



**EUROPEAN  
DISC GOLF FEDERATION**

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## **EDGF General Assembly**

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**



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## Invitation – EDGF General Assembly

The EDGF Country Representatives

We are pleased to invite you to the EDGF General Assembly (GA) which will be held online on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. The link to the online meeting will be sent by mail in due time.

Please find attached the meeting agenda, the President's Report, Financial Report and Proposals from the BoD.

From your side, we need to know the following details:

- Name of the official delegate of your country-organisation. Please make sure, that the representative is eligible to officially vote, and if necessary, please issue an authorization letter).
- Submit proposals/motions, which shall be handled by the GA not later than **27 January 2022**.
- Submit proposals of persons who shall be elected as additional board members not later than **27 January 2022**.

Please send all by mail to Paul Francz, General Secretary: [info@discgolffederation.eu](mailto:info@discgolffederation.eu)

We thank you for your kind assistance and cooperation.

Best regards,

On behalf of the EDGF Executive Committee  
Paul Francz, General Secretary



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3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

Online Meeting

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Roll call / Confirmation of Quorum
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. President's Report
5. Financial Report
6. Approval of new Ordinary Members and Extraordinary Members
7. Submitted Proposals
8. Elections
9. Other Business
10. Closing

Balsthal, Switzerland, 30 December 2021



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## 2021 EDGF President Report

### 2021 Joint European Disc Golf Championship

The highlights of the 2021 disc golf season in Europe were the joint EDGF European Disc Golf Championship and European Masters Disc Golf Championship (EDGC, Konopiste, Czech Republic). The event was held for the first time in a new format that extended the player field from 200 to 341 players, allowed new competition divisions (FP50, MP65) and increased the division sizes across all divisions (particularly in junior and masters divisions). The new spot allocation rules removed comparison of players playing in different divisions and enabled participation of the highest rated players in Europe in all divisions regardless of what country they represent. The rules also allowed participation of all the best junior players in the junior division regardless of their PDGA status (Pro or Am), although some of the highest rated players decided after reaching age 18 (the age limit was extended to 19 due to postponed date of the event) to compete in MPO division.

In general, we have seen the most competitive field in both female and male junior divisions in the world history of the sport and also the most competitive master division fields in the history of European disc golf. The new format particularly brought an unprecedented number of junior players, female players, and master aged players to the top level European disc golf event and thus contributed to promotion of diversity in competitive disc golf. The feedback from the players, particularly from juniors and master division players was very positive, many very pleased with the opportunity to participate after years when it was not possible.

The event was very successful despite being held during the pandemic. It brought once again together the European disc golf community. The organizers facilitated participation of the full field of registered players. Unfortunately, due to pandemic restrictions, two countries - Russia and Ukraine, were not able to participate. 26 other countries sent their teams, although teams of Finland and Sweden left many top level players at home due to pandemic and individual preferences of their players. Pandemic unfortunately prohibited participation of some individual players also in some other countries, particularly in older age protected divisions.

Under the circumstances the event was very well organized, with no strict pandemic restrictions and even a few months after the event no cases of spreading of the infection at the event were reported. The local organizing committee led by Krystof Novak provided on-site testing for all event participants with no identified infection cases. The courses were excellently prepared for the event and the online scoring format removed some of the problems that appeared in the



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previous editions of EDGC. The overall event experience despite certain limitations of social contact was very positive.

The new structure of the event showed how European disc golf and its most prestigious event can be developed in the future.

The event also showed where there is a space for improvement. The registration process needs to be automated and simplified as it exerts too much burden on the registration staff and the team captains. The communication with the participating teams prior to the event and during the event needs to be more organized and streamlined to avoid unnecessary confusion. On site, the tournament courses should provide better adjusted challenges for individual divisions. The future events also need to keep up more with the recent trends of video coverage of the premiere disc golf events in the world as EDGC provides an opportunity to engage a large number of disc golf fans (not only) all over Europe.

Therefore, EDGF should create a dedicated task force that will evaluate the future EDGCs and communicate with the LOC prior to the event to foster even better events in the future.

## **The outcome of EDGF Meeting at EDGC**

The informal meeting organized by EDGF during the EDGC identified as one of the main goals in the future a development of an international European youth disc golf program. Rather than adding additional junior divisions for younger age players to the program of the EDGC, the participants showed interest in development of summer youth camps for European disc golf youth that will bring together future European disc golf stars and also those who are spearheading the growth of youth programs in individual countries. EDGF should create a dedicated task force that will oversee the youth program and prepare the trial event(s) in 2022.

Additional topic discussed at EDGC was a change of the bid allocation rules that will prioritize EDGF member countries. For 2023 EDGC the intention (proposal to be approved by the EDGF General Assembly) is to provide only individual spots for EDGF non-member countries and national spots only in the regime for other non-member countries in Group 2 (i.e. only a minimal number of national spots). These steps should lead to an increase of the membership in EDGF that should have a regular member in every European country with a developed disc golf program by 2023. The changes in bid allocation for EDGF non-member countries will be proposed to the EDGF General Assembly.



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## **New EFDF statutes**

From the organizational standpoint, the main change in 2021 for EDGF was a preparation of the new statutes of the related organization European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF). EFDF formally existed for many years, however, recently the world disc sports governing organization World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) pushed towards a more organized global structure of disc sports. Through a significant long term effort of EFDF and volunteers that participated on a development of the new organization bylaws, the new proposed statutes of EFDF were prepared and proposed to the November 2021 EFDF Congress.

The process of statutes preparation had to overcome multiple obstacles, particularly different organization levels and structure of various disc sports in Europe and different structure of disc sports organization in individual European countries. A lengthy discussion were held with WFDF about how to remove individual hurdles and how to find organization structure that would benefit most to all involved sides, including EDGF and national disc golf governing bodies in Europe.

In the end, the new EFDF bylaws were approved by the EFDF Congress. As stated in the bylaws, EDGF is an extraordinary member of EFDF with an ex-officio representative on the Executive Board of EFDF. Furthermore, EDGF is (according to the EFDF bylaws) sanctioning and/or organising flying disc competitions at a European level for the sport of disc golf. That means that EDGF in the future can continue its work as the organizer of the European Disc Golf Championship in various eventual formats and can serve as the organization uniting national disc golf governing bodies, thus the new statutes recognize our position as the international federation of the national disc golf organizations in Europe. On the other hand, EFDF will be from now on responsible for representing the sport of disc golf on an European level in multi-sport events. EDGF is looking forward for the collaboration of EFDF in the development of disc sports in Europe.

The new statutes also open up some important issues, particularly how to handle the situation when a EDGF member is not associated directly or at all in EFDF (EFDF members are WFDF member organizations in Europe), or if a different unrelated organization is representing disc sports in an European country in EFDF than an EDGF member. However, the new spot allocation rules allow resolving even these issues in a very simple way. The details can be discussed at the EDGF Congress.

Also, one of the unresolved issues is the organization of the future European Team Disc Golf Championship. The first edition of the event was organized by WFDF under very limited conditions (due to pandemic) in Croatia this year. However, the sanctioning and organizing of



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the event in the future should be under EDGF with a collaboration with WFDF that developed a format for this type of competition. A task force should be set by EDGF that will handle the bid call and preparation of the future ETDGC (the next edition should be held in 2024) and that will resolve the situation with the WFDF Disc Golf Committee.

EDGF should closely cooperate with EFDF in the future, particularly to increase the chances to include disc golf as a sport at top level multi-sport events such as European Games, European Universiade, etc.

## **EDGF organizational issues**

As an organization EDGF did not undergo significant development over the last year. With the help of the Board member Paul Francz, EDGF opened its bank account in Switzerland. Its first income are the sanctioning fees from EDGC that provide a future source of limited but steady income in the future. The income should be high enough to cover the basic cost of running the organization (bank fees, website, and promotional materials for EDGC), however, it will not allow support of development programs (as the youth program). However, unless there are detailed plans for the activities of EDGC, no further income is necessary at this point. Financial situation is described in the EDGF Financial Report.

In the future the organizational structure of EDGF needs to be more formalized. Regular board meetings, committees and task forces should be set up and the agenda should be made available to the public. The outputs should be published through the EDGF website. The biggest goal is to find human resources to develop EDGF into a well running organization. The lack of resources in governance of disc golf is unfortunately slowing down the progress not only on the international level but also in individual countries in Europe. Those willing to push disc golf forward are typically very busy with other agenda, particularly, on national levels. EFDF should communicate better with its members in the future to gain more human resources for development of international programs. Furthermore, the newly elected board of EDGF should consider how to promote and award those who are contributing most to the development of disc golf in Europe, mostly as volunteers.

EDGF also needs to speed up the process of gaining members in all countries in Europe with developed disc golf programs. The new bid allocation rules for EDGC should help to speed up the process; however, a high standard of communication will be needed with individual countries for a successful completion of this goal.



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## **Conclusions**

The pandemic period in Europe created numerous new opportunities for development of disc golf in Europe, as disc golf as a non-contact sport in an outdoor environment provides a popular pastime and sport activity for the general public. However, the benefit is seen only in the areas where there is an existing infrastructure for disc golf.

EFDF cannot directly contribute to the process of development of new infrastructure or human resources but it can play an important role together with EFDF in finding resources (primarily financial) for international actions (Erasmus+, international sport funding programs and promotion of the sport) that can support development of such resources in the future. Disc golf is a perfect sport for a post pandemic era and EDGF can play an important role in the process of getting the general public and opinion makers to be aware of it.

Bratislava, November 24, 2021

Richard Kollar, President

**European Disc Golf Federation**



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## Financial Report 2019-2021

Bank Account CH50 8080 8001 9227 8975 5 (Raiffeisen Bank Switzerland)

Description	Income CHF	Expenses CHF
Status as per 31.12.2018	0.00	0.00
Sanctioning Fees EDGC 2021 (€ 2'500.00)	2'592.85	
EDGC 2021 Medals (€ 340.15) *		348.17
Transfer fee		33.86
Luggage overweight Tax (transport medals)**		56.00
Website Hosting & Domain 2019**		89.45
Website Hosting & Domain 2020**		89.45
Website Hosting & Domain 2021**		89.45
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2'592.85</b>	<b>706.38</b>
<b>Status as per 31.12.2021</b>	<b>1'886.47</b>	

\* Paid by Czech DGA on behalf of EDGF

\*\* Paid to General Secretary, Webmaster (29.12.2021)

Exchange rate Euro/Swiss francs: 1.0236 (23.12.2021)

The new bank account with Raiffeisen Bank in Switzerland is installed. Czech DGA has transfer the amount of € 2'159.85 (CHF 2'210.82) to our account. Copies of all bills are in our files.

Balsthal, Switzerland, 31 December 2021

I hereby state, that all income and expenses have been added to this report, and that the balance of **CHF 1'886.47** shall be transferred to books starting 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022.

On behalf of the EDGF Executive Committee

**Paul Francz**

EDGF General Secretary



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## EDGF General Assembly – Approve Members

### To vote on:

a) Ordinary Member: Lithuanian Disc Golf Association (new)  
President: Mykolas Krasnickas

ASD II Disc Golf - Italian Disc Golf Association (change)  
President: Riccardo Scroffernecher

b) Extraordinary Member: Scotland Disc Golf Association (new)  
President: Ben Bruce

Ordinary and voting EDGF member for UK is the BDGA (British Disc Golf Association)

## EDGF General Assembly – Vote on Proposals

During the EDGF meeting at 2021 EDGC at Konopiste in Czech Republic some changes in EDGC Standards and Format were discussed. Some technical changes can be adopted in the future. The relevant document is currently under revision and will be available together with the Bid Manual beginning of January. The bid packages will be posted online on EDGF official website and all countries will be notified about the official opening of the bid process by a separate email.

### To vote on:

1) Introduction of the **MP55** division to 2023 EMDGC

2) Introduction of the option/request to nominate a **separate captain for EJDGC** for each participating country

3) EFDG-members who are not EDGF members to receive EDGC spots



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## EDGF General Assembly – Call for Candidates

Dear EDGF Member Country,

The term of the currently elected EDGF Board members is ending and thus EDGF members will need to elect a new Board.

EDGF Board of Directors has 7 members. The elected board members will hold the **constitutional meeting** at the earliest possible time after the GA, where the BoD Offices will be appointed (President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and three at-large directors).

EDGF is making a call for candidates for the upcoming EDGF board elections.

Any EDGF member country and the current EDGF BoD can nominate candidates for the board members. EDGF is looking for volunteers interested in advancement of the organized disc golf in Europe, particularly those identified with the general vision of EDGF as the organization representing national disc golf governing bodies in individual European countries.

The deadline for the submission of the nominations is the 20<sup>th</sup> **of January 2022**.

Each nomination file should contain:

- Name of the nominee
- Photograph of the nominee (at least 300 dpi)
- Short profile and statement of the nominee

Please send the nomination to the General Secretary Paul Francz by mail to:  
[info@discgolffederation.eu](mailto:info@discgolffederation.eu)



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## **EDGF General Assembly – Other Businesses**

### **1) EFDF (European Flying Disc Federation)**

Discuss the newly approved Statutes of European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF, governing body of all disc sports in Europe) that contain also multiple references to EGDF. We will discuss the implication of these statutes on governance of disc golf in Europe.

### **2) Future agenda and goals of EDGF**

- Discussion of the organisational structure of EDGF
- Key goals (EDGC, Juniors, Communication & Media)