



WFDF 2017 World Team Disc Golf Championships
University of Essex – Colchester, GBR
23 – 26 August, 2017
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The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) and Disc Zoo, the Tournament Organising Committee (TOC), are excited to host the WFDF 2017 World Team Disc Golf Championships in Colchester, Great Britain. This event is WFDF's premier disc golf event in which we extend invitations to all member National Federations and their Disc Golf Associations for players to represent their country. To enable this to happen we will make it as easy as possible for players to attend and take part in this prestigious event.

The tournament will run from Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th August, 2017 at Wivenhoe Park, University of Essex, Colchester, Great Britain (CO43SQ) on the full Championship course. The course will be open for practice from Sunday 20th to Tuesday 22nd August, 2017 inclusive.

We look forward to welcoming you and to working together to collect all the information and payments needed to successfully plan and run the event. Please do everything you can to support the TOC by respecting deadlines and by responding with all the necessary data efficiently.

Below are the details that you need to start registering your team. In addition, we have included some basic information to help you with planning and to assist with making your travel plans. More details will be available and posted on the official event website at www.2017wtdgc.uk which will be live on the 1st February 2017.

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

If you have any urgent question, please email WFDF Disc Golf Chair & Tournament Technical Director Charlie Mead at Charlie.mead01@gmail.com. For other information, please see the website or wait for further instructions.

We can't wait to see you all in Colchester, Great Britain at WTDGC 2017.

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EVENT DATES

WTDGC will be a four (4) day tournament. Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th August, 2017 inclusive. The course will be open for practice from Sunday 20th to Tuesday 22nd August, 2017.

Sunday 20th -Tuesday 22nd August

Course open for practice. All practice sessions to be booked in advance.

Tuesday 22nd August

09:00 - Registration of all teams

19:00 - Players Briefing and Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 23rd August - Day 1

07:30 - Rounds 1 to 5. All teams and players play each round

Thursday 24th August - Day 2

08:00 - Rounds 6 and 7 - All teams and players play each round

19:00 - Event BBQ by the lakes.

Friday 25th August - Day 3

08:00 - Round 8 - All teams and players play

13:00 Quarter Final Round. Top eight teams in main draw and Top 2 in lower draw play.

19:00 - WTDGC Trading Night - an opportunity to sell and swap all those old discs, shirts, minis and fun DG goodies! The WFDF 2017 WTDGC Putting contest will also take place.

Saturday 26th August - Day 4

08:00 - Semi-Final Round. Top 4 teams play from main draw.

13:00 - Final Round. Top 2 teams play from main draw.

17:00 - Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

19:00 - WTDGC After-Party

Should weather cause delays to play, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly to ensure the finals are played as scheduled on day 4.

Please note- ALL players are expected to attend the Players Briefing & Opening Ceremony.

LOCATION

The event will be played in the town of Colchester on the Classic Championship Course at the University of Essex Campus, Wivenhoe Park in Great Britain (CO43SQ).

Located in Southern England, University of Essex have hosted many WFDF World and PDGA European Championships including the 2012 European Disc Golf Championships. The course has been recently re-designed and re-equipped with new baskets for this event.

This year, WTDGC will hold an emphasis on bringing all aspects of a major Disc Golf event together on one site. All accommodation will be on the course. Meals will be available at the University Campus and all parties and social events will be hosted on-site at the University bars and restaurants.

MAPS available here:

<http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/colchester/travel.aspx>

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/University+of+Essex+Colchester+Campus/@51.8777259,0.9450182,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x47d905659e8bd101:0x5cc71b77d30f6be4!8m2!3d51.8777259!4d0.9472069?hl=en>

NOTE – the course map included in this bulletin is a provisional map only. TOC will provide the final course design closer to the event.





TEAM & DIVISIONS

All WFDF National Federation (NF) members are invited to participate at the tournament, as are their national Disc Golf Associations. It is not a requirement that players hold a PDGA membership.

The WTDGC event, will feature four (4) divisions (Open, Women's, Master's and Junior) with teams consisting of a minimum of 6 players with a team having the option to bring up to 12 players. Teams will compete in multiple competition formats throughout the Event with each round including players seeded within their team. Teams will be made up of; 3 x MPO, 1 x FPO, 1 MPM and 1 x MJ1 players. The MPO players in each team would be seeded according to PDGA Ratings.

All rounds will be doubles match play in a variety of formats with a variety of combinations of players. The exact details cannot be decided until all teams are registered but it would be expected, as an example, that the pairings in any team for Round 1 may be:

- 1MPO (seed 1) & 1FPO
- 1MPO (seed 2) & 1MJ1
- 1MPO (seed 3) & 1MPM

or for Round 2 those pairings may be:

- 1MPO (seed 1) & 1MPM
- 1FPO & 1 MJ1
- 1MPO (seed 2) & 1MPO (seed 3)

There are likely to be four sets of combinations of players. This will allow all players in the team of 6 to play every round with team mates from different divisions. Teams may, of course, substitute any of their players for other players in their team should they chose to bring more than 6 players as long as they fit the criteria of the team combination structure.

DISPENSATION CLAUSE

WFDF has a firm belief in offering developing countries and players the widest set of opportunities to take part in this event. We are committed to both inclusion and equality in our practices and this event will be delivered so that as many countries, their representatives and players can participate.

If any country is unable to field a full team of 6 in the divisions specified they may apply for special dispensation to take part. This process will be overseen by the WFDF Board and Disc Golf Committee and all applications will be judged based on the specific circumstances raised by each country.

To enable as many countries as possible to participate at WTDGC, a dispensation clause will allow a team to apply to select a player from any division to play in place of a woman, junior or master as long as they do not have a rating above the 75th centile of the top quartile of players in that division within the PDGA ratings. (Currently; Women's would be over the rating of 820, Juniors 910 and Masters 911.) Nations may also substitute a player of any gender in their division except the women's division on application to WFDF.

As in all WFDF events, to enable the growth of the sport across the world, countries without the requisite number of players may also apply to join other countries to enter a multinational team.

All applications to apply the Dispensation clause must come from each country's WFDF representative or National Disc Golf Association where Disc Golf is not represented by WFDF.

Champions will be crowned with gold, silver or bronze medals with trophies awarded to the winning teams. No prize money will be awarded. However, all monies raised in sponsorship shall be used to reduce costs for teams and returned to teams after the tournament once event accounts have been submitted to the WFDF Board.

Participants wanting to form part of a national team should reach out to your WFDF or PDGA National Disc Association with an email copy to Charlie.mead01@gmail.com.



FORMAT

At present it is planned that 24 teams will take part in this Championship. The following format will be used if 24 teams register.

Rounds 1 to 5 – There will be 4 pools of 6 teams seeded according to the PDGA Ratings of their top 6 players. Each team, in three sets of pairs, will play every other team in their pool. This will be over a 9-hole course. There will be two 9-hole courses available.

Rounds 6, 7 and 8 - Top 16 teams from Rounds 1-5 will be divided into 4 pools of 4. The remainder of teams will be divided into 2 further pools of 4. Each team, in three sets of pairs, will play every other team in their pool.

Quarter Final - Top 2 teams in each pool will play for place in the semi final in a knockout, match play format. This will include teams now seeded 17 and 18 who will play for the 'Plate' trophy.

Semi final and Final: the top 4 teams will play a knockout round and the winners and losers will then play for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Accommodation is on campus at The Houses or South Court at the University - in the middle of the course!

This is a comfortable single room in blocks of 4, 6 or 8 rooms, all with en-suite bathroom facilities and shared kitchen and lounge area. **All room bookings include a full breakfast.**

WTDGC players staying on campus will benefit from:

- bed and breakfast, with an option to pre-purchase half OR full board
- en suite accommodation
- free parking with space for coaches
- many on site facilities including banks, shops, restaurants and bars

The TOC has 250 rooms provisionally booked in 'The Houses' on the campus. The Houses and South Court are located on the north and south side of campus in pleasant parkland. The walking distance to the centre of campus is approximately 3 minutes. There are six houses, each of which is a three-storey residence accommodating 42 or 46 people. The accommodation is arranged in self-contained flats of four, six or eight players sharing a kitchen. Each room has its own en suite shower and toilet facilities. There are also a limited number of double rooms available.

The basic cost for WTDGC is for a Room and Breakfast (per person). Players may also pre-book lunch and Dinner packages when booking their accommodation.

FOOD - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Meals are available as part of the accommodation option if pre-booked. **We recommend this option!** Breakfast on site is only available to those booking accommodation on site.

The campus also has three Restaurants and two Cafe bars on site and Colchester and Wivenhoe also have a wide range of restaurants and pubs where you can eat with a range of costs to suit all budgets should you choose against the pre-purchased meal plan.

There are local supermarkets and on- campus shops should you prefer to buy food and cook it in the kitchens.

Option	Package	Minimum Nights	Cost per day per person
1	Bed & Breakfast	4	£50
2	Bed & Breakfast, Dinner	4	£65
3	Bed & Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner	4	£75
4	Player SURCHARGE Fee (if not staying on Campus) *NOTE		£10 per day (x4)

***NOTE: To enable the TOC to offer reduced team fees and housing costs – it is anticipated that all/most participants will stay on site at the Campus accommodation. There will be a player green-fee surcharge of £10 per person per day (x 4 competition days) for participants who DO NOT choose to stay on campus. This fee is a direct charge of the University for the use of the greens, toilets and waste facilities.**

CAMPUS FACILITIES

- Campus shop - selling food, alcohol and a range of goods for life on a University campus.
- 3 x large Campus Bars to cater for all drinking tastes.
- There are three banks and three ATM machines.
- A launderette is available

Accommodation costs have been set by the University of Essex based on use of facilities including accommodation & food and the full range of facilities offered as part of this package. This includes use of the Disc Golf Course, access to wi-fi in every room, as well as access to the Sports & Cultural Centres and all on-site parking & facilities.

In order to promote the full inclusion of all players in a unified event the fee structure offers excellent value for money for those that use the university facilities. We hope that each team will choose these options to help keep the overall costs of the event down. Simply put the more players who stay on Campus the lower your costs.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open in February 2017. Only a National Association Representative (nominated by the WFDF or Disc Golf Association) can nominate a national team for participation at WTDGC. Only one (1) team per country will be allowed.

Registration will only be accepted on receipt of appropriate Tournament fees. There are three types of Fees:

- **Team Fee:** to be paid by each country for their team of 6 to 12 players (£600 per team)
- **Accommodation/Food package Fees:** For teams and individuals that book accommodation on campus (See table above on different packages available)
- **Participant surcharge fee:** For participants that DO NOT choose the event on campus accommodation package (£10 per day per player: £40 total)

STEP 1 - TEAM REGISTRATION (closes on Friday 31st March 2017)

1st February 2017 team registration opens. National Representatives have until Friday 31st March to nominate their country to participate. To register your team, please fill out the online WTDGC team registration form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDMAxib67WJmaxebk_b5aRiy5bsa0UAm4xKbTRrXcKC05_7A/viewform

The TOC kindly asks that you fill out the form as soon as you decide you want to enter a team – please don't wait until the deadline.

Please note - filling out the team registration form does not bind you to attend – you may withdraw at any time PRIOR to making your team fee payment.

STEP 2 – TEAM FEE DEPOSIT PAYMENT (funds must be received no later than Friday 21st April 2017)

1st April 2017 – team fee invoices issued via email. An invoice will be emailed direct to the nominated team administrator. Each nation will have until Friday 21st April to make the **DEPOSIT** payment and to advise the TOC via email with proof of payment.

During registration you will be asked if you want to pay the full team fee up-front (£600), or to split the payment into a deposit (£400) followed by the final payment (£200). Please note – late payment or non-payment could result in your team registration being revoked.

Please be sure to include the invoice number on your transaction. All fees are in British Pound £ and bank transfer fees are the responsibility of the payer.

Teams will be registered on a first paid first register basis until 20 teams have registered. The TOC shall hold 4 Wild Cards to invite the remaining 4 teams.

The team fee/deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.

NOTE – if you choose to split the team fee into a deposit and final bill, the remaining payment of £200 is due prior to Friday 9th June 2017)

STEP 3 – PLAYER REGISTRATION (closes on Friday 19th May 2017)

6th April 2017 – Player registrations open. National Representatives shall nominate all players and provide details for each player. A player registration form will be emailed to each team administrator prior to 6th April. Each nation will have until Friday 19th May to complete all details on the player registration form.

As part of the player registration process – you will be asked to choose your accommodation and meal packages and to inform the TOC about any dietary restrictions. Please do not leave collecting this information until the last day!

Please note – there are no players' fees due. Your team fee £600 which entitles each country to nominate between 6-12 players per team.

In exceptional circumstances it is still possible for National Representatives to register players after this date and to change players due to medical reasons or personal circumstance. Please email any exemption requests direct to Charlie Mead. Exemptions are at the discretion of the Tournament Technical Director.

STEP 4 – ACCOMMODATION & FOOD PACKAGE PAYMENT (closes on Friday 9th June 2017)

22nd May 2017 - Accommodation & Food package invoices issued via email. All campus bookings must be paid in full prior to Friday 9th June 2017.

As soon as you return the PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM an invoice will be raised and emailed to the team administrator. The TOC would prefer to issue one (1) accommodation and food invoice per team.

If you have not paid your accommodation & food fees prior to Friday 9th June 2017 no booking will be made on your behalf. The TOC is unable to hold any accommodation that is not paid in full by the due date and you shall find your own accommodation.

ALL players who do not book and pay for campus accommodation will be charged the player green-fee surcharge of £10 per day (£40 total per person).



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Team Tournament Fees have been set in consultation with the WFDF Board of Directors.
- Payment will be by PayPal or BACS into the WFDF 2017 WTDGC account –details can be found on each invoice.
- All Bank Charges and transfer charges will be paid by each country at source.
- Any under or over spend on fees and charges will be settled at registration on Tuesday 22nd August. Cash facilities only.
- Teams and Players are only guaranteed a place at WFDF 2017 WTDGC when they are on the Registered Team and Players list. This confirms their place. No other confirmation will be sent.
- If you are a Registered Team and wish to de-register up to the last day of registration (June 9th) the whole entry fee will be refunded less the £400 deposit.
- If you are a Registered Team and wish to de-register after the last day of registration you will receive no refund unless for medical reasons or on compassionate grounds.
- If you decide to de-register and will not be attending WFDF 2017 WTDGC for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible so we can contact teams who may be on a waiting list.
- NOTE! Remember that the registration fee must be paid for team and player accommodation and facilities registrations to be complete!

We are looking forward to hosting you in Colchester, Great Britain at WTDGC 2017 this summer.

Please contact us at any time to discuss your participation at WTDGC

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