Motion to recognize Beach Ultimate as a WFDF Disc Sport

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Summary

Beach Ultimate has been played since 1986 and is growing in popularity. It is currently played in 25+ countries and has 100+ tournaments and leagues worldwide: from Latvia to Mozambique, from Argentina to Northern Canada, and from Japan to Mexico.

Since 2004, World and Continental Championships have been held. These championships have been organized by BULA - the Beach Ultimate Lovers Association - which was founded in 1999.

Beach Ultimate is strategically different and is attracting a different player group than grass Ultimate. For the sport to reach its potential it should be recognized by the WFDF as a separate Disc Sport from grass Ultimate and have independent leadership.

This motion is to request the WFDF to recognize Beach Ultimate as Disc Sport and for the WFDF to cohost the World and Continental Championships of Beach Ultimate together with BULA.

Past, Present, and future of Beach Ultimate

History

The first known Beach Ultimate tournament was in 1986 in Texas. It was called "Death on the Beach" (later "Texas Beach Ultimate Fest"). In 1988 Battle on the Beach in Florida was organized and in 1990 the first edition of Paganello (Italy) was held.

Since the early 90's more and more tournaments were set up and in 1999 a movement started at Paganello to get Beach Ultimate more organized, and to grow the sport. The Beach Ultimate Lovers Association - BULA was the brainchild of Jumpi and others in Rimini. However, lack of time prevented them from taking this much further than a logo and name recognition.

In October 2000 'Peldi' Giacomo sets up a BULA mailinglist. Several players that had been involved in organizing Beach Ultimate tournaments expressed an interest in forming a formal Beach Ultimate organization. Two months later Patrick van der Valk decided to dedicate some of his time and transform BULA into a more organized group with a worldwide reach.

The first BULA meeting was in April 2001 on the beach of Paganello. Olivier, Fred, Pierik, Simon (France), Rue (Germany), Ozzy and Melissa (US), Ricardo, Mila (Brazil), Peldi and Jumpi (Italy), Michele (Portugal), Rocky (Spain), Charlie (WFDF), Thomas (EFDF), and Patrick met and discussed the BULA vision.

Since then BULA has been an organization of constantly rotating volunteers. However it maintained one solid Mission:

"To assist, educate, and promote the Spirit and the Game of Beach Ultimate worldwide"

From creating freely downloadable posters and hand-outs in many languages, to starting Beach Ultimate in developing regions through the Beach Ultimate Travelling Tournament (BUTT), and standardizing rules, BULA is actively grew the sport worldwide (more at www.beachultimate.org).

In 2004 BULA organized the first World Championships of Beach Ultimate (WCBU) in Portugal (www.wcbu2004.org). The WCBU 2004 saw 400 players, in 38 teams from 16 countries in 4 divisions. In 2007 the World Championships were held in Brazil (www.wcbu2007.org). In 2008 the first European Championships were held in France (www.ecbu2008.org) and in 2009 the first Asian Championships were held in Boracay, the Philippines (www.acbu2009.org).

By the end of 2009 Beach Ultimate was played in 25+ countries and there were 100+ tournaments, including Beach Ultimate leagues, worldwide (see Appendix 1).

The most current calendar of events can be found at beachultimate.org/tournaments.html

Calendar for World and Continental Championships

In 2006 BULA decided on a 4-year cycle for World and Continental Championships for national teams. To have the least amount of competition with WFDF (grass) Ultimate events, it was decided that the best time for the World Championships of Beach Ultimate would be if it were to coincide with WFDF continental championships for national teams. Hence the next WCBU was in 2007 and the next World Championships will be in 2011, 2015, 2019, etc...

European, Asian, and Pan-American Championships are scheduled to be held in 2013, 2017, 2021...

There are no plans to host World/Continental Championships for club teams.

Beach Ultimate rules

In 2008 BULA adopted the WFDF rules for (grass) Ultimate and created an Appendix with changes applicable to Beach Ultimate (see Appendix 2).

BULA recognizes two versions of Beach Ultimate: 5-on-5 Beach Ultimate and 4-on-4 Beach Ultimate. The latter is played at some tournaments and leagues but it is for 5-on-5 Beach Ultimate that this motion is submitted.

BULA collaboration with the WFDF

BULA has been a Provisional Member of the WFDF since 2004. In 2009 Patrick van der Valk organized a WFDF Beach Ultimate Championships Committee with people from BULA and with the intent to have the WFDF involved in the bid process and selection for the WCBU 2011. However, the WFDF bylaws did not allow for a committee involved in the selection of a non-WFDF World Championship. So the committee members continued as a BULA committee.

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Why differentiate between grass and beach Ultimate?

For the last 25 years Beach Ultimate has been viewed as a variant of grass Ultimate. However, even though the rules are still similar, Beach Ultimate is diverging and expanding. First of all, the game

strategy itself is becoming different. The use of the smaller field, less players, softer surface, and location make cutting, catching, and throwing similar in concept but not in execution.

Furthermore, more and more players are becoming just beach players. Many are attracted to Beach Ultimate because of the lightness and pureness that comes from taking your shoes off as appose to put them on. The sea breeze, the sand between the toes, and the sound of waves put players in a positive mind-frame without losing competitiveness. This, in part, explains the excellent game and spirit that one finds in Beach Ultimate.

Older players also gravitate towards Beach Ultimate as "hard ground" injuries do not occur and players can continue to play for many more years.

Another differentiator is that Beach Ultimate has the potential to be more accessible to the public. The smaller field can make the game easier to showcase, especially as it is often in a glorious location that the public are already attracted to. The smaller field can make points shorter and games quicker and more manageable for the public. Fewer players also make it simpler for the public to follow and the softer surface enables more spectacular layouts to occur.

But perhaps the biggest reason to differentiate between Beach and Grass Ultimate is its potential future and players. As time progresses Beach Ultimate will be played in more locations where beach life is more common and where grass is hard to find: tropical countries, Africa, Asia, Central America and Oceania. An added benefit for these (usually poorer) countries is that the costs are less. Grass fields commonly cost money to maintain and rent, whereas beaches are frequently free. The lack of need for cleats also adds to the potential adoption in poorer countries. For example, some UK players who recently played in Mozambique mentioned that beach ultimate is played there, and it was hard to raise funds to go to a grass tournament because shoes were needed.

All in all, if the WFDF wants to be involved in the development of Beach Ultimate there is a need to recognize it as its own Disc Sport. Like Beach Volley and Beach Soccer, Beach Ultimate should have its own development path and event management to accommodate the needs of players. Having an independent Beach Ultimate committee in the WFDF will help the sport reach its potential.

Advantages for the WFDF

As mentioned above, Beach Ultimate is growing in popularity and has unique qualities that will help raise public awareness of flying disc sports worldwide and enhance the WFDF brand. In addition, if the WFDF agrees to co-host the World Championships, Beach Ultimate will bring in revenue as early as 2011 - the date of the next World Championships.

Adherence to the WFDF bylaws

Article II - sub 3 of the WFDF bylaws states:

- 3. A Disc Sport is a Disc Game which conforms to the following definition:
 - a. it is a Disc Game played according to a set of rules approved by WFDF;

- b. it is a Disc Game for which a WFDF Disc Sport Committee has been established; and
- c. it is a Disc Game for which a WFDF World Championship is played on a regular basis, meeting the standards for such tournaments as set forth in these Bylaws and as otherwise established by the Board of Directors.

BULA adopted the WFDF Ultimate rules, with a Beach Ultimate Addendum, in 2008. With this in place item 3.a. is adhered to.

To fulfill item 3.b. the WFDF has to agree to this motion and allow for a Beach Ultimate Committee to be created. The committee would consist of the same people that were approved for the Championships Committee (see Appendix 3).

The structure within the WFDF will mimic the (grass) Ultimate structure:

- WFDF Beach Ultimate Championships Committee This committee consists of seven
 Committee members (see Appendix 3) and Patrick van der Valk is Chairman until the 2011 elections.
- **WFDF Beach Ultimate Development Committee** To be determined. This committee is focused on the development of Beach Ultimate worldwide.

Beach Ultimate Committee members would also be represented in the Spirit of the Game Committee, as well as the (grass) Ultimate Rules Committee.

Item 3.c. is a catch 22. However if this motion is approved and the WFDF agrees to co-hosts the next BULA World Championships this is resolved.

Co-hosting the BULA World and Continental Championships

Late 2009, the members of the Championships Committee, representing BULA, sent out a detailed Request for Bids to all nations and Beach Ultimate tournament directors to host the 2011 World Championships of Beach Ultimate. Eight bids were received: 2 from Mexico, 1 from France, 4 from Italy, and 1 from Turkey.

Early April 2010, after two rounds of voting, the committee awarded the bid for the 2011 World Championships to Max Vitali (see Appendix 4). As a result the 2011 WCBU will be held at the GerTur sports center in Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy). This center can host 2,500 players, has 4 swimming pools, and has a private beach. The dates are 22-28 August 2011 with at least 5 divisions (Junior, Mixed, Women, Open, Master) and perhaps a GrandMaster division (40+ ers). Perfect location, perfect dates, low prices.

If this motion is approved, it is BULA's objective to have the WFDF co-host the 2011 and 2015 WCBU, as well as the 2013 Continental Championships.

Contract with Local Organizing Committee

If this motion is approved the WFDF will be added to the contract (see Appendix 5) that BULA and Max Vitali agreed on at Paganello. Small changes can be discussed and BULA will make all efforts to accommodate requests made by the WFDF. However the contract will not be substantially changed. For subsequent events the WFDF and BULA will work together on a mutually agreeable contract.

Player and Team Guidelines

Player eligibility and other important information outlined in the World Championship Player and Team Manual (see Appendix 6) was also agreed upon. Upon accepting this motion the WFDF agrees to co-host the WCBU 2011 on these terms. Small changes can be discussed and BULA will make all efforts to accommodate requests made by the WFDF. For subsequent events the WFDF and BULA will work together on mutually agreeable guidelines.

Distribution of fees

Since 2004 BULA has been charging the local organizing committee a fee per player to help cover basic BULA costs and further develop Beach Ultimate. For the 2011 WCBU this fee was set to be \$15. If this motion is accepted BULA is will divide the fee as follows: \$5 for BULA, \$5 for the WFDF Beach Ultimate Development Committee, \$5 for the WFDF general administrative costs.

Five year trial

Co-hosting the World and Continental Championships will have a 5-year trial period. After the WCBU in 2015 BULA and the WFDF will meet and make decisions on the future of the World Championships of Beach Ultimate and determine how to move forward.

BULA and the WFDF

BULA is a strong and positive brand and will continue to stay an independent organization and exist for at least 5 more years. There will probably be a large overlap between BULA members and the WFDF Beach Ultimate Committee members as well as within Beach Ultimate related projects. After the WCBU in 2015 we will open discussions if two organizations best serve the sport.

Conclusion

Beach Ultimate has unique qualities that will help raise public awareness of flying disc sports worldwide and enhance the WFDF. This motion shows that Beach Ultimate can adhere to all the requirements set forth in the WFDF bylaws and we hope that you will grant Beach Ultimate the designation of Disc Sport, and allow the WFDF and BULA to co-host the World and Continental Championships of Beach Ultimate.

Patrick van der Valk

President

Beach Ultimate Lovers Association

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Appendix 1 - 2009 Beach Ultimate tournaments worldwide

Co	untry (place)	Tournament	2009 Dates
0	Portugal (<i>Praia de Meco</i>)	33rd Everyone Can Play	Jan 3
9	United Kingdom (Bournemouth)	Frostbite 09 Warm-up	Jan 3
BU 4	United Kingdom (<i>Poole</i>)	Frostbite 09	Jan 10
BU (Mexico (Pie de la Cuesta, Acapulco)	Acapulco Ultimate Tournament 2009	Jan 14 - 18
BU L'A	United States (Santa Monica)	Lei-Out 2009	Jan 17 - 18
3	Australia (<i>Dixon Park Beach,</i> New Castle, Australia)	The Hunter Hat 2009	Jan 17 - 18
3	New Zealand (<i>Oriental Beach, Wellington</i>)	Oriental Beach Day	Jan 19
•	United States (Coronado Beach, San Diego, CA)	San Diego Winter Beach League 2009	Jan 24 - Mar 14
3	Australia (North Kirra Beach, Gold Coast, Australia)	Australia Day Beach Ultimate Championships 2009	Jan 24 - 25
3	Australia (<i>Leighton Beach</i>)	BUFF	Feb 1
BU 🚭	Egypt (<i>Dahab</i>)	<u>Ultimutation 2009 - BEACH FEST</u>	Feb 7 - 14
	Spain (<i>Castelldefels</i>)	1a jornada Lliga Catalana 2009	Feb 15
BU 🥌	New Zealand (<i>Hawkes Bay</i>)	Boutique Beach 2009	Feb 21 - 22
•	Portugal (<i>Praia do Meco,</i> Portugal)	34th Everyone Can Play	Feb 21
3	Australia (<i>Maroubra Beach</i>)	The Bra Cup	Feb 21
BU C	Spain (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)	X Torneo Internacional de Beach Ultimate de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	Feb 27 - Mar 1

B U L'A	1	New Zealand (<i>Ocean Beach,</i> Whangarei, New Zealand)	Ocean Beach Hat 2009	Feb 27 - Mar 1
	(Portugal (<i>Portimao</i>)	2008/2009 Portuguese National Beach Ultimate League: 2nd day	Feb 28
		Spain (Tenerife, Canary Islands)	Dr Sand & Mr Grass 2009	Mar 6 - 8
	3	Australia (Wamberal Beach, Terrigal)	Terrigal Towel 2009	Mar 7 - 8
	(Portugal (Carcavelos)	2008/2009 Portuguese National Beach Ultimate League: 3rd day	Mar 21
		Philippines (Boracay Island, Philippines)	Boracay Open 2009	Mar 21 - 22
		Spain (<i>Laredo</i>)	First Beach Ultimate Tournament for Women in Laredo	Mar 28 - 29
E U		Spain (<i>Lloret De Mar</i>)	SportsVest Spain Tour 2009	Mar 30 - Apr 1
B U L'A		Spain (<i>Lloret de mar</i>)	Lloret - Costa Brava Tournament 2009	Apr 4 - 6
B U A		Spain (Salou, Spain)	Saloufest	Apr 6 - 7
	U	Italy (<i>Rimini</i>)	Junior Clinic at Paganello	Apr 9 - 13
	U	Italy (<i>Rimini</i>)	Paganello 2009: Alea Iacta Est!	Apr 10 - 13
	\$	United States (San Diego)	One Love, One Beach 2009	Apr 11 - 12
		Kenya (<i>Tiwi Beach</i>)	FEAST	Apr 11 - 12
	U	Italy (Torre dell'Orso, Lecce)	pasticciotto beach hat	Apr 16 - 19
B U	U	Italy (<i>Rimini, Italy</i>)	Festival Italia 2009	Apr 16 - 17
B U L'A	4 b	United Kingdom (Aberdeen)	CUBE 2009	Apr 18 - 19
	•	Germany (<i>Berlin-Mitte</i>)	4. Offene Berliner Sandmeisterschaft	Apr 18 - 19
	0	Portugal (Portimao)	2008/2009 Portuguese National Beach	Apr 25

<u>Ultimate League: 4th day</u>

		Austria (Baden)	Sandsplash 2009	Apr 25 - 26
	()	France (La Grande Motte (34))	Fogassa 09	Apr 25 - 26
E U	U	Italy (Bibione)	Bibione 2009	May 1 - 3
	•	Germany (Kaiserslautern)	HechTen 2009	May 1 - 2
B U L'A		Mozambique (<i>Maputo, Mozambique</i>)	2009 Xefina HAT Tournament	May 1 - 2
E U	U	Italy (Bibione Italy)	Junior Clinic at Bibione	May 1 - 3
	4 b	United Kingdom (Kent)	Kent Tri Tournament	May 2 - 4
	3	India (<i>Pondicherry</i>)	<u>Auroville Ultimate Open</u>	May 2
	•	Spain (Puerto del Carmen, Lanzarote)	<u>Campeonato de España Coed 2009</u>	May 9 - 10
B U L A	1	United Kingdom (Bournemouth / Poole, Dorset)	Sunburn 2009	May 16 - 17
	U	France (Nancy france)	<u>Urban free'z'beach</u>	May 21
	(Portugal (<i>Meco, Portugal</i>)	2008/2009 Portuguese National Beach Ultimate League: 5th + 6th day	May 23 - 24
	U	France (Le Pouliguen)	Yes BUT Nau 2009	May 30 - Jun 1
	•	Germany (Berlin)	Beach Ultimate Mitte 2009	May 30 - Jun 1
	•	Lithuania (<i>Palanga</i>)	Palanga Sands 2009	May 30 - 31
	-	Germany (Karlshagen/Usedom)	Goldstrand	Jun 6 - 7
	U	France (Saint-Georges-de- Didonne (17))	Beach Ultimate Tour 2009 D1-1 & D2-2	Jun 6 - 7
B U L A	0	Portugal (<i>Meco</i>)	13th Bar do Peixe tournament	Jun 18 - 21

	France (Pornichet (44))	Beach Ultimate Tour 2009 D1-2	Jun 20 - 21
	<table-cell-rows> Latvia (<i>Jurmala, Latvia</i>)</table-cell-rows>	Jurmalas Bite 2009	Jun 20 - 21
B U	Colombia (Santa Marta. Bello Horizonte beaches)	Beach Ultimate, Santa Marta 2009	Jun 26 - 28
	United Kingdom (Exmouth Beach)	West Coast Sand	Jun 27 - 28
	United States (Long Beach, CA)	Huck-It Long Beach 2009	Jun 27 - 28
	United States (Presque Isle State Park)	Disc & Chips '09	Jul 11 - 12
	United States (Chicago, IL)	Sandblast 2009	Jul 17 - 19
B U	taly (Venice)	Redemption Ultimate	Jul 18 - 19
	Canada (Shediac, New Brunswick)	Parlee Beach Ultimate Tournament	Jul 18 - 19
	France (Notre-Dame de Monts (85))	Bous'hat 2009	Jul 18 - 19
		Bous'hat 2009 Russian Beach Nationals	Jul 18 - 19 Jul 18 - 19
B U	(85))		
B L	U (85)) ■ Russia (ĐŸĐ°Đ²Đ»Đ¾Đ²Đ¾)	Russian Beach Nationals	Jul 18 - 19
B U	 (85)) Russia (ĐŸĐ°Đ²Đ»Đ¾Đ²Đ¾) Poland (Klucze-Osada) 	Russian Beach Nationals Uwaga Desert Mirage 2009	Jul 18 - 19 Jul 25 - 26
B L	(85)) Russia (ĐŸĐ°Đ²Đ»Đ¾Đ²Đ¾) → Poland (Klucze-Osada) → Germany (Warnemþnde) Belgium (Hallestraat,	Russian Beach Nationals Uwaga Desert Mirage 2009 Sun Of The Beach 2009	Jul 18 - 19 Jul 25 - 26 Jul 25 - 26
B U	 (85)) ■ Russia (ĐŸĐ°Đ²Đ»Đ¾Đ²Đ¾) ■ Poland (Klucze-Osada) ■ Germany (Warnemþnde) ■ Belgium (Hallestraat, Mechelen, Belgium) 	Russian Beach Nationals Uwaga Desert Mirage 2009 Sun Of The Beach 2009 STBU 09 - Pirates Edition	Jul 18 - 19 Jul 25 - 26 Jul 25 - 26 Jul 27
BUA	(85)) Russia (ĐŸĐ°Đ²Đ»Đ¾Đ²Đ¾) Poland (Klucze-Osada) Germany (Warnemþnde) Belgium (Hallestraat, Mechelen, Belgium) Italy (Cesenatico) United States (Presque Isle	Russian Beach Nationals Uwaga Desert Mirage 2009 Sun Of The Beach 2009 STBU 09 - Pirates Edition Gardella Volante 2009	Jul 18 - 19 Jul 25 - 26 Jul 25 - 26 Jul 27 Jul 31 - Aug 1

	9	United States (Waimanalo, Oahu, Hawaii)	Tweedle Beetle Beach Battle	Aug 8 - 9
B U	4 b	United Kingdom (<i>Troon,</i> Scotland)	MacBeach 2009	Aug 15 - 16
B U L A	w	Czech Republic (<i>Pilsen</i>)	Olgoj Chorchoj Trophy 2009	Aug 22
B U L A	(*)	Canada (<i>Gaspar, Haldiman</i>)	La P'tite Vite Du Capitaine Jacques-Cartier	Aug 22 - 23
	•	Germany (Cospudener Strand, Leipzig)	Freie Kombinatskultur 2009	Aug 22
r A	•	Switzerland (<i>Tegna, Ticino</i>)	Magic Maggia '09	Aug 29 - 30
B U	-	Netherlands (<i>Monster, Netherlands</i>)	Monsterball 2009 - BULA BUTT 2009	Aug 29 - 30
B U L A		Poland (<i>Debki</i>)	Sandslash 2009	Aug 29 - 30
	()	France (Pornichet (44))	Beach Ultimate Tour 2009 D2-2	Aug 29 - 30
	U	France (Les Sables d'Olonnes (85))	Beach Ultimate Tour 2009 D2-4	Aug 29 - 30
	(Ireland (Ballynamona Beach, Shanagarry, Co. Cork)	Cork Beach Hat 2009	Aug 29 - 30
	Q	France (Ouistreham (14))	Beach Ultimate Tour 2009 D1-3 & D2-3	Sep 12 - 13
B U L'A	U	Italy (Torre del Lago (Puccini))	Burla Beach Cup 2009 - Smurf Pride	Sep 17 - 19
	U	France (<i>La Flotte (17)</i>)	Remix 2009	Sep 19 - 20
		Portugal (<i>Praia do Meco,</i> portugal)	35th Everyone Can Play	Sep 19
	O	France (<i>Le Pouliguen (44)</i>)	Beach Ultimate Tour 2009 D1-4	Sep 26 - 27
B U L A	3	India (<i>Chennai, India</i>)	Chennai Heat 2009	Oct 2 - 4
	•	Germany (<i>Aschheim</i>)	Oktoberfest-Tourney 2009	Oct 2 - 4

•	Germany (Berlin-Mitte)	5. Offene Berliner Sandmeisterschaft ausBUMsen 2009	Oct 10 - 11
•	Spain (<i>Puerto de Alcùdia</i>)	10. Copa Pescadisco	Oct 16 - 18
•	Colombia (<i>Chiringuito Beach</i> Barranquilla)	Beach Ultimate Frisbee Contest Barranquilla	Oct 24 - 25
B U	Philippines (<i>Boracay, Philippines</i>)	Asian Championship Beach Ultimate 2009	Oct 28 - 31
•	Spain (Barcelona, Spain)	Porro Open 2009	Oct 30 - Nov 1
<u>-1</u>	United Kingdom (Canterbury)	<u>Tri Cup</u>	Oct 31 - Nov 1
4	United States (San Diego, CA, USA)	Sandi Ego	Nov 7 - 8
B U	Spain (Puerto del Carmen Lanzarote, Islas Canarias)	Coman Fruta Cabrones 2009	Nov 13 - 15
6	Australia (SE QLD BEACHES - AUSTRALIA)	Beach Ultimate Series (BUS)	Nov 22 - Mar 21

Appendix 2 - Beach Ultimate appendix to the 2009 WFDF rules

Differences for 5-on-5 Beach Ultimate (by BULA - the Beach Ultimate Lovers Association)

Introduction

1. Spirit of the Game

2. Playing Field

- 2.1. The Playing Field is a rectangle seventy-five (75) metres long and twenty-five (25) metres wide. (See Figure 3.1)
- 2.4. The Playing Field is broken up into a central Playing Field Proper that is forty-five (45) metres long by twenty-five (25) metres wide, and two End zones that are fifteen (15) metres deep by twenty-five (25) metres wide at each end of the Playing Field Proper.
- 2.6. The Brick Mark is the intersection of two (2) crossed one (1) meter lines in the playing field proper set ten (10) metres from each Goal Line, midway between the Sidelines.
- 2.7. All lines shall be marked with colored tape between five (5) and ten (10) centimetres wide
- 2.10. The playing field shall be sand, which is essentially flat, free of obstructions and holes, and affords reasonable player safety.

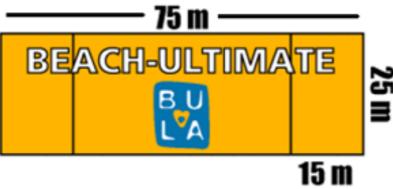


Figure 3.1

3. Equipment

3.4. Playing barefoot is highly recommended. Players may wear socks or any kind of foot covering of a similar texture; so long it does not endanger the safety of any other player.

4. Point, Goal and Game

- 4.2. A game is finished and won by the first team to score thirteen (13) goals.
- 4.3. A game is separated into two (2) periods of play, called Halves. Half-time occurs when a team first scores seven (7) goals.

5. Teams

- 5.1. Each team will put a maximum of five (5) players and a minimum of four (4) players on the field during each point.
- 6. Starting a Game
- 7. The Pull
- 8. Status of the Disc
- 9. Stall Count
- 10. The Check
- 11. Out of Bounds
- 12. Receivers and Positioning
- 13. Turnovers
- 14. Scoring
- 15. Calling Fouls, Infractions and Violations
- 16. Continuation after a Foul or Violation Call
- 17. Fouls
- 18. Infractions and Violations
- 19. Stoppages
- 20. Time-Outs
 - 20.4. A time-out lasts one (1) minute.

Appendix 3 - Biographies of the people in the WFDF Beach Ultimate Committee

Patrick van der Valk (Portugal) - Chairman

Patrick started playing disc in 1979. He organized several Dutch DDC championships, was the coach of the Toronto Women's Ultimate team that became Canadian Champions in 1989, and was the founder of many Ultimate teams: Ultimate Stars Leiderdorp (Holland 1981), The Zoydz (Toronto 1991), and Diz-Cu (Portugal 1996). After organizing the Bar do Peixe Beach Ultimate tournament (Portugal) for several years he started to coordinate the Beach Ultimate Lovers Association (BULA) in 2001. He has been President of BULA ever since. He has organized several World Championships of Beach Ultimate and many Beach Ultimate tournaments. Patrick has Master degree in Organic Chemistry and is co-founder of ChemConnect Inc. He now works as a Startup Specialist for Archimedes in San Francisco. Patrick is father of 2 children: Sara and Tomas and is married to Sofia Pereira.

Chris McTiernan (USA)

Chris McTiernan is a San Francisco based Ultimate Frisbee player with a long ultimate and beach ultimate career. He is captain of Huck Finn, 3-time Paganello Beach Champion and a 2007 Silver Medalist at the World Disc Games in Perth. In his spare time, he a Senior Manager or Product Management at eBay.

Wayne Davey (UK)

I live in Bristol in the UK and started playing ultimate in 1985. Since then I've played at all levels, in mixed, masters and open divisions and I've been lucky enough to play in World Championships on 5 continents. I have captained the GB Masters team several times in the last 10 years – including at the World Beach Championships in Brazil in 2007 where we managed to finish 2nd.

I discovered beach ultimate about 10 years ago and it's now my favorite sport. Unfortunately Bristol is not blessed with the world's best beaches so I don't get to play as much as I would like to!

My non playing 'jobs' in ultimate have included running local practices, being Treasurer of UK Ultimate, organizing a couple of tournaments and one year commentating for the Paganello video - though I was never asked to do it again \odot

In my day job I am the head of finance for a charity that works to save victims of domestic abuse.

Karen Cabrera (Philippines):

Graduated with a degree in Architecture at University of Santo Tomas. Was the team captain of the UST Women's Football Team and member of the UST Swimming Team. She is also into kite boarding and enjoys playing poker with friends. Loves living in Boracay! blue sky + crystal water + powdery white sand + cold beer + refreshing cocktails + friendly and hospitable people + beach ultimate all you can = BORACAY She started playing beach ultimate with the Boracay Dragons in 2005. Number 9 in the WCBU 07 in Brazil and the only female in the Philippine team line up. Spread the love of beach ultimate by

conducting and organizing clinics and hat tournaments for kids and tourists in Boracay. She was the Tournament Director for BULA's Asian Championships Beach Ultimate

Matt Kass (Japan/California):

Matt was a player and an organizer for the US Team (Master's Division) that participated at the World Championships Beach Ultimate, Figuera do Foz, Portugal in 2004. Playing ultimate since the late 70s, he has volunteered and organized tournaments, leagues and presented compelling value propositions to sponsors for tournaments for BULA, UPA, WFDF, HULA (HI, USA), and SF's (CA, USA) SFUC, SFUL (now jointly known as the Bay Area Disc Assoc "BADASS") and in Japan, Tokyo (JFDA/KFDF/FFDA/Ebashi Cup) Taj Ultimate, Hakata/Fukuoka Ultimate, Kyushu, Japan). Matt continues to plays, volunteer, organize and sell sponsorships for teams, leagues and BULA, not only in Japan and US, but at WFDF events including: 1992 WUGC (Utsunomi, JPN), 2002 WUCC (Honolulu, US), 2006 WUCC (Perth, AUS), 2010 WUCC (Prague, CHE).

Currently residing (and probably tossing a disc at this very second) in Tokyo, Matt runs a boutique entertainment advisory and management agency for live and produced entertainment events in arts, culture, music and sports, including comprehensive media development, traditional and digital strategy planning, project management and execution. iem's services extend to hospitality, event production, operations, revenue generation and expansion, license management, sponsorship and ticket sales and all forms of delivery, operations and execution for worldwide brands and leagues (NBA, NFL, PGA Tour, PBA, and smaller, lower profile sports brands and brands which support them). Matt co-founded www.sportscharities.org in 2000 which has raised in excess of ~\$3.0MM for a host of 501(C)3 charitable, US government audited, causes/organizations including, since ~2005 the US's UPA (Ultimate Players Association). With his passion for Beach Ultimate in particular, Matt has been a valuable asset to BULA for many years and recently agreed to make BULA JAPAN an official entity, especially in light of the productive communications with WFDF and JFDA to rally support for BULA and Beach Ultimate in general, and Beach Ultimate in Japan specifically.

Natalie Visser (Colombia):

My name is Natalie Visser. Started playing ultimate in Colombia in 1995. Since then I have played in England, Spain and Germany and my heart belongs to each place in very unique ways. I enjoy being outdoors and running around. I like green fields, fresh air, and indulged in the pleasures of beach ultimate especially when I discovered that I ran faster on the sand!!!...:)) I have a BA in Sociology and recently finished my post-grad in Peace Studies.

Raoni (Brazil):

I live in São Paulo, Brazil, and I have 30 years old. I am an ultimate player since 1999. The first time that I played in the beach was in 2002. Since 2004 I am technical director of my local federation, and I am with BULA since 2006. I am already played 2 WFDF WUGC, and 2 BULA WBUC. I am PhD in Physical Education, and now I am keeping my focus on Olympic education studies. My plan is to write about the value of the practice of ultimate as a tool of the propagation of the Olympic ideals, and its use as an important educational element.

Appendix 4 - WCBU 2011 bid from LIGNANO SABBIADORO

INTRODUCTION

Just a few words by way of introduction, and explanation.

It doesn't often happen that you manage to find what you really need. Usually, when you try to build an event, you spend months making contacts, talking to people, knocking on doors to get green lights, adequate facilities, the right deal. Usually, if you work hard enough, and for long enough, you eventually pull together a package that works. But sometimes, just *sometimes*, something else can happen: you come across an Opportunity. A Golden Opportunity. Something else that is even better than the thing you were looking for. Something you know you can't ignore.

Let's rewind the tape: in our case, we were initially looking to host a grass event, and then one of our contacts offered us sand, instead. Lots of it (and all his). The best kind of sand you could imagine, even. In fact, it's been tried and tested over the years by many Ultimate players already! (See below)

The rest of the package we've put together we believe speaks for itself. The idea of staging a sports event at an existing one-site tourist resort or leisure complex is nothing new, but it's probably fairly unexplored for Ultimate events. Of course, a lot depends on the exact facilities of the location in question, and how sensitive it is to the requirements of an Ultimate event. Well, we've matched the promise to the reality. We really can offer everything you would hope to have at a top-class Ultimate event, at a single site.

The cost? Well, whatever the option, we have top accommodation, plus top food, at one, all-in (and ridiculously low) price. And everything right there, literally on your doorstep. Frankly, it's the kind of thing that makes us feel like saying: "Why look any further? We've got it all, it's perfect, and it works!".

This has got to be a pretty safe bet, one of the safest around, and it's in a very attractive spot. But surely the real beauty lies in the fundamental simplicity of our bid.

LOCATION

The "GeTur" sports and leisure tourism centre (the GeTur "Sports Village") is a state-of-the-art specialist resort centre for sport, health and fitness, set in 60 ha. of natural pine woods, by the beach. The accommodation and sports facilities are right next to each other, right by the beach. Guests make the short (50 mt) walk from their hotel room to the beach along paths between the trees, with no road traffic.

Specifically, the GeTur complex can boast an impressive track record in hosting top-level sports events. In any one year, they host a range of Regional, National and World tournaments, in a long list of sporting disciplines, pretty much back-to-back. It is also the location of team retreats for various national associations and federations, and lower division soccer clubs.

The resort town of Lignano Sabbiadoro itself is pretty small and especially well-designed for getting around by pushbike (we can arrange bike rental). This also makes it easy, and fun, to explore the local clubs, pubs and night life, and get to and from the venues for the evening social events.

ORGANIZATION

This LOC that is presenting this joint bid is a "consortium" of 3 associations that can boast a huge amount of combined experience in hosting comparable Ultimate events:

1) Tuscan Flying Disc Association/Flying Bisc (team); POC: Max Vitali

2) BB Sea (Ultimate event organizers); POC: Paul Bernier

3) Extradry (team); POC: Peo

Our 3 groups share the aims of publicizing and promoting Ultimate in the local area, as they have been doing for many years now. The annual BB Sea Bibione beach Ultimate event, staged on the adjacent stretch of beach, has been successful in raising awareness of the sport in the area. The Flying Bisc team are veterans at organizing Ultimate events at all levels, on grass and sand. Extradry, as the local team (from Venice), have on-hand experience and further local contacts, and organize their own successful annual international Beach Ultimate event ("Redemption") in the same area. All three groups have years of experience in working together and coordinating efforts to stage successful events. Part of the vision that we all share is that this part of Italy, geographically speaking, is ideally placed: it offers the best beaches and the best weather that Italy is famous for, while being far enough north to be easy to get to from all parts of Europe (and from other parts of the world).

Responsibilities:

TD: Max. Max has 7 years experience as TD at the world's 3rd-largest Beach Ultimate tournament (Burla Beach Cup, Viareggio, Italy). Also has organized European Championships, and various national championships in Italy.

Public Relations: Paul Bernier (Burla Beach Cup, Bibione Beach Challenge)

Website creation/maintenance: Peo (years of experience in the field, he does this for a living)

Staff: we have a working group of 25-30 people, drawn mainly from the two teams. We will need maybe 10-15 additional volunteers for on-field duties.

Relations with local bodies and authorities: these are very good, as the GeTur complex itself has existing, long-standing relations and contacts with the Municipal Council, and with local bodies responsible for travel/infrastructure.

Dates

We're pleased to say we've selected the best week possible! The end of August date (22 - 28/8) offers the following benefits:

- 1) Great end-of-summer weather; guaranteed beautiful playing conditions (see below)
- 2) Traditional holiday/vacation period means minimum difficulty in participants finding time free from work and other commitments
- 3) No clash with other major Ultimate tournaments

FACILITIES

The location is a purpose-built sports and leisure complex for tourism, or "sports tourism", as it is known. As such, it has a superb range of on-site sports facilities, including a full-size sports hall for indoor sports, swimming pools (indoor and outdoor), tennis courts, and facilities for basketball, volleyball, soccer, windsurfing, sailing etc, to which all Ultimate players will have access (we think there will be a charge for use of some specialist equipment, but swimming pool access, for instance, will be free).

We don't need to explain the organizational and social benefits of housing everyone at the same tourist village. The simplified logistics mean that all participants will be able to make maximum use of their time, being able to hop between the beach and their hotel rooms at any time during the day.

Above all, the "GeTur" village was designed specifically to host sporting events, and has years of experience in accommodating and providing the facilities for national and international sporting events. In other words, they understand our needs, and can immediately respond to all our requirements. They can also provide infrastructure and WiFi access, for guests and organizers, so that some of the organization can also take place indoors, not just on the beach. If meetings or presentations are required, or desired, either in small groups or for hundreds of participants (full conference facilities also available), this can be arranged on request.

The centre is very much geared to welcoming non-Italians, so everyone should feel at home and not have to suffer from language difficulties.

The Beach:

The complex has its own private beach, over 1 km long, which can easily accommodate 15 regulation-size Ultimate playing fields. If necessary, at least 10 additional fields could be created by agreement with GeTur. The sand is extremely fine and soft, and is golden in colour (this is what the name of the place, Sabbiadoro, means in Italian!). The beach is always kept clean from litter and obstacles such as stones, by the complex's own maintenance personnel. There are showers and restrooms on the beach itself, and water faucets. Medical facilities, therapeutic massages, and ice can be provided both on the beach and at the village's own 24-hr medical facilities (50 mt from the beach). There are no facilities for evening illumination on the beach.

Security: There will be a secure area on the beach, permanently manned by our staff, where players and participants can leave belongings, including valuables. This will be off-limits to anyone not connected with the event.

Accommodation:

Most importantly, everyone gets to sleep in a bed, in a proper hotel room. Just as importantly, the cheapest option comes at a price you would normally pay for sleeping in a tent! Not bad, we thought.

The one-site solution means, of course, that all teams can stay together at all times, which is a definite plus from everyone's point of view in terms of both organization and social aggregation.

We've allowed for 500 players attending the event. However, the complex has capacity for up to 2,500 players to be accommodated on-site in standard accommodation.

Food:

The food is very good, and comes in embarrassingly large quantities! It's also very varied, always offering a range of superb dishes catering to all tastes. Background note: Italians tend to be very demanding about the cuisine when they go on holiday (the word "catering" just doesn't do it justice, somehow), and as a result everyone gets to benefit from these traditionally very high standards!

Breakfast is always a very full breakfast, including a cooked breakfast, and many people make it a meal in itself! Lunch will be a packed lunch, a prepared picnic meal to take away and eat on the beach. The dinners are... everything you'd expect at a high-class restaurant! ;-)

Weather: The weather at this time of year will be fine and sunny, with temperatures being very warm, but not uncomfortably hot. Rain is not a likely prospect. Similarly, strong winds are not common at this time of year. This combination of factors should make for the best possible playing conditions, which was one of the reasons for choosing the dates in question.

PACKAGE / COSTS

We are reckoning on spending in the region of € 30,000 on marquees, gazebos, and other organizational facilities. This is based on an estimate of ca. 40 teams, and just under 400 players. The event

Team fee: € 250 – 225 – 200 (for 1, 2 or three teams from a National Federation)

Player fee: € 95

Accommodation (all prices per person per day):

Basic: € 15 (in room sleeping 4-5)

Full-service: accommodation + all meals (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner): € 35

Insurance: We have UISP (Italian sports body) insurance covering the whole event, for about 450 euros. If desired, individual players will also be able to take out personal insurance for about 10 or 15 euros per player.

Off-field Program: The GeTur sports village complex itself has everything you need in a self-sufficient community, including places to eat and drink, places to buy additional items of food and drink and basic requirements (beachwear etc), and chill-out areas. The buildings have full WiFi connectivity available for

all. Evening entertainment is offered on-site, but we will also make use of off-site clubs and locales to offer a different off-field social event each night, throughout the week. We have a list of ideas, offering something a little bit different from the standard, predictable mix of evening entertainment. No details yet, but this is a commitment that we believe is important: the commitment to unwind and have fun!

Travel: The nearest international airport is Venice (Marco Polo) airport, about 1 hr away by car. If teams travel together, we will organize a cheap shuttle bus service direct from the airport to the GeTur complex for the event. In addition, public transport (including by train) is pretty good, especially in the summer, since Lignano and Bibione are important tourist destinations. Visas: only necessary for those who would normally need a visa to travel to an EU destination.

Promotion: Another interesting spin-off of staging the event here is that the sports resort itself can act as a platform for presenting the sport to other athletes from other disciplines, both those present during the event itself and athletes who subsequently learn of the existence of the sport through GeTur. This can only serve to increase the visibility of Ultimate among the wider community of sport (including youth sports).

Environmental impact: We will create a zero-impact event, just as we are doing for WU23 in Florence this year.

Restrictions: The only restriction specific to the location is that no campfires may be lit on the beach at night.

CONCLUSION:

All in all, we feel our bid has a long list of very definite advantages compared with what others may have come up with. Over here in Italy, we have a strong belief in the quality of the conditions offered by Italy's beaches, facilities, weather and location for hosting top-class, world-level Beach Ultimate events. This is reflected in the readiness to collaborate shown by the various components of the LOC. We hope to be given the chance to prove, once again, that we are right to have such a high opinion of the conditions and facilities that the best of Italy has to offer to the worldwide Ultimate community!

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Max Vitali.

Appendix 5 - WCBU 2011 Contract

This contract sets forth the minimum terms and conditions between you, the Tournament Director (TD), representing the World Championships Beach Ultimate (herein termed WCBU), the Local Organising Committee (herein termed LOC), and the Beach Ultimate Lovers Association (herein termed BULA).

Title.

The official title of the tournament shall be the "The BULA World Championships of Beach Ultimate"

Recognition of the BULA sanctioning process.

The BULA logos and the titles "Beach Ultimate Lovers Association" or "BULA" shall appear on all discs, shirts, promotional material, administrative material and printed materials, including programmes. An explanation of the role and function of BULA shall appear in all promotional, press and public material. The wording of such explanation shall be agreed with BULA prior to publication.

Responsibility to BULA

The TD and LOC shall be directly responsible to the BULA Championships Committee for all matters concerning the planning, organisation, implementation and evaluation of the WCBU. The main contact with the TD and LOC shall be the Chair of the BULA Championships Committee.

Tournament Coordination.

BULA's responsibilities shall be to:

- agree all official communication with member countries and other interested parties before being sent out
- liaise with the TD and LOC and advise on all aspects of tournament planning
- determine the seeding and tournament format for all divisions of WCBU
- determine the playing schedule for all teams
- determine all tournament playing guidelines, including length of games, starting times, points, caps, team eligibility and any other aspects decided on by BULA Championships Committee.
- organise and run the Captain's Meeting prior to the first game of the tournament
- provide trophies for the winning team of each division
- provide access to a web server for website hosting
- Purchase the domain name WCBU2011.org and WCBU2011.com

LOC Responsibilities shall be to:

- plan and organise the tournament in a way that accurately reflects the Proposal Bid accepted by the BULA Championships Committee and the advice included in the National Team & Players Manual (with TD addendum).
- distribute pre-tournament information to National representatives and other interested parties
 according to the timescale drawn up by the BULA Championships Committee and outlined in the
 section below.
- create and maintain an informative website
- update the website with scores and standings at the end of each day of pay
- publish the player manual and timelines on the website
- collect all player and team fees
- organise the Opening and Closing ceremonies, including medal and trophy awards.
- provide accommodation and food for all registered players, guests and representatives
- provide accommodation for three (3) BULA representatives from 3 days before until 2 days after the tournament at the expense of the LOC
- provide free on-field medical facilities for all registered players
- provide and maintain the agreed number of official regulation size fields, including lines, cones and scoreboards.
- provide other essential on-field facilities including an adequate supply of drinking water, ice, toilet facilities for both men and women and garbage disposal.
- provide facilities for players on the fields including a players centre, medical centre, staff centre, central information centre for staff, players, public and press, facilities for eating and drinking and the organisation of other concessions
- provide a public sound system to cover the area of the fields
- supply sufficient staff to run the tournament, including the LOC, local site staff to cover accommodation, food and other domestic issues, field staff, medical staff, security staff and concessions.
- display of game results and current standings in each division on a daily basis
- provide medals for all players of the top three teams in each division

- provide prizes for all players that won the Spirit of the Game in each division
- provide stands for the public (if possible)
- provide tents to cover from sun or rain
- provide a tournament newsletter
- provide a players pack and volunteers pack
- provide a tournament program. The programs will include event-specific information, local maps, general information about the teams and the sport of ultimate, and may include advertisements
- Provide water and ice on the beach
- provide space for the Captains' Meeting.
- establish and maintain contact with local, national and international media before, during and after the tournament, including regular press releases. This should also include the collection of all press cuttings concerning the tournament.
- provide all official social events during the course of the tournament
- provide a vendor to sell official WCBU merchandize
- provide a third party public liability insurance on behalf of LOC and BULA to cover all potential claims for negligence, injury or damage as a result of events at the tournament
- ensure that all sub-contractors and providers of facilities have third party public liability insurance on behalf of LOC and BULA to cover all potential claims for negligence, injury or damage as a result of the failure of such facilities at the tournament
- ensure that all the financial aspects of running the tournament are within the budget submitted in the Proposal Bid.
- ensure that the team and player fees do not exceed the value proposed in the submitted bid by more than 25%

Broadcasting and videotaping arrangements.

BULA has the right to work constructively with LOC, to award or limit broadcasting and videotaping rights and privileges. BULA has the right to negotiate such rights on behalf of the tournament with any national, international or independent media organisation.

Timeline

The following timeline should be followed by LOC

Opening ceremony date: 22 August 2011

12 months before the opening ceremony

All national/team representatives informed of the dates and venue of the tournament, including contact names and numbers. Information regarding costs and availability of accommodation, food, players package will be included

4 months before the opening ceremony

National/team representatives notify LOC of teams selected to play at WCBU. All team Fees to be paid. All provisional numbers of players, coaches, guests for each team to be notified to LOC.

2 months before the opening ceremony

All teams to register players with LOC. This includes preliminary roster and payment of fees equalling the total number of intended players. Team registration closes.

1 month before the opening ceremony

BULA seeds teams and devises tournament format, length of games, (points caps and time caps), and playing schedule in collaboration with LOC. Teams notified immediately.

2 weeks before the opening ceremony

All player registration closes and the TD provides the head of the WCBU Committee with all team rosters.

All exceptions to be approved by the Chair of the BULA Championships Committee.

Budget

LOC shall:

- present an interim budget six months prior to start of the tournament
- present a pre-tournament update of the budget one month prior to the start of the tournament
- present final accounts for the tournament eight weeks after the end of the tournament.

There should be individual itemised costs per player and an overall tournament figure for each area of the budget. These areas should be itemised in the way laid down by the Bid Proposal.

LOC shall pay all bills relating to the tournament within four weeks of the end of the tournament. This shall include all moneys owed to the BULA through player registration, or any other moneys owed to the BULA. The player registration is a fee of \$15 USD per participant.

LOC shall accept that BULA will not be responsible for any financial aspects of the tournament beyond that stated above. All sales from concessions shall be the responsibility of the LOC who have the right to distribute any moneys generated in a manner to be determined by them. Conversely, any loss at the tournament shall also be the responsibility of LOC.

Sponsorship

BULA shall reserve the right to approve or disapprove any potential sponsor of the tournament. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld and will be given within 30 days of official notification.

Responsibility

LOC holds BULA, its Presidents, Board members, officers and co-ordinators, agents and consultants harmless from any claims and liabilities that may arise from the LOC's organisation of the tournament, including, but not limited to, claims and liabilities arising from inadequate insurance coverage.

In signing this contract the TD and LOC accept all aspects of the contract outlined above. The TD needs to put their initials on each page and sign below. Two LOC members also need to sign below and add name, responsibility, phone number and email. Return the signed contract to the Chair of the BULA Championships Committee.

Name: Max Vitali	Name: Patrick van der Valk
Responsibility: Tournament Director	Responsibility: Chair BULA Championships Committee
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Appendix 6 - Team & Player Manual for the WCBU 2011

Team Captains and Representatives

Each team participating in a BULA World Championship of Beach Ultimate (WCBU) shall name one player or representative to act as the team spokesperson and captain of the team. This person shall represent the interests of the team from the time of registration with the Tournament Director (TD) until all play and organisational factors are complete. This shall include, but not be limited to, discussions in any on-field or off-field disputes that may arise, attendance at the Captain's Meeting immediately before the tournament starts, ensuring that all fees and organisational aspects are fulfilled by the team and that all players follow the responsibilities set down in this manual

In addition to the named Team Captain each team may nominate a Team Director to take part in any formal meetings held during the course of the tournament. The Team Director may help the Team Captain in making any decisions and help with any language issues. The Team Captain may delegate their responsibilities to the Team Director. If this occurs the TD must be informed of this decision. It is practical that either the Team captain or Team Director speaks English wherever possible.

Rosters submission

No less than 4 months before the starts of the WCBU each country will indicate in what divisions it plans to partake in. These registrations will only be accepted when accompanied by the appropriate team fees determined by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Preliminary rosters for all national teams shall arrive with the TD, in the format provided by the TD, no later than eight (8) weeks before the first day of play of the tournament.

The rosters shall contain the following information on each player:

- 1. Full name
- 2. Shirt number (0-99)
- 3. Date of birth
- 4. Gender
- 5. e-mail
- 6. Nationality

These rosters do not fully bind the teams regarding final player selection. Players may be added or taken from the roster as appropriate up to the fourteen (14) day deadline, though this initial roster should reflect the most likely selection available to play for each team.

Final rosters for all national teams shall be given to the TD fourteen (14) days before the start of the tournament. No players may be added to the team after this final roster is handed in without express permission from the Chair of the WCBU Committee.

The minimum number of players permitted on a roster for teams is nine (9). All teams must register at least 9 players for the start of the tournament. Mixed teams must have a minimum of five players of each gender on their roster. If, during the course of the tournament, a team is not able to field at least 7 players for a single game, then the TD may suspend that team from competition on medical grounds.

Eligibility

For a player to be registered to represent a national team, it is necessary that he/she have complied with the national team eligibility requirements as set out below:

Divisions

- 1. Men's Division: Available only to male players.
- 2. <u>Women's Division</u>: Available only to female players.
- 3. 3/2 Mixed Division: Available to male and female players
- 4. <u>Master Division</u>: Available for male and female players who reach at least their 34th birthdays during the calendar year in which the tournament begins.
- 5. <u>Junior Division:</u> Available for male and female players who reach at least their 17th birthdays during the calendar year in which the tournament begins.
- 6. <u>GrandMaster Division:</u> Available for male and female players who reach at least their 40th birthdays during the calendar year in which the tournament begins.

Choice of Divisions

If a player qualifies for more than one division, he or she shall choose which division he or she shall compete in prior to the start of play, and shall not compete in any other division throughout the duration of the tournament.

Citizenship

Citizens

Players are deemed to be Citizens and can automatically qualify for participation if

- a) They own a passport or equivalent legal document issued by the country's government; or
- b) If they have moved to the country at least four years prior to the start date of the event and spent more than 75% of those four years in the country.

Resident Non-Citizen

Each team can put 3 players on their roster that are deemed to be "Resident non-citizens". These players

- a) own a legal certificate of permanent residency issued by the country's government; or
- b) moved to the country at least 20 months prior to the start date of the event and spent more than 75% of those 20 months in the country.

Ultimate Community Member

Each team can field one player that is deemed to be an "Ultimate Community Member". This choice is at the discretion of the National Association if they are considered to be a significant part of that Country's ultimate community, but don't fall under the above categories. The following may be taken into account by the National Association in making this decision:

- Residency history in that Country
- Participation in that Country's ultimate events, especially national championships
- Past representation on National Teams
- Participation in the development of ultimate in the Country

The reasoning will be provided along with registration information.

Tyro Teams

When a country is not able to field a fully representative national team, a country may enter a tyro team.

Any country may be regarded as a Tyro team. This enables the team to recruit up to five (5) players who would not normally be eligible for that team, from other countries. However, individual players must still be eligible for the division in which the tyro team is entered. A Tyro team may not compete in the semi-final stages of a BULA Championship event.

Currier Island

Currier Island— The Beach Ultimate Paradise— is different things to different people. To native islanders, it is home, the sweetest spot on the globe, the hidden treasure on the high seas. To laymen, it is the unnamed tropical haven they dream about when they have their "Hawaii, but better" dreams. It is, in truth, a fake country created by two old college friends as an excuse to play at the 1st World Championships Beach Ultimate in Portugal in 2004.

Currier Island (CI) has a proud history, a beautiful flag, and excellent marks in Global Competitiveness Index subcategories such as literacy, standard of living, and rule of law. For WCBU purposes, CI fields a competitive international pick-up team. CI is home for people without homes—or for ambitious people who want better homes. Of course by 'home' we mean 'team'. More importantly, CI spices up the WCBU with their cool international vibe, hot skills and indomitable spirit. As their tribe grows, they hope to field increasingly diverse teams in all divisions of beach tournaments worldwide.

All you need to play for this vaunted team is a love of Frisbee and a humanistic, post-national philosophical orientation. Oh, and be ready to relinquish your current citizenship. Plus you may want to sample our national drink, Cocoloco, before moving here, because it flows like water but provokes strange reactions in some non-native Currierians.

Finally, don't forget that ideal candidates come from countries without representation at worlds. Candidates from other countries will be admitted based on the strength of their bids. However, due to the international diversity of the island and the awesome fear they inspire in rivals, CI may not compete in the semi-final stages of the WCBU.

To bid for Currier Island citizenship, please check their website at www.currierisland.org

Needless to say, all decisions about the inclusion of tyro teams and Currier Island shall be at the discretion of the BULA WCBU Committee

Uniforms

Shirts

All players in a team shall wear shirts that match in colour and design in each game. Teams shall have available a light coloured and separate dark coloured set of team shirts. The shirts shall be numbered with Arabic integral numerals in the range 0-99, with unique numbers for each player of the team. The numbers should be sewn or printed on the backs of shirts and should be a minimum of 20 centimetres high and 5 centimetres wide (8 inches by 2 inches). They should be located so that they are completely visible and have a sufficient difference in colour to the shirt material to allow easy reading. Individual players must use the same shirt numbers throughout the tournament to help with the gathering of playing data.

Shorts / Skirts

All players in a team shall wear shorts matching in colour and design in all games. Shorts may have numbers sewn or printed on the front left leg of the shorts. The numbering should match that of the player's shirt.

Sponsorship Logos and Emblems

Teams participating in the World Championships Beach Ultimate may display sponsor's logos or emblems on their shirts, shorts, hats, etc. Each participating team retains the sole commercial rights to their uniforms. However, the following restrictions apply to sponsor's logos and emblems.

Sponsors logos or emblems should be neatly sewn or printed onto uniforms. They should also leave enough of the original shirt uncovered to enable to distinguish the actual colour of the uniform from any direction.

In some countries the advertising of various products such as tobacco and alcohol are prohibited by law. Teams entering into sponsorship arrangements are expected to be aware of any such restrictions in the host country of a World Championship Beach Ultimate. Please contact the TD for advice on sponsorship and any potential restrictions. The TD will contact team representatives to make clear any restrictions.

Financial Responsibility

Teams entering the World Championship Beach Ultimate must keep to the payment schedules provided by the TD. The TD may collect two types of fees:

Team Entry Fee

To be paid by the deadline set by the TD, no earlier than six (6) months before the tournament and no later than four (4) months before the tournament. The team entry deposit covers organisational and communications expenses incurred by the tournament and guarantees that the team is included in the tournament format.

Teams that do not comply with the team entry fee deadline provided by the TD risk losing the opportunity to compete in the tournament. The TD has the right to penalise any late payments at a rate of up to 20% of the initial fee for each month, or part of a month that a team is late with the payment of their team entry fee. Tournament entry closes eight (8) weeks before the first day of play of the event. At this point the TD or WCBU Committee may decline to accept new teams into the tournament.

A team withdrawing from the tournament more than eight (8) weeks before the start of the tournament shall receive a refund of 50% of the team entry fee. A team withdrawing from the tournament later than eight (8) weeks before the start of the tournament shall forfeit the entire team entry fee.

Player entry fee

The player fee shall be paid by the deadline provided by the TD no earlier than six (6) months prior to the start of the tournament and no later than eight (8) weeks before the tournament starts.

The TD has the right to penalise any late payments at a rate of no more than 10% of the total player fee for each month or part of a month that the fee for an individual player is late. Tournament entry for players closes eight (8) weeks before the first day of play. At this point, eight (8) weeks before the start of the tournament, fees equalling the intended final number of players in a team must be paid, including any late payment penalties. Individual players, or whole teams, may be excluded from the tournament if these payments are not made. The TD and WCBU Committee may accept additional players to team rosters after this date up to two (2) weeks before the tournament, subject to a penalty payment.

Each team is guaranteed a number of player accommodations equivalent in value to the number of fees they have paid by the initial date that player fees are due. Teams that do not meet the deadlines for player fees cannot be guaranteed accommodations at the tournament site, but will not be denied participation in the event provided that the team entry fee and tournament fee are paid, as outlined in this document. In these circumstances the team entry fee and tournament fee must still be paid before the final deadlines outlined above and by the TD.

A team withdrawing from the tournament eight (8) weeks or more before the start of the tournament shall receive a minimum of 80% refund of the player's fees paid by the team. The TD has the right to deduct up to 20% of the fees to cover any accommodation deposits or administrative charges incurred by a team or individual player.

A team withdrawing later than eight (8) weeks before the start of the tournament shall forfeit the entire player entry fee.

An individual player withdrawing from the tournament (when their team remains registered) eight (8) weeks or more before the start of the tournament shall receive a minimum of 80% refund of the players fees paid by the team. The TD has the right to deduct up to 20% of the fees to cover any accommodation deposits or administrative charges incurred by a team or individual player.

An individual player withdrawing from the tournament four (4) weeks or more, but less than eight (8) weeks, before the start of the tournament shall receive a refund of 50% of the player fee paid.

An individual player withdrawing from the tournament less than four weeks before the start of the tournament shall forfeit their player fee. The only exception is when an individual player has suffered an injury or medical condition and a Doctor's letter must support this. In such cases the 80% refund shall be made.

Rules

The rules to be used for all BULA sanctioned World Championships Beach Ultimate shall be the current edition of the rules as found on the BULA website (http://beachultimate.org). These may be adapted and amended by the WCBU Committee and TD in line with tournament requirements. These changes will be clearly explained during the Captain's meeting before the tournament starts. All players have the responsibility to be familiar with the rules.

Divisions of play

Competitions at the World Championship Beach Ultimate are organized in two divisions: Open and Mixed (3/2).

Suspension of a division

The WCBU Committee may suspend any division, after discussion with the TD, if the number of teams registered for that division four (4) months before the start of the tournament is 4 or less.

Tournament formats

The tournament format, all seeding and scheduling of teams at the World Championships Beach Ultimate shall be determined by the BULA WCBU Committee in collaboration with the TD. The format chosen will take account the number of participating teams, availability of fields and the length of the tournament. However, an World Championship Beach Ultimate shall always be determined in a single, final game. The winning team of this final game becomes World Champions Beach Ultimate. This applies to all divisions and to all BULA sanctioned World Championship Beach Ultimate tournaments.

Seeding of teams

The seeding of all teams in all divisions shall be the responsibility of the WCBU Committee in collaboration with the TD. The seeding of teams is based upon four factors, in the following order of priority:

- 1. Past performance in World Championship Beach Ultimate tournaments
- 2. Past performance of club teams in national and international Beach Ultimate tournaments
- 3. Past performance of club team in national and international grass Ultimate tournaments
- 4. The desire to spread countries equitably throughout pool play ensuring a geographic spread so that teams from the same continent do not dominate one pool ensuring teams an opportunity to play against teams not normally encountered. This principle will only apply if a team has to move one seeded place from the agreed list based on past performance.

The information used to seed teams will place the competing teams into the tournament format so that all teams have an opportunity to reach their perceived ranking.

Timing and scoring of games

All games in World Championship Beach Ultimate tournaments shall start on time with the exception of those games covered by the conditions set out below in the section titled "Exceptions".

Starting and ending the game

All teams must be ready to play five (5) minutes before they are due to play. Captains of the two teams shall flip discs to determine possession and field position for their teams at the start of the game.

Teams who do not have five players on the line and at least two (2) substitutes ready to play when the signal is given to start play shall give one (1) point for each minute they are late to the opposing team. If a team has not arrived after fifteen (15) minutes they shall forfeit their game to zero (0). Should neither team arrive on time then they shall both gain points at the rate of one (1) per minute until a team arrives and lines up, or until both teams arrive and line up or until both teams forfeit their game zero-zero (0-0) after 15 minutes. Should either or both teams fail to turn up and so forfeit their game they shall automatically be referred to the TD for possible disciplinary action.

If at the scheduled starting time of the game only one of the Captain's is present, then that Captain may choose which end their team will defend and whether they will pull or receive. If neither Captain is present then the first Captain to arrive shall have first choice.

Within 15 minutes of the end of each game the captain of each team will deliver the Spirit of the Game score sheet to the staff member asking for such.

Exceptions

Games will start on time, unless a previous game has over run its time on the same field as the next scheduled game. Teams may have to wait until the previous game is completed before starting their game. They shall still follow the pre-match procedure outlined above and if another field is available

teams may be asked to switch at the time they hand in their roster fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start of their game.

If the game does not start on time because of the late arrival of one or both of the teams the start and finish signals shall remain in force for that game. If, however, a game starts late because of another game playing extra time on the scheduled field, and another field being unavailable, then the field staff shall note the beginning time of the game and adjust all subsequent timings so that the game shall run for its allotted time. The field staff shall then enforce this new time schedule irrespective of the time schedule of other games being played in the same round.

Field procedures

The field staff will have the jobs of scoring and time keeping, including the timing between points and on disputes. They are not available for rule clarification or the settling of any disputes. That is the responsibility of the players. The field staff is, however, responsible for monitoring the time on the field and their decisions will be final.

Time limits between goals

The time limit between the scoring of a goal and the ensuing throw-off is sixty (60) seconds for the receiving team, and seventy-five (75) seconds for the throwing team.

<u>Time-outs between points:</u>

Each time-out between points extends the time between goals by 1 minute. Play is restarted as between ordinary goals. However, when a time-out between points has occurred, the timekeeper gives an additional warning whistle 30 seconds before the offense must be ready to receive the throw-off.

Time-outs during points:

The timekeeper signals once when twenty (20) seconds are remaining.

At the end of 1 minute all offensive players must have established stationary positions and the thrower must signal readiness.

Time limit after half time

The same procedures also apply at the beginning of each half of play, except that the timekeeper gives warning signals:

- at 30 seconds (once) before the receiving team must acknowledge readiness,
- 15 seconds (twice) before the throwing team must throw and
- a final signal (three times) when play is to be resumed immediately.

Disputes

After a dispute has gone on for thirty seconds, the time keeper shall instruct the players involved to resolve the issue immediately or return the disc to the last thrower. Thus, there is no strict thirty seconds time limit but a realistic expectation that play shall resume.

If both teams are ready at any time before the final signal is given then play is restarted and all remaining timekeeper signals are dispensed with.

The signal of readiness is that a player on the team in question raises a hand. Players must establish and hold their positions prior to signaling readiness.

Player Conduct

Beach Ultimate is a sport that relies on the willingness of the individual player to keep to the rules and to actively display the Spirit of the Game in their conduct and behavior. Whilst expecting players and teams to be highly competitive and committed, BULA and TDs also expect players to conduct themselves as responsible athletes, both on and off the field.

Spirit of the Game

The World Championships Beach Ultimate will have a Spirit of the Game winner in each division. This winner will be determined using the most recent BULA SOTG scoring system (http://beachultimate.org/blog/2009/10/spirit.html).

Teams that have low spirit ratings will be talked to at the end of each day by the Tournament Rules Group (TRG). Consistent bad spirit ratings throughout the championships can lead to disqualification to play in the semi finals.

Fun

Yes :-)