



## 1. Presidents Cup 2019 Basic Info

Presidents Cup is a prestigious team event between the United States and Europe. The two teams are pit against each other to resolve which is the best disc golf continent. The Presidents Cup 2019 is held on July 17th 2019.

## 2. Presidents Cup 2019 Qualification

The majority of the spots on each team goes to the top players of each continent based on their performance in 2018. Each team consists of 11 members; one captain, six playing men, two playing women, and two reserve players - one male and one female.

There are no age restrictions for these players. Players must live and have a passport of one of the countries in the continent they represent - North America or Europe.

### 2.1. Team Members And Selection Methods

Each team has 11 members: one captain (non-playing), two women players, six men players, and two reserve players (one woman and one man).

- One captain, selected by vote.
- Two women, based on 2018 year-end PDGA World rankings.
- Four men, based on 2018 year-end PDGA World rankings.
- One man, based on fan vote.
- One man, selected by the team captain.
- One woman as a reserve player, based on 2018 year-end PDGA World rankings.\*
- One man as a reserve player, based on 2018 year-end PDGA World rankings.\*

*\*Additional qualification criteria applies to the reserve players. See 2.1.5. below.*

#### 2.1.1. Captain

The Presidents Cup tournament organization will choose captain candidates for each team. The candidates will be presented on the tournament website and facebook, and the disc golf community gets to vote for their favorite captain on facebook. The candidate with most votes becomes the captain for his continent's team.

Captains are required to attend the Presidents Cup at Nokia on July 17th 2019.

### **2.1.2. Year-End Ranking Spots**

Four (4) men and two (2) women qualify for each team based on the 2018 year-end PDGA World rankings.

### **2.1.3. Fans' Choice Player**

The Presidents Cup tournament organization will choose player candidates for each team. The candidates will be presented on the tournament website and facebook, and the disc golf community gets to vote their favorite players on facebook. The player with most votes will get a spot on his continent's team.

### **2.1.4. Captain's Choice Player**

Each captain gets to choose one male player to their team. This choice is entirely up to the captain.

### **2.1.5. Reserve Player**

Reserve players will receive spot on each team based on the 2018 year-end PDGA World rankings with the exception that the reserve player must also be a European Open participant.

The reserve players are required to be on location on the event day, ready to substitute another player on the team in case of an injury. A player can not be replaced during a Presidents Cup round.

## **2.2. Confirming Participation**

Each player who qualifies for the Presidents Cup must confirm their participation to the Presidents Cup. Players are informed about the qualification personally by email.

If a player declines to participate or fails to confirm their participation they may lose their eligibility to compete in the Presidents Cup and they are replaced by a reserve player.

## **2.3. Replacing players**

A reserve player replaces a player who is unable to participate in the Presidents Cup. A new reserve player will be selected based on the qualification criteria specified above.

## **2.4. Qualification schedule**

Tentative 2019 Presidents Cup qualification schedule:

- April 25th: Players qualified based on the year-end rankings published.
- May 2nd: Captain candidates nominated.
- May 2nd - 10th: Captain voting. (*Duration extended by one day on May 2nd.*)
- May 10th: Captains published.
- May 15th: Fan vote player candidates nominated.
- May 15th – 24th: Fans' choice player voting. (*Duration extended by two days on May 15th.*)
- May 24th: Fan vote players published.
- June 6th: Captain's choice players published.
- June 7th - July 16th: Changes only due to withdrawals if necessary.

## **3. Presidents Cup 2019 Rules**

### **3.1. Teams & player numbers**

Teams must designate numbers for their players: players no 1 to 6 in men and 1 to 2 in women. Numbering takes place at the tournament center one hour before the tournament.

### **3.2. Groups**

Presidents Cup will be played in four groups of four players. There are three men's groups and one women's group.

### **3. Tournament phases**

Presidents Cup consists of two separate phases:

- Phase 1 is individual best shot on holes 1-3, 9-11 and 16-18.
- Phase 2 is match play between numbered players on holes 1-3, 9-11 and 16-18.
- All players play 18 holes. (Unless the game is concluded before that.)

## **4. Presidents Cup 2019 Points System**

Players can earn points for their teams with the following point system.

- Individual Best Shot points: 28.
- Match Play points: 24.

The team who collects most points is the winner of Presidents Cup. A total of 52 points are available. 26 1/2 points are required to win the Presidents Cup.

### **4.1 Round 1**

Individual Best Shot. Men and women, holes 1-3, 9-11 and 16-18.

There are 7 points awarded to each group, 28 points in total:

- Lowest score 4 points
- 2nd lowest score 2 points
- 3rd lowest score 1 point
- 4th lowest score 0 points
- Ties split the points in question.

### **4.2 Round 2**

Match Play. Men and Women, holes 1-3, 9-11 and 16-18.

- Winner of a match play 3 points.
- Tie in a match = 1 1/2 points each.
- In case of a tie between teams after all holes played: 1 player sudden death play-off on holes 16, 17, and 18.
- Team captains will nominate the sudden death players.

## 5. Presidents Cup 2019 Trophy

The winning team will receive the Presidents Cup (trophy) for one year and all team members will have their names engraved on the trophy.

## 6. Presidents Cup 2019 Organization

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## 7. Presidents Cup 2019 Event Schedule

### Event day schedule - Wednesday July 17th, 2019:

- 8.00 AM - 2.00 PM: Course open for practice. (All holes.)
- 8.00 AM - Sunset: Holes 4-8 and 12-14 open for practice.
- 2:00 PM: Official Presidents Cup teams photo shoot (Hole 18 green.)
- 2:00 PM: Deadline for teams (Captains nominate their team's players/numbers.)
- 2:45 PM: Presidents Cup teams presentation. (Hole 1 tee)
- 3:00 PM: Presidents Cup Round 1: Best score (Holes 1-3, 9-11 and 16-18)
  - Groups starting at holes 1, 8, 10 (MPO) and 18 (FPO).
- 5:00 PM: Presidents Cup Round 2: Match Play (Holes 1-3, 9-11 and 16-18)
  - Groups start from hole 1 every 10 minutes. (4 groups)
- 7:00 PM: Crowning the Presidents Cup champion team.
  - Or immediately after a possible sudden death play-off.

*The schedule is tentative. The organizer reserves the right to change the schedule.*