any decisions will be emailed to teams after registration closes on the 15th January 2022.



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TRANSPORT

The LOC will provide assistance to teams for booking airport shuttles from the Zagreb International Airport at approximately €35-40 / US\$ 40-45 per person each way - the LOC will be providing more information on this service on request. Costs range from €80 / US\$ 91 for a car-ride (up to 3 passengers) or €130 / US\$ 148 for a van of up to 8 passengers. The Shuttle takes around 50 minutes. Bus tickets are also available at around €20 / US\$ 23 per person departing on a less frequent basis.

During the event, teams staying at the official accommodation will be able to walk to the course daily and will be shuttled by the LOC to the players party if the location demands it.

Teams staying outside the official accommodation will be fully responsible for any and all transport logistics and costs. Players should not plan to rely on public transport, as there are minimal network links to the course.



FOOD

Breakfast is included as part of the Bed & Breakfast rate if teams choose to book accommodation through the LOC. Teams that book the Hostel or other private room bookings will need to arrange their own breakfast.

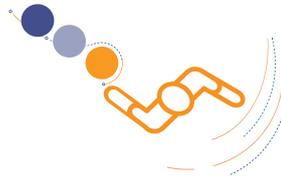
There is food available for sale during the day in the township at the many local cafes and take away restaurants and the schedule will provide time for lunches each day.

LOC will provide all teams with the option to order meals to be delivered and served at the course.

Dinners can be pre-booked at the dorms for those staying with the WTDGC official accommodation.

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FEE STRUCTURE

The fees are currently estimated and will be firmed up after team registration closes on the 15th of January, 2022 based on the final number of teams attending WTDGC.

A discount to player fees will be available to anyone using the official event accommodation making bookings through the LOC as significant venue costs are subsidized by the partnership formed with the Tourist Agency.

Team fee will be USD \$250 per team.

Players fees will be \$125 per player or discounted to \$100 per player for those who book through the LOC for official WTDGC accommodation.

Should registrations not meet the critical mass to operate the event, WFDF reserves the right to make adjustments to the fees. Any necessary changes will be communicated clearly to teams giving you the right to opt in or out of the event.

All payments are to be made online and are in the US currency dollars (USD\$). Bank and transaction fees are at the cost of the payer. The team and players fees are **refundable but only within the conditions set out below**. WFDF will invoice teams for all monies due. WFDF will invoice teams for all monies due.

In the event that the event needs to be postponed or cancelled due to reasons continuing from effects of the pandemic or for any other reason, the WFDF agrees to transfer all unspent funds back to teams. WFDF will work with the LOC to maintain a monthly spending budget based on necessary payments as they arise and will provide to the LOC cash flow in monthly installments per the budget.

For your information, outlined below is a high level breakdown of expected expenses. The LOC will make the event costs as low as possible to encourage as many teams to attend as possible however there are fixed costs and that is why there are fees attached to the event.

Budgeted expenses for WTDGC

- Internal marketing
 - Website, facebook, newsletters, photography of facilities, promotions, video (offset by partnerships \$1,500)
- External marketing and promotions
 - Banners, fencing, city posters, design, local engagement, PR & Media (offset by city tourism grants & partnerships \$2,700)
- Venue hire & set up
 - Baskets, flags, mowing, signage, course markers, set up (\$3,080)

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- Event execution
 - Volunteer & Staff meals, uniforms, officials accommodation, uniforms and food, players packs, rental of indoor area, first aid, video and photography, local activities, event management, medals, registration and results management system, transportation (\$11,450)
- WFDF sanctioning Fee (\$40 per player) which includes; WFDF logistical costs for Tournament Technical Director and Staff and internal WFDF sport development and operational DG costs.

KEY TIMELINES

- **Team Registration - Saturday 15th January, 2021.**

All nations who are intending to send a team to WTDGC must fill out the online expression of Interest form (EOI) so that WFDF and the LOC know the amount of teams and the size of event to expect and plan for.

- **Team and Player fees due - Thursday 31st March, 2022.**

Team and player fees will be due with a commitment as to the amount of players your team will send to WTDGC. You will be invoiced accordingly.

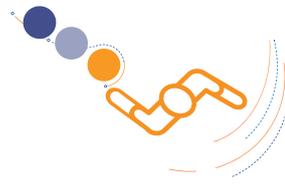
We have set the deadlines on payment dates so that you can commit to attending without having to pay before we can totally confirm that the event will take place. Once the event has been confirmed - which may be before January 15th, 2022. In these complex times we hope that this is a helpful strategy and will avoid unnecessary payments and refunds.

To pre-register your team please [click here](#)
as soon as possible and prior to
Saturday 15th January, 2022.



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TEAM & DIVISIONS

All WFDF member National Federations are invited to participate in WTDGC, as are their national Disc Golf Associations. It is a requirement that players hold current PDGA membership and have passed the Officials Test.

WFDF World Ranking Points will be awarded to every team that attends with bonus points available the higher up the event table a team finishes.

Each team will be allocated 5 World Ranking Points for participation. Points shall also be awarded for finishing places at WTDGC - Each place shall be awarded 3 x the number of teams who attend the event. For example if there were 12 teams then first place would be awarded 12 x 3, second place 11 x 3 etc.

FORMAT

The format of the event will be confirmed once teams have registered.

There is a revised team structure from the last World Team Disc Golf Championships. The event will remain with teams of 6 but has changed to be made up of 3 x MPO, 2 x FPO and 1 x MPM/FP40. Teams may register and bring a maximum of 12 players allowing for substitutes between divisions.

Whilst WFDF wishes to continue its support of Junior players worldwide, the current economic and covid climates makes it difficult to include junior players at this time.

The competition format will follow previous WTDGC events with a combination of Doubles and Singles Matchplay rounds played against the equivalent seeds from competing teams.

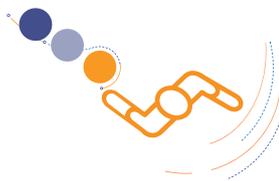
For the first time at an International Disc Golf event, WFDF will be introducing a Spirit of the Game (SOTG) award. This will involve all players and all teams voting in four (4) categories for their opponents. Categories are: Rules and Knowledge, Fair Mindedness, Positive Attitude and Self Control and Communication.

Further details on format will be given once teams have registered and after the fee payment deadline.



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DISPENSATION CLAUSE

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

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

Guidance on specific ratings for 2022 will be given as member countries apply for dispensation. Application for dispensation must be made in writing at the time of player fee payment.

BORDER ENTRIES

We encourage each and every team to make specific enquiries about obtaining a visa to enter Croatia and to inform yourselves about any Covid-19 related restrictions. You are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit Croatia to compete at WTDGC 2022. Any and all costs associated with travel, visas and border entries are the full responsibility of the player.

Current information on the conditions of entry into the Republic of Croatia can be found [here](#).

Please note that we can not provide specific advice on the process, but we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible.



Teams Austria, France, Croatia, organizing crew, Great Britain and Spain at European Team DGC 2021

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HEALTH & MEDICAL

All event participants are recommended to obtain travel insurance prior to booking hotels or flights and health insurance before leaving your home country.

WFDF and the WTDGC LOC do not provide coverage for participants. There are always risks associated with playing Disc Golf and travelling abroad. Although WTDGC will have a medical plan to deal with first aid and any injuries that happen at WTDGC, there may be injuries or illness in which players need medical attention that requires emergency visits to local hospitals.

WFDF and the LOC kindly request that all players and event participants acknowledge these risks and understand that WFDF and the LOC cannot be held liable for any risk or cost associated with injury or bad health at WTDGC. All event participants should alleviate some personal financial liability by purchasing your own travel and health insurance to make sure you are covered for any medical issues or event cancellations that could arise.

PANDEMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Over the past 20 months the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic have created uncertainty about hosting sports events and created travel restrictions globally. WFDF postponed the WFDF World Team Disc Golf Championships to 2022 in the hope that travel and ability to host international sporting events becomes more stable. In 2021 WFDF found it safe and possible to successfully host the European Team Disc Golf Championships in Croatia and athletes were able to move into the country without too much hassle.

WFDF's Covid-19 Working Group (C19WG) will continue to monitor the situation within Europe and will work with the LOC to ensure that national and local governmental and health agency advice and criteria for hosting sports events are met in full. Only if and when the Working Group is satisfied that it is possible to host WTDGC while keeping all players safe, will the event go ahead.

It is likely that some of the restrictions placed upon Disc Golf athletes during the pandemic will continue as good practice in the coming year. Any updated guidelines published by WFDF and PDGA will be a part of the process needed to ensure that all athletes, staff and volunteers are kept as safe as possible at WTDGC. Social distancing, face mask use, virtual briefings and non-contact scoring will likely form part of the covid hygiene plan for WTDGC 2022.



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CANCELLATION POLICY

The WFDF Covid-19 Working Group (C19WG) will continue to monitor the impact and effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic and will work with the LOC to follow the advice and recommendations from International health and safety authorities for travel to and from Croatia. A representative from the C19WG will meet with the LOC each month to determine if any new information presents itself that would warrant an event cancellation and will report back monthly to registered teams.

Should the event need to be cancelled, the following cancellation terms will apply to all event fee payments:

- Cancellation announced 1 April - 30 April; 80% of event fees collected will be refunded.
- Cancellation announced 1 May - 31 May; 60% of event fees collected will be refunded.
- Cancellation announced 1 June - 30 June; 40% of event fees collected will be refunded.
- Cancellation announced 1 July - 31 July; 20% of event fees collected will be refunded.

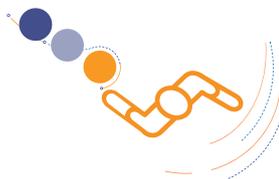


Big street festival Špancirfest (www.spancirfest.com) starts in Varaždin on August 19th.



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INFORMATION

Primary contact for this event is the WFDF Managing Director of Events and Operations Karina Woldt who will answer your questions or find out more information to share with you from Dinko and Charlie. As questions come in, we will prepare a FAQ to share with all of the teams and publish answers to your questions on the event website.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Varaždin for the WFDF 2022 World Team Disc Golf Championships. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have any questions.



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