

Candidate Statement

Jack Cooksey

WFDF Elections 2012 – candidate



Name of candidate: Jack Cooksey
Position sought: Chair Overall Committee
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Nomination endorsed by: Swedish Frisbeesport Federation (SWE)

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I began playing disc sports in the late 1970s, at age 12, when my older brother joined our city's newly formed Ultimate club and I tagged along to "watch." When the first scrimmage was being organized, I was asked to play to even up the teams.

Since then, I have developed a vital connection to all disc sports. Over more than 30 years, I have played every disc sport competitively, but chiefly Ultimate and the Overall Disc Sports.

All disc sports seem to have a magic to them, while also giving people a great competitive outlet and an active lifestyle that can last a lifetime. Some of my greatest friendships have come from my years playing the Overall events and Ultimate. These relationships have sustained me and have always kept me close to something that is positive and healthy.

I honestly believe that my involvement with disc sports and the underlying Spirit of the Game principle have made me a better person on the whole.

My passion for all of our sports is what I hope to share by supporting the overall mission of the World Flying Disc Federation. As the Overall Chair for the past two years, I have made efforts to advance our disciplines, but there is still much work to do.

I would like the chance to continue that work on behalf of the Overall Disc Sports community and to contribute to the greater goals of WFDF.

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Curriculum Vitae 2012 – Jack Cooksey



Professional Experience

2006 to Present Richmond Magazine, Richmond, Va.
Managing Editor

I manage monthly magazine content and custom publishing projects for various clients. Duties include content planning, assignment of content to staff and freelance writers, collaboration with art directors to shape visual concepts in our publications and management of special events, personnel and project budgets.

1994 to 2006
Writer, editor, page designer

Worked primarily in journalism as a writer and editor for daily newspapers, business journals, trade journals and consumer magazines. Publications include Newport News Daily Press (Newport News, Va.); Sumter Item (Sumter, S.C); the Post & Courier (Charleston, S.C.); Inside Business (Richmond, Va.); Home Furnishing News (New York, NY); and Style Weekly (Richmond, Va.).

Education

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va., 1994. B.S. in mass communications, news-editorial track.

Disc Sports

- Four-time Virginia State Flying Disc Championships men's overall champion
- Two-Time Self-Caught Flight Men's World Champion
- Two-Time U.S. Open Men's Distance Champion
- Two-Time U.S. Open Men's Self-Caught Flight Champion
- Master's World Record Holder — SCF Combined Score (Ithaca, NY 2007)
- Member of USA Ultimate Flight Testing Pool (since 2004)