

Proposal WFDF 2010.13 : Separate Mixed/Masters WUCC from Men's/Women's WUCC submitted by Jonathan Potts

A. Background:

WUCC2010 has seen unprecedented (but predicted) demand from teams to attend. The tournament has had to turn away a large number of teams and WFDF's requests to the Organising Committee to increase the size of the tournament has put considerable strain on their relationship.

The mixed clubs division is now a division, first introduced in WUCC1999, that has enough interest to stand on its own.

Splitting the events may also allow more room to “tier” the division at the outset of WUCC to allow more meaningful games against similar strength opponents. Such tiering would depend on a suitable qualifying, seeding and tiering system being developed for WUCC.

The attached Events Cycle Discussion Paper also includes a calendar, which shows how the events would play out.

B. Proposal Wording:

That WFDF will create a separate Mixed and Masters World Ultimate Club Championships commencing in 2013, repeating every 4 years.

C. Pros/Cons:

Pros	Cons
Allows all divisions to grow beyond current constricting limits.	
Will allow more countries to compete at WUCC.	
Significantly reduces the pressure from national associations and teams on WFDF and the TOC to include more teams in each division.	
Allows athletes who are able to, to attend a World Championship almost every year, which is especially	Athletes who decide to play in both divisions could squeeze out players who traditionally play elite mixed competition, but it would be up to national associations to determine qualifying criteria that suits their national situation.
More opportunities for members to host WUCC.	
Adds interest to national championships used as qualifying events.	More work for national associations to determine who will represent their country.
Extra promotional opportunities of a world championships.	Possible split focus of WFDF in a World Games year, but WFDF must grow its capacity to handle both and will have the funding to make that happen.
Enough room to include women's masters and mixed masters in future.	
EUCC has now transformed into an annual championship, so no negative impact on that event.	XEUCF was run in 2009 as an extended finals for all divisions. That could still happen in the years before WUCC for those divisions that will be at WUCC.
Extra focus on mixed as a truly elite division of competition.	

D. Financial Implications:

Potentially could double the current size of WUCC. Potentially 100 extra teams, 2000 athletes @ \$30, so an extra US\$60,000, or \$15,000 per year amortised over the 4 year event cycle.

E. Conclusion:

This is a win for WFDF, athletes and the sport of ultimate by providing another world class tournament without creating any extra burden for those athletes who choose to only compete in only one division of elite club ultimate.

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