

OBJECTIVES

- **To popularize and develop** the sport of disc golf within the deaf and hard-of-hearing community;
- **To determine the winners** and medalists of the 4th Nordic and Baltic Deaf Disc Golf Championship;
- **To promote international cooperation** and experience exchange between athletes and organizations of the participating countries.

MANAGEMENT

- The competition is organized by the **Latvian Deaf Sports Federation** (hereinafter – LNSF);
- **Tournament Director (TD):** Kalvis Frīdenbergs;
- The Tournament Director is responsible for the technical compliance of the course with international criteria, records violations of rules and regulations, determines the order of the holes, and approves the final competition results.
- Dispute resolution and organizational management are handled by the LNSF board members in cooperation with the Tournament Director.

VENUE AND TIME

- The competition will take place from **September 3 to September 6, 2026**.
- **Venue:** Talsi, disc golf park "9Hill" (Silver level course configuration);
- The official competition program will be published on the website www.lnsf.lv.
- **Important:** Operational logistics schedules (bus times from the accommodation "Kurzemes Rezidence"), results, and any live updates during the championship will be published and maintained in the official championship **Telegram group**, which is the primary communication channel for all participants.

PARTICIPANTS

- Citizens of the Nordic and Baltic region countries (**Latvia, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Norway, Iceland**) who are officially registered with the ICSD and hold a valid PDGA number are eligible to participate.
- Only athletes with a hearing loss of **at least 55 dB in the better ear** (in accordance with ICSD audiogram regulations) may compete. When registering athletes, federations are required to provide each athlete's ICSD Athlete ID;
- **Strictly Prohibited:** Athletes are strictly forbidden from using hearing aids and cochlear implants on the course during competition and play;
- Participants will compete in the following divisions:
 - **Men's Open** – Men's division
 - **Women's Open** – Women's division
- The maximum number of participants from a single country is **6 players in the Men's Open** and **6 players in the Women's Open**;

- Individuals who do not meet the Nordic-Baltic region status may be allowed to start with special permission from the organizers under **Guest status**, competing out of competition and without eligibility for championship medals or official rankings.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- All participants will play **3 rounds**. One round is played on each competition day;
- **Round 1:** All participants are randomly drawn into groups regardless of player ratings.
- **Round 2:** Groups are rearranged based on the results of the first round;
- **Round 3:** Players are grouped based on the combined results of the first two rounds;
- The competition utilizes a **"Shotgun" start** principle, with all groups starting play simultaneously from different holes on the course;
- If there is a tie for the top three positions after three rounds, a **"Sudden Death" playoff** will be played, starting from Hole 1. The Tournament Director may decide on a different sequence of holes for the playoff;
- Side events (additional disciplines) will be organized during the championship: **"Closest to the pin"**, **"Longest putt"**, and **"Longest drive"**.
- **Course Restrictions:** Practicing and warming up on the competition course is strictly prohibited from the moment the first group starts until the last group has finished the round. Warming up is allowed only in the designated warm-up area (near the warm-up net/basket) provided by the organizers. Violation of this rule may lead to disqualification.

COMPETITION RULES

- The competition is conducted in accordance with the official **PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association)** rules.
- Each player is personally responsible for complying with the competition rules (according to PDGA regulations). Each player is responsible for their own health, safety, and accident insurance during the championship;
- Every player must check in at the competition center at least **30 minutes before** their start time;
- Players must be present at their designated starting tee at least **10 minutes before** the official start signal;
- Players from all national delegations must wear a uniform **national team sports kit** representing their country during the competition and official ceremonies;
- **Strict Prohibition:** The use of alcohol, as well as tobacco and nicotine products (including chewing tobacco/snus, e-cigarettes, and vapes), is strictly prohibited on the course and in official zones during the competition for both players and official staff. Violation results in **immediate disqualification**.

REGISTRATION

- Registration of participants is permitted only through the respective national deaf sports federation by filling out the official registration form;
- Official championship application and registration deadlines are set as follows:
 - **Preliminary Entry Form:** until February 20, 2026;

- **Final Entry Form:** until June 3, 2026;
- **Accommodation reservation and payment:** until June 3, 2026;
- **Name Registration (Numerical/Roster):** until August 3, 2026.
- Registration is completed by sending the filled application form to the official email: **Insf@inbox.lv**
- To secure participation in the competition, participants must make the designated payments. If payment is not received within the specified deadlines, the organizers reserve the right to remove the player or delegation from the participant list.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- All players registered for the competition must comply with the competition regulations, rules, Code of Ethics, and generally accepted moral standards;
- An official protest regarding rule violations can be submitted in writing by the Head of Delegation to the Tournament Director within **30 minutes after the conclusion of the respective round**, accompanied by a deposit of **50.00 EUR**;
- If the protest is upheld, the deposit is refunded. If the protest is rejected, the deposit is retained by the LNSF;
- Final review of disputes and decision-making will be carried out by the Tournament Director together with LNSF board representatives in accordance with PDGA standards.

AWARDS

- The top three finishers in the Men's Open and Women's Open divisions will be awarded official championship medals;
- Competition organizers and sponsors reserve the right to award additional special and commemorative prizes.

DATA PROTECTION AND PUBLICITY

- By applying for the competition, participants agree that they may be photographed and filmed during the event.
- The organizers reserve the right to use the resulting photo and video materials for championship publicity on the website, social media networks, and mass media.