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1. General Rules

1.1. PDGA Europe Player of the Year is an individual competition governed by PDGA Europe to recognize the overall best European player performance in disc golf in a calendar year.

1.2. The competition runs every year from January 1 to December 31.

1.3. The competition has two divisions: Male and Female. They correspond to PDGA player divisions MPO and FPO, respectively, although eligible players playing other division can compete as well.

1.4. The current and the final ranking in the competition are published on the PDGA Europe website.

1.5. The final ranking that determines the final standings in the competition is published once the official PDGA End-of-the-Year ratings are published (that is typically in February of the year following the year of the competition). The current ranking is updated and published regularly over the year and reflects the current standings in the competition at the time when it is published using the available data.

Note: In January typically the first version of the PDGA End-of-the-Year ratings is officially released. In February final corrections and overdue event results are processed and the final version of the PDGA End-of-the-Year ratings is released.

1.6. European country in this rules is defined as a country that is a current PDGA Europe Affiliated Country in good standing.

2. Eligible players

2.1. The players eligible to compete and to be considered in the ranking (current or final) must fulfill all the following conditions that can be summarized as **PDGA Membership, Nationality, Division Playing Record, Playing Record in Europe**.

2.2. To be considered in the **ranking** the eligible player

- a. must be a current PDGA member;
- b. must be a citizen of an European country or the player must permanently reside in European countries at least for the recent 18 months; the current registered PDGA nationality of the eligible player must be in an European country;
- c. must have a playing record at individual PDGA tournaments during the respective year that must include at least 25% of events in the MPO division, or 25% of events in the FPO division, for the players competing in male or female divisions, respectively;
- d. must play at least three PDGA events in one of the European countries in the respective year.

2.3. To be considered in the **final ranking** the eligible player

- a. must be a current PDGA member on the December 31 of the respective year;
- b. must have a registered PDGA nationality on September 30 of the respective year in an European country.

3. Categories

3.1. The points in each division are awarded to the eligible players in the following categories:

- a. **PDGA Ratings**; the current PDGA ratings for male and female players; the PDGA end-of-the-year rating is used for the final ratings; only eligible players are considered in the ratings; the eligible player must be a PDGA Rating Propagator to be considered in this category;
- b. **Hot PDGA Rounds**; the number of officially rated PDGA tournament rounds in the respective year rated 1030 and above, and 930 and above, **played by the male, and female eligible players**, respectively; in the case of a tie in this category the higher average of the ratings of the counted rounds decides;
- c. **EuroProTour**; the final standing in EuroProTour in MPO and FPO divisions in the respective year; standings refers to the final standing including those who are not eligible to compete in the PDGA Europe Player of the Year ranking according to these rules;
- d. **EuroTour**; the final standing in EuroTour in MPO and FPO divisions in the respective year; standings refers to the final standing including those who are not eligible to compete in the PDGA Europe Player of the Year ranking according to these rules;
- e. **EDGC**; the final standing at European Disc Golf Championship in MPO and FPO divisions in the respective year (if the competition is hold in the respective year); standings refers to the final standing including those who are not eligible to compete in the PDGA Europe Player of the Year ranking according to these rules;
- f. **Selected International PDGA Tournaments**; at each of the selected international tournaments the points are awarded for the final standing in MPO and FPO divisions; standings refers to the final standing including those who are not eligible to compete in the PDGA Europe Player of the Year ranking according to these rules; in 2017 the selected international PDGA tournaments are

- Konopiště Open (CZE),
- PDGA Pro Worlds (USA),
- European Open (FIN),
- United States Disc Golf Championship (USA),
- United States Women Disc Golf Championship (USA).

4. Points

4.1. All players in all divisions of the competition are ranked within each division according to their sum of points.

4.2. In each category the points are awarded to

- a. the top 20 highest ranked eligible players in the male division (N = 20);
- b. the top 10 highest ranked eligible players in the female division (N = 10).

4.3. The maximum M number of points awarded to an eligible player in each category in each division is

- a. M = 100;
- b. except the category 3.1d (EuroTour) for which M = 60;

4.4. The player on the n-th place in each category and each division is awarded

$$M \cdot (N+1-n) / N \text{ points.}$$

(Explanation of the formula: In case there are no ties in each category except 3.1d, the points are distributed 100-95-90-...-5 to the top 20 players in the male division and 100-90-80-...-10 to the top 10 players in the female division; in category 3.1d the points are distributed 40-38-36-...-2 to the top 20 players in the male division and 40-36-32-...-4 to the top 10 players in the female division.)

4.5. In case of ties the points awarded to the positions shared by the tied players are equally distributed between the tied players.

4.6. All rounding of the points is to the nearest integer.

4.7. The tie-breaker in the case of a tie on the top 3 places in the final ranking of the competition is the higher position of the player in the categories 3.1c, 3.1e, 3.1a, 3.1b, 3.1d, in this order. In case of a tie in points in each of these categories the random draw by a PDGA Europe administrator decides.