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## **WFDF 2008 World Ultimate & Guts Championships in Vancouver**

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## Welcome from the Tournament Director

In 1998 I had the opportunity to play on the Canadian Mixed team at the 1998 World Ultimate Championships. A year earlier I had organized World Clubs in Vancouver, and when working on that event I told people I wanted to do "Clubs" as it seemed like the vibe would be more fun and relaxed than "Worlds". Prior to 1997 I had never attended a WFDF event, and WUCC 1997 was everything I could have hoped it to be as a player and an organizer.

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### ***Here we are, about to participate in what I hope will be one of the highlights of your career as an Ultimate player***

I went to Minnesota as a player only, ready to enjoy the experience at a less frantic pace. Again, the experience was 100% positive, but the surprise for me was the difference between competing for a Club team and competing for a National team. In Minnesota I really had a feeling of being part of a bigger team. We had strong support from the other Canadian teams at the event, and being able to support them enhanced our own experience. Putting on the National Team shirt turned every game into a point of pride. I think most of us will admit that we want to win every time we step on the field, but at Worlds you don't just want to win for yourself or your team, you want to win for your country. Worlds was just like Clubs...only better! After, or perhaps during, that event I made the decision that I wanted to bring

that feeling of National Pride to Vancouver by hosting the World Championships. A decade down the road and here we are, about to participate in what I hope will be one of the highlights of your career as an Ultimate player.

As I felt in 1998, Worlds is about more than just the games or the results. I want to encourage everyone who participates in this event, be they a player, coach, volunteer or spectator, to help promote the feeling of national pride that is so important to the tournament. As well I hope that everyone will take advantage of the unique opportunity of being at an event where 20 different countries are represented by learning from each other and by making as many new friends as possible. Have pride in your team and your country, and have your experience enriched by knowing others are doing the same. Play to win while you play with Spirit, both are possible, and each makes the other better.

Welcome to the 2008 WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships.  
Have as much fun as possible!

Brian Gisel  
TD, WUGC 2008

## Welcome from WFDF

Hello and welcome to beautiful Vancouver, Canada and the World Flying Disc Federation World Ultimate and Guts Championships. This is the marquee event in the world for these sports. The event organizers have worked diligently to prepare for this event so you the player can be the central focus. In the same regards as a fan you are guaranteed fantastic viewing of the greatest flying disc athletes in action. The tournament is a shining example of what is possible and a glimpse into the future for these sports. Please join me in thanking the organizing committees for their hard work, the players for their passion and effort and to the champions for their poise and precision.

Kevin Givens  
Executive Director  
World Flying Disc Federation

## Welcome from Russell Brewing Company

Russell Brewing Company would like to congratulate all players in the World Ultimate & Guts Championships. Russell is committed to brewing real beer. We brew high quality small batch beers to exacting standards. No shortcuts. No preservatives, no pasteurization. We use only the finest Canadian grain, pure Canadian water, imported hops and our own special yeast strain. We take absolute pride in hand crafting your beer, all this to result in a top quality beer for you to enjoy!

Andrew Harris  
President  
Russell Brewing Company



Photo courtesy Jamie Bishop



## Accommodations and Food

Totem Park, Ritsumeikan House (Rits) and Place Vanier Residence – Just a quick 5-10 minute walk to the main fields, Totem Park, Rits and Place Vanier are the main residence for players and guests attending this year's World Ultimate and Guts Championships.

The cafeteria at Totem Park is the main meal location for the event. The cafeteria will be open from 6:00am to 10:30am on August 3 to 10 for breakfast and from 4:30pm to 9:00pm on Aug 2 to Aug 9 for dinner. Options include vegetarian as well as vegan selections.



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## Parking at UBC

Parking for conference guests staying at Totem Park is available for \$5.00 + GST per day (\$5.35). You can make arrangements for parking when you check in at Totem Park. For guests and visitors coming for the days events but staying elsewhere there is ample surface parking also charged at a rate of \$5.00 per day. Parkades are also available for day time parking only, at a rate of \$1.50 per hour to a maximum of \$12.00 per day.

## Medical Information

The medical tent located in the Athlete's Village will provide tournament players with access to volunteer physiotherapists, chiropractors and massage therapists. In addition the medical tent will always be staffed with an emergency paramedical.

Chiropractor and Physiotherapy services are available at no charge to all players. Those who require taping services are asked to make a small donation for taping supplies.

Massage therapy appointments are booked by a sign up sheet in the medical tent and will be charged a service fee of \$1 per minute. Appointments will be booked in 20 minute time slots. Please make every effort to keep your appointment, or provide 8 hours notice of cancellation to allow other players to make use of the time.

### Hours of Operation:

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<b>Saturday August 02:</b>	Thunderbird Stadium. Available during showcase game and limited to Paramedical
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<b>Sunday August 3rd to Saturday August 08:</b>	Athletes' Village. Full Services available from the hours of 7:30am to 6:30pm.
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<b>Sunday August 09:</b>	Thunderbird Stadium, 8:30am - 5:30pm.
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Please check with the medical tent for the specific availability of each medical professional discipline.



## Player Conduct

### Why can't we all just get along?

Welcome to Worlds. I am a tournament organizer and you are a tournament player, and I think that we should be friends.

I know sometimes this isn't always the case, and God knows I don't make it easy. I schedule you to play on the field that isn't quite wide enough, or has a baseball diamond in one end zone or, in extreme cases, has a deep hole at mid-field where a 2 year old was once trapped for over 6 days back in 1987.

And I make you get up early. Sometimes at the crack of 8am because your requests for a first round bye fell on my deaf ears, or maybe you got that second to last round bye and had to huddle under a tree in the rain for 90 minutes while your muscles tightened up to the point of paralysis. I'm really sorry about that one. Would it help to know that all TD's lie awake on Friday nights going over possible schedule changes, all the while praying that the phone doesn't ring to tell you that your 16th team just bailed because someone scored Motor-head tickets? Probably not.

I know, I know.. those maps so far off fields are sometimes hard to read and the directions are poorly worded. Sorry.

I won't even mention that horrible seeding that put you in a pool with 3 all-star pickup teams who change their team names each year so nobody knows who the hell they are. I mean "Vagabonds???" I thought they were just a bunch of homeless dudes, my bad.

If I could you would play all your games at 11am on the perfect fields with no time caps against opponents that were almost, but not quite, as good as your team and maybe there would even be some nice background music thrown in for good measure. Plus free beer.

But let's face it, this relationship needs to be a two way street, and sometimes you aren't the easiest person to get along with either.

To start with, what is the big fascination with Golf Carts anyway?? Flat out they barely go faster than a light jog, they look ridiculous and make a very annoying noise when put in reverse. But for some reason you feel the need to steal a ride whenever possible. Is your car at home really so pathetic that you get a thrill from the power and precision of a small white electric vehicle? Please leave my Golf Carts alone, we need them to move heavy things long distances at slow speeds.

While we are on the subject of stealing, why not just stop taking all that other stuff that doesn't belong to you. Chairs, tables, beer soaked t-shirt from lost and found, tents, port-o-potties, massage tables, passed out volunteers (we need him!) and especially flags from other countries that once had this thing with your country a long time ago. Just leave it all alone. You get all the fruit you can eat and all the water you can drink, shouldn't that be enough?

Did someone mention drinking? Hey, it was me...and I have a point here. Nobody enjoys a cold drink after a long, hot day more than me (this isn't true but sound

good in print - I'm sure lots of people enjoy this more than I do, but stay with me). What nobody enjoys is seeing you and your idiot teammates playing naked monkey knife fight in the middle of the beer garden. So stop climbing those trees, stop bothering that Scandinavian Women's team and please don't tell me you love me - remember I just want to be friends. And friends don't let friends drink themselves stupid in public places. It always ends badly and nobody will think that you are cool.

Finally, please don't yell at my volunteers. These kind people never get a bye, are at the fields in the morning before you wake up and in the evening after you go to bed. They never get a break, seldom get a kind word and are only doing thing that annoys you because I told them to do it. So if you could just be nice to them, maybe even throw in a hug, and save your angst for more important things, like the global economy, Britney Spears or cute mobile phone ring tones (I hate them so much!)

So that's it. Yes I can be a bit of a dick sometimes with my "play on this field at that time" attitude, I admit it, but look in the mirror some morning and realize you are no prize either. But if we make an effort I'm sure we can make it work and both be better off as a result.

Just in case this didn't convince you, here are some rules to live by during your time in Vancouver:

The Organizing Committee, tournament staff and volunteers hope that all the participants at Worlds can have the most fun possible during their stay in

Vancouver. However, "fun" for you does not always translate into "fun for everyone". Please take into consideration the impact of your actions on those around you and strive to make the right choices. **The following 10 Simple Rules should be memorized or referenced prior to the start of any questionable behavior:**

**Don't Steal Golf Carts** - And don't ask for rides in Golf Carts, we are not going where you are going.

**Chairs are Chairs, Tables are Tables** - Use them as they were intended, and don't put one on top of the other to get a better view of something. Things will break and we will be sad.

**Drink Responsibly** - People who enjoy too much often exhibit behavior that, while it might seem like a good idea at the time, can sometimes be inappropriate and/or dangerous.

**Don't Drink on the Fields** - There are plenty of places to enjoy an alcoholic beverage legally, the fields are not one of them. If tournament staff, security or UBC staff notice alcohol being consumed outside of the designated areas it will be confiscated.

**Respect the Volunteers** - Under no circumstances should any participant at WUGC 2008 act in an abusive manor towards a volunteer. If you have a problem that needs to be solved, or a complaint that needs to be voiced please find a tournament staff member. They will escalate the problem quickly.

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## Rules to Live By, cont.

**Activate a Fire Alarm ONLY in the case of a fire** – UBC considers false fire alarms in the residences a criminal act. Players responsible will be removed from their rooms.

**Don't throw anything (even a disc) out of a window** – If something is thrown from the window of your room, UBC will remove you from the residences, whether or not you were the person who threw the object or not.

**Illegal Substances** – Illegal substances are illegal. Read that again if you need to.

**Clean up after yourselves** – The volunteers are not your mothers. There will be plenty of garbage receptacles at the event, please make use of them. We will take it from there.

**Fill up your water bottles before you arrive in the morning** – Supplying water for the event is the single hardest job for the volunteers. If every player brings just 1 liter of water to the fields each day you will save the volunteers from lifting around 8.75 tons of water during the course of the tournament.

## WUGC 2008 Alcohol Conduct Policy

WUGC 2008 will be hosting a licensed Beer Garden during the course of the event at various locations. Only persons who are 19 Years of age and older may purchase alcoholic beverages, and these must be consumed within the designated areas. Proof

of age in the form of government photo ID will be required (WUGC IDs do NOT constitute proof of age), prior to the purchase of any alcoholic beverages. Once purchased, it is recommended that no person should leave their drink unattended. This can lead to the possibility of tampering.

It is illegal to supply alcohol to persons below the age of 19. Equally important though, are the risks involved when underage youth drink alcohol, as their lack of maturity makes them vulnerable to the changes that take place when alcohol is consumed. Nobody should place young people at risk by buying alcohol for minors.

Consuming alcohol in non-designated areas is prohibited. Any individuals or groups who are found to be drinking in non-designated areas by tournament security, volunteers or UBC staff will have all alcohol confiscated. Repeated occurrences will be reported to the Tournament Rules Group as well as local authorities. If you or your group is caught in a situation where alcohol is being confiscated absolutely no hostility towards the individual removing your alcohol will be tolerated.

Drinking and driving in BC is against the law. WUGC 2008 takes the subject of drinking and driving seriously. Many car crashes occur as a result of driving while intoxicated. Any person who has consumed alcohol should not operate a motor vehicle. Local law enforcement officials take drinking and driving very seriously and there are frequently road blocks set up to screen drivers.

# World Cup of Ultimate

For the first time at Worlds, the tournament organizers will be presenting the World Cup of Ultimate Trophy.

This prize will go to the National Federation whose teams finish with the most "WCU Points" at the conclusion of the event.

We hope that this is the start of a tradition that will continue for each subsequent WUGC tournament.

## World Cup of Ultimate Points

A country will score points based on the finishing position of each Ultimate team representing that country according to the following system:

Place = Final Placing of Team

Points = World Cup Points awarded

Diff = Difference to final placing above

Place	Points	Diff.
1	100	
2	95	5
3	91	4
4	87	4
5	84	3
6	81	3
7	79	2
8	77	2
9	76	1
10	75	1

Place	Points	Diff.
11	74	1
12	73	1
13	72	1
14	71	1
15	70	1
16	69	1
17	68	1
18	67	1
19	66	1
20	65	1

A country which is not represented in a division will, for this division, score one point less than the country which finished last.

The Country with the most WCDU points will be declared the World Cup of Ultimate Champion. In the case of a tie, the country whose teams have the highest average spirit score will be declared the winner.

# Schedule of Events

Date	Start Time	End Time	Item	Location
Friday, August 01	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	WFDF Congress - Part 1	Totem Admin Building - South Lounge - Boardroom Setup
Saturday, August 02	9:00am	1:00pm	WFDF Congress - Part 2	Totem Admin Building - South
	9:00am	3:00pm	Team Registration	Totem Admin Building - Totem Ballroom South
	9:00am	9:00pm	Team Accommodation Check in	Totem Admin Building - Totem Ballroom South
	1:30pm	6:30pm	Beer Garden	Thunderbird Stadium
	2:30pm	4:00pm	Opening Ceremony	Thunderbird Stadium
	4:30pm	6:30pm	Showcase Game #1 Mixed - Canada vs GB	Thunderbird Stadium
	7:00pm	8:30pm	Captains' Meeting	Totem Admin Building - Totem Ballroom North
Sunday, August 03	8:30am	7:00pm	Ultimate pool play games	
	1:00pm	7:30pm	Beer garden	Spirit enclosure
	1:00pm	4:30pm	Beer garden games tournament	Spirit Enclosure
	2:00pm	4:00pm	Guts demonstration	Guts Fields
	3:30pm	4:15pm	Kids exhibition game	Spirit Enclosure
	4:00pm	6:00pm	Guts fastest shot/fastest catch contest	Field 1 & 2
	4:15pm	5:00pm	Musical guests Los Furijs	Spirit Enclosure
	5:00pm	7:00pm	Ultimate showcase game - Women: Canada vs Japan	Spirit Enclosure
	7:00pm	9:00pm	WFDF team events meeting	Totem Park boardroom 117
	7:30pm	10:30pm	Players chill-out lounge	Totem Park, South Lounge
Monday, August 04	8:30am	7:00pm	Ultimate pool play games	
	8:45am	6:00pm	Guts Pool Play Games	
	1:00pm	7:30pm	Beer garden	Spirit enclosure
	1:00pm	5:00pm	Beer garden games tournament	Spirit Enclosure
	4:00pm	5:00pm	Musical guests Freeflow	
	5:00pm	7:00pm	Ultimate showcase game - Masters: Canada vs USA	Spirit Enclosure
	7:30pm	10:30pm	Players chill-out lounge	Totem Park, Magda's Lounge
	8:00pm	9:00pm	WFDF players' forum	Totem Park, Study Hall
Tuesday, August 05	8:30am	7:00pm	Ultimate pool play games	
	8:45am	6:00pm	Guts Pool Play Games	
	1:00pm	7:30pm	Beer garden	Spirit enclosure
	1:00pm	5:00pm	Beer garden games tournament	Spirit Enclosure
	2:00pm	6:00pm	Guts clinic	Thunderdome
	4:00pm	5:00pm	Musical guests Swank	Spirit enclosure
	5:00pm	7:00pm	Ultimate showcase game - Open Teams TBD	Spirit Enclosure
	6:00pm	8:00pm	WUGC VIP reception	Totem admin building
	7:30pm	10:30pm	Players chill-out lounge	Totem Park, Magda's Lounge
	7:30pm	10:00pm	Casino night	Totem Park, Ballroom

# Schedule of Events

Date	Start Time	End Time	Item	Location
Wednesday, August 06	8:30am	7:00pm	Ultimate pool play games	
	8:45am	6:00pm	Guts Pool Play Games	
	1:00pm	7:30pm	Beer garden	Spirit Enclosure
	1:00pm	5:15pm	Beer garden games tournament	Spirit Enclosure
	4:00pm	5:00pm	Musical guests Rich Hope & His Evidoers	Spirit Enclosure
	5:00pm	7:00pm	Ultimate showcase game - Open: teams TBD	Spirit Enclosure
	6:00pm	9:00pm	Juniors pool party	UBC Aquatic Centre
	7:30pm	10:30pm	Players chill-out lounge	Totem Park, Magda's Lounge
Thursday, August 07	8:30am	7:00pm	Ultimate pool play games	
	10:00am	5:00pm	Guts Playoff Games	
	1:00pm	7:30pm	Musical guest - DJ Waxwork	
	1:00pm	5:15pm	Beer garden games tournament	Spirit Enclosure
	3:00pm	5:00pm	Ultimate showcase game Junior Open semi-final	Spirit Enclosure
	5:15pm	7:15pm	Ultimate showcase game Junior Women semi-final	Spirit Enclosure
	7:30pm	10:00pm	International night market	Athletes' village
Friday, August 08	11:30am	12:30pm	Guts showcase game - Gold medal game	Spirit Enclosure
	12:30pm	2:30pm	Ultimate showcase game Junior Women Gold Medal	Spirit Enclosure
	1:00pm	7:30pm	Beer garden	Spirit Enclosure
	2:45pm	4:45pm	Ultimate showcase game Junior Open Gold Medal	Spirit Enclosure
	5:00pm	7:00pm	Ultimate showcase game Masters Gold Medal	Spirit Enclosure
	9:00pm	1:30am	Exclusive players' party	UBC Winter Sports Complex
Saturday, August 09	11:00am	1:00pm	Ultimate showcase game Women's Gold Medal Half-time - Junior women medals, Women and Guts medals at end of game	Thunderbird Stadium
	12:00pm	6:00pm	Beer Garden Musical guest -DJ Max Stout will perform between games through- out the day	Thunderbird Stadium
	1:30pm	3:30pm	Ultimate showcase game Mixed Gold Medal half-time - Masters medals, Mixed medals at end of game	Thunderbird Stadium
	4:00pm	6:00pm	Ultimate showcase game Open Gold Medal half-time - Junior Open medals, Open Medals at end of game	Thunderbird Stadium
	6:00pm	6:30pm	Closing ceremonies - Presentation of country and individual awards	Thunderbird Stadium
	9:00pm	1:30am	Exclusive players' party	UBC Winter Sports Complex



## Opening Ceremonies

### Opening Ceremonies: Saturday, August 02

The WUGC 2008 Opening Ceremonies is on Saturday, August 2 at Thunderbird Stadium. The excitement begins with the entry of athletes in the Parade of Nations. Amazing multi-cultural entertainment and honorary guests follow. Enjoy an aria, a tinikling, and you moving to the beat of the dhol.

Athletes participating in the Parade of Nations are asked to arrive at the field behind the Stadium by 2:00pm, wearing their country colours. Designated Flag Bearers must check-in here by 1:30pm.

Following the Opening Ceremonies, the first Showcase Game of the week is played. This is no exhibition – this is the first pool play match-up of the Mixed Division. You do not want to miss the beginning of this exciting and fun-filled week.

Where is it?

**Saturday, August 2:**  
ThunderBird Stadium  
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM



Photos courtesy Jamie Bishop



# Showcase Game Schedule

With games happening all over UBC, **how do you know which games to watch?** The 2008 WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships will be featuring nightly high profile match-ups to make your decision a little easier. Every night from Sunday to Thursday, visit the Russell Brewing Spirit Enclosure to enjoy all the action from the alcohol free family zone, or from the licensed Russell Beer Garden. Tickets for non-WUGC Participants will be \$2.00 at the door.

All Showcase Games are actual Pool Play or Playoff games. No exhibitions here - every game counts towards declaring the World Champions!

And, of course, the highest profile matchups are the Showcase Games that end the tournament - all day Friday and Saturday watch the finals for every division of Ultimate and Guts.

Saturday, August 02	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Mixed	Canada vs. Great Britain @ Thunderbird Stadium
Sunday, August 03	5pm - 7pm	Women	Canada vs. Japan @ WUGC Spirit Enclosure
Monday, August 04	5pm - 7 pm	Masters	Canada vs. USA @ WUGC Spirit Enclosure
Tuesday, August 05	5pm - 7 pm	Open	Teams TBD. @ WUGC Spirit Enclosure
Wednesday, August 06	5:00pm - 7pm	Open	Teams TBD. @ WUGC Spirit Enclosure
Thursday, August 07	3:00pm - 5pm	Jr. Open	Semi Final
	5:15pm - 7:15pm	Jr. Women	Semi Final
Friday, August 08	11:30am - 12:30pm	Guts	Gold Medal
	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Jr. Women	Gold Medal
	2:45 - 4:45pm	Jr. Open	Gold Medal
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Masters	Gold Medal
Saturday, August 09	11:00am - 1:00pm	Women	Gold Medal
	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Mixed	Gold Medal
	4:00pm - 6pm	Open	Gold Medal

## Russell Brewing Company Beer Garden

The Beer Garden at WUGC 2008 is the place to relax and catch the day's highlights throughout the tournament. From the Opening Ceremonies to the Finals, the Beer Garden will be there! For every Showcase Game, the Beer Garden will be there! Even if you just want to relax between games or after a hard day on the field, the Beer Garden will be there!

The Russell Brewing Beer Garden will include licensed (serving alcoholic drinks) and unlicensed (serving non-alcoholic drinks) areas, with both areas selling snacks. Throughout the week, some of Vancouver's finest local entertainment will entertain you before and after the Showcase Games. Check the Social Schedule on pages 10-11 for specific show times. Location: Sun - Fri: WUGC Spirit Enclosure

**Saturday, August 02 & Sunday August 09:** Vancouver-based DJ Max Stout plays rare groove, funk, hip hop, R&B, soul, disco, and various forms of house and breakbeat. Max Stout will play before and after the Opening Ceremonies and throughout the Showcase Finals on Saturday, August 9.

**Sunday, August 03:** Los Furios blends ska, reggae, Latin music and catchy So-Cal punk elements together for an energetic live performance that commands an audience's attention in a way that a single-genre band might employ acrobatics & pyrotechnics to accomplish. [www.myspace.com/lofurios](http://www.myspace.com/lofurios)

**Monday, August 04:** Freeflow has elements of soul, hip hop, reggae, and electronica in every song, while at the same time creating something that's wholly original. [www.myspace.com/freeflowsound](http://www.myspace.com/freeflowsound)

**Tuesday, August 05:** Swank delivers an unholy alliance of rock, country, soul, gospel, blues and punk styles that go together like moonshine & mason jars, preachin' & sinnin', and Vegas & vice. [www.myspace.com/iwantswank](http://www.myspace.com/iwantswank)

**Wednesday, August 06:** Rich Hope & his Evil Doers plays insanely energetic electric blues that will knock your socks off, while also playing acoustic ballads that can make you cry. [www.myspace.com/richhope](http://www.myspace.com/richhope)

**Thursday, August 07 & Friday, August 08:** DJ Waxwork plays funky jazz with a dash of soul thrown in for good measure. Waxwork will play between the Showcase Games on Thursday and throughout the day on Friday.

### Where is it?

Saturday, Aug 02:	ThunderBird Stadium	1:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday to Friday:	WUGC Spirit Enclosure	1:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Saturday, Aug 09:	ThunderBird Stadium	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## Social Events

### Chill-out Lounge

Located at Totem Park at UBC, the Chill-out Lounge is a players' oasis after a game-filled day. With a cozy, laid-back atmosphere, the Chill-out Lounge features a variety of board games from around the world that players can check out and use while they socialize with teammates and new friends. Comfortable chairs, a large-screen TV, and access to vending machines complete the Lounge. Players and registered Guests only.

Where is it?

**Sunday, Aug 03:**

Totem Park, South Lounge  
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

**Monday to Wednesday:**

Totem Park, Magda's Lounge  
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

### Casino Night

On Tuesday night, come play with Lady Luck and use what mad skills you have to double, or even triple your money (a small float will be provided to you!) at Casino Night. Take the "money" you've earned to bid on sweet swag during the silent auction! So, brush up on your bluffing, dust off your crazy apparel, and gather your friends to join us at our Las Vegas Casino. Beginner Poker lessons will also be offered. Players and registered Guests only.

Where is it?

**Tuesday, Aug 05:**

Totem Park, Ballroom  
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

### Juniors Pool Party

Exclusive for the Juniors Division Players only, the UBC Aquatic Centre is entirely yours for the night. Join us for swimming, music, games, pizza and more to help you gear up to the remaining days of Ultimate Juniors Division player passes required.

Where is it?

**Wednesday, Aug 06:**

UBC Aquatic Centre  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### International Night Market (aka Trading Night)

Which country has the most pride? Challenge other countries in a booth decorating contest, and then vote on your favorite! Teams should bring their nation's decorations but the necessities (pens, posters, glue etc.) will be provided.

Go 'round the world with your Player's Passport; solve riddles and clues to collect stamps from the other countries. Fill out your passport and enter to win a cornucopia of prizes!

New jerseys, old jerseys, or anything worth trading - strike a deal and barter your way to new merchandise at this fun-filled event.

And did we mention the Carnival theme?

Where is it?

**Thursday, Aug 07:**

Athletes Village  
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

## Social Events

### Exclusive Players Party

The tournament party is one of the most important and beloved traditions at any Ultimate tournament. The WUGC 2008 Friday Night Party is an exclusive dance event for players and their guests only. Shake your booty to music of Soulstream - one of Vancouver's most popular and in-demand groups ([www.soulstream.ca](http://www.soulstream.ca)). Bringing 10 internationally acclaimed musicians together to create a lively, entertaining, and unique musical experience, Soulstream is the house band for one of Vancouver's hottest clubs. World class DJs and special lighting efforts complete the package. Plan to dance 'till you drop!

Access to players and registered guests only. Passes required for entry.

Where is it?

**Friday, August 08:**

UBC Winter Sports Centre  
9:00 PM - 1:30 AM

### Closing Ceremonies

On Saturday, August 9, 2008, the Closing Ceremonies gives all athletes and spectators the opportunity to mix, mingle and reminisce with new and old friends while taking in some exciting ultimate action. Taking place at Thunderbird Stadium, medal ceremonies for all Guts and Ultimate finals will be happening throughout the day between games and during half-times of all Saturday Finals.

In addition to medals for the top three finishers in each division, individual awards will be presented for most goals caught and most goals thrown. Spirit Trophies will be presented in each division, and an Overall Trophy goes to the Nation finishing highest in the entire tournament.

Come enjoy the Finals and pay tribute to all the athletes that gave it their all this week. WUGC 2008 ends with the official hand-off to the next WFDF Host Nation.

Where is it?

**Saturday, August 09:**

ThunderBird Stadium  
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM



## WUGC 2008 Wrap-Up Party

The WUGC 2008 Wrap Party promises to be a night of entertainment influenced from around the world and reflecting the rich multi-cultural makeup of Vancouver. It starts with Aaron Nazrul and his eight-piece high-energy latin/soul band. Next comes DJ Timothy Wisdom, an engineer on the decks and on the mic who fuses crazy scratching, instant remixes and hilarious antics into his performance.

[www.myspace.com/aaronnazru](http://www.myspace.com/aaronnazru)

[www.timothywisdom.com](http://www.timothywisdom.com)

The main event of the night starts with Vicki Virk and her Dholrhythms dance troupe taking the stage and leading the throng in a bhangra dance class that will have you bhanging your head in no time. Then the headline act, Delhi to Dublin featuring DJ Collage and turntablist Rup Sidhu, will take the stage. This ensemble fuses the traditional sounds of tabla, dhol, fiddle, and sitar with cutting edge DJ aesthetics and the raggamuffin voice of DJ Collage to create a highly-charged multi-cultural dance celebration!

[www.dholrhythms.com](http://www.dholrhythms.com)

[www.delhi2dublin.com](http://www.delhi2dublin.com)

[www.myspace.com/djcollage](http://www.myspace.com/djcollage)

Access to this party is restricted to individuals with Players Passes, Worlds Passes, or Volunteer Passes and Registered Guests.

Where is it?

**Saturday, August 09:**

UBC Winter Sports Centre

9:00 PM - 1:30 AM



Photo courtesy Scobel Wiggins

## Things to Do & See

Places to see, things to do, favorite finds while in Vancouver

So you are psyched up for a big week of competitive world class ultimate at the beautiful University of British Columbia campus, but you are wondering what is available to discover off the pitch, away from the Russell Brewing Company Beer Garden, merchandise tent and tournament party venues. Vancouver and this corner of the Pacific Northwest offer unlimited possibilities for further adventure...it's a wonder how anyone manages to play ultimate here.....

Check out Tourism Vancouver ([www.tourismvancouver.com](http://www.tourismvancouver.com)) for further details on what's available out there... or hop on a ferry to explore beyond the lower mainland [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com) which will take you to Vancouver Island, Tofino (highly recommended for some pacific NW surfing), the Sunshine Coast or one of the many smaller islands.

Not into ferries or limited on time? One of the most spectacular drives is the Sea to Sky Highway (warning best to do during the day) which will take you north to Squamish (rock climbing and hiking the Chief, cross country mountain biking), Whistler (World Class / Olympic skiing and boarding venue, big mountain downhill biking, single & multi day hiking, glacier lakes) and Pemberton (Mt Currie, more hiking, biking and glacier lakes).

If you are too impressed by Vancouver itself to organize a trip beyond the North Shore Mountains we can

recommend exploring a few convenient pockets of the City.

Just east of UBC check out the beaches of Spanish Banks, Jerico and Kitsilano (Kits) make sure you hit the spectacular beachfront pool (137.5 metre partial saltwater pool). From Kits you can check out the shops of 4th Ave or explore the sea wall to Granville Island and beyond on foot, bike or roller blades. For the latest look at hipster Vancouver South Main (SOMA) has a plethora of cafes, restaurants, bars and shops, including Vancouver based designer duds. If you prefer a greater meshing of multiculturalism with your food & drink move further east to Commercial Drive (the Drive).

Downtown Vancouver has Yaletown for a look at fancy cars, slick boutiques and restaurants and highrise waterfront condo living. The Westend blends the beaches of English Bay, character filled Davie & Denman streets with views to Stanley Park. Stanley Park is must on the list and can be explored via walk, bike or sea kayak.

For those wanting more adventure yet still within the City check out any of the trails on the North Shore including Mt Seymour, Grouse Mountain (the infamous Grouse Grind) or Cypress Mountain all great for hiking, trail running or for the more adventurous mountain biking (experience required).

## Local Restaurants

So you have worked your way through the UBC meal plan and are craving some quality Vancouver eats & atmosphere. A few of our favorite establishments that won't break the budget:

### Westside:

The **Eatery** is great for inventive sushi and a funky atmosphere.

**Jericho Sailing Club** Jericho sailing club has one of the best patio views in Vancouver...ocean & west facing for spectacular sunset pitchers of beer.

**Aphrodite** a nice little place not too far from Jerico for organic brunch and pies.

The **Naam** is vegetarian and great for those craving a veggie kick.

**Hapa Izakaya**...tapas style sushi found near Kits beach with a second location downtown on Robson Street.

**Burgoo**...soups & stews and a second location on Main street with a large patio...and owned by an ultimate Frisbee player.

### Main Street:

Numerous drinking, eating and brunching spots with new places popping up all the time. Check out: **SOMA**, **Habit**, **Cascade**, **The Reef** (owned by an ulti player), **Crave** and **Burgoo** (Main St. location).

### Commercial Drive:

For tapas...**the Latin Quarter**  
Latin/Cuban...**Havana**  
El Salvadorian...**Rinconcito**  
**Timber**

### Downtown:

Gastown check out **Chill Winston**, **Chambar** or **Cobre**

**Subeeze** in between Gastown & Yaletown

### Yaletown:

**Yaletown Brewpub**, **George and Browns**

The **West End** has lots of local spots and patios such as **Milestones** overlooking English Bay

For the latest and greatest along with nightlife, live music listings pick up a copy of the **Georgia Straight** available weekly for free on most street corners.



# Pool structure - Open

## A-Pool

Canada	1
Japan	5
Germany	9
Netherlands	11
New Zealand	14
Mexico	17

## B-Pool

USA	2
Sweden	6
Finland	8
Italy	12
South Africa	13
Colombia	16

## C-Pool

Australia	3
Great Britain	4
Switzerland	7
Ireland	10
Venezuela	15
Colombia	18

Round 1 - Open Round Robin (A,B,C,D)

Round 2 - Div 1

Round Robin (D,E,F,G Pools)

Round Robin (H-Pool)

## Playoffs - Open

1st to 12th - Pre Quarter Final Brackets

13th to 14th - One Game Playoff

15th to 16th - One Game Playoff

17th to 18th - One Game Playoff

## Division 1

### D-Pool

A1
C3
B4

### E-Pool

B1
A2
C4

### F-Pool

C1
B3
A4

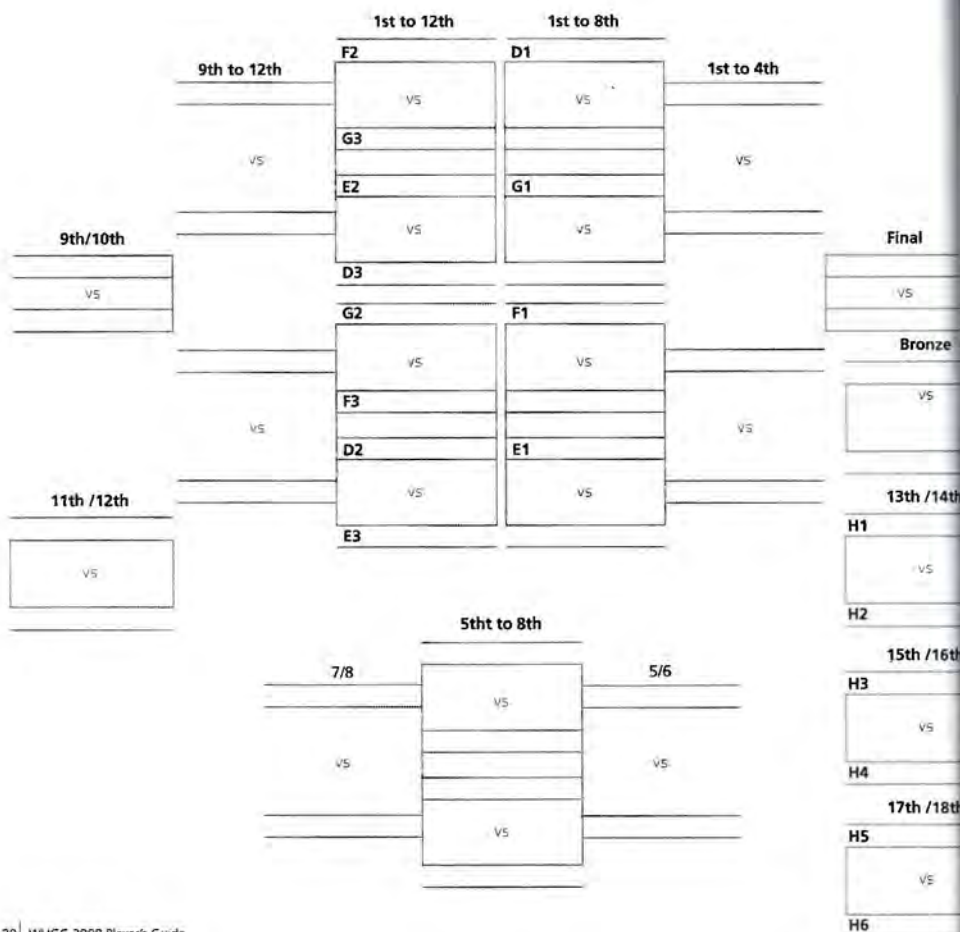
### G-Pool

C2
B2
A3

## Division 2

### H-Pool

B5
A5
C5
C6
A6
B6



# Pool structure - Women

## A-Pool

Canada	1
Japan	4
Great Britain	5
Germany	8
Sweden	10
France	11
Colombia	14

## B-Pool

Finland	2
USA	3
Australia	6
Switzerland	7
Italy	9
Ireland	12
New Zealand	13
Mexico	15

## Round 1 - Women Round Robin (A,B Pools)

## Round 2 - Women

Cross Overs for top 5 teams in A and B Pools

Round Robin Carry forward games from Round 1

[C-Pool] - 9th to 15th place

## Playoffs - Women

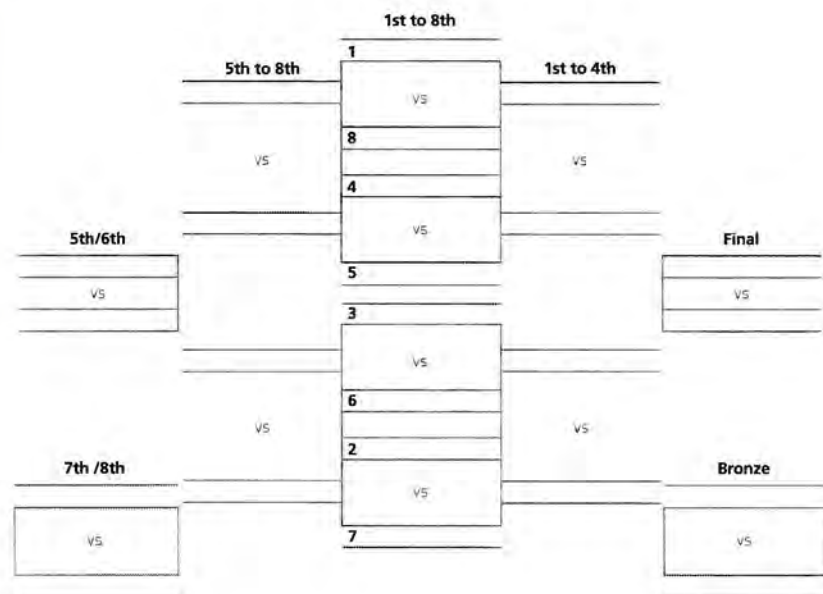
1st to 8th - Quarter Final Bracket

## Cross Overs

A1	Winner=1
B1	Loser=2
A2	Winner=3
B2	Loser=4
A3	Winner=5
B3	Loser=6
A4	Winner=7
B5	Loser=C Pool
B4	Winner=8
A5	Loser=C Pool

## C-Pool

C1
C2
C3
C4
C5
C6
C7



# Pool structure - Mixed

## A-Pool

USA	1
Australia	4
Germany	5
Italy	8
Colombia	9
Hong Kong	12

## B-Pool

Canada	2
Great Britain	3
Japan	6
France	7
Chinese Taipei	10
Mexico	11

Round 1 - Mixed Round Robin (A,B Pools)

Round 2 - Round Robin Carry forward games from Round 1 (C,D Pools)

## Division 1

### C-Pool

A1	1
B1	2
B2	3
A2	4
A3	5
B3	6

### D-Pool

B4	1
A4	2
A5	3
B5	4
B6	5
A6	6

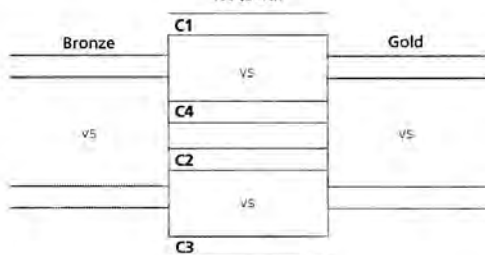
## Playoffs - Mixed

1st to 4th - Semi Final Bracket

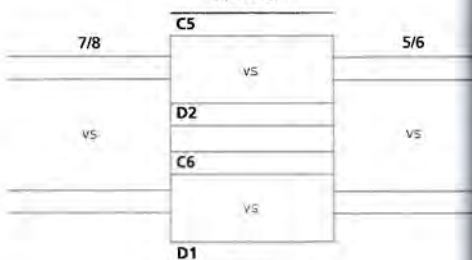
5th to 8th - Semi Final Bracket

9th to 12th - Semi Final Bracket

### 1st to 4th



### 5th to 8th



### 9th to 12th



# Pool structure - Masters

## A-Pool

USA	1
Canada	2
Great Britain	3
Japan	4
France	5
Germany	6
Italy	7
Australia	8
New Zealand	9
Venezuela	10

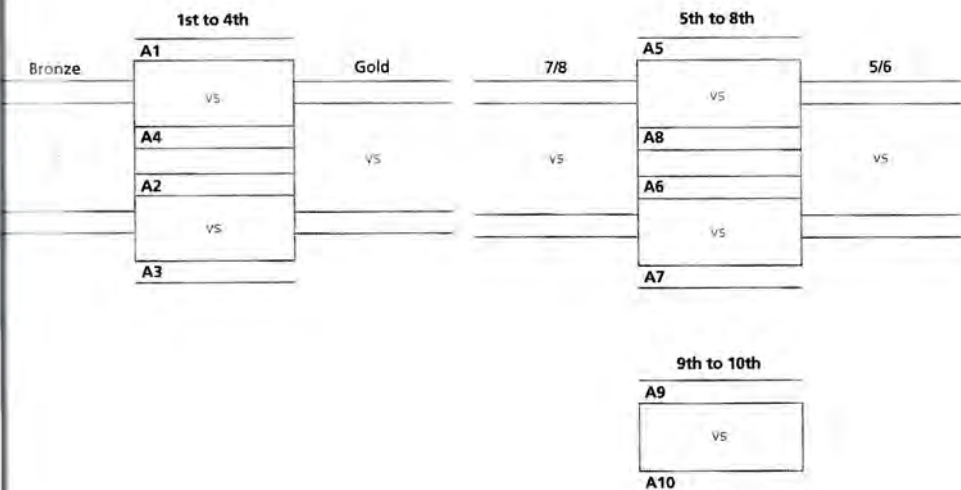
## Round 1 - Masters Round Robin (A Pool)

### Playoffs - Masters

1st to 4th - Semi Final Bracket

5th to 8th - Semi Final Bracket

9th to 10th - Semi Final Bracket



### Pool structure - Jr. Open

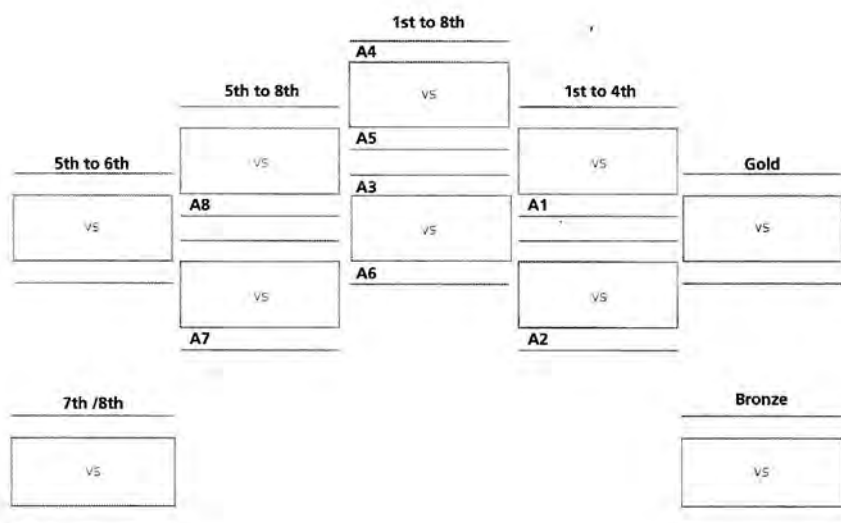
### A-Pool

USA	1
Canada	2
Colombia	3
Australia	4
Japan	5
Germany	6
Great Britain	7
France	8

Round 1 - Jr Open Round Robin (A Pool)

### Playoffs - Jr. Open

1st to 8th - Quarter Final Bracket



# Pool structure - Jr. Women

## A-Pool

USA	1
Canada	2
Colombia	3
Australia	4
Great Britain	5
Finland	6
Japan	7

Round 1 - Jr. Women Round Robin (A Pool)

Round 2 - Jr. Women Round Robin ((B, C Pools)

## Playoffs - Jr. Women

1st to 4th - Semi Final Bracket  
5th to 7th - Round Robin (D Pool)

## B-Pool

A1
A2
A3

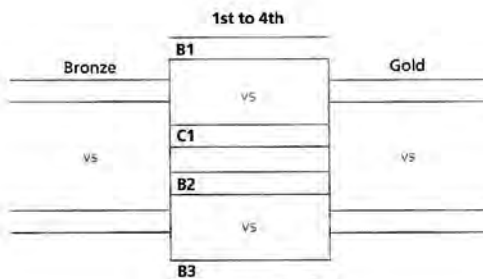
## C-Pool

A4
A5
A6
A7

## 5th to 7th

## D-Pool

C2
C3
C4



## List of Teams

Open (19)	Australia, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, Venezuela, Hong Kong
Women (15)	Australia, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, USA
Mixed (11)	Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Chinese Taipei, Great Britain, USA
Masters (10)	Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Great Britain, USA, Venezuela
Jr. Open (8)	Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, USA
Jr. Women (7)	Australia, Canada, Colombia, Finland, Japan, Great Britain, USA
Australia	6
Canada	6
Colombia	5
Dominican Republic	1
Finland	3
France	4
Germany	5
Ireland	2
Italy	4
Japan	6
Mexico	3
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	3
South Africa	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland	2
Taiwan	1
UK	6
USA	6
Venezuela	2
Hong Kong	1



## Team Bios

### Australia - Women - Firetails

The Australian Firetails are the 2008 representative women's team from Australia. The team is a mix of new young talent and returning experienced players from all over the country and is looking forward to matching up against the best talent in the World.

The Australian Firetails are coming to WUGC 2008 fresh off a pre-tour which has taken them from San Francisco (playing Zeitgeist, Slackjaw and Fury), through Portland (playing Schwa) to Seattle where we played Team Canada, Riot and Viva. One of the best things about Ultimate is the sense of community and support from these teams, and the Firetails would like to extend our thanks to all those teams for hosting, organising and billeting us on the way and making our pre-tour possible. It is these friendships, warmth and camaraderie extended to us that makes Ultimate so special and unique from other sports. Despite the fact some of these teams are our main competitors we will be cheering them on from the sideline and sharing a beer with them at the final party.



### Australia - Masters - The Taipans

The team ethos of the Taipans is best illustrated by the story of Gordon Lyons, a Darwin man who had his left arm amputated and almost died on the operating table, after being bitten nine times by the deadly snake. He later spent seven weeks in a coma, being kept alive by a dialysis machine and ventilator.

Mr Lyons, who admitted he was drunk at the time, said he and a mate had been driving from Mandorah to Darwin when they saw a Taipan on the side of the road.

"I remembered the guys at the Mandorah Pub wanted something to put in their huge fish tank."

"But I made the stupid mistake of grabbing it with my left hand because I was holding a beer in my right one. I had its head in my hand but it got loose and grabbed the web of my left hand... its fangs were that big it ripped my hand open."

"I tore it off me and put it in a plastic bag and threw it in the back of the car."

"For some stupid reason, I stuck my hand back in the bag. The Taipan must have smelled blood, and it bit me another eight times."

Mr Lyons said he began vomiting and suffering diarrhoea.

"My mate was trying to keep me awake by whacking me in the head and pouring beer on me."

My Lyons said his last memory was passing out, covered in blood, at the Noonamah Hotel before being rushed by ambulance to the Royal Darwin Hospital.

"I still can't believe my arm's been chopped off for just one snake. I still have my life and I guess that's the most important thing."

### Australia Mixed - Barramundis

Barramundi - Large Australian fresh and saltwater fish. Known amongst anglers as great sports and prized for their fighting abilities, these beauties are a rare treat indeed. Ever popular amongst

the locals, you'll hear classic yarns of how your cousin once caught one and it was the most exhilarating battle ever witnessed. Starting life as male, by their second breeding season they have become female, growing upwards of 5'. Catch one if you can - your best bet is when they're floppin' around on the dance floor.

Sockeye aren't the only fish to look out for! After Australia's unexpected results

***Sockeye aren't the only fish to look out for!***

### Australia Open - Dingos

In 2008 Australia celebrates 20 years of men's teams at World Ultimate Championships. The first group of bright-eyed young Australians ventured to the World Championships in Belgium in 1988. That pioneering group of Aussie mongrels came home inspired and impressed by the standard out there in the newly-discovered theatre of world ultimate. It's 20 years on and a new group of Australian men are proud and excited to represent our homeland, our frisbee community and the Dingos tradition. We're a bit more worldly wise these days but just as eager to taste the international treats on offer at the World Ultimate Championships in Vancouver in 2008. The Dingos are hungry.

There are 12 players from the 2004 World Championships returning to the Dingos and they are joined by 12 new pups for this year. The playing group is supported by a coach, 2 strappers and trainers from Australia, and a physiotherapist who will join us in Vancouver. We also have a pack of Australian and international fans joining us in Vancouver to enjoy the Dingo experience. Consider this your official invitation to be part of the Australian Dingo adventure.

The team for 2008 has an exciting mix of traditional tactics and some new systems which they feel provide them with a balanced and well-considered approach to managing team and player performance. Although the Dingos have a few fancy players who can catch under their legs and throw upside down the team will rely on utilizing the whole playing roster to maintain high level performance across the tournament. The Dingos team has prepared well for the tournament and look forward to getting up close and friendly with the world Ultimate community over a great week at World Championships, both on the field and in the players' lounge.

Thanks for reading, see you in Vancouver. The Australian Dingos

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in our inaugural appearance in the mixed division in '04 surprised many, including ourselves, but this time around the Barramundis have a better understanding of where we fit. Fresh off a pre-tour of the USA west coast where we matched up against some of the finest USA opposition, the 'Mundis arrive in Vancouver ready to once again create havoc in the draw by beating those more fancied teams. And Great Britain. Again.

A near complete player turnover from those who played Finland has allowed us to recruit some exciting new players keen to impress on the world stage for the first time. No surprises like Finland; this time when you play the Barramundis you've been warned what to expect - a torrid tussle, endless respect and a new friend to share a pint with. Expect to see them playing deep into the tournament and long into the night.



## Team Bios

### Team Canada Women

The core of the Canadian women's team, comprised of 26 players plus coach, originates from the 2007 Canadian National championship team - Vancouver Traffic. Along with 6 pick-ups from across Canada, the team boasts a broad range of experience, talent, height (5'3" to 6'1") and age (19 to 38)... not to mention languages spoken: 7. No stranger to the rigor and demands of traveling afar to compete, the defending gold medal team has the home field advantage at this year's event and aims to compete for the gold medal in front of their home-town supporters, families and friends.

#### *...relentless and gritty...*

With over 50% of the team having tasted gold at one or more World Championships, the team's mix of skill, athleticism, grit and hunger ranks them again among the favorites in 2008. Always living in the present moment, this team will not rest on its laurels. Led by their coach and former world champion, Leslie Calder, this team combines a relentless and gritty defensive line driven to utilize its shut-down defensive play to make the conversion with a calm, dynamic offensive line that sees a set of skillful handlers connecting with tall, wily receivers in the lanes. As always, these Canadian women play with heart and their intense focus, determination and drive is surely keeping their eyes on the gold.

### Team Canada Open

Furious George is a club team from Vancouver, BC representing Team Canada at WUGC 2008. Furious has been together since 1995 and is the defending WUGC Open Division Champion (2004, Finland).

Team Canada 2008 is made up of veterans from 2004 as well as some young talent both from Vancouver and other regions: Invictus (Calgary) and GOAT (Toronto and Ottawa).

The experience of our veteran leadership combined with the energy brought by the new faces will provide a solid force to defend our title in front of the home-town fans.

### Team Canada Mixed

Team Canada Mixed is represented this year by 2007 Canadian National Champions TFP (Team Fisher Price). TFP came together in 2002 and was made up of highschool students and undergraduate students from UBC. The name "Team Fisher Price" was given to us by opposing hecklers who would often be matching up against players half their age. TFP first competed at and won Canadian nationals in 2004, and went on to win Nationals again in 2005, qualifying for a bid to WUCC 2006. TFP travelled to Perth, Australia and took home the gold! In 2007, TFP competed again at the National Championships in order to secure the right to represent Canada in the mixed division. This year the team is looking to continue their success on the international stage.

## Team Bios

### Team Canada Jr Women:

In the past, the Canadian Junior Women's Team has walked away from the World Ultimate and Guts Championships with Silver and Gold medals hanging proudly around their necks. This year, the team cannot wait to shoot for the top again. The 2008 team consists of many ladies who, having previously played against each other, are now joining together with the hope of adding another high standing to Canada's name.

***This year, the team cannot wait to shoot for the top again.***

The team has put a vast amount of time and effort in to getting to know each other, both as players and as people. On the field, the women are aspiring to bring a high level of focus, confidence, and integrity to their game. Off the field, taking advantage of the opportunities presented, the ladies never hesitate to reveal fun and entertaining facts about themselves and their teammates. The success of team bonding lays out a strong foundation to the support, communication, and energy that Team Canada plans on using in all they will face together at the World Championships. The preparation and excitement has Team Canada ready to play powerfully, cohesively, and competitively for the gold right here in their own backyard.

### Team Canada Jr Open

This year's Team brings a wealth of experience from shining coast to not so shining lake. TC-U20 is lucky to have some returning players from the 2006 World Jr. Championships, some up-and-coming elite level superstars and some new faces to the scene that bring a startling level of athleticism to the squad. We are bringing an army of guys (perhaps the strongest Team Canada U-20 to-date) to this tournament and plan to fulfill Canada's legacy on the World stage of Ultimate. The Team's goals for the 2008 WFDF Championships are to embody heart & grit and sportsmanship--what we believe to be the backbone of Canadian athletics. No matter how rough/tough games get, look for this squad to be exemplifying these qualities.

This year's roster is the product of 3 selection camps held in major cities across the country. The Team prepared for the WFDF Championships at 2 training camps (mid-summer in Toronto and pre-Worlds in Vancouver).

#### **Associated University Teams:**

University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, Carleton University.

#### **Associated Club Teams:**

Blackfish, General Strike, the Grand Trunk/Goat system, the Phoenix/Firebird system

## Team Bios

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### Canada Masters – Tombstone

Canada's Masters division representative is TOMBSTONE, a combination of players that reside primarily in Toronto, with others from Ottawa, Montreal and Vancouver rounding out the roster. TOMBSTONE was formed in 2006 with the specific intent to win Canadian Ultimate Championships in 2007 and the WUGC in 2008. While technically a new team, the nucleus of TOMBSTONE has been playing together for years at the heart of Toronto Men's Ultimate on teams such as GOAT, YES, REBELLION and JOYSTIK. Ottawa players from WAX, PHOENIX and GLU make up the majority of the roster.

TOMBSTONE's work ethic is focused and intent on winning, with a party ethic to match. Speed is at the heart of this team, which has a strong balance of throwers and big receivers to complement its arsenal.

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### Colombia – Women

This team represents players from the top 5 women's teams in the country. All players in the country interested in being a part of the selection process participated in try outs. During spring break of this year, the final team was selected by the five captains of the team (the captains were selected by The Ultimate Players Association of Colombia - AJUC).

Since the time of the selection, they have practiced as a group three times, and in every city they have been training with the same guidelines and the same physical approach. The team works well as a group, with great talent and great potential. It is a team of determined women, warriors and without fear, wanting to de-mystify our game and with all their heart to represent all women ultimate players who are in our country and wave the flag very high.

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### Columbia – Open

After open try outs where many high level players from different cities in the country participated, the very difficult decision was made to select 31 of the best athletes. Every player has great technical and physical abilities...the goal: to achieve a cohesive group of players who reach the highest level of commitment and discipline. Despite some worries, this group worked very well together, accepting the labor of their leaders and overcoming all problems.

Sadly, the most numerous group of all the Colombian teams learned that 12 players had their visa applications rejected, and it is still unclear if they will be able to fulfill their dream of competing in the world tournament. However, the group remains motivated and trains hard in order to show the best the country has to offer.

### Colombia - Junior Women

After an open call and a long process (since mid last year), 27 girls were selected to represent our country. Since then, each one has trained to have the mental toughness to be the best on the team. Each one of them, since beginning this process, has eaten, slept, and dreamt Ultimate. Each week they are together at least four workouts to acquire greater technical skills, gain physical endurance and above all earn their trust and chemistry paramount to play. Girls in three cities will be responsible for displaying the entire future of the sport in our country and have the difficult task of multiplying all the lessons learned from this experience to their peers who do not travel the world. Already they are winners because of the training they have participated in, their continual improvement and by the level of commitment, intensity and discipline they have acquired.

### Colombia - Junior Open

This is the Colombian Team which generates the highest expectations, inside and outside our country. In the last world junior championships, the team won bronze and many players of that tournament are playing again this worlds, making them the group with the largest number of players who ever has faced such pressure to carry their country to a championship.

***Each one of them, since beginning this process, has eaten, slept, and dreamt Ultimate...***

If that were not enough, they have a greater responsibility, because nobody expects them to finish lower than third place.

These 20 players were chosen from among many junior players and since they have been part of the selection have trained more intensively than any other selection. Internal competition has reached very high levels and discipline and commitment to the team has increased, even to the point of putting their social lives second. All in Colombia have faith in this team and we know that they will show that they have what it takes to be champions.



## Team Bios

### Dominican Republic - Open

The Dominican Republic is a beautiful nation with rich history and natural resources set in the heart of the Caribbean, where Ultimate has been played both for fun and competitively for the last 20 years or so, while fully embracing the Spirit of the Game.

Ultimate first appeared on the Dominican sports scene in the late 1980s, when a group of 15-20 people would gather on Sundays for some fun and tough games, albeit with primitive rules. By the 1990s, organized play had begun, with a few tournaments being held. The Aughts brought a new wave of fresh faces to the game, and Ultimate has enjoyed a bona fide growth. As of now, about 100 people play Ultimate in our country and 2-day tournaments are held 3 times a year with 3-5 teams participating each time. In 2005, we organized the first Spring League, in which 50 players participated distributed among three teams. Pick-up games are played 3 times a week and the Dominican Team, Domino, practices 3-4 times a week.

In Domino you'll find some of the DR best Ultimate athletes, who are eager to show that, even though inexperienced at this level, they can play along with, and most importantly, learn from the Elite Teams from around the World.

Our main goal for this WUGC, is to raise Ultimate's awareness in our country, and build upon that a larger and stronger Community.

### Finland - Women

Our goal is to bring home a medal for Finland this August! The members of our team come from the southern and central parts of Finland: Helsinki, Espoo, Turku and Tampere. They represent the best mixture of talented, dedicated, and mentally tough players in the country. Finland is the European Champion (Great Britain/Southampton 2007) and won silver in the last World Championships on our home ground (Finland/Turku 2004).

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### ***Finland is the European Champion (Great Britain/Southampton 2007)***

Now we're ready to bring the Finnish "sisu" on the field again! Last but not least we hope to see great ultimate during the tournament and the best of Canada afterwards!

### Great Britain - Women

The GB women's squad 2008 is looking forward to our most exciting season yet. In the time since the last World Championships in 2004, the British women's ultimate scene has benefited from the introduction of a highly competitive women's league resulting in an influx of new talent and quality competition which has driven the level of the women's game to new heights.

Our two-year mission kick started last year with the European Championships in Southampton where we proved ourselves to be one of the top women's teams in Europe. The high standard of British female players on today's ultimate scene has meant that this year's squad has only the highest ambitions and are set to be the most successful and most talented GB women's squad to date.

The disappointment of finishing second at the European championships last summer has fuelled our desire and our competitive spirit. This season we have been working hard to be fitter, faster and more diverse than ever before. Our season so far has included the European Elite Series and a North American Tour in which we managed to squeeze a 5-day training camp and plenty of gags in between two tournaments!

This season we are slicker, smarter and fired-up and cannot wait to bring our performance to the World stage!

### Great Britain - Junior Women

GB Junior Women is comprised of players from around the UK, with the juniors division growing rapidly throughout the country. Players were selected from clubs across the UK, and have been working hard to prepare for this tournament over the last few months.

The core unit of this team won EUC 2007 in Southampton last summer, demonstrating good playing skills and great grit and determination to beat Sweden in a sudden death final. They are hoping to build upon their experiences from last year and, with the addition of several talented and enthusiastic players, put up a good fight against the more notorious junior women's teams.

**Look out for these players when GB has the disc:**

**Captain Jen Hart:** A strong handler with great disc skills and a calm head to help lead this team by example.

**Vice Captain Gill Spy:** Gill has a chilled approach to ultimate with good awareness and safe hands.

**Anna-Lisa Stone:** Anna-Lisa has perfected 'the seal' and will layout for anything which helps make her a key receiver.

**Hannah Randles:** An unshakable poise makes Hannah a calm and reliable handler.

**Look for these players when the opposition has the disc:**

**Vice Captain Sarah 'Ruby' Rennison:** Ruby runs tirelessly on D to get the block and is renowned for her massive hammers!

**Laura 'Lob' O'Brien:** Sheer grit and determination makes Lob a true fighter, an asset on any D line.

**Emily Meade:** You'll spot Em with her huge pull, another intense D player who never gives up.

**Johanna Szczygłowska:** A great player on both D and D, Johanna will always look to get the layout block before sprinting long to score.

### Germany - Masters

There was a big break in the German masters scene in 2007, with a lot of masters off to new shores. So a completely new team formed for the European Ultimate Championships (EUC) 2007 in Southampton. While missing some of the old hands the team showed great spirit winning the spirit-award in the masters division. Having had such a good team experience the major part of the team continued (with some "fresh" mid-thirties hands) as masters team in 2008 to play and win the ECBU (European Championships Beach Ultimate) in France and to prepare for the worlds in Vancouver.



### *...there will be scores to settle...*

Having played all the attending European masters teams within the last year there will be some scores to settle and eagerness to compete with the other teams from around the world.

### Germany - Open

The team name of the German National Open Team is "Inside Rakete". Interestingly enough "Inside Rakete" is also a single-serving tactic to win an ultimate match and coincidentally the coach of "Inside Rakete" is the only person in the world who knows it. This strategy was designed to be used in the "ultimate ultimate-match" between humankind and the top team of the aliens ("UFO") for the world leadership in a few years. In order to avoid that aliens having the chance to develop a defence strategy against the "Inside Rakete" drive, unfortunately this tactic must not be performed before that day. Therefore, this year's German national team will try to be successful using again the common sets of offence and defence strategies at the WUGC 2008.

The team "Inside Rakete" consists of only five players who played at the WUGC 2004 and many quite young, but highly motivated, players of many different teams spread all over Germany.

The team is split into two blocks: **Phillip Timmermann # 4** is the captain of the offence team (called "Very Dick") and **Bernhard Otto # 6** is the top banana of the defence block (known as "Even Longer"). Welded together through a series of trainings camps and preparation tourneys the team now wants to prove its spirit and motivation.



## Team Bios

### Germany - Women

The German women have consistently placed well in European competitions, coming in 3rd and 4th at the EUCC in 2003 and 2007, respectively, and also currently holding titles in two different European club championships. After missing the quarterfinals of the WUGC in 2004 (at the hands of a determined Italian squad), they finished at the top of the bottom bracket. But this team wants to improve that result. Tough losses in last year's European championships semifinal and consolation game have provided even more motivation.

***Team Germany is out to improve their ranking and seal their status as one of the European forces to be reckoned with.***

The team is truly a national team, with seven club teams represented, and players hailing from cities all over Germany. The roster reflects not only a wide range of talents but also a balanced mix of experienced vets and outstanding rookies. At the helm is coach and player Sara Wickström, former Finnish national player now based in Munich, who has brought a wealth of ideas along with invaluable experience – she was one of the captains of the team that won silver in Turku (and the only team from outside North America to make it to the finals in any division at that tournament!).

Look for these ladies to use any one of a number of offensive and defensive strategies – the secret, as in the roster, is strength in diversity. And this team is deep – you will not be able to tell which players will be making their third appearance at a WUGC and which have only begun their national team careers!

Team Germany is out to improve their ranking and seal their status as one of the European forces to be reckoned with.

Facts and figures:

Oldest player: 43

Youngest player: 22

Number of vegetarians: 0



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### Ireland - Open

Ireland is a relative newcomer to the international ultimate scene, but since competing at WUGC '00 in Heilbronn an Irish squad has represented at each of the major ultimate championship events. The squad is comprised of 21 players, from all over Ireland with the majority of the squad based in Dublin. The core of this squad has been together since WUGC '04 and also competed in EUC '07 in Southampton where they finished 6th after taking some big European scalps.

The squad was chosen following a number of televised trials in January and since then members of the Ireland open team have engaged in bi-weekly practice sessions as well as a strict dietary regime consisting almost entirely of potatoes and multi-vitamin tablets in preparation for Vancouver. With an average player age of just 25 this squad is very much building for the future but hopes to make a big impact at WUGC '08 in Vancouver. Key players to watch out for during the week include: Brian McDevitt, a former Clapham player (he's got the tracksuit) is a key member of the D line, and loves to get horizontal...legend has it that he once drank an entire 1.75 litre bottle of orange cordial mid-layout...without water...ligind!

Twin brothers Quinn and Cascarino provide an D-line option that can be devastating for opposing teams. These guys have been playing together since they left their mothers (Charlton) womb and seem to possess a sixth sense when it comes to picking each other out on the ultimate field. See if you can tell them apart!

The team JTM, Ian 'Surrender Monkey' French is one of the few university students on the squad and boasts a powerful intellect which saw him obtain a perfect score (1000/1000) in the state examinations and secure a lucrative academic scholarship to Trinity College, Dublin.

Cian 'Crash Bandicoot' O' Morain is the heart of the defensive line and is the only squad member who can perform a one handed clap pushup and if you ask him nicely enough he may just show you!

Niall 'A.C. Slater' Harbourne, a late injury addition to the squad is most excited about what will be his inaugural visit to the continent where the 'A.C.' technique was first employed

### Ireland - Women

Ireland was represented in the women's division at a major championships for the first time at EUC2003. The players were young and inexperienced, didn't win a game, but they resolved to keep battling at international level. Ireland Women returned the following year for WUGC2004. Still, a win eluded them but their effort and ethic was rewarded with the Spirit of the Game prize.

EUC2007 was a real turning point in the development of women's ultimate in Ireland. This time round there was competition for places on the national team, the squad trained together regularly, completed a gruelling fitness programme and arrived in Southampton thirsty to prove that they could really compete at the highest level whilst maintaining their award-winning spirit. A win over Belgium was the first ever international victory for the Ireland Women and the beginning of a week that saw them beat five established European teams and finish the tournament in 10th position.

Looking to WUGC2008 the Irish have pushed themselves harder than ever before. The addition of coach Lucy Barnes, of Brutesquad, has brought fresh ideas and a new focus to the setup. The team is ready to work for every point in order to improve its world ranking. Ireland Women is a squad of 18 players based around Ireland and the UK. Four of the original EUC2003 team remain while WUGC2008 will be the first international cap for five of the players. They will be looking to run hard all week and hoping to cause a few upsets.



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### Italia - Open

After a disappointing 12th place at Europeans 2007, Italia Open hit a rocky period, due to the withdrawal of a number of players from the project and the subsequent loss of coach Gabriele Giacomini (Cotarica Rimini). In an attempt to avoid total implosion, in February 2008 the Italian Federation assigned two new captains to lead the team: Valerio Iani, veteran of Canieporci Imola, and Davide Morri, talent from CUS Bologna. The first steps they took to break the downward spiral were to motivate and find new members. The team is now composed of 25 athletes, most of whom are promising young players at their first world championships, flanked by several experienced players. Also on the roster are two Americans, Ryan Balch (Chain Lightning) and Sean McCall (Doublewide), who qualified to play with Italy at Worlds.

Despite its last-minute recovery, the team has since managed to organize four weekend practices and has participated in two key tournaments with encouraging results: 8th place at WCU, Copenhagen and 3rd place at the 6 Nations tournament in Berlin where, for the first time in its history, Italy beat Finland.

The team focuses on offensive efficiency, unpredictable defenses, and athletic training. Now, if it can only keep its hot tempers in check and use teamwork, Italia Open will be on its way to achieving its goals for WUGC 2008. The team aims to make the top 10, with the intention of playing all out in the game to go to quarters.

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### Italy - Women

Italia Women features players from throughout north-central Italy, representing the clubs of Bergamo, Bologna, Imola, Parma, Prato, and Rimini. We have been preparing for WUGC 2008 since early 2006. Led for the first time by a non-playing coach, Maurizio Palladino, and by captains Laura Cincotta and Barbara Bondi, the 17-player squad contains a balanced mix of young talent and seasoned experience. The first important milestone on the way to Vancouver was the 2007 European Championships in Southampton, UK, where the team took 6th place after losing to Switzerland in the quarterfinals by only two points.

Due to injuries and life changes, this past year witnessed several heavy losses to our roster, including captain Eva Artoni and star player Emanuela Argilli who, with Fury, qualified for Team USA. However our younger members are stepping up to fill in the gaps and have tested their mettle at three high-level competitions this season. The team made a good showing at the Euro Elite Series 1 and 2 against Europe's top four teams, and took Amsterdam's 2008 Windmill Windup by storm. With such a small roster, we are counting on intense training and solid teamwork to reach our goal of beating seed and bettering Italy's 8th place at 2004 Worlds.

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### Japan - all divisions

All teams from Japan are made up of players from many different club teams for this year's championship.

As we all come from various regions throughout Japan, we have not been able to hold regular weekend practices, but even with our limited practice, we will dedicate all of our strength to strive for the gold medal.

Among our many rival teams, such as the Canadian home team, the powerful U.S.A. team, and the height-advantaged Europeans, we will play in our own way, and do our best to step up to the challenge!

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### Mexico - Women

The history of the development of the women's category in Mexico started when a few girls began to play Ultimate in the Coed Division. The women's division in Mexico had its first appearance in 2005, with a game involving the coed division girls. This situation was really exciting for all women and it motivated the creation of the first Mexican Women's Team which along with some out of country players, participated in a tournament in Austin, Texas. Result, an overall finish of 3rd place and a great learning experience for Women's Ultimate in our country.

In Mexico, there are 7 national tournaments and since 2006 half of the tournaments have been divided into Open and Women's divisions. This has lead to the development of five women's teams across the country and a National Women's team which participated in the International University Ultimate Tournament in Medellin, Colombia. During this tournament the women players had the opportunity to share playing experiences with teams from Venezuela, Colombia and Panama. As of 2007 the development of the category increased remarkably in Mexico with the participation of 10 women's teams, a structure for the tournaments and higher level of play. During this year, a National Ultimate Women's Circuit was implemented with the main objective to formalize the category and competition in the country. The 2007 winning teams for the Women's Circuit are: Catarinas (1st place), UNAM (2nd place) and Luas (3rd place). The players from these 3 teams represent Mexico in Vancouver, reinforced with players from other Mexican teams and 2 players from the States.

Since this sport is not sponsored in our country and some of the players are still students, the team organized fundraising events including parties and raffles to help fund the trip. Our goal during the WUGC 2008 is to learn the most we can from other Ultimate Teams that have more experience. We want this tournament to be a learning experience so we can return to our country to apply what we learn and share with other teams and players all this knowledge to improve the level of play and attract more women to practice this sport.

### New Zealand - Open - Manuka

New Zealand has had a competitive Ultimate scene since the late 80s and this year's Worlds open squad, Manuka, will represent the culmination of a up-and-coming scene.

The New Zealand teams have proven tough competitors on the international circuit. In 2004 at the last World Ultimate and Guts Championships in Finland, the New Zealand Mixed team finished 3rd. However this year New Zealand is sending 3 teams, spreading the best men and women of New Zealand ultimate across the open, women and master's teams.

#### **New Zealand on Offence and Defence:**

Suffice to say we have trained a bunch. Our solid core of potential has been super-heated in the furnace of fitness training, and cast into a unique mould. Our defence makes the turnovers, our offence will convert them. We will be down on the pull, clogging the cutting lanes, stopping opponent's cuts, bidding on every disc, owning the airspace and halting game runs.

We are a mix of experience levels, from the heady heights of über-veteran Peter Sisam (Coach) to the first-time internationals that are just aching to carve themselves out a place in Ultimate history.

#### **Interesting Facts about Ultimate in New Zealand:**

We share with the Australians the rather dubious honour of having to train for Worlds during the winter and we claim the unique distinction of playing Ultimate farther South in the hemisphere than anywhere in the world. So frosts, mud, rain and hail on the fields, hitting the gym before the sun comes up and doing sprints in the dark are all part and parcel of Manuka's preparation for this event.

#### **Manuka (pronounced maa-nu-ka) means many things:**

It is the name of a tree (also know as the tea-tree), whose wood is used in traditional maori weaponry. Sometimes manuka was partially burnt and its charred, blackened surface had sharp protrusions that made a nasty piece of equipment. We can not promise sharp protrusions, but we will certainly be dressed in black..

A well-known maori whakataurangi (proverb) is 'manuka takoto - kawea ake', that is 'the manuka has been laid down, pick it up'. In practice this means 'take up the challenge that has been laid down in front of you'. We see this tournament as the next in a long line of challenges that Manuka has already faced.

There is also 'puputia mai nga manuka' meaning 'bind together the manuka branches'. By itself, one piece of manuka can be easily broken, but bound together, many pieces (in this case 23) form an unbreakable whole.

### Sweden - Open

Our team is based on players from Skogs Ultimate, which has been the dominating club team in Europe the last decade. The team also consists of players from all over Sweden. We have veterans who have been on the team since Worlds '94 as well as players who have played with top teams in the UPA championship division.

Sweden's trademark has always been athleticism, and this team is also very young and athletic.

Sweden has never finished lower than 4th place at Worlds and are always up there fighting for the gold. After losing the EUCC last year with 14-15 against GB we have been training even harder and are hungrier than ever.

To succeed this year, Sweden wants to show that they are as great as before, when we won gold in 1992 and silver in 1994, 1996 and 2000. We have a non-playing coach Lars Hamstein who brings the team good team spirit.

Players to Watch out for:

Offense:

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|------------------------|---|
| # 18 Martin Filipovski | Handler/ Cutter who has all the skills                      |
| # 86 Mikael Hanski     | Handler; key player on the team since 1994.                 |
| # 8 Sebastian Sporrang | Cutter who can do it all.                                   |
| # 10 Simon Wesley      | Super fast cutter. Always awesome in big games.             |
| # 9 Nicklas Tehler     | All-around player. Offensive captain.                       |
| # 27 Martin Carlsson   | New young star who is a top defender.                       |
| # 71 Anders Dahlberg   | Makes a lot of crazy layouts.                               |
| # 17 David Wesley      | One of the best defenders in the game                       |
| # 11 Pr Mattsson       | Veteran who still is a star player and fastest on the team. |
| # 99 David Pan         | Always matches the other teams' star players.               |

Captain: Martin Filipovski

Coach: Lars Hamstein      First time since 1986 he is not playing himself.





### Switzerland - Women

The Swiss women's team reappeared on the European ultimate scene last year after being absent for 7 years. The young team surprised their opponents and got 3rd at the European championships in Southampton.

Now they are looking forward to their next challenge, meeting teams from all over the world. WUGC 08 will for sure be a great experience.

### Switzerland - Open

After Swiss Club Teams have been among European Top Teams for quite some time now the National Team finally broke through at last year's European Championships with a 3rd place finish after a close loss to later Champion GB and a convincing win over Finland in the Bronze medal game. With most of the core intact and some talented young players Switzerland Open is looking to prove its progress with finally making Quarters on the highest Stage!

### USA - Masters

Team USA Masters is represented by the 2007 UPA Champions DoG based in Boston, Massachusetts. In its initial year of play in the Masters Division, DoG battled past long-time foes from Minnesota, San Francisco, Philadelphia and New York to claim the title.

About half of the team played for the Death or Glory (DoG) dynasty which dominated the sport from 1994-2000. The team won UPA championships for a record six consecutive years. Competing as the US representative, DoG also won WUGC titles in Jonkoping, Sweden in 1996-- where the team also proudly won the Spirit of the Game Award-- and in Heilbronn, Germany, in 2000. It also won the WUCC title in 1999 in St. Andrews, Scotland.

Look for USA Masters to showcase DoG's trademark styles. On offense, precision is the main weapon, with focus on space recognition, easy completions and scoring percentage. On defense, DoG wields its signature zone and innovative clam formations, along with one-on-one coverage -- often flexing seamlessly between sets. USA Masters' arsenal of strategy and hall-of-fame talent is strengthened by communication and synchronization among its players.

## Team Bios

### USA – Junior Open

The USA open juniors represent the best of American youth Ultimate. Drawn from all over the country, these are the most dedicated athletes, the most skilled competitors, the best teammates, and the most spirited players in the United

***Our goals are ... to compete fairly, with unwavering respect for our opponents.***

States. As with their successful 2004 and 2006 campaigns, the hallmarks of the Team USA Boys in 2008 will be relentless shut-down full-team defense, smart up-tempo offense, and the highest commitment to the spirit of the game. Our goals are to give a total effort on every point; to lift up our teammates and make them look good; to compete fairly, with unwavering respect for our opponents; and to make every game we play slightly more perfect than the last game. If we achieve these goals, we're going to have a lot of fun along the way.

### USA – Junior Women

The U.S. National girls' team has a history of strong finishes on the world level and hopes to continue that streak in the 2008 World Ultimate Championships. In the past this team has combined some truly outstanding girls, many of whom have gone on to achieve great things on the College and Club circuits of the US Ultimate scene. The team consists of girls from 7 different states with a strong contingent from traditional Ultimate hotbeds Seattle, Atlanta, Massachusetts and Minnesota. 3 girls return from the 2006 team that won the gold medal against perennial powerhouse Canada. Since the geography of the US limits the amount of practice time to the week before this tournament, the girls have been actively involved in an on-line community each week. This community is designed to

help the team learn strategy, encouraging each other through personal workouts and learning about themselves through mental drill work. This year's team also consists of a very wide range of ages. There are several girls who have spent the past year playing college Ultimate and they are expected to play a major role in this team's performance. What might be unexpected is just how much contribution comes from a group of younger girls, some of whom have not yet started their junior years in high school. Watch out for them again in 2010! Through this competition the US national girls' team hopes to bring glory not only to the girls who play Ultimate in the US but also to the sport itself. This is a team of girls who love to play Ultimate and they look forward to sharing that love with the best in the world.

## Team Bios

### USA – women

Competing in Vancouver as Team USA, Fury is an elite women's club team based in California's San Francisco Bay Area. The team was founded in 1997 and over the past twelve years the team has won 4 UPA Club Championships [1999, 2003, 2006, and 2007]. This sustained success at the national level has enabled the team to compete internationally as well, representing the U.S.A. at three WUGCs (2000, 2004, and 2008) and one WUCC (2002) and receiving a sponsored trip to Japan for the 2008 Club Jr. Dream Cup. To date, Fury's highest Worlds finish was a bronze medal in Turku, Finland, in 2004.

The honor of competing as Team USA and the drive to earn Fury's first international gold medal has helped shape the team's 2008 season. Adding five talented players to its roster and returning all but three of the players from 2007, Fury now carries a squad of 26 women. This roster has the depth and versatility to handle the demands of an intense six-day tournament in Vancouver and is guided by the wisdom and calm of Matty Tsang, Fury's coach since 2006.

Fury's 2008 tournament schedule also reflected a determined focus on peaking in August. Kicking off its international preparation by playing the Japanese National Team in March, Fury will have also played tough competition from Canada, Great Britain, and Australia before the start of Opening Ceremonies. After months of preparation on the field, with the chalkboard, and at the track, Fury is now ready to show the world the highest level of women's ultimate in the U.S.



Photos courtesy Scobel Wiggins



### USA Mixed

Team USA is from Seattle, Washington and is also known as Shazam Returns. Since its beginnings in 2002 as simply "Shazam" the team has enjoyed varied success at the US National Championships, taking 3rd in 2002, 9th in 2005 and winning the championship in 2004. In 2007, a core group of players from prior Shazam teams decided to make a run again for the US National Championship, knowing that the winners would have the chance to represent the USA at the world tournament. As Shazam Returns, the team was comprised of players with a wide range of ages and experience. Some players experienced their first major ultimate tournament with Shazam Returns in 2007, while others had been to nationals and international tournaments many times. The team's success in 2007 was built upon confidence in each teammate and not relying upon any one player. Utilizing a wide-open rotation, Shazam Returns won tournaments in San Francisco, Boston and Seattle, losing only one game during the season. Having gone undefeated in two qualifying tournaments, Shazam Returns succeeded in making it to the US national tournament.

Sporting capes courtesy of Five Ultimate, the team battled for four days in Florida. Losing only one game, Shazam Returns won the championship for the second time and earned the right to represent the United States in Vancouver in 2008. Its strategy of playing with a deep roster and playing within themselves was successful.

### ***The team focuses on playing high quality ultimate with great spirit and passion***

Shazam Returns' mascot is a superhero from a 70's TV show who turns into his super-self by shouting "Shazam". Lightning strikes him and he takes on super-strength and speed, and the ability to fly. At the end of each episode, he would relate a moral to the audience about how to live better. Team USA has embraced this concept and applied it to ultimate. At each practice, an individual player brings one point of focus or one idea to the forefront. The team focuses on playing high quality ultimate with great spirit and passion for the game. Through trust in each other and pushing each other to play better, harder and smarter, this group of teammates has found success and developed a bond that they will never forget.

## Team Bios

### Venezuela Masters - Yanomami

"If you hear the DRUM BEAT on the fields and at the parties..then the Yanomamis are in Town..."

The proud "YANOMAMIS" come from being the first ever open team from Latin America to participate in a world class Ultimate Championship event (Toronto, 1991) to now being the first ever Masters Team from the region playing at WUGC. This team has the privilege of participating in its 8th world championship!

With 2 active founders of the original team from 1991 and a group of players that make their Ultimate lives out of the country this lively group has been put together to proudly represent the roots of the Ultimate scene from South America planted since 1984.

If you hear the drum beat and a lively chat on the fields and at the parties.. then you will know the Venezuelans are in town...

Yanomami is the name of the most ancient Indian tribe in the Venezuelan Amazon Jungle.. Yanomami in their native language means "the man that shares..the family man..."

For us Ultimate is A LIFE STYLE...we live life to the fullest on and off the fields.. with spirit and respect for one another.....Gracias...

### Venezuela Open

This group of the best players from our country come from different regions of Venezuela. The Venezuelan Ultimate Movement has its beginning since 1984 and owns the privilege of having participated in 8 world class events. The young players are backed by the experience of one of the best in our country Pablo Saade (player for the Miami Refugees in 2004) winners of the world championships in Finland from the USA..

The combination of speed and talented young kids makes this team a solid representative of the actual Venezuelan Ultimate scene. Most of the players are traveling out of the country for the first time and this experience of playing with the best teams in the world will be a solid ground for them to come back to our country and spread the word in their regions, schools and universities.

Look for the Venezuelan team on the fields having fun and doing their best to be at the same level of the best teams in the competition. We are a proud representative of the cradle of the Latin American Ultimate movement.....Gracias.

## Guts Overview

Guts Frisbee is an extreme sport featuring lightning-fast throws and incredible one-handed catches. Invented in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1958, this ultra-high-speed game has spread all over the world, from Japan to Great Britain and from Ireland to Taiwan. Like a martial arts battle with 110 grams of plastic, the sport is exciting and often awe-inspiring for cheering crowds that have been estimated at as many 8,000 for a single match.

Guts is played by firing the disc at the opposing 5-man team lined up fingertip to fingertip 15 yards, 11 inches away. Typical flight time is less than a second. If the "shot" isn't caught cleanly in one hand, either on first impact, or after being deflected into the air, the thrower's team scores a point and the player hit with the disc must throw the return shot. If the disc is thrown short, high, wide, vertical, or upside down, the receiving team scores a point and can have their best thrower take the next shot. If the disc is caught, no point is scored and the catcher throws the return shot. Each game is played to 21 points and requires a minimum two point margin of victory.

For more information on this growing sport, finding other players, practices and local league information contact [gutsfrisbee.com](http://gutsfrisbee.com).

## Schedule - Guts

### Monday August 04

8:30	Canada White Japan Red Field A	2:15	Japan White Canada Red Field A
8:30	Japan White Chinese Taipei Field B	2:15	Int Guts USA White Field B
10:15	Int Guts USA Red Field B	4:00	Ireland Chinese Taipei Field A
10:15	USA White Canada Red Field A	4:00	Japan Red USA Red Field B
12:30	Japan Red Ireland Field B	5:45	Canada White USA White Field B
12:30	Canada White USA Red Field A	5:45	Japan White Int Guts Field A

### Tuesday, August 05

8:30	USA Red Ireland Field B
8:30	Chinese Taipei Canada Red Field A
10:15	Japan Red USA White Field A
10:15	Canada White Japan White Field B
12:30	Ireland Canada Red Field A
12:30	USA Red USA White Field B

**Tuesday, August 05, cont.**

2:15	Chinese Taipei Int Guts Field B
2:15	Japan Red Japan White Field A
4:00	USA White Ireland Field B
4:00	Canada Red Int Guts Field A
5:45	USA Red Japan White Field A
5:45	Chinese Taipei Canada White Field B

**Wednesday, August 06**

8:30	Canada Red USA Red Field A	2:15	Int Guts Canada White Field A
8:30	Ireland Int Guts Field B	2:15	Canada Red Japan Red Field B
10:15	USA White Japan White Field B	4:00	USA Red Chinese Taipei Field A
10:15	Canada Red Canada White Field A	4:00	Ireland Canada White Field B
12:30	Chinese Taipei Japan Red Field B	5:45	Int Guts Japan Red Field B
12:30	Japan White Ireland Field A	5:45	USA White Chinese Taipei Field A

## Athletes' Village

Welcome to the WUGC Athletes' Village.

This area will be the hub of all non-playing activities at the tournament. Each country participating in the event has a home tent located on the West side of the field. It is our hope that teams will take the time to personalize their areas to make these tents their home away from home.

Located to the East of the team tents will be the services provided to players. This includes the Merchandise tent with all of our vendors under one roof. You will also find medical and massage services as well as food services and eating areas for mid-day re-fueling.

In the center of this area is the "Thunderdome", which contains the two Guts Fields. From Aug 5th to Aug 8th you can catch the fast paced action of this thrilling sport. Come watch the discs fly fast and the skill it takes to catch them.

The Athletes' Village is also home to the WUGC Information Center which will have answers to all of your tournament questions. See map on Page 57 for location.



## Internet Café

Bring your Laptop! Wireless internet will be available throughout the Athletes' Village and Russell Brewing Company Beer Garden in the Spirit Enclosure. We have partnered with UBC IT and FatPort to bring this service to the fields for a nominal fee.

There will also be an Internet Café offered for those who don't want to worry about bringing tech. It will be at ground level, West corner of the new T-Bird Ice Rink. From Athletes' Village, looking towards the fields, it's the largest building on your left.

You can sign up online with Fatport online at [www.fatport.com](http://www.fatport.com) either ahead of time or at the fields.

Fat Code Cards for 120 Minutes and 24 Hours will be also sold at the fields for \$10 CDN.

Details about Fatport and their service rates can be found at:  
[www.fatport.com/locations/services.php](http://www.fatport.com/locations/services.php)

A quick note, though. Abuse of the system (hacking, huge traffic demands, etc) will terminate offender's access. Period.

## Daily Newsletter

A newsletter will be published daily highlighting the prior day match ups, vital stats and results, player profiles and our favourite action photos of the day. On-field reporters will be covering key games to report on the gritty, spirited competition and will be looking for current and future stars to interview so look out you might be our next player profiled during the tournament!

The newsletter will be available at the information centre in the Athlete's Village or online at [www.wugc2008.com/newsletter](http://www.wugc2008.com/newsletter).

## Website – Worlds Storybook

During the tournament we will be posting stories directly from you the players and fans on the official worlds website: [www.wugc2008.com/storybook](http://www.wugc2008.com/storybook)

We want to hear first hand accounts of tournament prep, match-ups, results and any other interesting experiences at worlds.

Email - [editor@wugc2008.com](mailto:editor@wugc2008.com) to submit your stories, articles, blog links and photos!



## Vendors

The 2008 WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships is proud to announce that the following sponsors will be attending the tournament to distribute their high quality Ultimate merchandise.

These vendors will be located in the Athletes Village and will be open for business from 9am to 8pm every day of the event.

**GAIA:** GAIA is a manufacturer of custom gear designed by you, delivered on time. We are a player-driven, custom-apparel and footwear company. We are passionate about developing innovative products and services by directly involving athletes in the design of their own products. GAIA is proud to be the official supplier of WUGC branded merchandise. GAIA will be open 10 am to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm Sunday through Friday. Hours will be limited Saturdays, Aug 2 & 9

[[www.gaiacustom.ca](http://www.gaiacustom.ca)]

**Red Rain Energy Drink:**

Drink twice Daily! ([www.redrainenergy.ca](http://www.redrainenergy.ca))

**VC Ultimate Custom Uniforms and Apparel:**

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**Administration** - products must include a packing list showing the product name, description, quantity as well as the team name, team contact name

**No liability** - the team contact accepts these terms and conditions and agrees that neither GAIA nor the 2008 WUGC are responsible for any loss or damage to consigned products

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## Volunteers

The success of any event often relies on Volunteers. WUGC 2008 will to staff approximately 300 dedicated volunteers from all over the world. Many spectators travelling to support their country's team will also be lending a hand to help make WUGC 2008 a world class event. You'll easily spot the volunteers out on the fields in their Teal coloured shirts or staff in our White or Red coloured shirts.

If at any time you require assistance feel free to grab one of us to help you along. For specific information look for the "Ask Me Ambassadors" who will be wondering the fields answering questions. These volunteers are easily identified by the big balloon! You can also find what you are looking for at Information Central: Visitor Information, Game Information and if we don't know the answer, we'll find out!

## Research Projects

### To The Ultimate Community,

My name is Andrew Thornton. I am a University professor working and living in London (UK) as well as a long time Ultimate Player: I started playing while in Graduate School in Toronto in 1992. I currently play for 'Fire of London'. [See my University website: <http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/staff/AndrewThornton/>]

I am hoping to conduct some research on/with Ultimate players and organisers at WUGC 2008. I have previously conducted and published research on Ultimate Frisbee, in particular on issues of the gender split in Mixed ('co-ed') Ultimate.

My current research concerns organisational changes and practices in Ultimate culture. As such I would like to be able to speak to players and organisers about what's happening in their country and organisations. I realise that all players, coaches and organisers will be very busy, but I will appreciate any time that people might be able to volunteer. Ideally, I would like to conduct short interviews with at least one representative from each country and potentially from each level of play (e.g. Women, Mixed, Open, Masters, Junior). I will be available to talk to as many players and coaches as possible over the course of the tournament, even if for just a short informal chat. I will be happy to share my findings with anyone who requests it.

The WUGC is a rare opportunity to meet up with players and organisers from around the world and see how the game is developing. [However, my research is not on the scale of the UPA's 'Ultimate Revolution' as I am just one person!] My research is not evaluative, rather it is exploratory. I am particularly interested in the degree to which the increasing scale of Ultimate may or may not be affecting how the game is played, the Spirit of the Game and how players perceive these changes. I would also be happy to receive any comments via email on what's happening with Ultimate in your part of the world.

I would hope to have [some] interviews arranged before I arrive in Vancouver. If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed please contact me at: [a.thornton@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:a.thornton@roehampton.ac.uk)

However, it may be a bit difficult to arrange specific times to meet ahead of the tournament. Thus, I will need to approach players and or coaches at the Tournament. Hopefully this will not be too much of an inconvenience. I will be at the Tournament Info Centre for most of the event and you will be able to leave messages for me.

Hope to see you in August,

Andrew Thornton, PhD  
Senior Lecturer: Socio-Cultural Study of Sport and Exercise  
Roehampton University, London (UK)

## Research Projects

### The Ultimate Injury Study at Worlds 2008

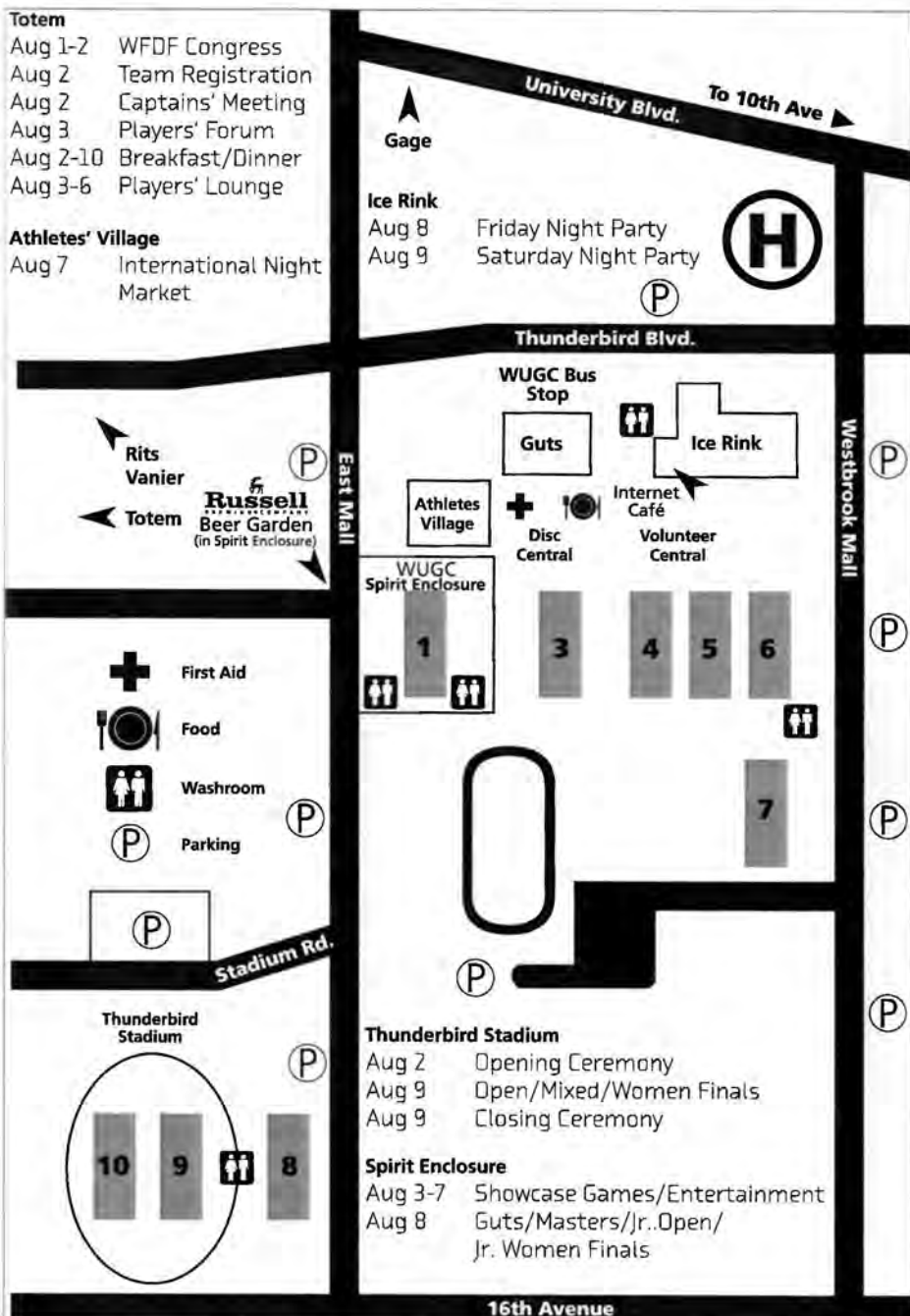
The Ultimate Injury Study is interested in any injuries experienced by players at Worlds! Leslie Yen, M.D., a Sports Medicine doctor, will be collecting data on all injuries that occur during the course of play at Worlds. We are interested in all injuries, even those that may seem minor or allow you to continue to play. You can help! If injured, please present to the Medical Tent for evaluation, notify an Ultimate Injury Study volunteer, or call Leslie at 206-779-3122 and she will come to you.

Thank you for your help!  
Leslie Yen

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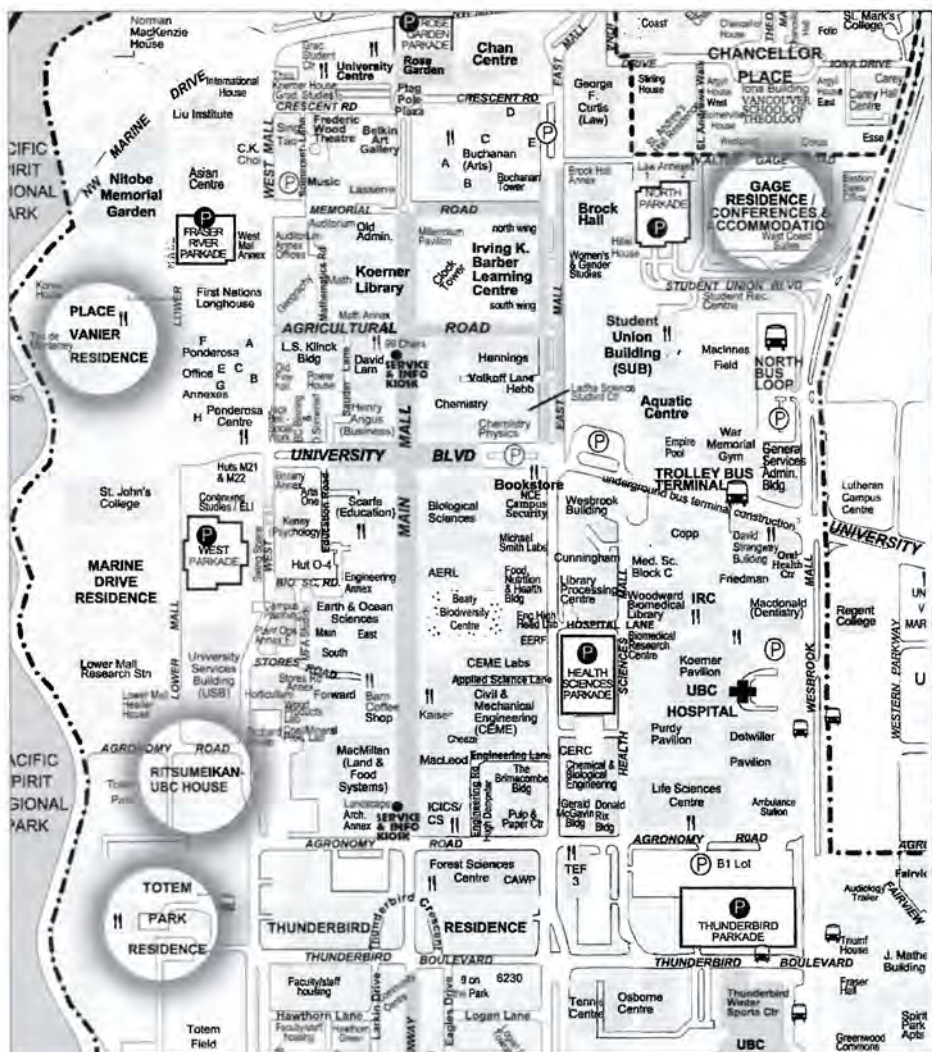


# Maps - Field Layout





# UBC Residences





## Vancouver West Map





## WFDF Requirements

### WFDF Tournament Rules Group (TRG)

The TRG is established to arbitrate in on-field and off-field disputes between players, staff and members of the public. The TRG shall be established at the 2008 WUGC Captains Meeting. The TRG is chaired by the Chair of the Ultimate Committee or their delegated representative, and includes the TD of the event, or their delegated representative, and one player from each division represented at the event.

The TRG will address formal requests, complaints or protests about any issue concerning on-field or off-field activities. Requests, complaints or protests may be brought to the attention of TRG by any Team Captain or Team Representative, identified before the tournament. Requests, complaints or protests may be brought at any time during the period starting from the end of the captains Meeting to midnight on the final day of play at the tournament.

Upon receipt of a request, complaint or protest the TRG will meet at its earliest convenience and make a decision available to all parties involved at least two (2) hours before the start of play the following day. The TRG for any request, complaint or protest shall be composed of the Chair of the Ultimate Committee, the TD and the elected player from the division in which there is a perceived difficulty. The decision shall be posted where players may have access to read the outcome.

The TRG may, at its discretion, disqualify a player or an entire team from any event or from the entire tournament whenever that player or team exhibits violent, obscene, abusive, disruptive or illegal behaviour; cheats or otherwise attempts to create an unfair advantage for themselves or disadvantages others through circumvention of the rules; or otherwise causes substantial hardship, inconvenience or annoyance to spectators, officials or players.

The TRG may also censor an individual player or team orally or in writing; alter or nullify the result of any event; or order an event to be partially or completely replayed.

In the event of an extremely serious conduct violation the TRG may, after disqualifying a player or team from competition, refer the matter for later review and sanctioning actions by the WFDF Board of Directors.

If any member of the TRG has a vested interest in any matter put to the TRG that member shall be withdrawn to be replaced by their representative, or in the case of an elected player another elected player from another division. Should two or more members of the TRG have a vested interest in the matter put to the TRG they shall be replaced by unbiased WFDF elected officials available at the tournament. These shall initially be Board members or members of the Ultimate Committee.

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## Rules & Regulations

If an issue is brought to the TRG that effects the general interest of all or a group of teams participating in the tournament, the TRG may call an advisory Captains' Meeting of all or selected teams. The calling of such a meeting does not in any way reduce the powers of the TRG and the TRG is in no way bound to suggestions or decisions made by such a Captains' Meeting.

Any player or team disqualified from the tournament shall forfeit all fees paid.

If any player or team, or group of teams, chooses to challenge a decision made by the TRG in the course of handling a request, complaint or protest during a WFDF World Ultimate Championship tournament, they should file a written protest to the WFDF Board of Directors within 30 days of occurrence.

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### WFDF Rules of Ultimate 2008

#### Summary of Changes

Very little is actually new, however many rules have been reordered, reworded and clarified.

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#### Major Changes

Pull violations result in a re pull [7.6]

No Middle rule off the pull [7.13]

- the offence has the option of playing from the brick mark or the sideline of playing field.

New section "Status of the Disc" [8] which defines when a disc is live and dead

- it is not a turnover if the thrower drops the disc walking it to the line from out-of-bounds after a turnover.

Redefined Travel violation [16.3] - removed reference to third ground contact

- a receiver must be slowing down quickly and in a straight line after they catch the disc, and may throw at any time while slowing down and in-bounds

Pick can only be called by the defender who is picked [16.4.1]

Only a team captain can call a Timeout between points [19.5]

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#### Significant Changes

Clarified what is and isn't good spirit [1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.3.6, 1.6.4]

Stall count can be started if thrower's momentum has taken them out of bounds [9]

Redefines what happens after a fast count near a stall-out [13.3]

Clarifies what happens if play continues after a turnover [13.10]

New rule regarding player safety [15.2]

Blocking foul [15.7]

Redefined "Disc Space" [16.2.1.3]

Removed reference to "failure to come to an agreement" resulting in the call being contested [16.1]



## Rules & Regulations, cont.

Added definitions of "Establish a pivot", "Incidental contact" and "Pivot point"  
Changed "Continuation Rule" [17] to "Continuation after a Call" - removed references from rules

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### Minor Changes

Capitals removed from words in the Definitions  
"Field of Play" changed to "Playing field" [2]  
Added section titled "Point, Goal and Game" [4]  
Removed section on "Putting the disc into play" - replaced with "the thrower establishes the pivot"  
Labels for different turnovers [13]

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### Appendix

The Appendix has been rewritten completely. Therefore it was not possible to "track the changes".

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Here is a summary of the most important new additions:

#### Major Changes

Half time cap [A3.4]  
New tiebreaker rules [B5]  
Tasks of a game official [B6]

#### Minor Changes

Rules for late appearance at a game [A4]  
Roster limits (starting 2009) [B1]  
Captain's armband (suggestion) [B4.6]

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# WFDF Qualifying System for WFDF Ultimate World Games Events

**1. WFDF:** WFDF is the contact organization for the International World Games Association with respect to Flying Disc Ultimate, a competition sport in the sports program of the World Games.

**2. Qualifying Event:** The qualifying event for World Games will be the most recent Ultimate World Championship event which was held at least 8 months prior to World Games.

**3. Divisions:** The following divisions will primarily be used to determine which countries qualify for World Games: Open, Women, Mixed.

In the event of a tie, results from the other divisions as well as 'Spirit of the game' results will be used as tiebreakers.

## 4. Ultimate World Cup Point Scoring System

### 4.1. Team World Cup Points

In each division a country will score points according to the following system:

Place = Final Placing of Team

Points = World Cup Points awarded

Diff = Difference to final placing above

Place	Points	Diff.	Place	Points	Diff.	Place	Points	Diff.	Place	Points	Diff.
1	100		16	69	1	31	54	1	46	39	1
2	95	5	17	68	1	32	53	1	47	38	1
3	91	4	18	67	1	33	52	1	48	37	1
4	87	4	19	66	1	34	51	1	49	36	1
5	84	3	20	65	1	35	50	1	50	35	1
6	81	3	21	64	1	36	49	1	51	34	1
7	79	2	22	63	1	37	48	1	52	33	1
8	77	2	23	62	1	38	47	1	53	32	1
9	76	1	24	61	1	39	46	1	54	31	1
10	75	1	25	60	1	40	45	1	55	30	1
11	74	1	26	59	1	41	44	1	56	29	1
12	73	1	27	58	1	42	43	1	57	28	1
13	72	1	28	57	1	43	42	1	58	27	1
14	71	1	29	56	1	44	41	1	59	26	1
15	70	1	30	55	1	45	40	1	60	25	1

**4.2. Country World Cup Points:** For World Games Qualifiers a country scores the total of points which are scored in the relevant divisions. A country which is not represented in a division will, for this division, score one point less than the country which finished last.

## 5. Spirit Score

**5.1. Scoring System:** Spirit scores will be scored for each game according to the official "WFDF SOTG Scoresheet 2008".

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# WFDF Qualifying System for WFDF Ultimate World Games Events, *cont.*

**5.2. Team Spirit Score:** At the end of the tournament each team will receive a Spirit Score average which will be calculated by the total of all Spirit Scores divided by the number of games played/scored.

**5.3. Combined Country Spirit Score:** A combined spirit score will be calculated by the total of all Spirit Scores divided by the number of divisions taken into account.

**6. World Games Ranking:** The teams will be ranked according to the following criteria. This criteria is applied in the order it is listed below. In the case of a tie, the next criterion is applied to the tied countries only. This is repeated until the tie has been resolved. Countries will be allocated bids in the World Games in the order determined by this ranking.

- \* Number of World Cup Points scored

(Higher ranking for greater amount of points)

- \* Number of World Cup Points scored in all divisions (Higher ranking for greater amount of points)

- \* Spirit Score average for Open, Women's, & Mixed divisions (Higher ranking for greater average)

- \* Combined country Spirit Score for all divisions. (Higher ranking for greater average)

- \* Final place of the team in the Mixed division (Higher ranking for higher finish)

## **7. Participation of host country in 2009**

In order to earn a bid to participate in the 2009 World Games the host country (Chinese Taipei) is required to register a team and participate in the World Ultimate and Guts Championships 2008 in Ultimate play in either:

- a) the Mixed division or
- b) the Open and the Women's division.

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Vancouver has the greatest volunteers – only better. They are better because most cities would be happy running just one major event in a decade, but not this Ultimate Community. Worlds (twice), Canadian Nationals (twice), UPA Regionals (Fall and College), Canadian University Ultimate Championships...the call is made and the helpers show up.

Often (too often maybe) the call is made by me. And just as often a great group of people show up to make me look good. The only real important job by any tournament director is putting the right people in the right jobs so they can do the real work, and all the right people have been working very hard over the last 24 months to put on this event.

### EX Group - Kim/Skeeter/Shelley

The Executive Committee has managed to create and manage their teams just like the pro's they are. And they did most of this without my knowledge, which is just the way I like it. The best news a TD can hear is that there was a great meeting last night when you didn't even know a meeting was planned. Between organizing Worlds, the members of the EX have all changed their jobs, one had a baby (welcome Cooper – Worlds 2028 awaits) another one sold two homes to buy one and between us we have had every menu item at the Penny Lane Pub – if we keep going they might just get the Quesadilla order right!

Organizing Committee - Ted/Craig/  
Geoff/Bozo/Kelly/Michelle/Mercedes/  
Carolyn/Matt/Megan

So much work...so much work done well. I

have been tremendously impressed with the effort given to this event by the OC. It's hard in the middle, getting instructions from above and managing an ever growing group of people below. It's great to see unfamiliar faces at our WUGC Big meetings because I know that it is the result of an OC member reaching out to fill a need, and there were so many needs to fill.

The members of the EX had no problem assigning the tasks and then letting you go, the results were better than we could have hoped for.

Staff - Too many to mention! Planning parties, setting fields, organizing divisions, collecting scores, serving drinks, helping out. Just how keen are all these people? I knew we were in good shape when someone tried to recruit me to help out at Worlds during a local ultimate event over a year away from the tournament (I think that was my best moment of the whole planning time Ninal). I almost signed up to be a scorekeeper, maybe I should have... I hope to have a chance to thank you all during the event, but I will thank you all now for doing all the little jobs that nobody even knew had to be done.

Volunteers - WAY too many to mention!! From those of you who only spend a few shifts keeping scores and blowing whistles to those who are on site for the entire tournament, I must say that I appreciate the hard work more than you may ever know. People sometimes say that tournaments look like they are running themselves, but this is only the case when there are many, many

volunteers working very hard in the background. I tell anyone who will listen that the volunteers we get out to events are the best in the world, and I really feel like each and every one of you are doing me a personal favour by coming out.

Thank you.

Finally - And most importantly... Because of this crazy sport we love so much, I was able to meet my soul mate. I never really ask if I can go ahead with planning these events, but I know that when I do, all I will get from her is unconditional support, and someone to fill the incredibly important role of the person who can convince me I'm wrong about something and get me to change my mind. That support has been unchanged since the day we first met, as has my love for her. Dahl - I hope you know just how much it means to have you.

One thing that has changed from WUCC 1997 is that I'm now being supported by two fantastic additions to our family, Jami (6) and Sean (4). Over the past couple of years they have gotten used to saying "Are you going to ANOTHER meeting?" every time I leave the house. But when I come back I get the big hug and an "I miss you Daddy!" You can't get more special than that.

Brian







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