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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **WFDF Releases 2019 Disc Golf World Rankings**

The world Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), in cooperation with the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA), is releasing the second edition of the world rankings for disc golf by country. USA remain the top ranked team in the world, followed by Canada, Finland, New Zealand and Estonia. The criteria for ranking countries are a combination of performance at WFDF World Team Disc Golf Championships and the PDGA ratings for top male and female players.

“The second edition of the WFDF World Disc Golf Rankings marks another significant step forward for WFDF members and countries affiliated with PDGA,” said Charlie Mead, the WFDF Disc Golf Committee chair. “As the criteria for ranking becomes known to the wider disc golf-playing world, National Associations are focusing their attention on how to move up the list. The inclusion of more women and juniors in the calculations for some countries has made a positive difference to their position.”

“The next edition will see the results of the third World Team Disc Golf Championships included and this will make a big difference, especially to those countries that have not yet competed in the event in 2016 and 2017. The message is clear— get better, get more women and juniors playing and come to WTDGC 2019 to move up the rankings.”

“We are pleased to see this expansion of the World Rankings for disc golf,” stated WFDF President Robert “Nob” Rauch. “Our rankings will become an ever increasingly important tool in deciding on the inclusion of countries in multi-sports games like the World Games or other Olympic Movement sanctioned events which demand a critical and objective means for selecting athletes for their events. We are looking forward to discussing this and other exciting developments for disc golf and all disc sports at our Congress in August in Estonia, being held after the conclusion of our Team Disc Golf World Championship.”

An explanation of the rankings process is available [here](#). A revision of any or all criteria for generating a World Rankings list will also be reviewed every six-months based on feedback from WFDF members, PDGA, and PDGA Europe Board of Directors and officers. A total of 47 countries are now included in the ranking process, an increase of seven from the January 2018 list.

The WFDF 2019 World Team Disc Golf Championships will be held in Alutaguse, Ida-Virumaa, Estonia from 21 to 24 August 2019. The four day event will be hosted by the Estonian Disc Golf Association and Alutaguse Eagle Disc Golf Club and it is expected to draw teams from the top 24 countries in the world.

The entire world rankings follow.

#### **About WFDF:**

The World Flying Disc Federation is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts and Overall Events. WFDF is a federation of 86 member associations that represent flying disc sports and their athletes in over 84 countries. WFDF is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and it is a member of the Association of Recognised International Federations (ARISF). WFDF is a member of GAISF and the International World Games Association (IWGA) and IMGA. It is also a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. WFDF is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

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## WFDF 2019 Disc Golf World Rankings (as of 31 December 2018)

Country	World Ranking	Previous	PDGA World Classification Points	WFDF WTDGC World Classification Points	Total Points
United States	1	1	80	37	117
Canada	2	2	64	49	113
Finland	3	4	75	32	107
New Zealand	4	3	53	49	102
Estonia	5	5	57	26	83
Czech Republic	6	7	53	23	76
Germany	7	9	73.5	-	73.5
Sweden	7	6	73.5	-	73.5
Japan	9	10	50	17	67
United Kingdom	10	7	46	20	66
Switzerland	11	11	62	-	62
France	12	14	44	17	61
Norway	13	12	60	-	60
Denmark	14	13	57	-	57
Slovakia	15	15	42	11	53
Australia	16	16	40	11	51
Austria	17	17	48	-	48
Croatia	18	18	33	8	41
Iceland	19	19	38	-	38
Poland	20	19	36	-	36
Netherlands	21	25	33	-	33
Slovenia	22	25	30	-	30
Latvia	23	22	28	-	28
Hungary	24	24	26	-	26
Belgium	25	21	24	-	24
Spain	26	31	22	-	22
Russia	27	30	20	-	20
Lithuania	28	22	18	-	18
Thailand	29	32	16	-	16
South Korea	30	28	14	-	14
Ukraine	31	28	12	-	12
Brazil	32	27	3	8	11
Serbia	33	-	10	-	10
Italy	34	33	9	-	9
Taiwan	35	35	8	-	8
Ethiopia	36	-	7	-	7
Luxembourg	37	34	6	-	6
Portugal	38	35	5	-	5
Hong Kong	39	-	3	-	3
Malaysia	39	35	3	-	3
Puerto Rico	39	-	3	-	3
South Africa	39	-	3	-	3
Mexico	39	-	3	-	3
Israel	39	-	3	-	3
Zambia	39	-	3	-	3
Vietnam	39	35	3	-	3
Ireland	39	-	3	-	3