

World Flying Disc Federation Member Association Opinion Survey 2012

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2012 WFDF Member Association Opinion Survey **Executive Summary**

The WFDF Member Association Opinion Survey was initiated in 2011 by the WFDF Board of Directors as an effort to gain feedback from the member associations not only as to WFDF's overall performance, but also to gain insight from the member association leadership on key issues being addressed by WFDF and disc sports from year to year.

In 2012, 39 of 42 regular members and 7 of 14 provisional members (total of 36 responses in 2011) participated in the survey. The breakdown of members by region is as follows: Africa/Middle East (1), Asia Oceana (11), Europe (25), Pan American (9). A sincere thank you to all who participated.

The following paragraphs attempt to highlight some of the key findings. A summary of all responses follows. Prior year data or a breakout by region has been provided in select cases where it was felt that such data would be helpful for future group discussion.

The first two sections of the survey provides an overview of WFDF's performance over the past year in key primary program service areas. Overall, members appear satisfied with WFDF's performance in the area of event hosting. While generally the level of satisfaction with smaller events has not been as high as with major events (WUCC, WUGC or WCBU), hosts of the organizers of the 2011 Asia Oceana Regional Championships scored especially well with a good or excellent rating from all those attending. WFDF is pleased to report that progress has been made in the area where WFDF scored worst in 2011 – web site. WFDF's new web site appears to be a success with a overall score of 1.94 out of 5 in 2012, compared to 3.36 last year. More than 2/3rds of respondents rated WFDF's performance in the area of Overall Communications as good or excellent, compared to only 36% in 2011.

A review of question two seems to suggest that members feel WFDF has made also made notable progress in the area of advancement within the Olympic movement, and anti-doping education – two additional areas of emphasis for WFDF over the past year. On the other hand, members also seem to feel that WFDF's performance in the area of development and support of member associations has stayed about the same.

Our next section dealt with Olympic Movement and anti-doping issues. In 2012, almost 50% of respondents feel that IOC recognition should be an extremely high or event the highest priority for WFDF (almost double 2011's 28%), with an additional 45% agreeing that it should be pursued but not to the exclusion of other priorities. With the submission of our application for official recognition by the IOC at the end of April 2012, WFDF has completed the first step in achieving this important milestone for its members and flying disc sports. An increasing number of members appear to be considering recognition by either their National Olympic Committee or other national governing body.

As was the case in 2011, more than 87% of respondents recognize that anti-doping programs need to be established in flying disc sports, although at least 31% hope that the impact can be minimized. More than half of members have either not considered or are uncomfortable with the concept of introducing anti-doping at the national level; however, approximately 40% either already have anti-doping program in place or are considering introducing one as it is a requirement for recognition by their national sports organization.

Most members continue to agree that WFDF's highest priority should be the running of World Championships with more than 90.0% rating this 1 or 2 out of 7 (compared to 80% in 2011) and a rating average of 1.42. There also appears to be growing support for the development of Regional Championships as a WFDF priority with more than 63% of respondents ranking this as 1 or 2 priority compared to only 36% in 2011. Interestingly, Regional Championships have grown to a level of priority identical to that of the World Games and Support of Member Associations. Communications (75%) remains the top priority after World Championships, followed closely by Spirit of the Game (66.7%) and Development of Disc Sports in New Countries (64.6%). Interestingly, Growth (42.6%) and Marketing (39.6%) of Flying Disc Sports followed World Championships with the highest number of #1 priority rankings.

There was interesting input on some of the event specific issues. In Ultimate, as was the case in 2011, members want a good quality competition environment with trade-offs for cost. Unlike 2011, though, 53% of members ranked keeping costs low as a 1 or 2 in importance, compared to only 32% the prior year, and a rating average of 2.66 (2nd) out of 7. Maximizing the number of teams increased in priority compared to

2011. Although members feel it would be nice to bring more commercial aspects in event staging, more than 70% agree that it should not be done at the expense of participation or the focus on play. While hard line opposition to Continental Qualifiers has been erased, more than 51% of respondents still feel that despite space limitations, is best to let all nations compete at the WUGC. However, almost 60% appeared to support the idea that a national association should be required to host a national championship with no less than 3-4 teams OR attend a regional (Continental) championship in order to be eligible to participate in the WUGC or WUCC. When asked about whether the WUCC should be continued, a little less than half of those to whom the question was applicable said it should be continued (22 of 45). However, 10 respondents indicated they were not sure, 8 that they would be willing to see it replaced by strong alternative events, and 2 that it be discontinued without any need to replace it.

On areas where WFDF could be of greater assistance to Members, Coaching Training continues to be the area where the most members feel that WFDF could provide further support to their Association (rating average of 2.73 out of 7) with General Promotion through the Media (3.3) and Increase Participation by Women and Juniors (3.39). Based on this data, as well as comments in open ended question 18 regarding development, Coaching Training appears to be the first area in which WFDF should focus its development efforts.

When asked to share their thoughts on the new professional Ultimate League in North America, AUDL, data is mostly inconclusive although it does appear that many either mildly/strongly agree or are neutral on whether introduction of the League is good for Ultimate (although in the case of European members more disagreed or were neutral than agreed. While agreeing that publicity for Ultimate provided by AUDL is good, respondents appeared to prefer that AUDL remain true to existing rules. Questions related to referees (d and e) appeared to generate the most controversy with responses split almost evenly on either side, and a significant number remaining neutral on the topic, although nearly 39% agreed that the game as played by AUDL should not be called Ultimate because of the use of referees. The only area of universal agreement appears to be that members agree that AUDL should work with established organizations growing Ultimate.

More than 3/4ths of respondents agree that Ultimate is not Ultimate without Spirit of the Game and that being self-officiated is a great branding opportunity for Ultimate. More than 54% of respondents agree that the use of Observers to make line call and settle disputes quickly preserves the best aspects of SOTG, although 26% disagree that this is the case. Respondents generally disagreed (56%) with the assertion that it was not feasible to ask elite players to make their own calls and that elite players are not able to play without referees (45.7%) although significantly 30% were neutral on the latter statement. Respondents disagree that referees are good for the Ultimate because they “speed up the action” (56.55) or will provide credibility (45.6%). When asked whether referees would make the sport more interesting to watch, the highest percentage of respondents were neutral (32.6%) with an almost even split among those mildly disagreeing (12 respondents) and mildly agreeing (10). On the other hand, most agreed that having referees would NOT make the sport more interesting to play (63%). More than 54% agreed that introduction of referees would result in more cheating, with 34.8% strongly agreeing. While the highest percentage of respondents were neutral (34.8%) on whether more youth programs would be likely to adopt Ultimate if there were referees, a far higher percentage strongly disagreed (28.3%) than strongly agreed (2.2%).

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, we again thank all our Members for their participation in the Annual Member Association Opinion Survey. We hope that you find the data interesting and a resource for further discussion and planning both at the international level as well as within your own organization.

Regards,

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Regular Members responding - 39
Provisional members responding - 7

Africa/Middle East - 1
Asia Oceana - 11
Europe - 25
Pan American - 9

Q1. WFDF Report Card For questions 1a-1o, please grade WFDF on its performance according to the following scale: give a 1 for excellent, 2 for good, 3 for fair, 4 for poor, 5 for horrible, or N/A for "don't know."

	excellent	good	fair	poor	horrible	N/A	Rating Average
a. World Championship of Beach Ultimate (Italy 2011)	12.2% (6)	30.6% (15)	12.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	44.9% (22)	2
Asia Oceana	9.1% (1)	18.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	72.7% (8)	1.67
Europe	16.0% (4)	40.0% (10)	12.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	32.0% (8)	1.94
Pan American	0.0% (0)	22.2% (2)	22.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	55.6% (5)	2.5
b. World Overall Championships (2011 USA)	0.0% (0)	6.1% (3)	8.2% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	85.7% (42)	2.57
c. Asia-Oceanic Ultimate Championship (Chinese Taipei 2011)	2.0% (1)	12.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	85.7% (42)	1.86
d. PanAmerican Ultimate Championship (Colombia 2011)	6.1% (3)	4.1% (2)	6.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	2.0% (1)	81.6% (40)	2.33
e. Overall Communications	18.4% (9)	49.0% (24)	26.5% (13)	6.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.2
Prior year response	13.9% (5)	22.2% (8)	41.7% (15)	16.7% (6)	0.0% (0)	5.6% (2)	2.83
f. Web site	26.5% (13)	53.1% (26)	20.4% (10)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.94
Prior year response	5.6% (2)	16.7% (6)	36.1% (13)	25.0% (9)	11.1% (4)	5.6% (2)	3.36
g. Marketing of flying disc sports	6.1% (3)	16.3% (8)	38.8% (19)	16.3% (8)	0.0% (0)	22.4% (11)	2.84
Prior year response	5.6% (2)	16.7% (6)	38.9% (14)	25.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	13.9% (5)	3.39
h. Growth of flying disc sports	10.2% (5)	32.7% (16)	36.7% (18)	6.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (7)	2.45
Prior year response	2.8% (1)	33.3% (12)	41.7% (15)	11.1% (4)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (4)	3.06
i. Support of Member Associations	8.2% (4)	20.4% (10)	49% (24)	10.2% (5)	2.0% (1)	10.2% (5)	2.75
Prior year response	2.8% (1)	19.4% (7)	38.9% (14)	19.4% (7)	5.6% (2)	13.9% (5)	3.47
j. Development of disc sports in new countries	6.1% (3)	16.3% (8)	28.6% (14)	16.3% (8)	4.1% (2)	28.6% (14)	2.94
Prior year response	2.8% (1)	19.4% (7)	33.3% (12)	16.7% (6)	2.8% (1)	25.0% (9)	3.72
k. Development of disc sports in Member countries	2.0% (1)	12.2% (6)	49.0% (24)	22.4% (11)	4.1% (2)	10.2% (5)	3.16
Prior year response	2.8% (1)	16.7% (6)	33.3% (12)	30.6% (11)	8.3% (3)	8.3% (3)	3.5
l. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	8.2% (4)	40.8% (20)	28.6% (14)	8.2% (4)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (7)	2.43
Prior year response	3% (3)	30.6% (11)	38.9% (14)	11.1% (4)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (4)	2.97
m. Advancement within the Olympic Movement (World Games, Sport Accord, IOC)	18.4% (9)	51% (25)	14.3% (7)	4.1% (2)	0.0% (0)	12.2% (6)	2.05
Prior year response	13.9% (5)	33.3% (12)	25.0% (9)	2.8% (1)	2.8% (1)	22.2% (8)	3.14
n. Anti-Doping Education	8.2% (4)	44.9% (22)	24.5% (12)	6.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	16.3% (8)	2.34
Prior year response	5.6% (2)	19.4% (7)	25.0% (9)	25.0% (9)	5.6% (2)	19.4% (7)	3.64
o. Management of business activities	10.2% (5)	22.4% (11)	24.5% (12)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	42.9% (21)	2.25
Prior year response	2.8% (1)	25.0% (9)	33.3% (12)	13.9% (5)	2.8% (1)	22.2% (8)	3.56

Q2. For the following questions 2a-2l, please state whether over the last year WFDF's performance in the following areas has: 1- generally improved, 2-stayed about the same, 3-generally worsened, or N/A for "don't know".

	1 generally improved	2 stayed about the same	3 generally worsened	N/A	Rating Average
a. World Championships	24.5% (12)	38.8% (19)	4.1% (2)	32.7% (16)	1.7
Prior year response	30.6% (11)	41.7% (15)	0.0% (0)	27.8% (10)	2.25
b. Communications	55.1% (27)	38.8% (19)	0.0% (0)	6.1% (3)	1.41
Prior year response	30.6% (11)	52.8% (19)	5.6% (2)	11.1% (4)	1.97
c. Web site	67.3% (33)	28.6% (14)	0.0% (0)	4.1% (2)	1.3
Prior year response	19.4% (7)	52.8% (19)	16.7% (6)	11.1% (4)	2.19
d. Marketing of flying disc sports	6.1% (3)	81.6% (40)	0.0% (0)	12.2% (6)	1.93
Prior year response	19.4% (7)	61.1% (22)	2.8% (1)	16.7% (6)	2.17
e. Growth of flying disc sports	32.7% (16)	53.1% (26)	4.1% (2)	10.2% (5)	1.68
Prior year response	47.2% (17)	33.3% (12)	2.8% (1)	16.7% (6)	1.89
f. Support of Member Associations	14.3% (7)	75.5% (37)	2.0% (1)	8.2% (4)	1.87
Prior year response	16.7% (6)	58.3% (21)	8.3% (3)	16.7% (6)	2.25
g. Development of disc sports in new countries	14.3% (7)	75.5% (37)	2.0% (1)	8.2% (4)	1.84
Prior year response	27.8% (10)	27.8% (10)	5.6% (2)	38.9% (14)	2.56
h. Development of disc sports in Member countries	8.2% (4)	73.5% (36)	6.1% (3)	12.2% (6)	1.98
Prior year response	11.1% (4)	61.1% (22)	11.1% (4)	16.7% (6)	2.33
i. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	34.7% (17)	51.0% (25)	4.1% (2)	10.2% (5)	1.66
Prior year response	36.1% (13)	44.4% (16)	5.6% (2)	13.9% (5)	1.97
j. Advancement within the Olympic Movement (World Games, Sport Accord, IOC)	53.1% (26)	38.8% (19)	0.0% (0)	8.2% (4)	1.42
Prior year response	36.1% (13)	33.3% (12)	2.8% (1)	27.8% (10)	2.22
k. Anti-Doping Education	57.1% (28)	28.6% (14)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (7)	1.33
Prior year response	30.6% (11)	41.7% (15)	5.6% (2)	22.2% (8)	2.19
l. Management of business activities	16.3% (8)	42.9% (21)	0.0% (0)	40.8% (20)	1.72
Prior year response	25.0% (9)	38.9% (14)	5.6% (2)	30.6% (11)	2.42

Q3. How important a priority for WFDF should the pursuit of IOC recognition be?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. IOC recognition should be the highest priority for WFDF.	24.5%	12
Prior year response	13.90%	5
b. IOC recognition should be an extremely high priority for WFDF.	24.5%	12
Prior year response	13.90%	5
c. IOC recognition should be pursued by WFDF but not to the exclusion of other priorities.	44.9%	22
Prior year response	52.80%	19
d. IOC recognition should not be a high priority but WFDF should keep open the possibility in the future.	2.0%	1
Prior year response	16.70%	6
e. IOC recognition should not be pursued by WFDF.	4.1%	2
Prior year response	2.80%	1

Q4. Separately from WFDF, is your Association considering pursuing National Olympic Committee recognition?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. We are already recognized.	6.1%	3
Prior year response	11.10%	4
b. Yes.	46.9%	23
Prior year response	36.1	13
c. No.	46.9%	23
Prior year response	52.80%	19

Q5. Separately from WFDF, is your Association considering pursuing recognition by a national government body other than your National Olympic Committee?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. We are already recognized.	24.5%	12
Prior year response	36.10%	13
b. Yes.	42.9%	21
Prior year response	44.40%	16
c. No.	32.7%	16
Prior year response	19.40%	7

Q6. As stated above, compliance with the WADA code is required if WFDF is to continue to participate in the Olympic Movement at any level. What this means is that flying disc athletes may be subject to anti-doping testing when they participate in a WFDF event (typically, the targets will be the elite athletes from the top teams). WFDF is currently considered compliant with the WADA anti-doping code, and we started testing in 2011, with no issues to date. What do you think about WFDF's participation in anti-doping activities?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. If flying disc sports are to be taken seriously, we realize we need to fully embrace anti-doping.	56.3%	27
Prior year response	52.80%	19
b. We recognize that anti-doping programs need to be maintained in flying disc sports, but hope that the impact can be minimized.	31.3%	15
Prior year response	36.10%	13
c. We are uncomfortable with the idea of a WFDF anti-doping programs, but are willing to let WFDF continue with the program and see how it impacts athletes and our association.	10.4%	5
Prior year response	5.60%	2
d. We are opposed to anti-doping programs in WFDF events in any form.	2.1%	1
Prior year response	5.60%	2

Q7. It is possible that, in the future, anti-doping programs may be required for all Member Associations of WFDF on a national basis. What do you think about that?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. We already have an anti-doping program for our Association.	16.7%	8
Prior year response	19.40%	7
b. We are already considering the introduction of an anti-doping program for our Association as it is required for us in order to gain/maintain recognition by our national sports association.	22.9%	11
Prior year response	25.00%	9
c. We haven't yet considered the issue.	41.7%	20
Prior year response	47.20%	17
d. We are uncomfortable with the introduction of an anti-doping program for our Association, but are willing to consider the issue and see how it impacts athletes and our association.	12.5%	6
Prior year response	2.80%	1
e. We are opposed to anti-doping programs being introduced into our national Association in any form.	6.3%	3
Prior year response	5.60%	2

Q8. WFDF Priorities Although we realize such rankings are subjective and difficult, please rank the following areas of WFDF activity by priority (1 is most important, 7 is least important).

	Most important	2	3	Neutral	5	6	Least important	Rating Average
a. World Championships	70.8% (34)	20.8% (10)	4.2% (2)	4.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.42
Africa/Middle East	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceania	81.8% (9)	9.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	9.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.36
Europe	80.0% (20)	20.0% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.2
Pan American	44.4% (4)	22.2% (2)	22.2% (2)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2
Prior year response	71.4% (25)	8.6% (3)	11.4% (4)	5.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.9% (1)	
b. Regional Championships	25.5% (12)	38.3% (18)	21.3% (10)	6.4% (3)	2.1% (1)	2.1% (1)	4.3% (2)	2.45
Africa/Middle East	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3
Asia Oceania	36.4% (4)	27.3% (3)	18.2% (2)	18.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.18
Europe	20.8% (5)	50.0% (12)	16.7% (4)	0.0% (0)	4.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	8.3% (2)	2.5
Pan American	22.2% (2)	22.2% (2)	33.3% (3)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.78
Prior year response	8.3% (3)	27.8% (10)	38.9% (14)	13.9% (5)	0.0% (0)	5.6% (2)	5.6% (2)	
c. World Games	29.8% (14)	34.0% (16)	21.3% (10)	8.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	2.1% (1)	4.3% (2)	2.38
Prior year response	5.7% (9)	14.3% (5)	31.4% (11)	20.0% (7)	2.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	5.7% (2)	
d. Communications	33.3% (16)	41.7% (20)	18.8% (9)	2.1% (1)	4.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.02
Prior year response	38.9% (14)	33.3% (12)	16.7% (6)	5.6% (2)	5.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	
e. Web site	22.9% (11)	39.6% (19)	20.8% (10)	6.3% (3)	2.1% (1)	4.2% (2)	4.2% (2)	2.54
Prior year response	25.7% (9)	37.1% (13)	20.0% (7)	8.6% (3)	5.7% (2)	2.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	
f. Marketing of flying disc sports	39.6% (19)	20.8% (10)	18.8% (9)	20.8% (10)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.21
Prior year response	20.0% (7)	28.6% (10)	22.9% (8)	17.1% (6)	2.9% (1)	8.6% (3)	0.0% (0)	
g. Growth of flying disc sports	42.6% (20)	21.3% (10)	17.0% (8)	10.6% (5)	4.3% (2)	4.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.26
Prior year response	34.3% (12)	25.7% (9)	17.1% (6)	14.3% (5)	2.9% (1)	2.9% (1)	2.9% (1)	
h. Support of Member Associations	29.8% (14)	34.0% (16)	8.5% (4)	23.4% (11)	4.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.38
Prior year response	36.1% (13)	19.4% (7)	25.0% (9)	8.3% (3)	8.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (1)	
i. Development of disc sports in new countries	37.5% (18)	27.1% (13)	10.4% (5)	25.0% (12)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.23
Prior year response	36.1% (13)	27.8% (10)	22.2% (8)	5.6% (2)	8.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	
j. Development of disc sports in Member countries	31.3% (15)	18.8% (9)	18.8% (9)	14.6% (7)	8.3% (4)	2.1% (1)	6.3% (3)	2.81
Prior year response	27.8% (10)	25.0% (9)	25.0% (9)	13.9% (5)	5.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (1)	
k. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	31.3% (15)	35.4% (17)	12.5% (6)	10.4% (5)	4.2% (2)	4.2% (2)	2.1% (1)	2.42
Prior year response	25.0% (9)	36.1% (13)	19.4% (7)	13.9% (5)	2.8% (1)	2.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	
l. Advancement within the Olympic Movement (World Games, Sport Accord, IOC)	33.3% (16)	22.9% (11)	25.0% (12)	8.3% (4)	4.2% (2)	2.1% (1)	4.2% (2)	2.5
Prior year response	20.0% (7)	28.6% (10)	11.4% (4)	17.1% (6)	8.6% (3)	2.9% (1)	11.4% (4)	
m. Anti-Doping education	14.6% (7)	10.4% (5)	22.9% (11)	31.3% (15)	12.5% (6)	4.2% (2)	4.2% (2)	3.46
Prior year response	11.4% (4)	37.1% (13)	25.7% (9)	17.1% (6)	0.0% (0)	5.7% (2)	2.9% (1)	
n. Management of business activities	16.7% (8)	20.8% (10)	22.9% (11)	31.3% (15)	4.2% (2)	2.1% (1)	2.1% (1)	3
Prior year response	19.4% (7)	11.1% (4)	44.4% (16)	11.1% (4)	5.6% (2)	5.6% (2)	2.8% (1)	

Q9. In considering hosts for WFDF competitions, please rank the following (1 most important, 7 least important). (Please note: for 2011 the survey used only 6 rankings.)

	Most important	2	3	Neutral	5	6	Least important	Rating Average
a. Keeping costs low	21.3% (10)	31.9% (15)	17.0% (8)	19.1% (9)	10.6% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.66
Prior year response	14.7% (5)	17.6% (6)	20.6% (7)	23.5% (8)	11.8% (4)	11.8% (4)		3.35
b. Maximizing the number of teams	17.0% (8)	23.4% (11)	31.9% (15)	8.5% (4)	8.5% (4)	8.5% (4)	2.1% (1)	3.02
Prior year response	17.6% (6)	20.6% (7)	11.8% (4)	17.6% (6)	14.7% (5)	17.6% (6)		3.44
c. Rotating hosts around the world	8.5% (4)	21.3% (10)	19.1% (9)	23.4% (11)	8.5% (4)	12.8% (6)	6.4% (3)	3.66
Prior year response	20.6% (7)	20.6% (7)	17.6% (6)	14.7% (5)	17.6% (6)	8.8% (3)		3.15
d. World-class competition environment (fields and other services), which would mean fewer teams and higher costs.	8.5% (4)	6.4% (3)	6.4% (3)	21.3% (10)	29.8% (14)	23.4% (11)	4.3% (2)	4.45
Prior year response	2.9% (1)	20.6% (7)	11.8% (4)	23.5% (8)	29.4% (10)	11.8% (4)		3.91
e. Good quality competition environment (fields and other services) but with trade-offs for cost.	40.4% (19)	12.8% (6)	14.9% (7)	10.6% (5)	17.0% (8)	4.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.64
Prior year response	38.2% (13)	17.6% (6)	23.5% (8)	11.8% (4)	8.8% (3)	0.0% (0)		2.35
f. Hosting the events in the same year close to each other in time and location	2.1% (1)	2.1% (1)	6.4% (3)	10.6% (5)	21.3% (10)	31.9% (15)	25.5% (12)	5.45
Prior year response	5.9% (2)	2.9% (1)	14.7% (5)	8.8% (3)	17.6% (6)	50.0% (17)		4.79

Q10. For Ultimate, which is more important in the context of planning the events and setting competition rules (e.g. formats, eligibility, qualification) at WUGC, WUCC and Regional Championships?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Worldwide development of Ultimate	29.8%	14
Prior year response	26.50%	9
b. Elite competition	8.5%	4
Prior year response	14.70%	5
c. Both should be weighed equally	59.6%	28
Prior year response	58.80%	20
d. Unsure or no opinion	2.1%	1
Prior year response	0.00%	0

Q11. Should WFDF put a lot more emphasis on the commercial aspects of its World Championship events (such as television coverage, sponsorship, spectators) even if that meant that events would be smaller and only highlight the top elite teams?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. There should be much more emphasis on the commercial aspects of the events even if that meant that events were smaller and only highlighted the top elite teams.	8.5%	4
b. Although it would be nice to bring in more commercial aspects into event staging, it should not be done at the expense of participation or the focus on play.	70.2%	33
c. The current level of commercialism is fine.	6.4%	3
d. WFDF should maintain the focus on participation and play.	12.8%	6
e. Not sure or no opinion.	2.1%	1

Q12. For Ultimate, do you think that some form of Continental championship should be introduced as a qualifying round and/or for establishing seeding for WUGC in the future?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Uncategorically yes.	8.5%	4
Prior year response	17.60%	6
b. We would be willing to see a well-designed program introduced in the future but our region is not ready for that yet.	34.0%	16
Prior year response	35.30%	12
c. Although we recognize space limitations, we think it is best to still let all nations compete in the WUGC.	51.1%	24
Prior year response	29.40%	10
d. We think Continental Qualifiers is a bad idea.	0.0%	0
Prior year response	14.70%	5
e. Not applicable to our Association.	6.4%	3
Prior year response	2.90%	1

Q13. For Ultimate, do you think that some form of National Championship should be conducted by a National association before that country/Member would qualify to send teams to the WUGC or WUCC?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Yes, a national association must host a national championship with no less than 3-4 club teams in a respective division before it should be eligible to participate.	21.3%	10
b. A national association must either run a national championship event with at least 3-4 club teams in a division (see choice a) OR must attend a regional (Continental) championship in order to be eligible to participate in the WUGC or WUCC.	36.2%	17
c. All Regular Members of WFDF should be entitled to send at least one team to World Championship events without any qualification requirements.	38.3%	18
d. Not applicable to our association.	4.3%	2

Q14. For Ultimate, the questions have been raised whether the World Ultimate Club Championship (WUCC) is a good format for international competition and whether it interferes with national events. For your association, does it still make sense to continue to hold the WUCC as is or should it be replaced by, say, hosting the World Ultimate Championship (with national teams) once every two years?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Actually, would like to see the WUCC held once every two years.	6.4%	3
Asia Oceana	18.2%	2
Pan American	11.1%	1
b. Should definitely continue the WUCC once every four years.	31.9%	15
Asia Oceana	9.1%	1
Europe	44.0%	11
Pan American	33.3%	3
c. Would prefer to see the national team event once every two years and still have the WUCC.	14.9%	7
Asia Oceana	27.3%	3
Europe	12.0%	3
Pan American	11.1%	1
d. Would prefer to see the national team event once every two years to replace the WUCC.	4.3%	2
Europe	8.0%	2
e. Would be interested to consider other alternatives to WUCC such as stronger Continental Championships.	12.8%	6
Asia Oceana	18.20%	2
Europe	12.00%	3
Pan American	11.10%	1
f. WUCC should be discontinued without any need to replace it.	4.3%	2
Europe	4.00%	1
Pan American	11.10%	1
g. Not sure.	21.3%	10
Africa/Middle East	100%	1
Asia/Oceania	27.30%	3
Europe	20.00%	5
Pan American	11.10%	1
h. Not application to our association.	4.3%	2
Pan American	11.10%	1

Q15. Is WFDF investing the proper amount of time and resources on the World Games and other events which may be considered to have limited opportunities for participation by all nations?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. WFDF is spending too much of its time and resources on such events.	10.9%	5
Prior year response	17.60%	6
b. WFDF is spending about the correct amount of its time and resources on such events.	54.3%	25
Prior year response	29.40%	19
c. WFDF should be spending more of its time and resources on such events.	4.3%	2
Prior year response	14.70%	5
d. Don't know.	30.4%	14
Prior year response	38.20%	13

Q16. In terms of organization, WFDF largely follows the Olympic model where athletes are represented by National Associations. In recent years, many new associations have been established as Ultimate-only associations and there is no national body to oversee activity in other disciplines such as guts, overall events, freestyle, or golf. If a plan to broaden the mandate were presented, would your association be willing to oversee disciplines other than Ultimate (and likely coordinating with established groups such as Freestyle Players Association or PDGA)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
a. We are already a multi-discipline national association.	47.8%	22
b. We would be willing to consider taking on that responsibility.	30.4%	14
c. We really wouldn't be interested in anything but Ultimate.	10.9%	5
d. Not only would it be a bad idea, we think WFDF should just focus on Ultimate.	6.5%	3
e. Not applicable to our Association.	4.3%	2

Q17. Are there areas where WFDF could provide further support to your Association? Please rank the following areas of potential support activity by priority (1 is most helpful, 7 is least helpful).

	Most helpful	2	3	Neutral	5	6	Least helpful	Rating Average
a. Basic organization and legal standing (such as improving Bylaws, upgrading from provisional membership, etc).	11.1% (5)	4.4% (2)	8.9% (4)	11.1% (5)	11.1% (5)	24.4% (11)	28.9% (13)	4.96
b. Assistance with official national recognition.	16.3% (7)	18.6% (8)	7.0% (3)	7.0% (3)	16.3% (7)	30.2% (13)	4.7% (2)	3.98
c. Web site.	0.0% (0)	2.3% (1)	11.6% (5)	11.6% (5)	25.6% (11)	18.6% (8)	30.2% (13)	5.37
d. Coaching training.	28.9% (13)	24.4% (11)	17.8% (8)	13.3% (6)	8.9% (4)	2.2% (1)	4.4% (2)	2.73
Africa/Middle East	100% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.00
Asia Oceania	18.2% (2)	27.3% (3)	27.3% (3)	9.1% (1)	9.1% (1)	9.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.91
Europe	32.0% (8)	24.0% (6)	12.0% (3)	16.0% (4)	8.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	8.0% (2)	2.76
Pan American	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.63
e. Increased participation by women and juniors.	13.0% (6)	17.4% (8)	21.7% (10)	21.7% (10)	19.6% (9)	4.3% (2)	2.2% (1)	3.39
f. Teaching and promotion of Spirit of the Game,	11.6% (5)	16.3% (7)	16.3% (7)	18.6% (8)	11.6% (5)	16.3% (7)	9.3% (4)	3.88
g. General promotion of the sport through the media.	21.7% (10)	17.4% (8)	17.4% (8)	19.6% (9)	10.9% (5)	2.2% (1)	10.9% (5)	3.3

Q19. As you may have heard, the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL) was launched in late Spring 2012 in the USA as the first "professional" Ultimate league. Regarding AUDL, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Mildly agree	Neutral	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/not applicable	Response count
a. The introduction of the AUDL is good for Ultimate.	23.9% (11)	23.9% (11)	21.7% (10)	19.6% (9)	8.7% (4)	2.2% (1)	46
Africa/Middle East	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceana	36.4% (4)	18.2% (2)	27.3% (3)	18.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11
Europe	16.0% (4)	20.0% (5)	16.0% (4)	28.0% (7)	16.0% (4)	4.0% (1)	25
Pan America	22.2% (2)	44.4% (4)	33.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9
b. Publicity for Ultimate is good, no matter what changes to the rules.	15.2% (7)	19.6% (9)	15.2% (7)	30.4% (14)	19.6% (9)	0.0% (0)	46
Africa/Middle East	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceana	45.5% (5)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	11
Europe	0.0% (0)	16.0% (4)	12.0% (3)	44.0% (11)	28.0% (7)	0.0% (0)	25
Pan America	11.1% (1)	33.3% (3)	33.3% (3)	11.1% (1)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	9
c. Publicity for Ultimate is good, but AUDL should stick to existing rules.	26.1% (12)	37.0% (17)	17.4% (8)	13.0% (6)	2.2% (1)	4.3% (2)	46
Africa/Middle East	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceana	36.4% (4)	36.4% (4)	9.1% (1)	18.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11
Europe	28.0% (7)	40.0% (10)	12.0% (3)	12.0% (3)	4.0% (1)	4.0% (1)	25
Pan America	11.1% (1)	33.3% (3)	33.3% (3)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (1)	9
d. The game as played by AUDL should not be called Ultimate because of the use of referees.	20.5% (9)	18.2% (8)	29.5% (13)	11.4% (5)	18.2% (8)	2.3% (1)	44
Africa/Middle East	.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceana	18.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	45.5% (5)	9.1% (1)	27.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	11
Europe	28.0% (7)	20.0% (5)	24.0% (6)	8.0% (2)	16.0% (4)	4.0% (1)	25
Pan America	.0% (0)	42.9% (3)	28.6% (2)	14.3% (1)	14.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	7
e. AUDL is negative for Ultimate because the use of referees is misleading about the real sport.	15.2% (7)	23.9% (11)	17.4% (8)	23.9% (11)	17.4% (8)	2.2% (1)	46
Africa/Middle East	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceana	9.1% (1)	36.4% (4)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	27.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	11
Europe	24.0% (6)	20.0% (5)	16.0% (4)	24.0% (6)	12.0% (3)	4.0% (1)	25
Pan America	0% (0)	22.2% (2)	22.2% (2)	33.3% (3)	22.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	9
f. AUDL is negative for Ultimate because by using different rules they will create confusion.	17.4% (8)	26.1% (12)	21.7% (10)	21.7% (10)	13.0% (6)	0.0% (0)	46
Africa/Middle East	.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceana	27.3% (3)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	27.3% (3)	18.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	11
Europe	20.0% (5)	28.0% (7)	28.0% (7)	16.0% (4)	8.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	25
Pan America	0.0% (0)	33.3% (3)	22.2% (2)	33.3% (3)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	9
g. AUDL should work with established associations governing Ultimate.	30.4% (14)	32.6% (15)	23.9% (11)	0.0% (0)	6.5% (3)	6.5% (3)	46
Africa/Middle East	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1
Asia Oceana	36.4% (4)	45.5% (5)	18.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11
Europe	24.0% (6)	28.0% (7)	24.0% (6)	0.0% (0)	12.0% (3)	12.0% (3)	25
Pan America	44.4% (4)	33.3% (3)	22.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9

Q20. Regarding "spirit of the game," please rate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements as they relate to the "self-refereeing" aspect of Ultimate.

	Strongly agree	Mildly agree	Neutral	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree	Rating Average
a. Ultimate is not "Ultimate" without "spirit of the game," it is a different sport.	56.5% (26)	19.6% (9)	13.0% (6)	10.9% (5)	0.0% (0)	1.78
b. Referees are positive for the sport because they speed up the action.	6.5% (3)	23.9% (11)	13.0% (6)	26.1% (12)	30.4% (14)	3.5
c. Being self-officiated is a great branding opportunity for Ultimate.	50.0% (23)	28.3% (13)	17.4% (8)	4.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.76
d. Ultimate will never be credible in the world of sport unless there are referees	15.2% (7)	17.4% (8)	21.7% (10)	13.0% (6)	32.6% (15)	3.3
e. The use of Observers to make line calls and settle disputes quickly preserves the best aspects of spirit of the game.	23.9% (11)	30.4% (14)	19.6% (9)	13.0% (6)	13.0% (6)	2.61
f. It is not feasible to ask elite players to make their own calls.	8.7% (4)	21.7% (10)	13.0% (6)	23.9% (11)	32.6% (15)	3.5
g. Ultimate would lose a lot of what makes it special if it had referees like every other sport.	50.0% (23)	23.9% (11)	6.5% (3)	15.2% (7)	4.3% (2)	2
h. Elite Ultimate players have shown that they are not able to play without referees.	2.2% (1)	21.7% (10)	30.4% (14)	17.4% (8)	28.3% (13)	3.48
i. Introduction of referees will result in more cheating.	34.8% (16)	19.6% (9)	21.7% (10)	19.6% (9)	4.3% (2)	2.39
j. Having referees will make the sport more interesting to watch.	4.3% (2)	21.7% (10)	32.6% (15)	26.1% (12)	15.2% (7)	3.26
k. Having referees will make the sport more interesting to play.	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	32.6% (15)	21.7% (10)	41.3% (19)	3.98
l. More youth programs are likely to adopt Ultimate if there were referees.	2.2% (1)	15.2% (7)	34.8% (16)	19.6% (9)	28.3% (13)	3.57

Q18. What types of development projects" to promote the growth of flying disc sports do you think would be most useful for WFDF to engage in? Please give us your top three ideas."

1. Showcase games (touring teams) 2. Linking teams with media 3. Recruitment ideas

1. Provide support to get acceptance by National Education Ministry to include it in their official physical education/sports programs in highschools. 2. Get local vendors in mid size cities (i.e bread makers, milk producer, candy manufacturers, etc to adopt schools to provide "paid" coaches to form teams to make local leagues. Player multiplying players - Support "summer camps" where clinics are given to promote disc sports - something like the Ultimate Peace program, where volunteers go for a specific amount of time with specific objectives to be developed

1. Into Olympic sports 2. Into Asian Games sports. 3. Cooperate with international media, like ESPN.

Produce Promo for our sports DVD's Produce clinic, instructor, coaching DVD's Produce a complete press pack with "free" to use images=

anti doping requirements - referring system - spirit of the game

beach ultimate suitcase

Promotional DVDs with highlight reels, basic rules... - Marketing material that could be used by all members

IMO development is mostly an on-the-ground activity. WFDF should concentrate on the main task of World Championships, etc, as its finding that hard enough at the moment.

If you want to represent flying disc sports in general you need to change focus. This survey indicates that very clearly.

More multi-media products demonstrating ultimate and the values and benefits for participating - Efforts to get it recognized at universities/schools to build grassroots interest and widespread acceptance of the sport - Helping bring ultimate to new countries (like ultimate peace style activities)

clinics

Clinic Stages overworld

Regional Coaching and SOTG Seminars Once a year telcon with Board of Directors

international road show with top teams, visiting member countries. Coaching training. Promoting sports through booklets and books.

increase visibility of the sport true through cheap media (social media etc.) 2. help to develop junior ultimate in all active ultimate countries

Training camps worldwide. 2. Programs for schools. 3. Some kind of social activities on different social events.

Coaches clinics and development programs *General promotion in the international and local media *Supporting developing countries by assisting with financial aids for local projects and sending teams to international events.

Coaching Ultimate -Spirit of the Game Program

youth Ultimate education program with the central theme SOTG - media coverage guidance with "how to"-instruction stones - best practices exchange with instructions for processing beginners', pupils', city, corporate tournaments and so forth

Beginner coaching guidelines 2) Basic tournament organising guidelines / checklist 3) Marketing material to media for Asia

Comercials, get it on television.

More focus on development inside member countries rather than international events

development strategies manual, with tips and advice for new enthusiast organizers, to minimize frustration and save resources. prices in plane tickets or inscription fees to attend to international events for players, coaches or organizers with remarkable performance. Could be like a scholarship, thru project presentation and progress reports. Players should be young and unexperienced and examples in Spirit. Coaches could be evaluated thru a curriculum vitae or letters of support.

WFDF Recognise in IOC, Flying Disc Game Including in International School Games Federation and Flying Disc Game Including in International University Games

WFDF training camps for coaches, design of universal education tools

Conferences tied to major competitions, where national associations can meet and learn from each other

Create high-quality promotional Ultimate videos

Common internet video platform for all member countries to upload decent quality tournament videos of national competitions (e.g. Vimeo, youtube channel, with access given to member countries and a menu system) - For supporting local publicity efforts as well as developing a media resource for all member associations to tap on each other. Resources to support member country development of non-ultimate disc sports that are more accessible to an aging population with limited potential for ultimate. Disc golf, for example, is more easily adopted by community sports grassroots programmes. Coaching materials, suggested organizational structures, programme outlines, and other resources would be helpful to member organizations to get this work done on their own.

Instructional videos and other sources for teachers, beginners, coaches 2. Good promotional videos (different lenght of top ultimate, in good quality). These clips can be sent to different media or used on websites, sending it to different bodies and entities to introduce this sport 3. cheap discs for associations, to give to schools

Providing high quality coaching material and development plans to developing nations/areas Providing guidance and material for running high quality events (eg. standardised schedule formats, seeding systems, and other tournament hosting guidelines) Helping to bring high level (international) events to developing nations/areas that will need more support from WFDF (organisation/planning/funding/etc)

1) Support for quickly evolving regions (e.g. Singapore, South America, Africa) to make sure same understanding of Ultimate is there from the start. 2) Facilitate interaction between regions to help reach point 1) above 3) Keep WFDF events accessible to developing countries

WFDF Workshops in member countries like Sockeye did Making complete drill books and training manuals available online (including videos)

1. short but clear promotion video (for youtube, for instance) that explains Ultimate what we can refer to when promoting the sport 2. same for youth Ultimate (same video but with youth players starring) 3. same for Disc Golf, Guts and DDC (?)

1. WFDF Coach recognition course. 2. World tour Ultimate Championship. 3. World University Championship

Media promotion Schools Program Teaching Teachers

Branding on youtube and other media Make every know the name of the sport Increased focus on junior players

Coaching Programme/Resources Video Resources (How to play, skills, coaching etc)

WFDF organised marketing activities (brand marketing) - more focus and support for junior training - aquire worldwide sponsors

1. Organized quality online video trainings for people of different levels. 2. Work to get ultimate included in other major sport events like Universiade and such where the organizers of those events help to work on recognition of the disciplines of their event. Meaning - someone else is working to popularize ultimate.

Partnering communities and countries Junior marketing/development Creating different international pathways for player development

Q21. What is your personal definition of "spirit of the game"

Fun but competitive

Play hard, have fun, respect the rules, it is only a game

spirit od the games is including anti-doping.

honesty to yourself and your opponents.

Know yourself, control yourself, be honest, be free, be responsible, the most fun wins. Cheating to win, makes you the winner of the cheaters. Winning the tournament doesn't depend on you, winning the spirit of the game does.

being fair and honest at all times, and standing up for that when called for

Respect to everything about the game and life

Respect of the game through respect of players and rules.

Spirit of the game is the essential of Ultimate.

We've been working at getting people to look at the WFDF scoresheet to bringsome objectivity to this, and get away from very personal definitions of sotg. But anyway - for me its about trust. Do you trust yourself enough to trust your opponent? IMO people who do not trust their opponents (at least without any direct personal evidence) are making a pretty clear statement about how they view themselves.

Spirit of the game is the embodiment of Ultimate and requires simultaneously honesty, respect, honour, comraderie, teamwork, openness, diligence, commitment, and consideration for others while competing at the highest levels. It is fundamental to the name 'Ultimate' and the sport of Ultimate. It is paragraph and rule #1 for a critical reason.

honor, respect,

It is what ultimate frisbee is based on. Respect, self-control and fair game with the other team, your teammated and yourself.

Treat your opponents and team mates as how you want to be treated Giving utmost respect to all players on the field

Do the right thing, know and respect the rules of Ultimate. Preserve your fellow players and do not try to take advantage at any cost.

1. Its a special part of the sport, not just on the field but also outside of it. But what we playes mean with the "spirit of the game" is hard to understand for those whom are not involved to the sport.

Play hard, play honestly with respect to competitor, to public and to yourself.

It is the ethics of the sport that all athletes should have when playing sports (Even outside of Ultimate). It means respecting the rules, respecting your opponents, which suppose to mean no cheating and or faulty calls and no intentional violence

Ultimate as it's played to day without referees and where the players are responsible and this is nothing that should be changed

Couldn't put it in words better than done on <http://www.wfdf.org/sports/ultimate>: "There are no referees; the players are solely responsible for following and enforcing the rules, even at World Championship. Competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of respect between players, adherence to the rules, and the basic joy of play."

Sportsmanship. Respect of fellow players and rules. For youths, SOTG is great for character building.

A 'behavioral contract' between athletes to play fair, and with mutual respect while honoring the game

Play hard and play fair. Be honest and don't be a dick.

SOTG is a principle which means to us, that we want to be competitive, we want to win on the field, but not at any cost. The responsibility for ones action is important, that you don't use a foul to get the disc, better position, that you try to do it in a clean way, to be better than your opponent, but not based on fouls and cheating. To enjoy the game, which might also mean more than just winning (doesn't mean not trying to win), to respect the opponent.

Respect for the other player's integrity, professionalism, and safety. Knowing and applying the rules to one's best ability, and continually trying to improve one's knowledge and expertise at applying the rules.

Knowing the rules and enforcing them in a manner that is respectful to other players. Maintaining an attitude of sportsmanship and respect both on and off the field.

Know the rules, be respectful, don't cheat, enjoy the game

Trying to win without disrespecting the rules and the opponent

understanding the rules and not making unnecessary calls. Respect your opponent and play fair game

Respect your apponent

You know when you are mistaken and you are fair about it

Teams competing as hard as they can with respect for each other and with all players actively playing within the rules. Golf is an example of a game where the players can play within the rules at the top level without the need for referees watching over every shot.

respect for each other

Winning without cheating means that you are better than your opponent 1 on 1 without any privilages to anyone. At that game, at that moment you are 100% sure that you are better (or worse of course :). No guilty conscience, no excuses.

Q22. Do you have any other comments you would like to share?

In regards to AUDL, I think it's a great different. At the elite levels, it's great to have referees as it gets more coverage for ultimate. However, at lower levels (fun tournaments, regional tournaments), referees would not be welcome as that would interfere with the "Spirit of the Game" which would distract from recruiting new players. Only those wishing to play at elite levels should be subject to refereeing. I think both types of Ultimate (referees & non-referees) can exist in this sport. It should not be an "either/or" but "both" depending on playing level one chooses to engage Ultimate in.

WFDF should be a little bit more involved in supporting National Associations get recognition from their respective National Governments. ALSO about the fees. Everyone pays per player, The USA as far as I know (Last congress I attended was Vancouver 2008) has a Fixed rate. They should pay per player. If they want to pull out of WFDF let them have thier own Worl Championships (Like the Baseball WORLD series, were only the USA and Canada play) (Nothing against the US, I am very pro American) I am aware that they put in a big amount to WFDF budget, but if the rule applies to everyone they should pay as everyone, if they want to participate in Worlds, AND hopefully there will be internet acces for Congress in Sakai, all our players want to travel or are coming back after the tournament. :-)

Into Olympic or Asian Games are so important for Flying Disc sports in the future.

Why does the USA doesn't pay the WFDF fee per player like other countries do? Letting France for instance pay more than USA... It's not acceptable to me.

On reflection - and because I have a weird position in all this - it seems like some of these questions should be directed directly at as many players as possible, rather than asking the Federation representative. There are quite a few personal opinions here. ps - We are still listed as UKUA in the below. Bah! We are not UKUA. We are UKU. Its OK - we are still finding this problem on our website and literature - but please try to remember change this when you find it in old lists.

My personal opinion is that the SOTG needs to be focussed on much stronger, especially in pursuing even bigger growth. There are only few other sports emphasising Fairplay in their rules (following wikipedia these are Golf, Curling, Table Tennis, Tchoukball and Ultimate). But there is no other sport providing concrete dos and don'ts in its rules you can use in teaching children social behaviour, too! I develop parallels between practicing Ultimate and the concept of Lateral Management: Gaining the capacity to act without seeking a superior authority is what's needed in the future working world.

WFDF should focus the majority of it's time and energy helping the sport grow inside member countries, and promoting the sport therein. Too many countries are just focusing on going to international events, and not building the sport internally.

Would be nice to get a confirmation of this info being considered, since last year i found out that, for some reason, our survey was not being taken into account (even though filled in time) while reading the final report. Good and appropriate questionnaire. Wouldn't mind if it where longer, since this is very important, and should be considered into a wider research of the social implications of our sports community.

I think AUDL is a good initiative. But the basis should always be Ultimate Frisbee. So the self-regulating game we know. All kids, youngsters, students and grown-ups starting our sports should play UF without referees and the known rules. If the best players (hopefully some day from all over the world) of UF can play in some professional league (let's say AUDL) is that fine for me. I think AUDL helps the sports to grow even more and it's interesting for a lot of people from the scene to watch it.

Outreach and Coach training will make Ultimate easier to recognize by OC and other government department.

New Zealand is very isolated from the rest of the world, so a number of these questions are hard to answer. Questions such as "Keeping Costs low for WUGC" are hard to answer, because if keeping costs low for all teams is a priority, then all competition will be held in Europe, which will actually increase costs for us. Holding tournament in Perth, Hawaii etc as has been done recently increases costs for most team, but actually makes it cheaper for us. I think work can be done to speed up the game and make it more appealing to spectators, but this does not require referees. Referees are bad for the game!! They just result in players playing to the referee, trying to get calls to go their own way. Look at football - it's awful.