

WFDF Rules of Ultimate 2013

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Introduction

The intention of these rules is to provide additions to the basic rules in order to create a smooth-running, spectator-friendly, well-resourced elite sports event. They set the standard for WFDF events, but should also guide best practice for non-WFDF events. Specifically, these rules should be applied at the following events:

- World Ultimate Championships,
- World Ultimate Club Championships,
- Continental Championships (e.g. Pan-American Ultimate Championships, Asia-Oceanic Ultimate Championships),
- World Games (along with other changes as mandated by WFDF and/or IWGA event hosts),
- World Junior Ultimate Championships.

For non-WFDF events, a selection or modification of these rules may be added to the basic rules of play, according to the level of resources available and the standard of play. Basic modifications for a non-WFDF event may include:

- Playing surface
- Number of players
- Size of field
- Length of game
- Field markings

Appendix A: WFDF Additional Championship Game Rules

A1. Playing Field

- A1.1. The entire surface of the field of play must be one of the following:
 - A1.1.1. Grass
 - A1.1.2. Artificial grass
- A1.2. A restraining line shall be established three (3) to five (5) metres from the perimeter line. All persons (including non-playing team members), apart from permitted officials, and equipment must remain outside this line during play.
- A1.3. The minimum distance between adjacent fields shall be three (3) metres.
 - A1.3.1. If the distance between adjacent fields is less than six (6) metres a maximum of two (2) non-players per team are allowed between the fields during play. No other persons or equipment, apart from permitted officials, are allowed between the two fields during play.
- A1.4. To allow a field to fit in a smaller playing area it may be reduced to a minimum width of thirty-three (33) metres and to a minimum length of ninety (90) metres. End zones and the brick mark location may be reduced to minimum size of sixteen (16) metres.
- A1.5. A WFDF Official must approve any adjustment to the location of the restraining line, any further reduction to distance between two adjacent fields, and any further reduction to the field size.
- A1.6. Optional Player's/Official's Area:
 - A1.6.1. Restraining zones may be established on both sides of the field for non-playing support staff, equipment and officials.
 - A1.6.2. The restraining zones shall be aligned with the middle of the sideline and placed 5 meters from the sideline. They shall be 5 meters wide and 24 meters long.
 - A1.6.3. The official's area shall be 4 meters wide and located in the middle of the restraining zones.
 - A1.6.4. Each team will be assigned one section of the restraining zone on each sideline.
 - A1.6.5. All equipment must be located within the restraining zone.
 - A1.6.6. All non-playing team members, and two coaches per team (one per sideline), are permitted outside of the restraining zone, but must remain behind the restraining line during play. All other non-playing support staff must remain within the restraining zone during play.

A2. Equipment

- A2.1. Discs:
 - A2.1.1. Only the official disc of the event may be used for play.
 - A2.1.2. The event may allow captains to choose a different disc if both captains agree.
 - A2.1.3. The team in possession may choose to substitute a disc during play in the following situations:
 - A2.1.3.1. If the disc is out-of-bounds, and it will save time to substitute it.
 - A2.1.3.2. During a technical stoppage called to replace a damaged disc.
 - A2.1.3.3. Between the end of a point and the next pull.
 - A2.1.4. Officials may hold spare discs to be substituted in the above situations.
 - A2.1.5. Substitute discs may either be official discs of the event, or approved by the captains at the start of the game or at the time of substitution.

A3. Start of Game

- A3.1. Team Captains will determine the order of initial choices by tossing two discs (the "toss").
- A3.2. One of the captains will call "same" or "different", while the discs are in the air.
- A3.3. If both discs are facing up or both facing down, then "same" wins, otherwise "different" wins.
- A3.4. The toss should happen on the field.

A4. Length of Game

- A4.1. Target
 - A4.1.1. A team wins having reached the target of seventeen (17) goals.
 - A4.1.2. There is no requirement to win by a margin of two (2) goals.
- A4.2. Time cap:
 - A4.2.1. The time cap occurs after one hundred (100) minutes of game time, if the target has not been reached.
 - A4.2.2. At time cap play continues until completion of the current point. If at the completion of the current point:
 - A4.2.2.1. a team has reached seventeen (17) goals, that team wins.
 - A4.2.2.2. either team has reached sixteen (16) goals, the game continues until a team wins by reaching seventeen (17) goals.
 - A4.2.2.3. neither team has reached sixteen (16) goals, one (1) goal is added to the highest score to determine a reduced target. The game continues until a team wins by reaching the reduced target.
 - A4.2.3. The time cap does not affect the number of time-outs available for a team.
- A4.3. Half Time:
 - A4.3.1. Half time occurs after the first team reaches the half time target of nine (9) goals.
 - A4.3.2. Half time lasts ten (10) minutes.
- A4.4. Half Time Cap:
 - A4.4.1. The half time cap occurs after fifty five (55) minutes of game time, if the half time target has not been reached.
 - A4.4.2. At half time cap play continues until the completion of the current point. If neither team has reached nine (9) goals, one (1) goal is added to the highest score to determine a reduced half time target. The game continues until a team reaches the reduced half time target.
 - A4.4.3. The half time cap does not affect the number of time-outs available for a team.
- A4.5. The game clock does not stop for time-outs or half time, but does stop for Spirit of the Game Stoppages and once an injury stoppage or technical stoppage has lasted more than thirty (30) seconds.

A5. Time Limits

- A5.1. A timekeeper must be appointed to monitor time and signal time warnings and violations.
- A5.2. The toss:
 - A5.2.1. Team captains must complete the toss five (5) minutes before the start of the game.
 - A5.2.2. If the toss hasn't been completed, and one team's captain isn't present for the toss five (5) minutes before the start of the game, the captain in attendance will make both the choice of initial possession and the choice of which end they will defend.
 - A5.2.3. If neither captain is present, the first to arrive will have those choices.
- A5.3. At the start of a half of play:
 - A5.3.1. The timekeeper will signal:
 - A5.3.1.1. Sixty (60) seconds prior to the start of a half.
 - A5.3.1.2. The start of a half.
- A5.4. At the start of a point, and prior to the subsequent pull to begin play:
 - A5.4.1. Offence
 - A5.4.1.1. After forty-five (45) seconds from the start of a point all offensive players should stand with one foot on their defending goal line without changing position relative to one another, until the pull is released.
 - A5.4.1.2. The offensive team should ensure that the defensive team has an unobstructed view of the offensive players.
 - A5.4.1.3. The offensive team has sixty (60) seconds from the start of a point to signal readiness to receive the pull. All non-players from the offensive team must be off the playing field before the offence can signal readiness.
 - A5.4.1.4. If the offence fails to signal readiness in time the opposition should call a time limit violation. This violation must be called prior to the pull.
 - A5.4.1.5. On the first instance of a time limit violation, or if the violation is contested, no penalties apply. The offence must signal readiness within

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- fifteen (15) seconds of the violation call, and the pull must be released within thirty (30) seconds of the violation call.
- A5.4.1.6. For subsequent time limit violations, the defence should assess a time out against the offence. Play must resume according to A5.6.
- A5.4.1.7. If the offence has no time outs left, they must start with the disc at the midpoint of the end zone they are defending, after players set up and a check is performed.
- A5.4.1.8. In a mixed division, the offence has fifteen (15) seconds from the start of a point to indicate whether it will play with four (4) males or four (4) females.
- A5.4.1.9. An offensive player must indicate the gender mix (“four women” or “four men”) verbally and/or by using the appropriate hand signal.
- A5.4.1.10. If the offence fails to indicate gender mix in time, the same gender mix as the previous point will be assumed, or, if at the start of a half, a gender mix of four (4) males and three (3) females will be assumed.
- A5.4.2. Defence
- A5.4.2.1. The defensive team has seventy-five (75) seconds from the start of a point to pull the disc, or 15 seconds after the offence has signalled readiness, which ever is later. All non-players from the defensive team must be off the playing field before the pull is released.
- A5.4.2.2. If the defence fails to pull in time the opposition should call a time limit violation. This violation must be called before the receiving team touches the disc.
- A5.4.2.3. On the first instance of a time limit violation, or if the violation is contested, no penalties apply. The offence must signal readiness within fifteen (15) seconds of the violation call, and the pull must be released within thirty (30) seconds of the violation call.
- A5.4.2.4. For subsequent time violations, the offence should assess a time out against the defence. Play must resume according to A5.6.
- A5.4.2.5. If the defence has no time-outs left, the receiving team must start with the disc at midfield, after players set up and a check is performed.
- A5.4.3. The timekeeper will signal:
- A5.4.3.1. In a mixed game, fifteen (15) seconds after the start of the point (offence must indicate gender mix).
- A5.4.3.2. Forty-five (45) seconds after the start of the point (15 second warning for offence).
- A5.4.3.3. Sixty (60) seconds after the start of the point (15 second warning for defence).
- A5.4.3.4. Seventy-five (75) seconds after the start of the point (play must start).
- A5.4.3.5. If a series of whistles are used to indicate the time limits, the time limit is not considered to have been reached until the first sound of the last whistle.
- A5.5. At the end of a time-out taken after a pull and before the point finishes:
- A5.5.1. The offence has two (2) minutes from when they call a time-out to be ready to resume play.
- A5.5.2. The offence must be and remain stationary at the end of the time-out.
- A5.5.3. If the offence is not stationary, the defence may check the disc in and commence the stall count.
- A5.5.4. The defence must check the disc in within fifteen (15) seconds after the end of the time-out.
- A5.5.5. If the defence does not check the disc, the offence may self-check and start play.
- A5.5.6. The time keeper will signal:
- A5.5.6.1. Thirty (30) seconds prior to the end of a time-out (30 second warning for both teams).
- A5.5.6.2. Fifteen (15) seconds prior to the end of the time out (15 second warning for offence).
- A5.5.6.3. End of time out (15 second warning for defence).

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- A5.5.6.4. Fifteen (15) seconds after the end of the time out (play must start).
- A5.6. At the end of a time-out taken after the start of a point and before the pull:
- A5.6.1. The time-out adds two (2) minutes to the time allowed between the start of the point and the pull.
- A5.6.2. After two minutes from the start of the point, the timekeeper will signal the end of the time-out, and the time limits and signals as for A5.4 will commence.
- A5.7. After a foul or violation is called:
- A5.7.1. After fifteen (15) seconds, if the call is not resolved, the captains will step in.
- A5.7.2. After thirty (30) seconds, if the call is not resolved, the call will be considered contested. The disc must be returned to the last non-disputed thrower.
- A5.7.3. After forty-five (45) seconds play must be restarted.
- A5.7.4. The timekeeper will signal:
- A5.7.4.1. Fifteen (15) seconds after the foul or violation was called.
- A5.7.4.2. Thirty (30) seconds after the foul or violation was called.
- A5.7.4.3. Forty-five (45) seconds after the foul or violation was called.
- A5.8. After a turnover:
- A5.8.1. If the disc comes to rest on the playing field proper, a member of the team becoming offense must put the disc into play within ten (10) seconds after it comes to rest. To enforce this rule, the defence must give audible warnings of ten (10) and five (5) seconds. After ten (10) seconds elapse after the first warning, a defensive player within three meters of the disc may announce "disc in," and then initiate and continue the stall count.
- A5.8.2. If the disc comes to rest other than on the playing field proper, a member of the team becoming offense must put the disc into play within twenty (20) seconds after it comes to rest.
- A5.8.2.1. If the disc is not reasonably retrievable within twenty seconds (e.g., far out-of-bounds or through a crowd), the player retrieving it may request another disc and any delay or pre-stall count is suspended until the offensive player receives the new disc.
- A5.8.2.2. If the disc is in the end zone, after twenty seconds elapse, a defensive player within three meters of the disc may announce "disc in," and then initiate and continue the stall count, but only if a defensive player has given audible warnings of twenty, ten and five seconds.
- A5.8.2.3. If the disc is out-of-bounds, after twenty seconds elapse, a defensive player within three meters of the spot the disc is to be put into play may announce "disc in," and then initiate and continue the stall count, but only if a defensive player has given audible warnings of twenty, ten and five seconds.
- A5.9. The preferred method of signalling by a timekeeper shall be the use of a whistle, possibly assisted by verbal information and hand signals, following procedures outlined in the WFDF Tournament Director's Manual.
- A5.10. If a team wishes to assess a time violation, they will call "violation".
- A6. Offside**
- A6.1. On the first instance of an offside violation for a team, or if the violation is contested, the pull must be repeated. The offence must signal readiness within fifteen (15) seconds of the violation call, and the pull must be released within thirty (30) seconds.
- A6.2. For subsequent offside violations by a team:
- A6.2.1. If the receiving team is offside: the receiving team must start with the disc at the midpoint of the end zone they are defending, after players set up and a check is performed.
- A6.2.2. If the pulling team is offside: the receiving team starts with the disc at midfield, after players set up and a check is performed.
- A7. Mixed Division**
- A7.1. After the start of each point, prior to the pull, the offensive team chooses to play with either three (3) male players and four (4) female players or three (3) female players and four (4) male players.
- A7.1.1. The pulling team must match this selection.

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A7.2. Upon request by the opposing team captain, offensive players should await the pull, after signalling readiness, in such a way that the defence can easily determine gender matchups.

A8. Language

A8.1. The stall count and all calls must be in English.

A8.1.1. Players who have significant difficulty communicating verbally must ensure team captains discuss appropriate alternatives prior to the start of the game.

A9. Violations

A9.1. A player may not make a play on the disc with an item of clothing (e.g. by throwing a hat at a disc in the air).

A10. Spirit of the Game Stoppage

A10.1. If a team's captain, or a game advisor, believes that either or both teams are failing to follow the Spirit of the Game (SOTG), they may call a "Spirit of the Game Stoppage". This can only be called:

A10.1.1. After a call which stops the play or any other stoppage, prior to the disc being checked in.

A10.1.2. After the start of a point and prior to the ensuing pull.

A10.2. During this stoppage, neither team may engage in tactical discussions. All team members of both teams will form a "spirit circle" in the middle of the field.

A10.3. Separately from the spirit circle, the two opposing team captains shall discuss all current issues with adherence to SOTG, determine actions to rectify those issues, and then convey the agreement to the spirit circle.

A10.4. SOTG stoppages do not affect, nor are they affected by, the number of time-outs available.

A10.5. Time taken for a SOTG Stoppage will be added to the game time to determine time caps for the game. The captain initiating the Stoppage will convey the start and end of the Stoppage to game officials for time-keeping purposes.

A10.6. After a SOTG Stoppage called during play, players must return to the approximate positions they held prior to the SOTG Stoppage being called.

Appendix B: WFDF Additional Championship Event Rules

B1. Teams

- B1.1. A team must have a minimum of fourteen (14) players registered on its playing roster for the event.
- B1.1.1. A team in the mixed division must also have a minimum of six (6) male and six (6) female players on its roster.
- B1.2. A team may have a maximum of twenty-eight (28) players on its roster.
- B1.3. A team may have only one designated team captain per game.
- B1.4. A team must have seven (7) players on the field for every point. A team in the mixed division must have four (4) male and four (4) female players available for every point.
- B1.4.1. If a team does not fulfil the requirements of B1.4 they will lose a time-out, and the start of the point will be delayed for two (2) minutes.
- B1.4.2. If the team has no time-outs left, their opposition will be awarded a goal, and the start of the point will be delayed for two (2) minutes.
- B1.4.3. If neither team fulfils the requirements of B1.4 both teams will be penalised as stated in B1.4.1, until one team fulfils the requirements of B1.4 or until B1.4.4 applies.
- B1.4.4. If a team has not fielded seven (7) players up to thirty (30) minutes after the start of a game or a point, they will forfeit the game.
- B1.4.5. A team that forfeits will record a loss in addition to the forfeit, the opposition will record a win. No score will be recorded for the game.
- B1.4.6. If both teams forfeit, both teams will record a loss for the game.
- B1.5. If a point has commenced and a team does not have exactly seven (7) people playing the point, or is in violation of [A7.1](#), then the opposition may call a violation and play shall stop, or the offending team may call a time-out.
- B1.5.1. The offending team must choose which of their player(s) will be removed added. If players are being added, the opposition may make the same number of substitutions to their team.
- [B1.5.2](#). If a violation was called, the opposition must choose either to restart play as if a time-out had been called (as per 20.6), or to restart the point.
- B1.5.3. If a violation of B1.5 is called after a goal has been scored and prior to the ensuing pull, the opposition may choose to nullify the goal and restart the point.

B2. Divisions

- B2.1. Each team must be registered into one of the following divisions:
- B2.1.1. Open
 - B2.1.2. Women
 - B2.1.3. Mixed
 - B2.1.4. Master Open
 - B2.1.5. Master Women
 - B2.1.6. Master Mixed
 - B2.1.7. U19 Open
 - B2.1.8. U19 Women
 - B2.1.9. U19 Mixed
 - B2.1.10. U23 Open
 - B2.1.11. U23 Women
 - B2.1.12. U23 Mixed
- B2.2. Player eligibility is to be determined from the relevant WFDF Eligibility Rules.

B3. Ranking Criteria and Tie Breakers

- B3.1. After round robin pool play, rank all teams in each pool by the number of games won.
- B3.2. If teams are tied, break that tie using the ranking criteria.
- B3.3. Each ranking criterion is used to rank all of the tied teams, not just to determine the highest ranked team.

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- B3.3.1. If, after the application of a ranking criterion, all of the teams remain tied, go to the next criterion.
- B3.3.2. If not all teams remain tied, but one or more subgroups of the teams remain tied, separate these subgroups from the ranking. Each subgroup is then to be ranked separately, starting with the first ranking criterion.
- B3.4. Ranking criteria, in order:
 - B3.4.1. Number of games won, counting only games between the teams that are tied.
 - B3.4.2. Fewest games forfeited.
 - B3.4.3. Goal difference, counting only games between the teams that are tied.
 - B3.4.4. Goal difference, counting games against all common opponents.
 - B3.4.5. Goals scored per game, counting only games between the teams that are tied.
 - B3.4.6. Goals scored per game, counting games against all common opponents.
 - B3.4.7. Each team nominates one player to throw one disc from behind the goal line to the far brick point on a regulation playing field. Throwing order is determined randomly, by disc toss or otherwise. Teams are ranked in order by the distance from the resting place of each disc to the brick point, from closest to furthest.

B4. Inclement Weather Rules

- B4.1. Pre-emptive rescheduling
 - B4.1.1. WFDF Officials will monitor weather forecasts at least 48 hours ahead of each day's play.
 - B4.1.2. If inclement weather is predicted for a day of play, Officials may inform all captains of a modified schedule of play no later than 12 hours before the new scheduled commencement of play on that day.
 - B4.1.3. The modified schedule may include an earlier start time, shorter breaks between games, lower time caps and/or a lower target. Shortened game times should only be used where there is high likelihood of interruption and little capacity to catch up any delayed game on a subsequent day (eg if it is the final day).
 - B4.1.4. In extreme cases, the modified schedule may include pre-emptively cancelled games to provide space for more important games to be rescheduled.
 - B4.1.5. Play may also be allowed to finish later in the day in the case of a delay.
- B4.2. Lightning
 - B4.2.1. On-site risk identification
 - B4.2.1.1. On a day where thunderstorms are predicted, Officials will access live weather observations, such as on-line weather radars or radio weather warnings, to anticipate the arrival of thunderstorms at the venue.
 - B4.2.1.2. If a thunderstorm is imminent, Officials will inform all captains and officials on site that there is a possibility of play being suspended and to reiterate the WFDF rules regarding risk identification and response. Captains and officials should also inform players and other persons on the field of the correct risk identification and response procedures if possible.
 - B4.2.1.3. If lightning is observed or thunder is heard, a WFDF Official will count the time between the lightning (flash) and the thunder (bang). If the time delay is less than thirty (30) seconds then the strike was closer than 10 kilometres and the playing area will be cleared immediately.
 - B4.2.1.4. If anyone observes hair standing on end, hears crackling or hears static on electronic devices, a lightning strike may be imminent, and all people in the vicinity should be alerted.
 - B4.2.2. Response to observed risk
 - B4.2.2.1. Upon a lightning risk being identified, an Official shall immediately alert both team captains. Play shall be immediately suspended and the disc left where it lies. Any play after a captain has been informed of the suspension shall be deemed null and void.
 - B4.2.2.2. All people should seek appropriate shelter.

- B4.2.2.3. If people are caught exposed in a thunderstorm and cannot seek appropriate shelter, they should crouch into a ball, preferably in a hollow in the ground, and remove any metal accessories.
- B4.2.3. Resuming play
 - B4.2.3.1. Players shall only return to the playing field once 10 minutes has lapsed since lightning or thunder was last observed.
- B4.3. Hot weather
 - B4.3.1. During each days play WFDF Officials will determine whether extreme hot weather will pose a risk to players of heat-related illness and injuries.
 - B4.3.2. On days where extreme hot weather is predicted WFDF Officials will inform all captains and officials on site and convey appropriate methods for dealing with hot weather. Captains and officials should also inform players and other persons on the field of these methods.
 - B4.3.3. In the case of extreme hot weather, play may be adjusted in the following ways:
 - B4.3.3.1. Additional stoppages may be added between points to allow players to rest and re-hydrate.
 - B4.3.3.2. Play may be rescheduled to avoid playing in the hottest time of the day.
 - B4.3.3.3. Play may be suspended or cancelled if conditions are too extreme.

B5. Suspended or cancelled play

- B5.1. Suspended or cancelled play
 - B5.1.1. If WFDF Officials determine that a game is to be suspended or cancelled, the following rules outline how play can be continued and appropriate results determined.
 - B5.1.2. If play is suspended mid-point, a WFDF Official will take note of the disc position at the time of the suspension.
 - B5.1.3. If play is suspended between a goal being scored and the ensuing pull, then the offence will be free to choose a new line-up, even if those had been already signalled at the time of the suspension.
- B5.2. Rescheduling
 - B5.2.1. During a period of suspended play all team captains present at the venue must meet with WFDF Officials to discuss the process for rescheduling games. Where possible games will be rescheduled. Time caps and points caps may be reduced to allow games to be rescheduled.
- B5.3. Resumption of suspended play
 - B5.3.1. If rescheduling allows for the suspended game to be continued, then play should resume where possible with the disc in the approximate position it was when the field was cleared. Play shall restart as if a time-out had been called (as per 20.6).
 - B5.3.2. Teams will be allowed ten (10) minutes to warm-up prior to the resumption of play, once allowed onto the playing field.
- B5.4. Determine results of suspended and cancelled games
 - B5.4.1. If rescheduling does not allow for suspended games to be continued, or games are cancelled, the following rules shall be used to determine the outcome of the games:
 - B5.4.1.1. For a suspension of play, if at least half the game time had elapsed or one team had scored at least half the points target, then the leading team shall be declared the winner. If scores were tied then the winner shall be determined by count-back to whichever team was ahead prior to the previous point being scored.
 - B5.4.1.2. For initial pool play, if clause B5.4.1.1 does not apply, then the winner of the game will be the higher-seeded team as determined prior to the tournament.
 - B5.4.1.3. For subsequent pool play and finals, if clause B5.4.1.1 does not apply, then the winner of the game will be the higher-ranked team based on results from that tournament (according to WFDF tiebreakers).

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B6. Tasks of Game Officials

B6.1. There are two categories of Game Officials: support staff and game advisors.

B6.2. Support staff

B6.2.1. Support staff may support the ongoing game by supplying players with information through visible and audible signals.

B6.2.2. Basic duties of the support staff include:

- B6.2.2.1. Recording the score
- B6.2.2.2. Recording time-outs taken
- B6.2.2.3. Timing the game, half time and time-outs
- B6.2.2.4. Signalling time limits according to WFDF Ultimate Rules Appendix "Time Limits"

B6.2.3. Additional duties of game officials may include:

- B6.2.3.1. Recording player statistics
- B6.2.3.2. Recording spirit scores and most valuable player nominations
- B6.2.3.3. Informing spectators of any calls made and their resolution
- B6.2.3.4. Supplying players with a printed version of the WFDF Rules of Ultimate if requested
- B6.2.3.5. Performing any duties that may be undertaken by non-players, including providing perspective on line calls when asked ("Line Assistants")

B6.2.4. Support staff may only enter the playing field area if invited by both team captains, or by both players involved in a discussion who need to consult that support staff.

B6.2.5. Support staff may not interfere with the ongoing game by making any calls or decisions. These include:

- B6.2.5.1. Foul/violation calls.
- B6.2.5.2. Line calls.
- B6.2.5.3. Stopping the game if a team did not respond to a time warning correctly.
- B6.2.5.4. Stopping a discussion.
- B6.2.5.5. Telling the players what call to make.

B6.3. Game advisors

B6.3.1. Game advisors closely monitor time limits and conduct issues, and provide information to teams regarding the rules, in addition to being able to undertake the same duties as support staff.

B6.3.2. The specific duties of game advisors are:

- B6.3.2.1. Hold pre-game meetings with each team to discuss the game advisor role.
- B6.3.2.2. Closely monitor rules regarding time limits, including: [A5.4.1.4](#), [A5.4.1.7](#), [A5.4.2.2](#), [A5.4.2.5](#), [A5.5.3](#), [A5.5.5](#), [A5.7.2](#), [A5.8](#), and encourage teams to comply with these rules.
- B6.3.2.3. Closely monitor rules regarding the restraining line and restraining zones, including: [A1.2](#), [A1.3.1](#), [A1.6.5](#), [A1.6.6](#), and encourage teams to comply with these rules.
- B6.3.2.4. Closely monitor rules regarding offsides and encourage teams to comply with these rules, including: [A6.1](#), [A6.2.1](#) and [A6.2.2](#).
- B6.3.2.5. Provide non-binding perspective on any call, including, but not limited to, "down", "out", "foul", and "travel", when asked.
- B6.3.2.6. Provide rule clarifications, when asked.
- [B6.3.2.7. Participate in on-field discussions between players, when required, to help them make progress on coming to a decision.](#)
- B6.3.2.8. Call Spirit of the Game Stoppages according to [A10.1](#).
- B6.3.2.9. Mediate off-field discussions between teams if required.
- B6.3.2.10. Provide warnings regarding incidents concerning the WFDF Conduct Policy, and enforce sanctions where permitted by the WFDF Conduct Policy.
- [B6.3.2.11. Refer incidents regarding the WFDF Conduct Policy to the Tournament Rules Group.](#)

B6.3.3. Game advisors may enter the playing field during a stoppage without the need to seek approval from captains/players.

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B6.3.4. Game advisors do not remove the responsibility for Players to make and resolve all calls.

B7. Use of technology

- B7.1. Players may request to view photographic or video footage of a line call if it is available. However play may not be unreasonably delayed for this purpose.
- B7.2. Players must not use any form of electronic communication devices to communicate with other players or team members.

B8. Foul and Violation Calls

- B8.1. A game that involves a significant number of calls, especially when these remain disputed, should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director or the Tournament Rules Group (TRG) by a captain or game official as soon as possible. The TRG shall determine whether further action should be taken against teams or individuals.

Appendix C: Uniform Requirements

C1. Purpose

- C1.1. The primary purpose of these uniform requirements is to distinguish between players on opposing teams, and to identify individual players. This allows players, officials and spectators to follow and interpret the game correctly.
- C1.2. They also aim to protect player safety and comfort, and fairness in the competition.
- C1.3. Additionally, better quality uniforms are expected to convey a better image of our sport to the world, taking advantage of the media and spectator opportunities of WFDF events.
- C1.4. These requirements aim to minimize the costs to players of meeting their primary purpose. If resources allow, teams are encouraged to exceed the minimum requirements of these rules in order to maximise the benefits to our sport.
- C1.5. WFDF requires teams to consider the public image of the sport when designing uniforms for WFDF events.
- C1.6. WFDF reserves the right to require a team to alter or replace text or graphics on a garment or to replace an entire garment.

C2. General

- C2.1. A uniform must consist of, at minimum, a shirt to cover the upper torso and shoulders and pants to cover the lower torso and upper legs.
- C2.2. A single item of clothing that covers the same areas as a shirt and pants is allowable as a uniform if it meets the requirements of the two separate items as expressed in these rules.
- C2.3. For every game, a team must bring a set of matching shirts that they know will be distinct from their opponents' shirts when viewed from both the front and the back.
- C2.4. A team must bring at least two distinct sets of shirts to each game, unless they are certain that their chosen set of shirts for that game will be distinct from their opponents' shirts.

C3. Home and Away

- C3.1. An event schedule may designate a "home" and "away" team for each game.
- C3.2. If the event schedule does not designate home and away teams, the team captains will determine which team is the home team before the game by a disc toss or other fair method.
- C3.3. The home team has the first choice of shirt colour.
- C3.4. Prior to arriving at a game, a team may tell their opponent which shirt is their "home" shirt, and they are bound by that decision.

C4. Shirts

- C4.1. All players on a team must wear shirts that match in colour and pattern.
- C4.2. Players may wear different cuts, for example long sleeve, short sleeve or no sleeve, but the body of the shirts must be matching in colour and pattern.
- C4.3. Each player in a team for a particular game must be designated by a unique integer between 0 and 99 inclusive.
- C4.4. The shirt that a player wears in that game must bear their number, expressed only in Arabic numerals, with an optional leading zero for numbers between 0 and 9 inclusive.
- C4.5. The number must be sewn or printed onto the back of the shirt. Each digit in the number must be a minimum of 20 centimetres high and 5 centimetres wide.
 - C4.5.1. The number may also appear elsewhere on the shirt.
- C4.6. The numbers must be entirely one colour, filled solidly, and of a significantly different colour from the background shirt colours.
- C4.7. There must not be any overlaid design or characters obscuring the numbers.

C5. Pants

- C5.1. All players on a team must wear pants that match in colour and pattern.
- C5.2. Players may wear different cuts, for example shorts, skirts or long pants, but the section covering the lower torso and upper legs must be matching in colour and design and the remainder must be consistent in colour.
- C5.3. Pants may have numbers sewn or printed on the front left leg. The number must match that of the player's shirt.

C6. Optional Features

- C6.1. If the team is a national team, the uniform may also include the International Olympic Committee three letter code representing that country and/or its national flag.
- C6.2. Shirts may have player names printed on them.
- C7. Undergarments
 - C7.1. Players may wear clothing under their uniform in order to protect them from injury, temperature, sunlight, etc.
 - C7.2. WFDF considers that if any exposed parts of undergarments are black or white, they will best prevent a clash with the main uniform colours.
- C8. Gloves
 - C8.1. Players may wear gloves, but they must not in any way damage the disc or leave any residue on the disc.
- C9. Headgear
 - C9.1. Players may wear hats, caps or other headgear to protect them from sun exposure, the weather, injury or for personal comfort.
 - C9.2. If players on a team wear hats, WFDF considers that matching those hats will improve the image of the sport.
- C10. Socks
 - C10.1. Socks or stockings do not need to be matching in any way.
 - C10.2. If players on a team wear long socks, WFDF considers that matching those socks will improve the image of the sport.
- C11. Shoes
 - C11.1. Players may wear shoes or boots. Shoes do not need to be matching in any way.
 - C11.2. Any studs or ridges on the sole of the shoes must not protrude more than 20 millimetres from the sole nor have any sharp edges.
- C12. Team Captain Armband
 - C12.1. At any time during a game, a team must designate exactly one captain in attendance. The team captain must wear a distinctive coloured armband on their upper arm.
 - C12.2. If the team captain becomes injured or is otherwise unable to continue in the game, the team must immediately designate a new captain.
 - C12.3. Armbands may be provided by game officials.
- C13. Additional Uniform Requirements for Players
 - C13.1. Players must not wear anything that is dangerous to other players. WFDF considers metal studs to be dangerous.
 - C13.2. Players must not wear anything that gains an advantage by substantially enhancing the physical presence of the player.
 - C13.3. Players, substitutes and team officials must not use any equipment that amplifies their voices.

Appendix D: WFDF Eligibility and Roster Guidelines

D1. Team Eligibility – National Team Rosters

- D1.1. WFDF membership is a requirement for registering and competing in WFDF sanctioned championship events. Only regular, organizational, and associate member organizations in good standing may register teams.
- D1.2. A National Association is a WFDF Member recognized by WFDF as representing the sport of ultimate for a country.
 - D1.2.1. A country which fulfills the following criteria will be considered a small Ultimate community for the purposes of National Team roster eligibility:
 - D1.5.4.1. A maximum of 300 Ultimate players are registered with the National WFDF member (Ultimate Federation, Flying Disc Federation or similar)
 - D1.5.4.2. The country has been a WFDF Member for less than 16 years.
- D1.3. WFDF Ultimate Championship Events for National Teams are:
 - D1.3.1. WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships (WUGC)
 - D1.3.2. WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships (WJUC)
 - D1.3.3. WFDF World Under 23 Ultimate Championships (WU23)
 - D1.3.4. WFDF World Championship of Beach Ultimate (WCBU)
 - D1.3.5. WFDF Regional Ultimate Championships (PAUC, AOUC)
- D1.4. All players on National Team Roster must be members of the National Association, and must meet whatever other requirements are placed on them by the National Association.
- D1.5. Player Classes – All players on a National Team Roster must belong to one of the following classes:
 - D1.5.1. Legal Citizen - Players are deemed to be "Legal citizens" if they own a passport or equivalent legal document issued by the country's government
 - D1.5.2. WFDF Citizen - Players are also deemed to be "WFDF citizens" 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.
 - D1.5.3. Resident Non-Citizen - Players are deemed to be "Resident non-citizens" if they own a legal certificate of permanent residency issued by the country's government; or if they have 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.
 - D1.5.4. Ultimate Community Member - Players are deemed to be "Ultimate community members" 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:
 - D1.5.4.1. Residency history in that Country
 - D1.5.4.2. Participation in that Country's ultimate events, especially national championships
 - D1.5.4.3. Past representation on National Teams
 - D1.5.4.4. Participation in the development of ultimate in the Country
- D1.6. Team Roster Composition – A National Team may have on its roster:
 - D1.6.1. any number of Legal Citizens or WFDF Citizens
 - D1.6.2. a maximum of 4 Resident Non-Citizens
 - D1.6.3. a maximum of 1 Ultimate Community Member replacing one of the Resident Non-Citizens
- D1.7. Team Roster Composition – Small Ultimate Community
 - D1.7.1. Teams from small Ultimate communities will be allowed to add one extra Resident Non-Citizen or Ultimate Community Member to their Roster.
- D1.8. A single player may not participate on more than one team during a single WFDF Event.
- D1.9. The team roster must be inspected by an official of the National Flying Disc Association who represents the team before being submitted. This official shall countersign the roster to indicate they have inspected it and found it to be in accordance with player eligibility.

D2. Team Eligibility – Club Team Rosters

- D2.1. WFDF membership is a requirement for registering and competing in WFDF sanctioned championship events. Only teams from regular, organizational, and associate member organizations may register for such events.

- D2.2. WFDF Ultimate Championship Events for National Teams are:
 - D2.2.1. WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships (WUCC)
 - D2.2.2. WFDF Regional Ultimate Championships (PAUC, AOUC)
- D2.3. All players on Club Team Roster must be members of the National Association, and must meet whatever other requirements are placed on them by the National Association.
- D2.4. A single player may not participate on more than one team during a single WFDF Event.
- D2.5. The team roster must be inspected by an official of the National Flying Disc Association who represents the team before being submitted. This official shall countersign the roster to indicate they have inspected it and found it to be in accordance with player eligibility rules and the definition of a club team according to that National Flying Disc Association.
- D2.6. A single player may not participate on more than one team during a single WFDF Event.

D3. Player Eligibility – Gender

- D3.1. In order to be eligible to play in the following WFDF playing divisions, players must meet the specified criteria.
- D3.2. Open Division – All players are eligible to participate in the Open Divisions of all competitions.
- D3.3. Women Division – All female players are eligible to participate in the Women Divisions of all competitions.
- D3.4. Mixed Division – All players are eligible to participate in the Mixed Divisions of all competitions.

D4. Player Eligibility – Age

- D4.1. In order to be eligible to play in the following WFDF playing divisions, players must meet the specified criteria.
- D4.2. Open, Women and Mixed Divisions – A player participating in these divisions must be fourteen (14) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.3. Open Masters – A player participating in this division must be thirty-three (33) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.4. Women Masters - A player participating in this division must be thirty (30) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.5. Mixed Masters - A player participating in this division must be thirty-three (33) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes. This rule will be reviewed by WFDF for the 2016 season.
- D4.6. Open Grand Masters – A player participating in this division must be forty (40) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.7. Women Grand Masters - A player participating in this division must be thirty-seven (37) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.8. Mixed Grand Masters - A player participating in this division must be forty (40) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes. This rule will be reviewed by WFDF for the 2016 season.
- D4.9. Under 23 (U23) Divisions – A player participating in these divisions must be fourteen (14) years old or older and must not be twenty-four (24) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.10. Junior: Under 20 (U20) Divisions – A player participating in these divisions must be twelve (12) years old or older and must not be twenty (20) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.11. Under 17 (U17) Divisions – A player participating in these divisions must be twelve (12) years old or older and must not be seventeen (17) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.12. Under 14 (U14) Divisions – A player participating in these divisions must be ten (10) years old or older and must not be fourteen (14) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- D4.13. Under 11 (U11) Divisions – A player participating in these divisions must be eight (8) years old or older and must not be eleven (11) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.

D5. Roster Details

- D5.1. Rosters that are submitted for all events must include the following information for all players:
 - D5.1.1. Full Name
 - D5.1.2. Jersey Number (0-99)
 - D5.1.3. Date of Birth
 - D5.1.4. Gender
 - D5.1.5. Nationality
- D5.2. Roster Size
 - D5.2.1. Rosters for teams participating in WFDF events must have a minimum of fourteen (14) eligible players and a maximum of twenty-eight (28) eligible players.
 - D5.2.2. Should a team lose registered players during the event due to injuries the team will be allowed to continue to participate in the event.
 - D5.2.3. Rosters for teams participating in WFDF events in the Mixed Divisions must have a minimum of six (6) eligible male players and six (6) eligible female players.
 - D5.2.4. Player Maximum and Minimum limits do not apply to guests, coaches or other support staff who may be registered with the team.
- D5.3. Roster Deadlines
 - D5.3.1. Final Rosters, including guests, coaches and support staff must be registered with WFDF no later than four (4) weeks prior to the start of the event.
 - D5.3.2. Teams may make up to five (5) changes to Final Rosters in cases where a player registered on the Final Roster can no longer attend the event and must be replaced with another player. These replacements can occur until two (2) weeks prior to the start of the event.

D6. Roster Eligibility – Continental Championships (AOUC, PAUC)

- D6.1. Teams playing at Asian Oceanic Ultimate Championships (AOUC) or Pan American Ultimate Championships (PAUC) may qualify roster eligibility under either the “National Team” (Section D.1.) or “Club Team” (Section D.2.) definitions.

Appendix E: Hand Signals

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1. Foul
"Foul"

Hold one arm straight out and chop the other forearm across the straight arm



2. Violation
"Violation"

Hands above head forming a V, closed fists



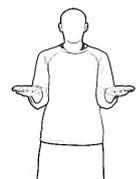
3. Goal
"Goal"

Raise both arms, fully extended, straight up, palms facing inward



4. Contest
"Contest"

Two fists bumped together in front of chest, back of hands facing outward



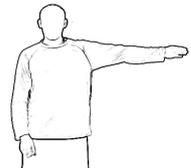
5. No contest
"Accept"

Forearms extended in front of body with palms facing upwards



6. Retracted/Play On
"Retracted" "Play On"

Sweeping crossover motion with both arms extended down in front of body



7. In/Out-of-bounds –
Out of end zone
"In" "Out"

Point with one arm extended, flat palm, thumb parallel to fingers, towards playing field (in) or away from playing field (out).



8. Disc down
"Down"

Index finger straight arm pointing down at 45 degree



9. Disc up
"Up"

Elbow down forearm vertical index finger pointing upward



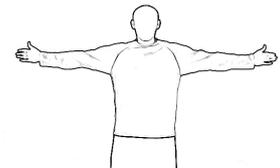
10. Pick
"Pick"

Arms raised, elbows bent, fists facing head



11. Travel
"Travel"

Closed fists, rotate wrists around in a vertical circle



12. Marking Infraction
"Fast Count" "Straddle" "Disc Space" "Wrapping" "Double Team" "Vision" "Contact"

Arms extended to side, palms facing front



13. Stall out
"Stall"

Tap head with open hand.



14. Play has stopped

Wave both extended arms crosswise overhead



15. Off side
"Off side"

Arms crossed overhead in an "X", hands closed in a fist,



16. Time-out
"Time-out"

Form a T with the hands, or a hand and the disc



17. Spirit of the Game Stoppage
"Spirit of the Game Stoppage"

Upside down T formed by the hands



18. Stoppage
"Injury" "Technical"

Hands cupped behind head, elbows out to side



19. 4 men, 3 women
"4 Men"

Palms together, arms raised straight above head



20. 3 men, 4 women
"4 Women"

Hands clasped and raised above head, arms bent



21. Match Point
"Match Point"

[Both arms pointing straight up to the left, palms facing down](#)



22. Who made the call
"Called by Offence/Defence"
Pointing with two arms straight out, towards the end zone being defended by the team

Purpose:

To signal, to other players, game officials, substitutes, team staff or spectators, what call has been made by the players involved

Note: Responsibility for all calls remains with the players

Use of Signals:

- Signals may be made either by the players involved, or by players or non-players (eg officials) who have heard the call
- Non-players may only signal in response to a player's call on the field
- [Non-players should also use signal 22 to indicate which team made the call, after the following calls: Foul, Violation, Retracted, Time-out, Spirit Stoppage and Stoppage](#)

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