Candidate Statement
Rueben Berg

WFDF Elections 2012 – candidate

Name of candidate: Rueben Berg
Position sought: Chair Rules Subcommittee
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Nomination endorsed by: Australian Flying Disc Association (AUS)

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I have been a member of the WFDF Ultimate Rules Committee since June 2008 and I have been Chair since April 2009. I got involved in the rules committee because I am quite passionate about the rules. As a self refereed sport I think that knowing and understanding the rules is hugely important.

During my time as Chair I have been the driving force behind the following initiatives:

- *2013 version of the WFDF Rules of Ultimate and the Appendix*
- *2009 version of the WFDF Rules of Ultimate and the Appendix*
- *Basic version of the Rules of Ultimate*
- *Dedicated WFDF Ultimate Rules Website*
- *WFDF Rules Forum*
- *WFDF Accreditation Process*
- *WFDF Rules Quiz*
- *WFDF Hand Signals*
- *WFDF Videos and Interpretations documents*

My plan for the future would be to continue the good work the committee has been doing with the aim of continuing to simplify the rules, converge with USA Ultimate Rules where possible, and create additional resources to enable all players to understand and interpret the rules correctly.

I have participated in many International Ultimate events, as both a player and assistant coach, and I have a good understanding of how Ultimate is played at the highest level. I also continue to play in my local beginner league and therefore also understand the issues associated with teaching new people how to play and learn the rules of Ultimate.

My hope is that we can continue to have a system where players are responsible for making all the calls. I don't think that self refereeing is just some nice feel good idea about how you can play sport; I actually think it is a really good way to fairly adjudicate sport.

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Curriculum Vitae 2012 – Rueben Berg

- Chair WFDF Ultimate Rule Committee – April 2009 to Present
- Member WFDF Ultimate Rule Committee – June 2008 to April 2009
- Member WFDF Ultimate Spirit Committee – 2010 to 2011
- Founder and Director of the Indigenous Ultimate Association – 2010 to Present
- Assistant Coach of the Australian Men`s Team for the World Ultimate Championships – 2012
- Player in the Open Division at the World Ultimate Club Championships – 2010
- Assistant Coach of the Australian Ultimate Team for The World Games 2009 (Bronze Medal) – 2008/2009
- President of the Victorian Flying Disc Association – 2007 to 2009
- Assistant Coach of the Australian Mens Team for the World Ultimate Championships – 2008
- Captain of the Australia at the Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships (Silver Medal) – 2007
- Player in the Mixed Division at the World Ultimate Club Championships - 2006