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Message by the President

Dear WFDF Members and flying disc enthusiasts:

It has been a while since our last newsletter, but we hope that we are keeping you up to date sufficiently on the web site and on Facebook. Nonetheless, the newsletter is an important format and we hope to be more consistent in compiling and distributing this going forward.

WFDF is looking forward to several important and high-level international events over the next months. The first of these will be the BULA/WFDF European Championships of Beach Ultimate in June on the Calafell beach in Tarragona, Spain. A record breaking 1,050 players and 75 teams from 22 European nations have already entered the event to compete across seven divisions. These are really impressive figures for the sport of Beach Ultimate, especially since this is only the second ECBU ever! In July, the Under-23 Ultimate athletes will assemble in Toronto, Canada, to play for the World Championships on York University campus. In the same month, the biannual World Overall Championships will be held in Norrköping, Sweden, where competitions will be held in seven flying disc events -- Freestyle, Double Disc Court (DDC), Discathon, Accuracy, Disc Golf, Distance and Self-Caught Flight (SCF). World champions will be crowned in the Open, Women's and Masters Divisions for the overall classification and for each of the individual events, except for in Freestyle and Disc Golf. WFDF is also co-hosting the US Open with USA Ultimate in early July and we encourage everyone to attend to see a truly great competitive showcase event and world class convention, highlighted with coverage by our broadcast partner ESPN.

The 2013 IWGA World Games in Cali, Colombia from 28 to 30 July will be the highlight of the Ultimate season. Six teams have qualified to participate with mixed teams for this prestigious event: Australia, Canada, Colombia, Great Britain, Japan and USA. These countries will compete for the medals at the main venue of the Games, the Pascual Guerrero Olympic Stadium. In Chinese Taipei Ultimate was followed by a huge crowd of 40,000 spectators in the finals – an incredible showcase for our sport!

The Continental Club Championships for Asia-Oceania in Singapore in early August and for PanAmerica in November in Aguas de Lindóia City in Brazil will close the official WFDF calendar for 2013, showcasing our regional strength and allowing clubs from several new flying disc nations to compete for the first time in WFDF sanctioned events.

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We have recently welcomed the Uganda Ultimate Frisbee Association (UUFA) as regular member in the WFDF family. Uganda will be our base in broadening our roots in Africa. We are grateful for the support which President Alex "Queenie" Matovu can give there. Congress also recently upgraded Portugal and Iceland to regular WFDF membership and welcomed back the Freestyle Players Association as a member. All these efforts are the basis for WFDF having reached now 58 member Federations in 55 countries. And more are yet to come as we are working with several countries on their potential membership.

This positive development with regard to memberships was completed by the structural changes at WFDF where we added five new Commissions to the volunteer workforce: the WFDF Women in Sport Commission, the Ethics, Entourage and Youth in Sport Commissions and the Sport for All and Development Commission. These Commissions, along with the Athletes Commission, add a wealth of expertise and support to the WFDF structure. We welcome all new members of the Commissions and are looking forward to your support and input.

Out Ultimate Rules Committee has been very active and we believe WFDF has introduced important new tools to support our commitment to the spirit of the game. We introduced a rules accreditation procedure at the beginning of the year, and now require minimum standards of rules knowledge in WFDFsanctioned events. As a self-officiated sport, this only makes sense and we hope that all players view this as a positive step toward protecting spirit of the game.

We are hopeful that all efforts which we have made and the projects which we have tackled will finally lead to official recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for WFDF as International Federation as per the Olympic Charter by the end of this May. We will meet with the IOC Administration during the SportAccord convention in Saint Petersburg (Russian Federation) at the end of May and will report on the outcome as soon as we get official word.

No matter the outcome, we shall continue working on improving the level of our showcase events and growing disc sports globally. Let me thank you for your support of the development of Flying Disc sports around the world and wish all competitors the best in their participation in WFDF events in 2013.

Robert "Nob" Rauch President



Picture of the month - WFDF expecting a year full of high level competitive Championships with crowds attending

This picture shows the crowds watching the finals of the 2012 WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships in Sakai, Japan, in July 2012. With a series of WFDF sanctioned events in 2013 (World Games, World Overall Championships, WU23 Ultimate Championships, European Championships of Beach Ultimate, and Continental Ultimate Championships) we do hope that the world of sport will recognize the truly global appeal of Flying Disc sports.



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WFDF Ultimate Committee announces bid allocation for the 2014 World Ultimate Club Championships in Lecco, Italy

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) has announced the bid allocation for the 2014 World Ultimate Club Championships. The event is going to be held in the city of Lecco, Lombardy, Italy.

As a principle all countries get 1 bid for each division where they sent at least 1 team at the previous edition of the event, the WUCC 2010 having been held in Prague, Czech Republic (77 Bids). Countries that finished in the top 10 of each division at WUGC 2012 get a bid for that division (37 Bids). Regular Members who don't have a bid from the above 2 allocations get a single bid in the division of their choice (10 Bids). Provisional Members who sent a team to WUCC 2010 get a single bid in the division of their choice (5 Bids). Italy as host nation was awarded one additional single bid in Masters to allow at least 1 team in each division from the host country (1 Bid). Additional quotas apply as per the table in the release on our website.

The bid allocation was approved by the WFDF Ultimate Committee and Championships Sub-Committee. "I am convinced that the Ultimate Committee and Championships Sub-Committee have found quite a transparent and fair system for the allocation of the slots which is very important as we assume that the interest in WUCC 2014 will be very high amongst the WFDF member associations," stated WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "We have made sure that Italy as host nation receives a slot in each division for their teams. We expect a record participation in this truly global WFDF World Championships event".

The last WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships were held in the city of Prague, Czech Republic, in 2010. WUCC 2014 expects 140-160 teams in five divisions of competition: Open, Women's, Mixed, Masters and Women's Masters. WUCC will be held from August 2-9, 2014 at the facilities at the Nuova Poncia Polo & Country Club in Lecco featuring 33 Ultimate fields. The finals will be staged in the Stadio Rigamonti-Ceppi, the main stadium of the city of Lecco on August 9, 2014.

WFDF Spirit of the Game 4-game SOTG-scoresheet released

The Spirit of the Game Ultimate Sub-Committee of the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) has published a 4-game SOTG-scoresheet. The sheet reduces paper use by 75% and facilitates the work for teams and administrators by displaying four games on one sheet. "One main goal is to create consistency in how Spirit is taught and evaluated around the world", stated SOTG Sub-Committee chair Patrick van der Valk. "Making the sheet easier to use for players and TD's is a small, but significant step in driving further adoption". For any question on the scoresheet please contact Patrick at patrick.vandervalk@wfdf.org.



WFDF Official Communications & News

WFDF: The WFDF 2013 Congress - call for submission of proposals ${\bf r}$

The World Flying Disc Federation has announced that the 2013 WFDF Congress will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 20-21 July 2013, in conjunction with the WFDF 2013 World Under-23 Championships in Toronto, Canada. Per the WFDF Bylaws (article III, Section 5.1) any Member wishing to submit a motion for consideration at the meeting must do so not less than 75 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, the deadline for members to submit items for consideration is 6 May 2013.

Also per the Bylaws, the official agenda and copies of all motions, reports and other relevant material for consideration must be forwarded to all members no less than two calendar months prior to the meeting. Therefore, Congress materials will be distributed to all member organizations on or before 20 May 2013.

Any member wishing to submit materials for consideration should do so by sending a copy of such materials to WFDF President Robert Rauch at nob(dot)rauch(at)wfdf(dot)org AND WFDF Executive Director Volker Bernardi at volker(dot)Bernardi(at)wfdf(dot)org

WFDF Congress approves Uganda as full National Member, Portugal and Iceland upgraded from Provisional Member status

The World Flying Disc Federation is pleased to announce that the Congress has approved the Uganda Ultimate Frisbee Association (UUFA) as a full National Member association. The Portuguese Association of Ultimate and Disc Sports (APUDD) and the Frisbee Sport Federation of Iceland (FSFI) were also upgraded from Provisional member to full National Member association. The acceptance of these three new regular members brings the WFDF membership to 58 member associations in 55 countries.

"We are excited to see both of these associations approved for full National Membership. We are particularly pleased to accept a new member from the African continent where there has been a growing interest in disc sports," commented WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "And, of course, it is gratifying to see the progress that has been made in Portugal and in Iceland in the years since they were first accepted as a Provisional Member."

"The newly established WFDF Sport for All and Development Commission will provide guidance and support for all disc sports group in countries that have yet to become members as we encourage them to consider WFDF membership. I welcome President Alex Matovu from UUFA in Uganda as a member of this Commission and am certain he will be focused on supporting his disc sport neighbors in Africa."

The 2013 IWGA World Games: competition schedule for Ultimate event (28-30 July) released

The competition schedule for the Ultimate event of the 2013 IWGA World Games, which will be held from 28-30 July 2013 in Cali, Colombia, has been released. Six teams have qualified to compete in this prestigious event: Australia, Canada, Colombia, Great Britain, Japan and USA. Teams will be composed of 13 players (7 men and 6 women) each.



The competition schedule:

Events	Day	Schedule		lule	Course
	27.07.13	09:00	-	19:00	training day
Game 1		8:30	-	9:50	JPN v COL
Game 2	28.07.13	10:00	-	11:20	CAN vs GBR
Game 3		11:30	-	12:50	USA vs AUS
		15:40	-	15:50	Opening Ceremony
Game 4		16:10	-	17:30	COL vs GBR
Game 5		17:40	-	19:00	JPN vs AUS
Game 6		19:10	-	20:30	USA vs CAN
Game 7	29.07.13	8:30	-	9:50	GBR vs JPN
Game 8		10:00	-	11:20	COL vs USA
Game 9		11:30	-	12:50	AUS vs CAN
Game 10		16:10		17:30	JPN vs USA
Game 11		17:40	-	19:00	CAN vs COL
Game 12		19:10	-	20:30	AUS vs GBR
Game 13	30.07.13	8:30	1	9:50	CAN vs JPN
Game 14		10:00	-	11:20	AUS vs COL
Game 15		11:30	1	12:50	GBR vs USA
Game 16		16:00	-	17:20	Bronze
Game 17		18:00	-	19:20	Gold
Game 18		19:40	-	20:00	Medal Ceremony

For further information on the 2013 IWGA World Games: www.theworldgames.org http://worldgames2013.com.co/en/



WFDF 2013 Pan-American Ultimate Club Championships (PAUCC) to be held in Brazil in November

The World Flying Disc Federation is pleased to announce that the WFDF 2013 Pan-American Ultimate Club Championships (PAUCC) will be hosted in the city of Aguas de Lindóia City – São Paulo, Brazil. The event will be held from November 14-17, 2013 at the facilities at the Oscar Inn Eco Resort which can accommodate nine Ultimate fields. PAUCC 2013 expects 30 teams in three divisions of competition: open, women's and mixed. The finals will be staged in the main stadium of the city of Aguas de Lindóia City on November 17, 2013.

"WFDF is pleased to host our Pan-American Ultimate event this year in Brazil, especially with it being such an important sports market in the next several years with the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016," stated WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "We look to showcase top Ultimate competition in the region and promote our sport not only in Brazil but in neighboring countries with their fast-growing disc sports communities."

The successful bid came from Federação Paulista de Disco (FPD), WFDF's national member association in Brazil. FPD had previously hosted the 2007 World Championships of Beach Ultimate in Maceio and it holds annual national championships in the open, women's and mixed categories. "We are thrilled to be awarded this event and are looking forward to receiving the Ultimate community from across the Americas here in Brazil," stated Roberto Hucke, President of the FPD. "Hosting an event of this size is an honor and we are committed to making this event world class. We believe that with this Pan-American event we are strengthening the Ultimate community across the Americas. FPD Vice-President Luis Fazani added "The Federação Paulista de Disco seeks to support and lead the growth of Ultimate through all of Brazil and will use this opportunity not only to organize an amazing event but support the development of Ultimate in our country. We welcome all clubs teams across the Americas to come and enjoy the best of Brazilian hospitality."

WFDF 2013 World Overall Championships (WOC) to be held in Sweden

The 11th edition of the WFDF World Overall Championships (WOC) will be hosted in the city of Norrköping (Sweden). The event will be held from July 22-27, 2013 at the facilities at the Himmelstalund and the Folkparken venues.

The successful bid came from the Swedish Frisbeesport Federation (SFF) and the KFUM Norrköping Frisbee Club as Tournament Organizing Committee (TOC) headed by SFF Secretary General Peter Lundmark. The Swedish Federation has great experience in hosting international events successfully having been a two times host to the WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships (WUGC - 1983 in Gothenburg and 1996 in Jönköping). They also hosted the 2010 European Freestyle Championships.

"It has been more than a decade since the World Overall Championships were held in Europe, so this is an exciting development for our sport," said WFDF Board Member Jack Cooksey, who chairs the Overall Committee. "The Swedish federation has a great track record of hosting high-quality, well-run disc sports championships. I'm certain that the community of Overall disc athletes will embrace this chance to compete in Sweden," commented WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch.



"To stage a major championship at the highest level has been a long-term strategic goal for Swedish Frisbeesport Federation. SFF in collaboration with the YMCA Norrköping Frisbee started working together in autumn 2012 to prepare the application for the World Overall Championships 2013. It is with great pleasure we can now announce that this is a reality" stated Peter Lundmark, SFF Secretary General, on the decision by the WFDF Overall Committee and Board of Directors.

The last WFDF World Overall Championships were held in the city of Fort Collins (USA) in 2011. Competitions this year will be held in seven flying disc events — Freestyle, Double Disc Court (DDC), Discathon, Accuracy, Disc Golf, Distance and Self-Caught Flight (SCF). World champions will be crowned in the Open, Women's and Masters Divisions for the overall classification and for each of the individual events except Freestyle and Disc Golf. The first WFDF World Overall Championships was held in 1987.

WFDF 2013 Asia-Oceanic Ultimate Club Championships (AOUCC) to be held in Singapore

The World Flying Disc Federation is pleased to announce that the WFDF 2013 Asia-Oceanic Ultimate Club Championships (AOUCC) 2013 will be hosted in the city of Singapore.

The event will be held from August 9-11, 2013 at the facilities at the Grandstand Sports Venue featuring 11



Ultimate fields. The finals will be staged on the exhibition fields of the Grandstand venue, on August 11, 2013.

The successful bid came from the Ultimate Players Association Singapore (UPAS), which is in process of changing their name to Singapore Flying Disc Association (SFDA). UPAS has already hosted several successful international tournaments in Singapore like the Singapore Ultimate Open and the GenderMah. They also host annual national championships in the open, women's and mixed categories.

"WFDF is looking forward to what should be a fantastic Ultimate event with up to 50 Club teams and 1,000 athletes from around the region. Singapore is centrally located and offers perfect flight connections for Asia and Oceania. We are extremely confident that this fact combined with the experience of the organizing committee under SFDA's Edmond "Mondster" Leong will greatly contribute to high participation figures of Clubs around the region," stated WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "Sport is important to the government of Singapore and SFDA is one of our up and coming member associations in Asia. The Flying Disc community will find passionate organizers in Singapore and this should benefit the development in Asia and the whole region".

"The SFDA is honoured to host the 2nd Asia-Oceanic Ultimate Club Championships," commented Enrique Lee, SFDA President. "In an unprecedented bid to combine an elite international Ultimate tournament with a high profile family focused carnival, the SFDA will be hosting the 3-day, 3-division tournament at the 'Grandstand' – Singapore's newly developed outdoor lifestyle mall. AOUCC 2013 will boast 10 full-sized Ultimate pitches (on both natural and artificial turf), warm up fields and flood-lit night games, all in the backdrop of a bustling weekend family mall amid crowds of spectators who will likely be watching Ultimate for the first time."



Lee continued "Little could better showcase Ultimate to the Singapore public than the high-flying action from the region's best Ultimate teams; for Ultimate players, perhaps it will be refreshing to play in front of more than just their fellow Ultimate players for once.

The SFDA invites the Asia-Oceanic Ultimate community to compete in this novel tournament-cum-Ultimate-fiesta, which will hopefully be but the first of more combinations of the community and competitive Ultimate."

The first WFDF Asia-Oceanic Ultimate Club Championships were held in the city of Manila (Philippines) in 2009, while the last WFDF Asia-Oceanic Ultimate Championships (with national teams as opposed to clubs) were held in the city of Kaohsiung City, Taiwan in 2011.

WFDF: Bids Sought for WFDF 2014 World Junior Ultimate Championships (WJUC)

WFDF's Ultimate Committee and Board of Directors are seeking bids from potential host organizers for the WFDF 2014 World Junior Ultimate Championships (WJUC).

The deadline for submitting completed bids for WJUC 2014 is 30 June 2013, and it is anticipated that bids will be awarded no later than end of August 2013. All potential bidders should notify WFDF of their intention to submit a bid (no actual details required) by 15 May 2013.

Potential bidders should be aware of the following points:

- WJUC is held in the Junior Open and Junior Women divisions.
- WFDF is willing to consider bids for the event to be held in any Member country. However, if a potential host were located in Europe, we would also ask them to consider hosting the WJUC in conjunction with the EUF European Youth Ultimate Championships in the European Under-17 (U17) Open and Women divisions.
- Please be informed that the week from 2 9 August 2014 is already established for the WUCC 2014 and WFDF does not wish to hold both events in the same period. Our preferred date would be for the week beginning either 13 or 20 July.

The Bid Guidelines and bid budget template to be used for any application can be accessed under this link:

 $http://www.wfdf.org/downloads/cat_view/27-documents-forwfdf-events\\$

Bids will be reviewed by the Ultimate Committee with input from the newly formed Youth and Sport Commission, with final approval upon their recommendation by the board. For further information about this event or on the bidding process, please contact Volker Bernardi, WFDF Executive Director under ed@wfdf.org.

WFDF announces creation of four new Commissions addressing Sport for All and Development, Athlete's Entourage, Ethics, and Youth and Sport

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), in an effort to enhance its governance procedures and to get input from leading disc sport experts from around the globe in several key areas, announced today the creation and composition of four new Commissions: Sport for All and Development, Athletes' Entourage, Ethics, and Youth and Sport.



Together with the Athletes' Commission and Women in Sport Commission that were previously established, this brings WFDF into full compliance with the institutional framework for best practices outlined by the International Olympic Committee for international sports federations.

The WFDF Sport for All and Development Commission will address questions on the development of Flying Disc sports in all countries and in particular on the grass roots level. Chaired by WFDF Board member Brian Gisel (CAN), the Commission's mission is to coordinate efforts to increase global participation and to develop ideas and initiatives to promote Flying Disc sports on all continents.

Working on initiatives to make sure that the Entourage always serves in the best interest of athletes, the WFDF Entourage Commission will advise the WFDF Board of Directors on questions related to the Athletes' Entourage, such as coaches, team managers, physicians, physiotherapists, youth chaperones, and other members of the groups supporting our athletes. The Commission also will monitor and further develop the new WFDF Guidelines for the Conduct of the Athletes' Entourage.

The new WFDF Ethics Commission will assume responsibilities and duties as defined in the new WFDF Code of Ethics and the new WFDF Conflict of Interest Policy and advise the WFDF Board of Directors on questions related to the Ethics in Sport. Under the leadership of WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch as Chair, the Commission will ensure the presence of ethical principles within the WFDF governance structures.

Coordinating the efforts to increase global participation of young people in Flying Disc sports, the members of the new WFDF Youth in Sport Commission will contribute to the development of plans to promote and develop Flying Disc sports for young people on all continents and to deliver advocacy on youth questions in Flying Disc sports.

"WFDF is pleased to be able to continue to improve its governance structure and excited to bring in so many experienced and enthusiastic members of the disc community from around the world to serve on these Commissions. The new Commissions, alongside the existing Athletes' Commission and Women in Sport Commission, are going to add a lot of different perspectives to our strategic discussions at the board level and bring a great deal of expertise, enthusiasm and transparency into WFDF's administration," stated WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "As disc sports grow globally — and we now have formal Member associations in 55 countries and active groups in another two dozen nations — we recognize we need to more formally and intensively address the important questions and issues that we expect to be covered in these new initiatives".

The following lists the members of the four new Commissions:

Sport for All and Development

Brian Gisel (CAN) Patrick Fourcampre-Maye (UAE) Andrea "Oddi" Furlan (ITA) Nic Labuscagne (RSA) Jesus Loreto (VEN) Alex Matovu (UGA) Robert McLeod (CAN) Prof. Fumio Morooka (JPN) James Wiseman (USA)

Entourage

Jeff Cruickshanck (CAN) Kevin Givens (USA) Greta Hunt (AUS) Laura Partridge (GBR) Dr. Bernhard Otto (GER)

Ethics

Robert "Nob" Rauch (USA) Richard Palmer, OBE, CBE (GBR) Prof. Dr. Holger Preuss (GER) Dr. Martin Schnitzer (ITA) Dr. Benoît Séguin (CAN)

Youth and Sport

Nelli Andersson (SWE)
Tiina Booth (USA)
Eric Delafortrie (BEL)
Mark Kendall (GER)
Dario Lucisano (ITA)
Romano Ludovic (FRA)
Prof. Fumio Morooka (JPN)
Luis Rodriguez (COL)
Dominick Smyth (IRL)
Dan Tapuach (ISR)

Please find the biographies of the members here:

http://www.wfdf.org/about/organisational-structure/commissions

WFDF announces the establishment of its Women in Sport Commission on International Women's Day 2013

World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) has taken a major step towards the further development of the global participation of women in Flying Disc sports with the creation of its first WFDF Women in Sport Commission.

The role of the Women in Sport Commission will be to:

- advise the WFDF Board of Directors on the development of policies related to promoting women in sport;
- co-ordinate efforts to increase participation of women in Flying Disc sports;
- develop ideas and initiatives to promote the role of women in Flying Disc sports;



- ensure representation of women within WFDF governance structures;
- deliver advocacy on gender issues in Flying Disc sports; and
- be active in raising awareness about gender equality in their respective domains

"WFDF is pleased to announce the establishment of its Women in Sport Commission on International Women's Day 2013.

We are highly confident that this Commission will greatly contribute to our efforts to increase the global participation of women in Flying Disc sports," stated WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "WFDF has always tried to promote gender equality with our women's and mixed divisions, and we believe we are one of the few international sports federations which has gone so far as to demonstrate this commitment by having our showcase competitive event – the World Games – feature mixed gender teams. We nonetheless feel we can do more, and we are confident that the experience and perspectives of the 11 women representing five continents who will comprise the initial Commission will help us to serve the needs of the Flying Disc community even better."

The board has approved the initial members of the WFDF Women in Sport Commission as follows:

Kate Bergeron (USA)
Apple Chapman (HKG)
Melissa Gangemi (AUS)
Mariel Huicochea (MEX)
Elizabeth Houtrow (KOR)
Jarna Kalpala (FIN)
Melanie McCullough (PAN)
Marlise Richter (RSA)
Valeska Schacht (GER)
Wendi Tekamp (CAN)
Adriana Withers (CAN)

Please find the biographies of the members here:

http://www.wfdf.org/about/organisational-structure/commissions/511-women-in-sport-commission

WFDF: New Rules Accreditation Requirements for WFDF-Sanctioned Ultimate Events Announced

The WFDF Ultimate Committee is pleased to announce new WFDF Rules Accreditation Requirements for WFDF-sanctioned Ultimate events. The requirements, which will stipulate specified minimums of players on each team roster that are rules certified, will be introduced for all Ultimate events in 2013.

As a self-officiated sport, the objective of this accreditation is to ensure that all players are fully versed in the rules to ensure that there is no confusion on playing within the "spirit of the game."

The Rules Accreditation process was introduced at the start of 2013 and is designed to allow players to demonstrate that they have read and understood the Rules of Ultimate. There are two types of Accreditation: (1) WFDF Accreditation - Standard: for all types of players (including those who have not played a game); and (2) WFDF Accreditation - Advanced: for experienced players only. Players who successfully complete the quiz are issued a certificate. A register of people who are Rules Accredited is updated each month and is available on the Rules Website.

As of the end of March 2013, there had been 1,264 standard and 477 advanced rules accreditations awarded, respectively.

Full details regarding the Rules Accreditation Process are available from each specific event website and from the Accreditation section of the official Rules of Ultimate website: http://rules.wfdf.org/.

For 2013, the WFDF Ultimate Committee has established the following Rules Accreditation Requirements that must be met at WFDF-sanctioned Ultimate events (the World Under-23 Ultimate Championships, the World Games, and the Continental Ultimate Club Championships).

- Standard Accreditation: A minimum of 14 players per team must have the Standard Accreditation. All team members on the roster of World Games teams must have at least a Standard Accreditation.
- Advanced Accreditation: A minimum of 3 players per team must have the Advanced Accreditation, one of whom must be the team captain. No fewer than 6 team members on the roster of World Games teams must have an Advanced Accreditation.

Since this is the first year that the Rules Accreditation Process will be in place, the effectiveness of these minimum requirements will be monitored and may be adjusted for future years as appropriate. The WFDF Ultimate Committee is working on developing translated version of the Accreditation questions, and until such time as they are developed, teams from non-English-speaking countries may apply for a variance from these requirements.

There is an important note regarding Rules Accredited players:

- They have the same responsibilities on the field as every other player
- They do not release a Captain from their responsibility to ensure their team upholds the Spirit of the Game



- They do not replace the requirement for each player to learn and apply the rules and play with good Spirit

Robert "Nob" Rauch, WFDF President, stated: "Rueben, Si, and all the members of the Rules Subcommittee have put a lot of thought and effort into this first accreditation procedure. We think it is an important step in ensuring that players can better play fairly in our self-officiated sport and we will be looking to improve on it as we get player experience in the process. The accreditation process is not so much a test as it is a learning tool, and we hope that our athletes appreciate it as such."

The Rules Subcommittee of the Ultimate Committee is chaired by Rueben Berg and includes Paul Eriksson, Simon Hill, Satoru Ishii, Mark Moran, Florian Pfender, Jonathan Potts, Jerry Rosenberg, Piers Truter, and Rue Veitl.

If you have any questions about this, or any other rules issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of the WFDF Ultimate Rules Sub-Committee, Rueben Berg, at rueben.berg@wfdf.org.

FPA rejoins WFDF as Disc Game organisational member – Kevin "Skippy Jammer" Givens appointed to the WFDF Board

WFDF is pleased to announce that the Freestyle Players Association (FPA) has been accepted by the WFDF Congress as a Disc Game organisational member of the World Flying Disc Federation. As such the FPA is going to represent the Flying Disc sport of Freestyle within WFDF with immediate effect.



The WFDF Board of Directors have unanimously appointed the FPA nominee Kevin "Skippy Jammer" Givens to serve as WFDF Freestyle Committee Chair and member of the WFDF Board of Directors for the next year until elections on this position can be held by the WFDF Congress at year end 2013.

"The Freestyle Players Association (FPA) had been a charter WFDF member and returns now in a time when WFDF is striving for the official recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). We look forward to co-operation between WFDF and FPA for the development of Freestyle around the globe and in particular in countries where FPA and WFDF already have member associations," commented WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "We welcome back the members of FPA to the WFDF family and in particular are pleased to welcome Freestyle Committee Chair "Skippy Jammer" Givens who is very familiar with WFDF as our former Executive Director."

"I think with my experience and insights I can contribute greatly in the development of Freestyle around the globe by leveraging the WFDF platform. As Chair of the WFDF Freestyle Committee, I am looking to bring together a group of engaged and energetic members of the international Freestyle community," added Givens.

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NEWS from National Federations

United States of America (USA)

WFDF partners with USA ULTIMATE on the U.S. OPEN Championships & Convention

NGB and International Federation Join Forces to Promote World-Class Ultimate

Co-hosted by USA Ultimate, the World Flying Disc Federation, the Triangle Flying Disc Association and the Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance, this year's event will take place July 4-7. More than just a tournament, the U.S. Open is a celebration of Character, Community and Competition. The event is a major international competition as well as the largest ultimate convention in the world for athletes, fans and organizers. USA Ultimate, the national governing body for the sport of Ultimate in the United States, and the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), the international federation governing disc sports globally, have agreed to partner to promote, support and leverage the U.S. Open Ultimate Championships and Convention beginning in 2013 to advance the sport of Ultimate worldwide.

High-level ultimate teams in the Men's, Mixed and Women's Divisions will compete for the U.S. Open Championship in a four-day, invitation-only tournament with live coverage available on ESPN. The top four teams from the Pro Flight of USA Ultimate's Triple Crown Tour will square off against each other and top teams from around the world in a bid at capturing the first leg of USA Ultimate's Triple Crown.

In addition to the competition, the U.S. Open Convention will welcome ultimate enthusiasts from around the world for an unparalleled opportunity to learn from and interact with the industry's best and brightest. Sessions will cover everything from youth development to coaching strategies and techniques to strength and conditioning and everything in between. Coaches and leaders from other countries will have the opportunity to complete the USA Ultimate Coaching Education track.



"We are extremely pleased to have WFDF partner with us on the U.S. Open," explained USA Ultimate Chief Executive Officer Tom Crawford. "There is a great spirit of cooperation between USA Ultimate and WFDF, and the U.S. Open is an international event that creates a unique and powerful opportunity to advance the sport of Ultimate worldwide. Both the competition and convention components are equally important, and our goal is to work together to help all WFDFmember organizations gain further knowledge of best practices. The 2013 edition will feature sessions on coaching education, youth development, and league and tournament organization with interactive and hands-on opportunities. By attending this event, our colleagues from around the world will be able to access a broad range of educational sessions with ideas on how they can further stimulate the growth of Ultimate in their respective countries. The 2013 edition of the U.S. Open will also include an athletes' forum, designed to gather feedback from participants and encourage dialogue in order to continually improve and refine the event.

"WFDF welcomes the opportunity to partner this year with our single largest member association in support of their tournament and convention," stated Robert "Nob" Rauch, WFDF President. "The U.S. Open Ultimate Championships and Convention will serve as an exciting platform for WFDF to promote and facilitate the growth of Ultimate and Spirit of the Game on a global basis. We encourage players and administrators throughout the international community to take advantage of the extraordinary educational and networking opportunities as well as enjoy the top quality competition as a participant or spectator."



Recently WFDF and USAU announced a broadcast partnership with ESPN to produce and air the 2013 U.S. Open Ultimate Championships. The agreement is part of USAU's comprehensive package that also includes coverage of USA Ultimate College Championships and National Championships. ESPN will produce and distribute live coverage of the US Open on ESPN3, ESPN's live online sports network accessible throughout the USA and in 10 Latin American countries, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. All of this professionally produced programming will be available on the USAU website 30 days following the live broadcasts, making them free and accessible worldwide.

"We are pleased to announce that ESPN will serve as the broadcast partner for the U.S. Open and are thrilled to be cohosting this event with our largest member Association, USA
Ultimate," stated Robert "Nob" Rauch, WFDF President.
"The U.S. Open should feature some of the best international
Ultimate competition and it is exciting to know that the
millions of players and fans around the globe will be able to
view it over a variety of platforms." "This is an exciting
development for our sport," explained USA Ultimate Chief
Executive Officer Tom Crawford.

"The networks of ESPN represent the premier sports broadcasting platform in the world, and aligning ourselves with the most powerful brand in sports puts ultimate in an unprecedented place. We are thrilled to have ESPN as a broadcast partner for the foreseeable future."

Semifinal and final rounds of play on Saturday and Sunday will be broadcast live on ESPN3.

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Event Schedule (subject to change)

Wednesday, July 3

- All Day Registration
- Evening Welcome Reception and Concert

Thursday, July 4

- Morning Convention Sessions; Youth Camp
- Afternoon Tournament Competition; Fourth of July Street Fair & Ultimate Demos
- Evening Opening Ceremony & Fireworks

Friday, July 5

- Morning Convention Sessions; Youth Camp
- Afternoon Tournament Competition
- Evening Showcase Game

Saturday, July 6

- Morning Convention Sessions; Youth Camp
- Afternoon Tournament Competition; Semifinals
- Evening Athlete & Convention Social

Sunday, July 7

• All Day – Tournament Finals

For more information, please visit usaultimate.org/usopen and follow @USOpenUltimate on Twitter for event updates. Convention registration will open soon.







BULA: ECBU 2013 – 1,050 athletes, 75 teams, 22 nations, 10 fields, 7 divisions, 1 beach

The European Championships of Beach Ultimate are coming. The Beach Ultimate Lovers Association (BULA) and the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) are proud to present the 2013 European Championships of Beach Ultimate (ECBU2013).



The event will take place 27-30 June 2013 on the beaches of Calafell (Spain) and the local organization will be in the capable hands of players from the Peixets.

All Fans that stay home can watch all the action at live.ecbu2013.org. There will be live videos of the finals, daily video highlights, live scoring of all the games, incorporating blog, Facebook and Twitter mentions, as well as photos and videos.

Germany (GER)

43 teams from 16 countries will attend the European Youth Ultimate Championships (EYUC) 2013 - new record with six teams in U17 girls division

Cologne, Germany – After the registration period has ended the European Ultimate Federation and the ASV Cologne Sports Club are happy to announce that 43 teams from 16 countries have registered for EYUC 2013! All in all around 900 athletes will attend, so that together with guests and volunteers there'll be close to 1.000 guests to care for.

EYUC 2013 will take place from August 5 to 10 in the "Sportpark Muengersdorf" which lies in the western part of Cologne, in front of the big football stadium, with the centre court at the ASV Cologne Sports Club.



"We're very happy that the total number of teams having registered nearly exactly met our estimation", Joerg Benner as EYUC2013 Tournament Director said: "Six teams in the U17 girls division mark a new record. With the number of teams in each division together with EUF we'll surely be able to provide a nice playing schedule with high competitive games!"

Up to now 27 teams have chosen accommodation in youth hostels or hotels, ten have chosen to stay in the tent village so far. But there are some teams that haven't finally decided which accommodation to choose. There are only few days left to still book the youth hostel in Cologne-Riehl, otherwise the Tournament Direction won't be able to guarantee beds available there, at least not at the same prices as announced.

Teams that cannot make up their minds in time have to use option D, sleeping in tents in the "Circlewood Stadium", which is in walking distance to the fields. Now the Tournament Direction together with EUF will fix the players' fee and announce the further payment schedule.

For further information and details see www.eyuc2013.com.

Freestyle Players Association (FPA) continues to "spread the jam" across the world.

"Jamming" is the term that is often used to describe freestyle disc when players are improvising their moves in a larger group of freestyle enthusiasts. Often the "jam" becomes like music - something of wonder and awe. The phrase "spread the jam" emerged within an FPA Board of Directors meeting while someone was creating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich at the same time as the Board members were attempting to come up with a catch phrase (pun intended) for the FPA. Since then, the FPA has been diligently trying to do just that!

Two years ago, the FPA initiated a Spread the Jam Grant program to encourage members to expose their local communities the sport of freestyle within educational workshops, clinics, and within schools. Awardees for the FPA grant span from across the USA, Italy, Germany, and South America. In addition, several freestylers have opted to use videos as a way of teaching, as well as compiling clips from various playing venues (beach, grass fields) to highlight some of the amazing talent within the freestyle disc community.

A recent expansion of all of this is the Spread the Jam Project, a high-definition, well-edited video series featuring different freestyle players (the best in the world) doing their thing in slow motion! Think: MTV meets Freestyle Disc. Check these videos out within YouTube or the Internet with "Spread the Jam Project" as your search words. James Wiseman, Educational Director for the FPA and mastermind behind the STJP has been proactive in making these videos and getting folks to see the sheer beauty of a human being "dancing" with a flying disc. You can only imagine. Better yet, check out the Spread the Jam Project videos and you won't have to!

A link to one of them:

http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=spread+the+jam+project&view=detail&mid=EF67363D8044FA4C96CAEF67363D8044FA4C96CA&first=0&FORM=NVPFVR&qpvt=spread+the+jam+project



Argentina (ARG)

Truco Tournament becomes "Espíritu Sudaka"

The formerly called "Truco" tournament (see WFDF newsletter of May 2011) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, changed its name to "Espíritu Sudaka". The new name better accommodates its increasing international nature and the importance given to SOTG.

The novelty of this is the huge increase in participation. Three years after the first Truco edition, the number of players has nearly doubled, scratching 200. The number of countries sending teams to participate has also increased to four (Uruguay, Chile, Brazil and Venezuela). Additionally, we've counted with players came from two other nationalities (Peru and Colombia). We are just a few countries away from having people travel from all over South America!

This mixed tournament puts a lot of emphasis on Spirit, as we see it has an impact on people coming back every year. Participants are getting better at using the score sheets with every edition, developing a common concept on behavior and scores, through practice and dialogue. We plan to add WFDF rules certification in the coming editions, as well as many other resources and activities to promote Spirit of the Game.



And it was not all playing. Espíritu Sudaka invited Mauricio Moore (TD of PAUC, TEP and former AJUC president) for team building and strategy clinics. We also held a "Gender in ultimate" workshop, to discuss and reflect on how we participate in the sport from this particular point of view. To wrap up the off-field activities, representatives of each country gathered for an, already traditional, meeting to discuss regional development, communications and future events as we continually seek regional partnership.

We believe that the increasing amount of participants, and the experience gained by the organizers, will soon lead to a PanAmerican Ultimate Championship being held in Buenos Aires.

As well as many of these young countries become confident to show up in other, more developed, international arenas.

The video: https://vimeo.com/65076372

South Korea (KOR)

Ninth Annual Jeju Dirty Dozens Tournament held with 23 teams

April 13-14 2013, Korea Ultimate Players Association (KUPA) hosted another successful tournament in the beautiful city of Seogwipo, Jeju. The Ninth Annual Jeju Dirty Dozens saw 23 teams with players from more than ten different countries compete on the pristine grass of Jeju's World Cup practice fields.



Spirit of the game abounded, many new friends were made, and games across all levels were hard fought. At the end of the weekend, the Seoul team Crystal Dagger won the tournament against the internationally mixed team of Harder, Better, Faster, Yonger.



Local Jeju teams, Access the Dragon and Harriscary Elephants, won the B and C divisions, and the JustDisc League went home with the coveted Spirit Award!

If you are interested in participating in next year's Jeju Dirty Dozens, please contact KUPA at jejutournament@gmail.com. We hope to see players from even more countries in 2014!



Uganda (UGA)

Frisbee East Africa Sand Tournament (FEAST V)

The Frisbee East Africa Sand Tournament (FEAST V) took place on 30-31 March 2013 in the Venue of Tiwi Beach in Mombasa, Rwanda.

FEAST was started in 2009 Easter weekend organized by the Nairobi Ultimate Frisbee Club, over the Years FEAST has becoming the biggest and only Beach in East Africa.

This year FEAST V brought 14 teams from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Rwanda and others on the continent, Biggest turn out ever.



Team Uganda won the event on Tiwi Beach in Mombasa.

The third year in a row, Team Uganda won FEAST V and Nairobi Ultimate Frisbee Club came second after battling with Team Uganda/Kampala Ultimate with the score 9-10 Team Uganda.



The team Nairobi Ultimate Frisbee Club came second.

For the first time ever thanks to the organizers who sponsored an All-Kenyan Team (University of Nairobi) who played in their first Tournament and won the Spirit of the Game Award.

Ethiopia for the first time brought a full team and they scored 3rd position, sign of the development of the sport in the region, they had a young Ethiopian boy very promising.

Last year's second runner up South Sudan had a very good time and come came in 6th. Rwanda had a few Players some they mixed you with Team like One Acre Fund (a Kenyan Team) and Arusha -Tanzania.



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Tanzania brought 4 teams and as always Mwanza Tosser's come out with lots of good steam to play really hard! Unfortunately, Burundi couldn't make it to FEAST V but they promised to make it to Kampala-Uganda in August for the 7 Hills Classic Team Tournament the Biggest Grass Tournament in East Africa.

A special THANKS to the organizing committee: Nata, Nick, Jason, Sarah Welch.

Upcoming 7Hills Classic Tournament in Kampala Uganda

Again this is the Biggest Grass Tournament in East Africa with a few teams from Southern Africa having shown interest in Participating in the 2013 event.

The Uganda Ultimate Frisbee Association (UUFA) cordially invites you to our annual international tournament taking place on 11 & 12th August 2012 in Kampala at the International School of Uganda (ISU) playing fields in Lubowa.

We are expecting teams from the entire East African region and participants from all over the world to take part in this colour full and challenging event.

This is the 6th year that 7Hills Classic is running, and we look forward to your participation.

For more details contact:

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Upcoming events		
27-30 June 2013	BULA/WFDF European Championships of Beach Ultimate, Calafell, Tarragona, Spain	
4-7 July 2013	U.S. Open Ultimate Championships & Convention, Raleigh, N.C., USA	
22-27 July 2013	WFDF World Overall Flying Disc Championships, Norrköping, Sweden	
19-20 July 2013	WFDF 2013 Congress, Toronto, Canada	
22-28 July 2013	WFDF World Under 23 Ultimate Championships, Toronto, Canada	
25 July 2013	Opening Ceremony, The 2013 IWGA World Games, Cali, Colombia	
28-30 July 2013	The 2013 IWGA World Games, Cali, Colombia, Ultimate competition	
9-11 August 2013	WFDF 2013 Asia Oceanic Ultimate Club Championships, Singapore, Singapore	
14-17 November 2013	WFDF 2013 Pan American Ultimate Club Championships, Aguas de Lindóia City, São Paulo, Brazil	
2-9 August 2014	WFDF 2014 World Ultimate Club Championships, Lecco, Lombardy, Italy	

To be listed in this section, your event should be an international event. If you plan to attend any of these events and would like to submit a new story about your experience, please forward all submissions to ed@wfdf.org for insertion in the next available issue.

All submissions are subject to editing prior to publication.

Call for submissions

If you would like to contribute to the WFDF Newsletter, please submit your content to ed@wfdf.org

If you would like your information to be posted in the next issue, email me for specific deadlines.

Not all submitted content is guaranteed to be published. Please note that event reports and other news should have international relevance.

Some suggestions for submissions include: tournament announcements and results from disc sport events with international presence or for national championships, disc sport initiatives that your city or country are undertaking, submissions to a "Featured Photo" section, miscellaneous media sightings involving disc sports, and stories about the development of a particular disc sport in your area.

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