WINTER WORLD MASTERS GAMES • FINLAND 2028

Winter Disc Golf · Winter World Masters Games 2028

INVITATION TO COMPETE AND SPORTS INFORMATION

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1. Welcome to Heinola

The Winter World Masters Games 2028 bring 14 winter sports to Lahti, Heinola and Levi on 14–23 January 2028. Winter disc golf is played at the Heinola Disc Golf Park in Heinola on 20–22 January: an open day on Thursday, the pairs on Friday and the individual competition on Saturday.

Heinola Disc Golf Park, also known as Kippis, is one of the largest and recognised disc golf centres in the world. The Games are played on the Kippis Am course, 18 par-3 holes in a wooded ridge landscape, in full winter. Snow on the fairways, extra lights when needed, the same chains as in summer time.

Winter disc golf is open to everyone from 30. Club players and casual throwers play in the same field. Nothing stops us.

2. Organisers

Role	Organisation
Event owner	World Masters Sports (WMS)
Organising committee	Salppuri Oy, Lahti
Competition organiser	City of Heinola with Lords of DiscGolf ry (Kippis)

Rules	PDGA Official Rules of Disc Golf and PDGA Competition Manual, with winter adaptations
Tournament Director	Appointed by Kippis
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3. Venue and course

Venue	Course
Heinola DiscGolfPark World (Kippis), Kippasuonväylä 30, Heinola	Kippis Am course: 18 holes, par 3 on every hole, artificial-turf tees, DiscGolfPark Pro Target baskets. A round takes about 70 to 90 minutes.

- The course is set for winter by the course designer. Tee positions follow the snow conditions and are shown in the start lists.
- The practice centre, putting areas and the throwing net, is open to competitors throughout the competition days. The other Kippis courses stay in normal use.
- Kippasuo is next to Heinola Sports Park (Ice Hockey Hall), close to the city centre, 35 km north-east of Lahti. Accredited participants travel on local transport Lahti–Heinola at a special reduced rate, and a paid shuttle runs to Kippasuo. Timetables and prices are published in 2027.
- Heinola also hosts the ice hockey finals the same week.
- Helsinki Airport to Lahti: about 100 km, one hour by train or car.

4. Who can enter

- You are 30 or older on 31 December 2027, born in 1997 or earlier. Athletes can compete in younger age groups.
- Entry is open. No PDGA membership, club membership or rating is required. We ask for your club (optional)in the registration.
- You may enter both the pairs and the individual competition in one entry.

- You have your own accident, health and liability insurance, including repatriation, valid in Finland for training and competition. The organiser takes out no insurance for participants.
- You compete at your own risk and you are responsible for your own fitness to compete. No medical certificate is needed; you confirm your health in the registration.
- Masters compete for themselves. There are no national delegations or quotas.
- Athletes from Russia and Belarus cannot take part, per the decision of the organiser.
- Participants holding Russian or Belarusian citizenship may attend the Winter World Masters Games 2028 only if they also hold citizenship of another country or are permanent residents of a country other than Russia or Belarus, and they participate individually without using or displaying any Russian or Belarusian flags, symbols, names, abbreviations, colour combinations, anthems, or other national identifiers. This decision has been made by the Local Organising Committee and follows the policies of the Finnish Government and Finnish sports organisations. If the political situation changes, LOC is able to re-consider the decision any time.

5. The events

	Pairs	**Individual**
Day	Friday 21 January	Saturday 22 January
Format	Best shot: both players throw, the pair plays on from the better lie	Stroke play
Rounds	Two rounds of 18 holes, aggregate strokes	Two rounds of 18 holes, aggregate strokes
Classes	Women's pairs, men's pairs, mixed pairs, all 30+	Women and men in ten-year classes: 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60+
Medals	Gold, silver and bronze in each of the three classes	Gold, silver and bronze in each class

Your age on 31 December 2027 sets your individual class. Every class is played and medalled whatever its size.

6. Competition format

Rounds. A morning round and an afternoon round on each competition day. Whether the rounds start as a shotgun start or with tee times depends on the number of entries and is published with the start lists.

Scoring. Aggregate strokes over the two rounds. Ties for a medal position are decided by a sudden-death play-off under the PDGA rules; other tied positions are shared.

Winter adaptations. The winter adaptations to the PDGA rules, such as discs lost in snow, are presented at the briefing before each round and in the start lists.

Start lists. Groups and start lists are published on masters2028.com before the Games.

7. Programme

Day	Winter disc golf	Also on
Friday 14 January		Opening Ceremony, Lahti · accreditation open at the Games Centre
Thursday 20 January	Open day: free training for competitors on the competition course · course open to the public to try the sport	
Friday 21 January	Pairs, two rounds · medal ceremony at Kippasuo	
Saturday 22 January	Individual, two rounds · medal ceremony at Kippasuo	

Sunday 23 January	Farewell Party, Lahti

A short briefing is held at the start area before every round. Changes for weather, daylight or safety reasons are announced at the briefing and on masters2028.com.

8. Training

Thursday 20 January is the open day: free training on the competition course for every competitor, included in your entry. Loan discs are available on the open day for anyone trying the sport.

9. Briefing

A briefing is held at the start area before every round. The Tournament Director presents the day's course setup, the winter adaptations, the start format and the scoring.

10. Rules

- The competition follows the PDGA Official Rules of Disc Golf and the PDGA Competition Manual, current edition, with the winter adaptations announced at the briefing.
- Rulings are made in the group. Unclear cases go to the Tournament Director, whose decision is final. There is no protest fee.
- Bring your own discs. Bright colours are easier to find in the snow.
- Anti-doping: the WMS anti-doping rules and the WADA Code apply.

11. Entry and fees

- Registration opens on 1 November 2026 at masters2028.com. The first week is reserved for pre-registered athletes. Each athlete registers and pays personally online.
- Winter disc golf: 225 € per athlete, VAT 13.5 % included. The game entry covers up to three sports; winter disc golf counts as one, pairs and individual included.
- In the Winter Disc Golf form you choose your events, pairs, individual or both, and give your club. For the pairs you name your partner; both players register and pay their own entry.
- Changes to your events are free until 30 November 2027, then 25 €.
- Late fee +50 € from 1 October 2027. Last-minute fee +100 € from 1 January 2028. Entries close on 14 January 2028.

12. Cancellation

When you cancel	Refund
Until 30 June 2027	Full refund minus 50 € admin fee
1 July – 30 November 2027	50 %
From 1 December 2027	No refund
With a doctor's certificate, any time	50 %

Entries cannot be transferred to another person. If the organiser cancels all your sports, 50 % is refunded. The general terms and conditions and the privacy policy on masters2028.com are part of this invitation.

13. Results and medals

Start lists and live results are on masters2028.com. The medals are awarded at Kippasuo right after the second round: pairs on Friday 21 January, individual on Saturday 22 January. No flags, no national anthems: masters compete for themselves.

14. Accommodation and travel

Hotels and transport in Lahti and Heinola are booked through masters2028.com. Local transport runs at a special reduced rate with your accreditation, and a paid shuttle connects Lahti and Kippasuo. Details in 2027.

15. Coaches and companions

Coaches and companions register as accompanying persons on masters2028.com. Registration for accompanying persons opens in 2027.

16. Contact

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Attachments: PDGA Official Rules of Disc Golf and Competition Manual; course map. Changes for organisational, weather or safety reasons are possible.

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