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Message by the President

Dear WFDF Members and flying disc enthusiasts:

The 2012 WFDF tournament season is just around the corner. The World Ultimate and Guts Championships 2012 in Sakai, Japan, will not only see 71 teams from 25 countries participate in five Ultimate divisions (including the debut of the Womens' Masters!) together with a Guts division. This year's championship is being held on the 20th anniversary of the first time a world championship was held in Asia. In the face of the adversity faced by the Japanese people due to the disasters in the Spring of 2011, WFDF's decision to award the WUGC 2012 to Japan was an expression of our support for their recovery efforts and our confidence in the strong spirit and resolve of the Japanese people and Japan Flying Disc players. WUGC will also serve as the qualifying event for World Games. Later in the summer, the World Junior Ultimate Championships in Dublin, Ireland are going to be held with an estimated participation of 35 teams from 20 countries in the Junior Open and Junior Girls' divisions.

The WFDF Congress 2012 will be held July 14-15 at WUGC. We hope as many Members as possible can attend. In addition to the required business, we plan to host two discussion sessions focusing on key topics of debate in Ultimate circles these days. While we are still putting together our plans, Saturday morning's session topic will be "Observers, Referees, and the AUDL: Is it Ultimate without the Spirit of the Game?" which will begin with a 10 minute presentation by representatives of a couple of our member associations. Congress materials were sent to all Members directly and are available on the web site.

This Spring, the WFDF Congress approved the applications of the Peoples Republic of China, Israel and Panama for regular membership. WFDF now boasts a total membership of 56 Member associations in 54 countries.

Over the last two months much of our time has been taken up in connection with WFDF's involvement in the Olympic Movement. We prepared our formal written application for "recognition" by the International Olympic Committee and submitted it on April 30. We hope to receive some initial feedback before year end. From May 21-25, we attended the SportAccord convention, the annual convention of all international sports organisations. The convention provides a unique environment to meet all important contacts in the international sports movement including IOC members, host cities, sports industry and sports institutions. The convention was originally launched in 2003 by GAISF in order for the

IOC Associations and the International Federations (IFs) to increase efficiency by holding all of their annual meetings at the same time and place. WFDF was represented by President Robert "Nob" Rauch, Executive Director Volker Bernardi, and at-Large Board member Fumio Morooka. Two key meetings were the International World Games Annual Meeting (during which it was announced that all World Games participants had been deemed compliant with WADA's Code in the November 2011 report), and the meeting with the other IFs in SportAccord that are not in the Olympic Games or officially recognized by the IOC, which adopted the new name (Alliance of Independent Members of SportAccord" (AIMS). We met with World Games 2013 Cali Organizers to confirm details on the event and discuss a development program for Cali, met with WADA to discuss our anti-doping program for 2013, and made a presentation to the staff of the IOC Sports Department in connection with our application for recognition. There were also many other meetings, with tourism agencies interested in hosting flying disc events in their cities, officers and board members of many IFs to share ideas or tell them about flying disc sports, sports vendors and media persons, and even Jack Kelly, a PDGA marketing consultant. The week wrapped up with the General Assembly of SportAccord, during which it accepted the membership applications of Lacrosse (full) and Mind Sports (Associated) and rejected Cheerleading (with two rival IFs) and Taekwondo (where there is already another IF which is a member). A controversial proposal to lower, if not virtually eliminate, the minimum requirements for applications for membership was rejected by a two-to-one margin.

During WUGC 2012 in Japan the players are going to elect a WFDF Athlete's Commission for the very first time. As members of the Commission the three elected athletes will be able to bring in their points of view in the decision-making process of WFDF thus strengthening the athlete's role in our Federation, and the Chair will sit in on Board meetings. We are taking applications through June 15.

The 2012 Member Opinion survey is now being circulated to all of WFDF's member associations. We ask that all Members provide their input by Monday June 25. This survey, which was introduced last year, is used to assist the board and officers of WFDF to make decisions that reflect the wishes of the Member associations.

As always, thanks for your support, and see you at Congress.

Robert "Nob" Rauch
President

Picture of the month – The World Games 2013 – one year to go

The following picture shows a beautiful view of the main venue of The World Games 2013 Cali, Colombia: it is the Pascual Guerrero Olympic Stadium, Alberto Galindo Sport Unit, where the Ultimate competitions of the World Games will be held from 28-30 July 2013 – just over one year to go from today.

With a view to The World Games and the FIFA U-20 World Cup, which was held in Cali and seven other Colombian cities in 2011, the 35,000-person capacity multi-purpose main stadium was renovated completely over a period of only 16 months. The stadium also will host the Rugby competitions and be the host of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2013 World Games. Picture COC ©



Meeting with The World Games 2013 Cali Organisers – WFDF and COC hold IF co-ordination meeting in Québec City

In the framework of the preparations of The World Games 2013 in Cali (Colombia) the COC holds annual meetings with the IFs on the programme during the SportAccord convention. Cali representatives Jose Luis Echeverry (Sports Director) and Jorge Soto (Sports International Deputy) discussed with WFDF the official Working Plan, the facility layout, the list of equipment and the match schedule of the World Games.

The Ultimate competition will be held in the Pascual Guerrero Olympic Stadium, Alberto Galindo Sport Unit. COC confirmed that the prices for tickets are very affordable for Colombian level for the 35.000 spectator capacity.

WFDF has an IF passport quota of 15 officials and 78 athletes (93 in total). 6 Teams (Mixed) will compete from 28-30 July 2013. Travel dates are 26 July 2013 (Arrival) and 31 July (Departure). The Opening Ceremony will be held on 25 July 2013.

With regard to the question whether teams may arrive one day earlier than scheduled to be able to attend the Opening Ceremony, it was confirmed that this is possible but the teams would have to pay the extra costs for this additional day.

All WFDF teams and officials as well as guests will be accommodated in the same hotel. WFDF can purchase quotas of “extra officials” until the November deadline.

WFDF has confirmed Mauricio Moore of Colombia will be serving as Competition Director for Flying Disc.

Cali will stage the multi-sport games together with two other cities in the Cauca Valley of Colombia from 25 July to 4 August 2013. The Opening Ceremony will be held on 25 July, the day the City of Cali celebrates the 100th anniversary of its founding. The organizers are preparing to seize the moment to promote the full breadth of sports to the world, and to bring about significant change to the nation, region and cities. The slogan for The World Games 2013 is Fair Play to the Planet! The COC is committed to pay particular attention to environmental friendliness in all its actions. Flying Disc sports have been appointed as ambassador sport for the “Fair Play” campaign for the 2013 World Games in Cali.

“We are looking forward to an exciting Ultimate competition during the 2013 World Games,” stated WFDF President Robert “Nob” Rauch. “We were the highest drawing competition for spectators in 2009 in Chinese Taipei and we expect to do the same in Cali. Our best teams will be there and we have really something to offer to these Games.”

WFDF Official Communications & News

WFDF Call for Sanctioned Ultimate Event Bids - PAUCC and AOUC 2013

WFDF's Ultimate Committee and Board of Directors are seeking bids from potential host organizers for several upcoming sanctioned events.

- WFDF Asian-Oceanic Ultimate Club Championship 2013 (AOUC)
- WFDF PanAmerican Ultimate Club Championship 2013 (PAUCC)

The last Continental events had been held in 2011 in Chinese Taipei (AOUC) and Colombia (PAUC). The AOUC and PAUCC are held on a quadrennial basis alternating with the AOUC and PAUC.

The deadline for submitting completed bids for AOUC and PAUCC is July 10, 2012, and it is anticipated that bids will be awarded no later than August 31, 2012. The interested bidders will be allowed to present their bid application to the WFDF 2012 Congress in Sakai, Japan, on 14-15 July 2012.

Please note that all bids must be sent in using the official WFDF bid templates which you can access here: http://www.wfdf.org/downloads/cat_view/27-documents-for-wfdf-events.

For information about any of these events or on the bidding process, please contact Simon Hill, Chair of the Ultimate Committee, or Volker Bernardi, Executive Director.

WFDF 2012 Congress to be held in Sakai, Japan, on the occasion of WUGC from 14-15 July 2012

The World Flying Disc Federation 2012 WFDF Congress will be held on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday, 14-15 July 2012, in the city of Sakai, Japan. The Congress will be hosted in conjunction with the WFDF 2012 World Ultimate and Guts Championships (7-14 July 2012).

Per the Bylaws, the purpose of the Congress shall be to: (a) review and approve the previous year's financial statements and auditors' reports, (b) approve WFDF's annual budget and elect an Auditor, (c) authorize the basic strategic direction and policies of WFDF, (d) serve as a forum for discussion of general disc sports issues, and (e) to take such other action as may properly come before the Congress.

The Congress documents can be found under the following link:

http://www.wfdf.org/downloads/cat_view/56-wfdf-congress/106-wfdf-congress-2012

The second week-end of the WUGC was the preference of largest number of member associations likely to attend the Congress.

WFDF Congress accepts China, Israel and Panama as regular members

The WFDF Congress has accepted the applications of the member associations of Peoples Republic of China, Israel and Panama for regular membership.

The applications of China, Israel and Panama were accepted by an electronic vote of the WFDF.

WFDF now boasts a total membership of 56 Member associations in 54 countries.

WFDF to Establish an Athletes' Commission at WUGC

The purpose of the WFDF Athletes' Commission is to promote open communication with, and solicit feedback from, flying disc athletes, and give them a formal role in the decision-making process of WFDF.

The WFDF Athletes' Commission will have as its main focus the issues facing athletes in the sport of Ultimate, as this is our largest disc sport constituency and the one that is involved in the World Games.

This three person group will be elected by the participating athletes during the WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championship this July in Japan, and the Chair of the commission will be a non-voting observer at all WFDF board meetings.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a participant in the current World Championship or have participated in a World Championship within the previous four years and must submit their application to the WFDF Executive Director no later than June 15, 2012.

Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of the WFDF Athletes' Commission are to:

- Serve as a non-political group which can offer advice, feedback, and assistance to WFDF on matters and issues of relevance to all Ultimate athletes;
- Promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethical performance when athletes are competing/participating at the international level;
- Provide regular reports and recommendations to the WFDF Board on issues of relevance to athletes;
- Examine the WFDF business plan and give feedback to the Board on areas of improvement and/or concerns that require input from athletes;
- Bring the athletes point of view to the Medical & Anti-Doping Committee on issues concerning athletes health and anti-doping issues
- Relate directly to and represent athletes competing at the highest level and establish relationships to promote

feedback to WFDF on matters concerning elite athletes; and

- Act as a promotional tool available for the purposes of promoting Ultimate to sponsors, the media and the general public

Initial Introduction in 2012

Any interested athlete should contact the WFDF Executive Director for more information. Candidates will need to submit a candidate's statement, curriculum vitae, and endorsement from their WFDF Member association.

The candidates' materials will be compiled and posted on the WFDF website in advance of the WUGC. At WUGC, a voting mechanism will be established to provide an opportunity for all athletes participating in the event given one vote. This is likely to be a paper vote to be distributed through team captains. Votes will be collected no later than Thursday night.

The Executive Director will be responsible for collecting such votes and tallying them by Saturday morning. The three winners shall be announced at the Closing Ceremony at which time they will be introduced to their peers.

For further information about the application procedure and the election please contact Volker Bernardi, Executive Director. Information also can be found under the following link:

<http://www.wfdf.org/about/organisational-structure/athletes-commission>

New Version of the Spirit of the Game Scoring Sheet

The WFDF Spirit of the Game (SOTG) committee has announced that the WFDF/BULA SOTG scoring sheet is available now in 29 languages after the addition of the document in Hungarian language to the respective section on the website.

The documents give guidance to tournament and league directors on how to ensure good SOTG practices are followed on and off the field.

The documents are available for download here:

http://www.wfdf.org/component/docman/cat_view/42-sotg-scoresheets?order=name&dir=ASC

Teaching Ultimate in the Virtual Classroom

The LOT is an organization based in Maplewood/South Orange New Jersey, USA that makes Ultimate experts available to schools, clubs, camps and existing programs. Columbia High School's Parking Lot - "The Lot" - was where the earliest structured, competitive play occurred in the late 1960's. Since then the game has been innovated and tweaked times over into the modern fast-paced, fun, dynamic sport that you know.

In November 2010 the group completed its "Gym Class Ultimate Frisbee" site, which has had over 7,000 visits in its

first year.

You can access its five basic lesson plans at:

<http://gymclassultimatefrisbee.com/>

Alliance of Independent Members of SportAccord (AIMS) founded during SportAccord convention 2012 in Québec City, Québec, Canada

The meeting of the "Other IFs of SportAccord" assembles the 24 International Sports Federations not being on the Olympic Programme and not having achieved IOC recognition so far.

The representative of that group who followed Fumio Morooka in 2011 is Espen Lund (Norway, Kickboxing, WAKO).

On the agenda of the meeting were important issues like the further efforts of the working group having been elected in 2011 to represent that group in further actions with SportAccord and the new name of the group.

While some Federations (i.e. IFBB, Body Building, President Santoya) wanted to put pressure to SportAccord and Espen Lund to officially form an Association (like ARISF for the recognized Federations) the majority of the participants felt that just re-naming the group as "Alliance of Independent Members of SportAccord – AIMS" would better reflect the current needs and careful policies needed towards the SportAccord Council and IOC with regards to the aims of the group. WFDF President Rauch supported that stance.

The World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) representatives briefed the delegates on the expected changes and the drafts of the new WADA Code to come into force from 2015.

The code shall as per the draft allow the IFs more flexibility to establish efficient testing programmes by focusing on in-competition only. That would mean that some IFs might have the opportunity not to test out-of-competition any more.

WFDF Submits Application for IOC Recognition

WFDF submitted its application for IOC recognition on April 30, 2012. During the SportAccord convention a meeting was held between the IOC Sports Department and WFDF. It is expected that there should be action on the application within the next twelve months.

Member Opinion Survey for 2012 to be Launched

The 2012 Member Opinion survey is now being circulated to all of WFDF's member associations. This survey, which was introduced last year, aims to get input and feedback from WFDF's members to assist the board and officers of WFDF to make decisions that reflect the wishes of the Member associations. Responses are due Monday June 25, 2012 so that the results can be compiled and a report prepared in advance of Congress.

WFDF delegates at the 2012 SportAccord Statutory General Assembly in Québec City

The pinnacle of this year's Statutory General Assembly (GA) of SportAccord was the vote on the change of the Associations Statutes (art. 6 and 7). The Council had proposed to modify these articles in order to lower, not to say eliminate, the requirements for applications for membership.

During the days prior to the GA there were a lot of discussions on the corridors and objections were raised against these changes. Consequently the Assembly rejected these changes with 24 yes, 52 no and 6 abstentions. All other small changes were accepted.

SportAccord accepted the applications of Lacrosse (full) and Mind Sports (Associated) for membership and rejected Cheerleading (two fighting IFs) and Taekwondo (other IF already member).

President Hein Verbruggen announced that he would step back from his position at the next GA and that a new President would be elected in 2013.

Presentations included sports betting, the optimization of anti-doping resources for IFs and aspects of their social responsibility.

The next SportAccord convention will be held 2013 in St. Petersburg (Russia).



WFDF and JFDA Support Development of Guts

World Flying disc Federation is pleased to announce that it has completed a development program to help promote Guts in various countries in advance of the 2012 WUGC being held in Sakai, Japan this July. Working together with Japan Flying Disc Federation, 10 guts discs were sent earlier this year to each of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong Netherlands, Panama, Sweden, and Switzerland. For this development program, JFDA contributed the discs and WFDF paid for the shipping costs.

A total of eight guts teams are expected to be represented at the World Guts Championship: Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, India, Japan A and B, South Korea, and USA.

WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch commented: "We are pleased to be able to support Ryan Scott and the rest of the WFDF Guts Committee with this program. Guts was the first Frisbee sport, invented by the Healy family of Michigan in 1958, and we are hoping to see a resurgence of interest in the game."

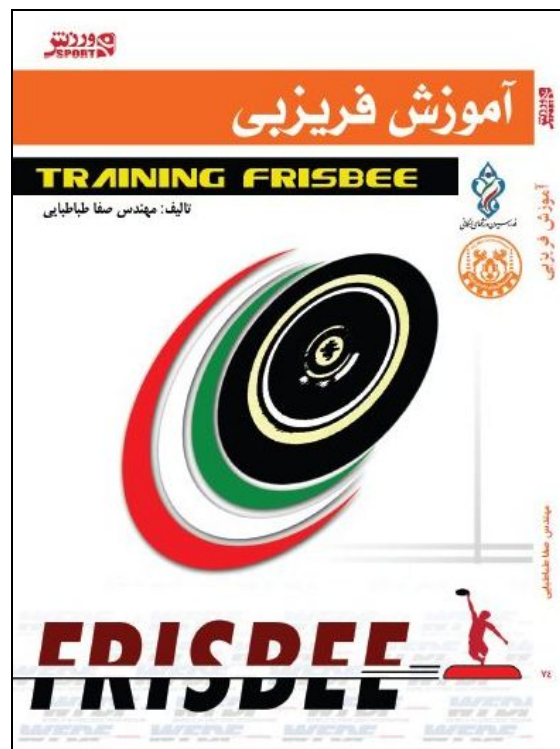
Guts is a sport played between two teams of five players each. The objective is to be the first team to score 21 points. To start play, each team lines up facing each other 14 m apart. Play is accomplished by a player attempting to throw the disc toward or at the opposing team and within the reach of at least 1 player of that team, in such a manner that the opposing team cannot make a clean catch. Scoring is contingent on the success or failure of the throwing team. A good throw, without a catch, results in a point for the throwing team and a bad throw results in a point for the receiving team.



WFDF 2012 World Ultimate & Guts Championships

Book on Flying Disc coaching in Persian language published

Safa Tabatabaei from the Islamic Republic of Iran has published a book on Flying Disc coaching. For further information please contact the author under: safatabatabaei@yahoo.com.



WFDF Anti-Doping Program Plan 2011-2013 - an Update by Volker Bernardi

The WFDF Anti-Doping program plan is going to its second year of execution and the planning of the measures leads now to the World Ultimate and Guts Championships 2012 in Sakai, Japan.

2012 Testing program

The WFDF Executive Director held a meeting with the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) on the occasion of the WADA Anti-Doping symposium 2012 in Lausanne, Switzerland, and discussed the planning and execution of In-competition and Out-of-competition testing in Sakai.

The WFDF testing program will be conducted by JADA on behalf of WFDF and TOC and will involve both out-of-competition tests (prior to the event) and in-competition testing. JADA confirmed that there will be only the number of tests being conducted as planned by WFDF for this event.

As WFDF Executive Director and Chair, Doping Control Panel, Volker Bernardi will be on-site at WUGC serving as main contact for providing information on anti-doping issues and overseeing the testing program.

WFDF 2012 Registered testing Pool (RTP) effective as of 1 January 2012

According to the WFDF Anti-Doping Program plan 2011-2013, the RTP from 2012 was chosen based on current world rankings. A member of the top six Open National teams and the top three Womens teams were chosen for the WFDF 2012 Registered Testing Pool (RTP). The following individuals have been accepted for inclusion in the 2012 RTP for WFDF:

Open Division:

Anders Dahlberg (SWE)
Morgan Hibbert (CAN)
Andrew Jackson (AUS)
Masahiro Matsuno (JPN)
David Pichler (GBR)
Joel Schlachet (USA)

Womens Division:

Madoka Ito (JPN)
Nancy Sun (USA)
Kate Werry (CAN)

The submission of whereabouts information in ADAMS is running without problems.

WFDF – WADA meeting at SportAccord

During the meeting with WADA their representatives Frédéric Donzé (Director IF relations and European Regional Office) and Stuart Kemp (Senior Manager Standards and Harmonization) acknowledged the good work done by WFDF since our Federation in the process in becoming fully code compliant and executing the respective agreements with WADA.

WFDF informed WADA that there were no major WFDF World Championships in 2013 available for testing. WFDF and WADA will agree how the testing plan still may be executed in the coming year.

WFDF general statistical report 2011 to WADA

WFDF according to Section 14.4 of the World Anti-Doping Code (Code), which states that “Anti-Doping Organizations shall, at least annually, publish publicly a general statistical report of their Doping Control activities with a copy provided to WADA”, has to send the respective report to WADA.

WADA will subsequently publish these statistics in full or in part to meet our responsibility as outlined in Code Article 14.5.

In our next newsletter we will be able to report overall figures from all International Federations and can thus show what others do to meet the Anti-Doping requirements.

All Member Associations participating in the WUGC 2012 are hereby reminded to submit Therapeutic Use Exemption requests for those athletes taking prohibited substances to treat injuries or medical conditions.

Further information and the respective application form to be used can be found here:

<http://www.wfdf.org/anti-doping>

WFDF President Robert “Nob” Rauch meets with JFDA representatives and the TOC of the WUGC Sakai 2012

WFDF President Robert “Nob” Rauch JFDA recently broke away while on a business trip in Tokyo to meet over a traditional Japanese dinner with the key members of the Japan Flying Disc Association (JFDA) and the WUGC 2012 Organizing Committee (TOC).

From left to right: Takumi Nunokawa, Masakazu Honda, Koki Yamashita, Fumio Morooka, Robert “Nob” Rauch, Makoto Ohi.



Upcoming Events

WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships (WUGC)
Sakai, Japan, 7-14 July 2012
website: www.wugc2012.org

WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships 2011 (WJUC)
Dublin, Ireland, 12-18 August 2012
website: www.wjuc2012.com

News from National Federations

USAU: 2012 U.S. Open - USA Ultimate and the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation welcome the international Ultimate Community to the U.S. for the inaugural U.S. Open Championships

(with material from USAU website)

USA Ultimate, the National governing Body for the sport of Ultimate in the United States, are looking forward to the inaugural U.S. Open, a major international competition and Ultimate convention in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Scheduled for July 4-8, 2012 at the Air Force Academy, the U.S. Open will be an annual event held during the Fourth of July weekend every year, and invite the world's best teams from three divisions – Open, Women's and Mixed. The event will host 24 teams and more than 600 of the best Ultimate athletes from around the world as they compete for the U.S. Open Championship.



And while the championship will be an invitation-only event, the convention will be open to anyone and everyone worldwide that desires to advance and develop the sport of Ultimate globally.

As an important component of the U.S. Open, the annual USA Ultimate Convention will consist of a wide variety of expert speakers and discussion groups on topics such as leagues' best practices, growing membership and participation, coaching education, marketing, revenue generation, high performance training, youth Ultimate, and growing the sport in nations across the globe. There will also be a trade show highlighting USA Ultimate's corporate partners, as well as giveaways, fun contests for children and adults and opportunities to meet and interact with some of the top athletes in the world.

"The idea for the U.S. Open has been under discussion for a couple of years," explained USA Ultimate CEO Dr. Tom Crawford. "The concept is to welcome the entire Ultimate community, worldwide, to literally experience our mission of advancing our sport through character, community and competition.

Over the course of five days, we'll have discussions centering around Spirit of the Game, tons of fun community-building opportunities, a world-class educational experience, social events, and of course, the best competition in the world... all in one location! This will be a premier event every year that will showcase our amazing sport and top athletes like never before. It will also serve as an important component to our club restructuring initiative, which will incorporate a U.S. Open Series as an element of our Club Series leading up to our Club Championships – all designed to highlight the best our sport has to offer."

"The opportunity to partner with a world-class organization like the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation, and a second-to-none venue like the Air Force Academy in a city that's known as the Amateur Sports Capitol of the U.S., just adds to the excitement we're feeling. And having lived in Colorado for many years, I can personally attest that the Rocky Mountain and Front Range regions are a phenomenal place for a family vacation with all kinds of exciting adventures around every corner!"

The 2012 U.S. Open will kick off on July 4, with an Opening Ceremony in the evening and a meeting of the USA Ultimate Board of Directors and several committees throughout the day. The Ultimate community will be invited to meet the board and staff of USA Ultimate to provide input and ask questions, as well as build the community worldwide. Competition will then begin with pool play on July 5.

There will be live streaming of the showcase field at this event.

Please find more information on the U.S. Open 2012 here: <http://www.usultimate.org/usopen/competition.aspx#news>

South Africa: New Chairman elected – Nic Labuschagne to lead SAFDA in the future

The South African Flying Disc Association has voted in Nic Labuschagne as new Chairman of SAFDA.

Nic is "very passionate about getting South African Ultimate registered as a National sport as this will open many doors for us in the future. There is and has been a lot of red tape that we have had to jump through and the process has been long. We are expecting to have this all concluded by the end of 2012. This is my priority" as Labuschagne stated in his introduction to WFDF. "I have only been playing Ultimate for just under 3 years now, but I am passionate about the sport and its ideals."

WFDF would like to welcome Nic and all recently elected volunteers to the WFDF family.



WFDF thanks **Five Ultimate** and Xtehn Titcomb for contributing a series of flags with the WFDF logo that we will be able to use at our events!

Canada: Community-Initiation National Coaching Certification Program

Ultimate Canada is proud to announce the nationwide launch of our Community-Initiation National Coaching Certification Program. After several years of hard work with our partners at the Coaching Association of Canada the program is officially rolling out all across the country!



The community-initiation coaching program is designed to train coaches who work with entry-level programs such as elementary school programs, middle school programs, and high school non-competitive programs. A second context, competition introduction, is currently being developed to provide training for coaches of competitive high school and junior programs. Pilots for the competition introduction program will take place in 2012 and it is expected to launch in 2013.

The Ultimate Canada coaching program is being supported by the generous support of our sponsors. We are excited to announce that Five Ultimate is the presenting sponsor for the coaching program and that Discraft is the disc sponsor for the program.

Initial community-initiation courses began operating in Ontario this spring and clinics are now being offered across the country. Facilitators have been trained in 9 provinces and are already planning initial courses. If you would like to sign up for a course or schedule a course in your community please go to the clinic schedule page for more information:

<https://canadianultimate.com/index.php/en/about-uc/1/196>



Issue 8 of the Ultimate Canada magazine is now available. Click on the cover to view the magazine.

South Africa: SA Ultimate Nationals 2012 Cape Town – Review

The South African Ultimate Club Championships is the highlight of the season and the SAFDA event calendar. In the aftermath of the 2012 event, we can safely say that it was one of the most hotly contested Ultimate tournaments ever held in this country. The level of the sport is clearly taking huge leaps forward and we will undoubtedly expect teams from around the country to push even harder for the top honours next year.



SOUTH AFRICAN ULTIMATE NATIONALS CAPE TOWN - 2012

The tourney ran over three days of a holiday weekend with Day One featuring Pool Games, Day Two the Playoff Rounds, and Day Three the Final placement games. With 16 teams representing various regions around the country, and over 250 participants taking part in 52 games; the hosts were in for some heavy foot traffic.

The fantastic Villagers Football Club in Claremont, home to Ghost Ultimate Club, was the venue for the tournament and provided soft, green pitches and excellent facilities for the players and spectators alike. The club caterers did an amazing job of keeping us all well fed with top quality food, and they also arranged the coffee stand and craft beer tasting by Boston Brewery.

The weather kept us all on our toes with wet mornings, yet somehow it stayed dry through the days. The chilly North wind plagued all teams with strong and gusty conditions which rewarded those with safe hands and patient offence. Zone defence was the order of the weekend which utilised the unpredictable conditions as much as possible. With the brand new implementation of web based scoring, each team updated their games scores live and could check up on the progress of the other games.

Professional photographer Peter Heeger was there for Gallo Images to capture the action: Images are available for purchase at their online store, have a browse through their albums and place your orders. Gallo have been kind enough to let us put up a selection of their photos in our gallery.

Further information and the Gallery may be accessed via the newly established SAFDA website: <http://www.safda.org.za/>

News from other Organisations

First Professional Ultimate League Begins Play

submitted by AUDL founder, Josh Moore

Eight teams are competing in the inaugural season of the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL) that started on April 14, 2012. Operating out of the Northeast United States, the league includes the Indianapolis AlleyCats, Columbus Cranes, Detroit Mechanix, Bluegrass Revolution, Buffalo Hunters, Rhode Island Rampage, Connecticut Constitution and Philadelphia Spinners. The AUDL will showcase the sport at a spectator level and will help foster the continued growth and popularity of Ultimate.

By shifting Ultimate to a professional level geared towards the spectator, the AUDL implemented some changes to how the sport has been traditionally played. The biggest change is the use of officials to make the calls, rather than the players.

This has allowed players to focus on playing and eliminating the element of player disagreements around calls that often times slow down the sport. Sportsmanship and integrity are still an integral part of the sport, as the AUDL implemented an integrity rule to help foster the continuation of the spirit of the game. The integrity rule allows a player to overturn an official's call if it will be to the benefit of their opponent. Another big change is playing four quarters of 12 minutes each, rather than to a point total of 15. In the early stages of the season, this has already shown exciting deep hucks as the clock expires each quarter.

"Everybody involved with the league is very excited to bring this great sport to the next level", AUDL founder Josh Moore said. "This has been one of the fastest growing sports for participants in America and we will showcase the sport to the general public with some of the very best talent in the game today. For those individuals that have not seen an Ultimate game played at its highest level, they are in for an exciting surprise. We are creating tremendous entertainment value for our fans and want people everywhere to experience a truly unique and fun experience".

The first weekend of games of the AUDL season showcased exciting plays that made national highlight television shows, and energetic crowds, including over 1,700 in attendance in Philadelphia. The AUDL hopes to build momentum throughout the season and continue to educate the general public about the sport of Ultimate and showcase the game played at a high level each and every time out.

"We understand that this won't be built overnight", Moore said. "Our owners have been hard at work for years looking to make this first season a success. Many of our owners have backgrounds owning and running other businesses and know that it takes putting the right people in the right positions to build a successful organization, the AUDL is no different. We are only beginning and know there are a lot of things to improve over time, but all of our owners are committed to growing this sport and bringing it to households around the world."

The AUDL has been able to reach households around the world through online streaming of games. In the opening

weekend there were viewers in 18 different nations tuning in to the action.

The league looks to continue to offer streamed games throughout the season and develop a fan base of people who simply love the sport of Ultimate. The players have embraced the new league as well, as many take time away from family and careers to participate in the inaugural season. Although there is some compensation to the players, they have day jobs or school to work into their busy schedules. For many, the chance to be a part of taking the sport to another level is all the motivation they need to be involved.



For more information about the American Ultimate Disc League, visit www.theaudl.com.



Note: WFDF President Nob Rauch contacted AUDL Founder Josh Moore to submit this article, as we thought it useful to allow the league founder to provide his perspective. WFDF does not officially sanction or endorse AUDL.

Upcoming events

7-14 July 2012	WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships (WUGC), Sakai, Japan Website: www.wugc2012.org
14-15 July 2012	WFDF 2012 Congress, Sakai, Japan
12-18 August 2012	WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships 2011 (WJUC), Dublin, Ireland Website: www.wjuc2012.com
22-28 July 2013	WFDF World Under-23 Ultimate Championships, Toronto, Canada

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

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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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