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## WFDF Disc Golf

WFDF has a commitment to support and develop all flying disc sports and to provide member countries and players opportunities to compete for their country in the full range of disciplines offered by WFDF. For Disc Golf this opportunity is represented by the World Team Disc Golf Championships (WTDGC). In 2017 this event will be held in Colchester, GBR from August 23-26.

WTDGC meets WFDFs International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognition related commitment to hold a World Championship Disc Golf event based on competition between national teams. The event also demonstrates WFDFs commitment to become more involved in and supportive of disc golf, an objective its member countries have wanted to see for some time.

A main function of WFDF is to provide clear guidance to IOC and SportAccord, as well as all member countries, of the current status of each country's ranking in any discipline of flying disc sports. Currently there is no comprehensive way of doing this for Disc Golf but WTDGC will provide the most extensive evidence yet as to the rankings of each country relative to each other.

The main purpose for ranking Disc Golf member countries is to provide them with evidence to use with their National Sports Funding Organisations, their National Olympic Committee and World based multi-national game organisations to enable funding and access to opportunities to develop within their own country and internationally. This system is currently used by WFDF within the Ultimate community, and though Disc Golf is relatively new to WFDF it provides a positive Launchpad for all members to gain recognition within their own country.

In order for this to be clear the following guidelines will form the basis of rankings for 2017:

Teams will be ranked according to their finishing positions at 2017 WTDGC. Further criteria will be added as WFDF international disc golf team events develop on a regional and continental basis and other appropriate criteria is developed.

1. Ranking will depend on each country entering a full team to the event. This to be made up of 3 x MPO, 1 x FPO, 1 x MPM and 1 x MJ1 players.
2. Teams who are granted a Dispensation clause to replace players from a different division cannot be ranked higher than any teams that enter a full team.
3. Multinational teams will get a ranking higher than teams who do not enter but not higher than a team who are granted a Dispensation clause.
4. Teams who do not enter will then be ranked alphabetically.

Full details of 2017 WTDGC can be found at <http://2017wtgdc.uk/>



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