

**EUROPEAN
DISC GOLF
FEDERATION**



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STATUTES

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§1 – Name

1. The European Disc Golf Federation (EDGF, called herein “the Federation”) is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondarily, by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. It is neutral politically, and non-denominational.

§2 – Office

1. The office shall be with the address of the General Secretary or at another place as decided by the Board of Directors.

§3 – Organization

1. The Federation shall unite and represent national disc golf organizations in Europe. The Federation shall have no commercial links with any one manufacturer or retailer of discs or disc-associated products. The Federation shall support playing disc golf for the good of the games.

§4 - Purposes

1. The Federation shall pursue the following aims:
 - a. To encourage disc golf play throughout Europe and promote the establishment of national disc golf governing bodies in all European countries, advising them on all activities and general management.
 - b. To promote sport of disc golf and to achieve general acceptance of disc golf play as a sport.
 - c. To provide a forum for discussion on all aspects of disc golf play in Europe and to arbitrate between interests when and where conflicts may arise.
 - d. To establish and uphold tournament standards for competition at Federation organized and sanctioned events, specifically European Disc Golf Championship tournaments, in accordance with PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) and WFDF (World Flying Disc Federation) and their continental branches - PDGA Europe and EFDF (European Flying Disc Federation).
 - e. To fairly distribute the right to organize European Disc Golf Championship tournaments to interested national disc golf associations and to sanction other tournament formats which might be of a continental interest.
 - f. To represent European disc golf governing bodies in multilateral relations to multinational and multisport organizations, as WFDF, PDGA, EFDF, and PDGA Europe.

§5 – Membership and Member Responsibilities

1. Requests to become a member of the Federation must be addressed to the Executive Committee in a written or an electronic form. The General Assembly admits new Federation members by a vote upon a review of the application by the Executive Committee.
2. The Federation recognizes two types of membership.
 - a. **Ordinary Members.** Any official national disc golf governing body in an individual European country can apply to become an ordinary member of the Federation. The official national disc golf governing body must either have the form of a stand-alone official national disc golf association or a form of a disc golf committee, a group, or a section of an official national flying disc governing body. Ordinary members have all rights and responsibilities given by these Statutes,
 - b. **Extraordinary Members.** Any interest group (e.g., a disc golf club, a regional disc golf association) or an individual person engaged in disc golf in a country, where there is no official national disc golf governing body can apply to become an extraordinary member of the Federation. Extraordinary members will be invited to the General Assembly; however they neither have the right to vote nor can they claim any benefits from the Federation.

Member Responsibilities

3. The members are responsible to maintain an official contact person, an electronic contact, and a regular mail address registered with the Federation. Furthermore, the members are responsible to notify the Federation in case their legal status changes or the official address of the member national disc golf governing body changes within 21 days of the change. The Secretary of the Federation maintains the list of contacts in agreement with the current European Union General Data Protection Regulation. All official communication between the Federation and members is through the official contacts.
4. The members are responsible to annually submit official census data within 21 days of the request by the Executive Committee. The data will summarize their current membership reflecting the official number of organized disc golf players, disc golf clubs, and disc golf events within their country. The specifications of the census data are determined by the Executive Committee subject to an approval by the General Assembly. The data are reviewed by the Executive Committee and are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
5. Members are responsible for communication of the Federation actions and decisions and promotion of the Federation activities to the disc golf players, disc golf clubs, disc golf event organizers within their country.

§6 – Cessation of Membership

1. The membership in EDGF ceases if one of the following conditions is met.
 - a. By written resignation notified to the Executive Committee at least six months before the end of the financial year.
 - b. By exclusion ordered by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, for just cause, with a right of appeal to the General Assembly. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days of the delivery of the official notification of the exclusion in a written or an electronic form to the member.
2. In all cases the membership fee for the current year remains due. Members who have resigned or who are excluded have no rights to any part of the Federation's assets.
3. Only the assets of the Federation may be used to meet commitments. Members have no individual responsibility.

§7 – Membership Fees

1. The annual dues of members shall be determined by the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors. The General Assembly may in its discretion offer memberships on another than annual basis, and shall determine appropriate sanctioning fees for events.

§8 – Organs

1. The Federation's organs are:
 - a. the General Assembly (GA)
 - b. the Board of Directors (BoD)
 - c. the Executive Committee (EC)
 - d. the Auditor
2. Advisory organs of the Federation are committees. They are formed and dissolved either by GA or BoD and they are delegated to undertake specific tasks. The committees communicate their recommendations and proposals to BoD. The members of the committees are named and removed by GA and BoD. The Committees may also be formed in a joint form with a Federation's partner sport organization, e.g. PDGA Europe, WFDF, etc.

§9 – The General Assembly

1. The supreme body of the Federation shall be the General Assembly (GA), either ordinary or extraordinary.
2. The responsibilities of GA are determined by these statutes and include the following tasks:
 - a. elect Board of Directors members,
 - b. elect Auditors,
 - c. review and approve the previous year's financial statement and auditor's report,
 - d. approve Federations' annual budgets,
 - e. approve Federations' financial transaction exceeding 1000 Euro that are not part of the official approved budget,
 - f. authorize the strategic direction and policies of the Federation, including structure and spot distribution for European Disc Golf Championship tournaments, the Federation's bylaws, and general agreements with other sport organizations, e.g., PDGA, PDGA Europe, WFDF, and EFDF.
 - g. serve as forum for discussion of general disc golf agenda,
 - h. take such other action as may properly come before GA.

Delegates Key, Quorum, and Proxies at General Assembly

3. Each ordinary member of the Federation shall be represented by one (1) delegate at GA. The name of the delegate must be confirmed by the nominating member upon a request of EC within 7 days.
4. Each delegate representing a member has a number of votes corresponding to the number of votes of the member determined by the following Delegates Key.
 - a. The number of votes of an ordinary member at GA reflects the size of the disc golf community in the member country in a proportional geometric relation:
 - 1 - 100 players 1 vote
 - 101 - 1000 players 2 votes
 - 1001 - 10000 players 3 votes
 - 10001 and more players 4 votes
 - b. The number of players is determined by EC by the end of a calendar year for the next calendar year based on the approved member census data.
 - c. If approved census data is not available the number of players in a member country is set to one (1).
5. So long as any GA meeting has been duly called as provided herein, the presence, in person, by telephone conference or by proxy, of any member shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary for the transaction of any business. The consent of a majority of

the votes of the delegates of the members present and voting shall be required for passage of any measure before GA.

6. Each member entitled to vote at a GA meeting or in an action, both in person, may authorize a person to vote on behalf of such member by proxy. A proxy shall be in writing, signed by a member, or in an equivalent electronic form, and revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it. Such proxy must be delivered to the Secretary prior to the meeting or action and shall be valid only for the meeting or action named therein.

Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly

7. The ordinary GA, also referred to as the Annual Meeting, shall be held annually in conjunction with a bigger tournament. Place and time shall be determined by the BoD.
8. The extraordinary GA shall be gathered as a consequence of
 - a. a request of the ordinary GA,
 - b. a request of BoD,
 - c. an explicit electronic or written request of member representatives that hold at least ten percent of total votes of the Federation members according to the Delegates Key,
 - d. a request of the financial auditors.

The extraordinary GA must take place within six (6) weeks from the request.

9. An official invitation to an ordinary or extraordinary GA in a written or an electronic form must be sent to all members at least thirty (30) days prior the meeting date. The invitation must include the meeting agenda. EC is responsible for the convocation of GA.
10. Requests for GA must be submitted in written or electronic form to the board at least seven (7) days prior to the GA.
11. At a GA meeting it is possible to vote only on issues presents on the agenda. Requests which did not arrive within the deadlines can be discussed under the point "any other business" and cannot be voted. The only exception is the request of convocation of an extraordinary GA.
12. BoD may grant the possibility to attend GA to the members over phone or video conference.
13. If practical the BoD can decide that voting at GA shall be performed electronically.

§10 – The Board of Directors

1. Board of Directors (BoD) is the governing body of the Federation.
 - a. It consists of members elected by GA in a general election performed through an in person or an electronic vote.
 - b. The term of BoD members is three (3) years.
 - c. The number of BoD members is set to seven (7) and it may be increased or decreased by a vote of GA.
 - d. No decrease in number of BoD members shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.
 - e. BoD members may be re-elected without any restrictions.
 - f. Candidates for BoD election can be nominated by
 - i. EDGF members, nominated candidates do not need to be from the same country,
 - ii. the current BoD members.
2. GA has the right to remove a BoD member by its vote at any time.

Board of Directors Offices

3. BoD shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, and three at-large directors.
4. In case any of the offices is unfilled, BoD shall appoint one of its members to fill the unfilled office at the first BoD meeting after the office becomes unfilled.
5. Upon a BoD member motion seconded by another BoD member, BoD shall vote on a removal of a BoD member from the office.

Meetings and Voting of Board of Directors

6. There shall be no less than four (4) meetings of BoD annually, at such places and times to be fixed by the President. The Secretary shall cause to be given to each BoD member notice of the time and place of the annual meeting not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. Such BoD meetings may take place in person or by means of electronic communication, provided that all such persons so participating in such meeting can hear each other at the same time.
7. The constituent meeting of the BoD shall be held at the earliest possible time after the GA.
8. BoD decides based on an absolute majority of the votes. In case the total number of BoD members is even, the President has the deciding vote. In case of a vote of BoD with more than two options instant-runoff voting shall be used.

9. Each electronic BoD vote must be open at least four (4) calendar days. However, if BoD is meeting using teleconference or any other electronic mean or a meeting in person that allows immediate voting and that was announced at least one week ahead, the vote may be performed immediately.
10. Individual votes of BoD members are not public; however, they are open for BoD members unless the committee decides by voting that the particular vote is completely private.

Responsibilities of Board of Directors

11. BoD is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Federation and developing strategic plans, budgets and executing the resolutions adopted by the GA.
12. BoD can decide and act independently except on the following agenda items that require an approval of GA
 - a. financial transactions in the amount exceeding 1000 Euro that are not part of the official approved budget,
 - b. structure and spot distribution for European Disc Golf Championship tournaments,
 - c. The Federation's bylaws,
 - d. general agreements with other sport organizations, e.g., PDGA, PDGA Europe, WFDF, and EFDF.

§11 – The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee (EC) is the executive body of the Federation. EC shall administer the daily affairs of the Federation, and shall have and exercise the authority of BoD and GA in the management of the Federation, except as may be limited by resolution of BoD or GA or by law.
2. The EC consist of the President, the Vice-President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer, as elected by BoD.
3. EC represents the Federation in and out of court, whereby either the President has sole power of representation or two members of EC having joint power of representation is/are authorised to represent the Federation.

§12 – The Auditor

1. The financial auditors are responsible for the controlling of the business activities of the Federation and for the verification of the yearly financial report. The result of the audits must be reported to GA.
2. The auditors shall be elected by GA in a general election performed through an in person or an electronic vote for a period of three (3) years and may be re-elected.

§13 – Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year shall commence on January 1 of each year and end on December 31.

§14 – Amendments

1. These Statutes will be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of GA. Proposed amendments to the Statutes may be submitted to BoD by any member at any time at least thirty (30) days prior to the first scheduled meeting of GA.

§15 – Dissolve of the Federation

1. In the case of the Federation being dissolved, the assets should be allotted to a non-profit organisation pursuing goals of public interest similar to those of the organisation and benefiting from tax exemption. The goods cannot be returned to the founders or members, nor be used to their own profit.

Remarks: The revised version (2.0) of the statutes has been approved by the General Assembly at their Annual Meeting in Sveti Martin, Croatia and replaces version the 1.0 from 22. August 2014.

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EDGF Board of Directors