



# Professional Disc Golf Association

*"The Professional Association for All Disc Golfers"*

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### RFP for all 2019 PDGA-Owned Major Events Released

Appling, GA (July 3, 2017) - The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) is pleased to announce the release of its bid packages for all 2019 PDGA-owned Major events. 2017 marks the beginning of a new era for the model of the PDGA World Championships, as a new and separate Disc Golf World Championship event will be contested in August for all age-protected divisions. The 2017 PDGA Professional Masters Disc Golf World Championships will be held in Grand Rapids, MI. in addition to the existing PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships, recently held in Augusta, GA., which was limited to only qualified Open Professional Men and Open Professional Women players. The tournaments in 2019 will continue to be sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association as PDGA Major Events. The PDGA is the international governing body for the sport of disc golf and sanctions nearly 3,200 tournaments in 29 countries each year for professional and amateur disc golfers.

PDGA Events Manager Michael Downes stated, "The PDGA is excited for the first iteration of the revamped events this year, as it is a direct reflection of the growth of our sport and the increased demand to participate in the Disc Golf World Championships. Over the last several years, we have seen an exponential increase in the number of members wishing to compete for a World title. The creation of a new separate event for age-based divisions has now allowed us to accommodate more members while also creating a true elite-level Open World Championship for our sport. The future of these Championships looks bright, and we can't wait to see the bar raised as they grow over the next few years. We are excited to receive and review bids for the 2019 events!"

Disc Golf, or Frisbee™ Golf as it is more commonly known, is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States with over 7,000 courses in existence and many more being installed each year. The sport is played using the same general rules, terminology and etiquette as traditional golf, but instead of using a club to hit a ball into a hole in the ground, the player throws a high-tech flying disc into a standardized target. Most courses are comprised of 18 par rated holes with diverse terrain and natural obstacles and the object, just as in traditional golf, is to play in as few throws of the disc as possible. Serious competitors carry a bag of approximately 10-15 discs, each one having a different flight characteristic, but the sport can be played recreationally with only one disc. Golf discs are very different in design from the Frisbee™ you play catch with and can be skillfully thrown by the sport's top professional players as far as 500' with amazing pinpoint accuracy.

For each of its owned Major Championships, the PDGA seeks hosts and encourages bids from around the world. An experienced disc golf club, non/for-profit businesses, or an individual working in conjunction with a community sports commission, visitor's bureau, or facilities owner can submit a bid. All bids are reviewed by the PDGA Staff and Board of Directors and a host is selected based upon the experience with running a large sanctioned disc golf event, contents of the bid, suitable facilities, proximity of courses and venues to each other, and other requirements. All 2019 bid packages can be found at <http://www.pdga.com/major-disc-golf-events>. Deadline for submission will be November 1, 2017.

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