

G'day and welcome to Australia!

The World Flying Disc Association (WFDF), the Australian Flying Disc Association (AFDA) & Tournament Organising Committee (TOC) are thrilled to host the WFDF 2020 World Masters Ultimate Championships (WMUC) in the City of Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

The tournament will run from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at the Runaway Bay BLK Performance Centre and adjacent fields. This event provides an excellent opportunity to show off a fantastic venue in this beautiful coastal city on the East coast of Australia.

WMUC 2020 will be the inaugural World Championship event dedicated to national teams with masters age players and it is our goal to deliver a truly spectacular event that recognises and rewards those players who have committed so much of their life to the participation of competitive Ultimate.

All WFDF National Federation (NF) members are invited to send one (1) representative National team per division to participate at WMUC 2020 on the Gold Coast. It is hoped that the tournament will feature Master Men's, Master Women's and Master Mixed, Grand Master and hopefully even Great Grand Master divisions. The final makeup of the tournament will be dependent on the number of Expressions of Interest received from the NFs.

NOTE: a minimum of 6 national teams are required to make a division viable.

We are look forward to hosting you and to working together over the next 16 months to collect all the information and payments needed to successfully plan and run the event. Please do everything you can to support the TOC by respecting deadlines and by responding with all the necessary data. As an inaugural event, we emphasise the necessity to get accurate information back from each NF in order to plan the event. We are conscious of the need to minimise costs where ever possible and we need timely EOI responses in order to do this.

**Below in red are the details you need to start registering your teams.** In addition, we have included some basic information to help you with planning and to assist with making your travel plans.

Full event details will be available and posted on the official event website at [www.wmuc2020.com](http://www.wmuc2020.com) This site is live now and will be updated with more details and information as it is finalised.

The event website will also contain a **booking portal** which will be used by Team Managers to book accommodation (including shuttle transport) and also catering packages. Please ensure all team managers look at this portal and familiarise themselves with the processes and deadlines.

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## Event Dates

WMUC will be an eight (8) day tournament, running from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

The Captains' & Spirit Captains' meetings will take place in the morning on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2020. Attendance by at least one (1) representative for EACH TEAM is required to attend each meeting. For capacity reasons a limit will be two (2) people per team per meeting.

The Opening Ceremony will take place in the early afternoon of Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September followed by the Opening Game. Times for the Opening Ceremony and Opening Game will be advised at a later time, however we do expect each team (in uniform) to participate in the Parade of Nations during the Opening Ceremony. Please plan your travel accordingly.

The Final Day will be Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, with the Final games, Medal Presentations and Closing Ceremony taking place immediately after each final, followed by the major social function taking place at the tournament venue.

Should weather cause delays to play, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly to ensure the finals are played as scheduled on day 7 & 8. Based on number of divisions, WMUC might run some finals on Friday.

## Teams and Divisions

We hope to run competitions in all Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters divisions. A minimum of six (6) representative national teams is required to make a division viable.

Expressions of Interest are invited for National Federations to send representative teams in the following competitions:

	Men's	Women's	Mixed
<b>Masters</b> Males (33 years old) Females (30 years old)	✓	✓	✓
<b>Grand Masters</b> Males (40 years old) Females (37 years old)	✓	✓	✓
<b>Great Grand Masters</b> Males (48 years old) Females (45 years old)	✓	✓	✓

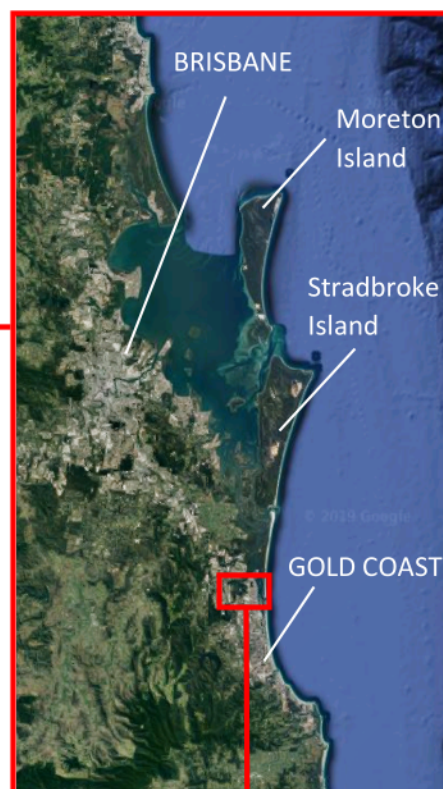
*Note: the age is the minimum age during the calendar year of 2020*

Based upon the number of EOIs received in each division, WFDF will determine which divisions are viable and advise NFs what bid/s they will be allocated. If a division does not attract enough interest, NFs will be notified and allowed to re-submit a second round of EOIs based on viable divisions.

## Location

Runaway Bay is located on the Northern part of the City of Gold Coast in South East Queensland, Australia.

The Gold Coast is a well-known event city, having hosted the 2018 Commonwealth Games and numerous other major sporting, social and cultural events.





The Gold Coast is the number one beach holiday destination in Australia and contains over 50km of pristine white sand beaches famous with recreational and competitive surfers and beach goers the world over. It is bordered to the West by ancient volcanoes covered with dense rainforests and crystal-clear mountain streams. It is home to a vibrant social and cultural scene with hundreds of restaurants, bars and nightspots and family theme parks including the world-famous Sea World, Dream World and Movie World amongst others. The Gold Coast is a 1hr drive from the state Capital, Brisbane and a 2hr flight from one of the world's most incredible natural wonders: The Great Barrier Reef.

Teams are encouraged to take advantage of this WMUC experience and extend their travel plans to visit the unique and spectacular locations around Queensland and Australia.

## Climate

The climate on the Gold Coast is ideal for playing competition Ultimate: Days are dry, warm and sunny; not too hot and not too cold. Daytime temperature averages 25 degrees dropping to 15 degrees at night. Rainfall monthly averages are 45mm, with 4 rain days in the month. The event site is very close to the coast and experiences sea breezes on most days.

## Accommodation

The TOC will provide a range of accommodation options, ranging in price, features and quality for all teams and supporters. These accommodation options are located between 2.4km and 10km from the event venue and all accommodation options **will include** a shuttle transport service to and from the hotels to the fields each day.

Team Managers should visit the accommodation section on the tournament website to review accommodation options and make bookings:

[www.wmuc2020.com](http://www.wmuc2020.com)

Accommodation bookings will require the payment of a deposit followed by a final payment according to the following schedule:

- Completion of Booking form: **20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019**
- Payment of Accommodation Deposit: **27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019**
- Booking Confirmation and Final Payment: **20<sup>th</sup> May. 2020**

Note that shuttle transport will be included in the accommodation booking.

We strongly recommend that ALL teams take up one of the presented options in preference to finding your own accommodation. We have sourced good quality accommodations that are close to the fields and we have secured bulk booking discounts for tournament participants. (You won't find better, cheaper or closer accommodation by searching independently.)

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## Airport Transport

Teams are responsible for their own travel from the airport to the hotels or to the event venue.

There are 2 international airports which are suitable for players to fly into for WMUC 2020:

1. Gold Coast International Airport (Distance to event venue: 45km)
2. Brisbane International Airport (Distance to event venue: 80km)

There are a number of options for travel from the airport to the hotels or the event venue. **Taxis** are available at both airports but are probably the most expensive options (approx. \$120 from GC airport and \$210 from Brisbane airport).

For easiest travel we recommend a **private transfer service**, which can do a larger number of people (eg: mini-bus) at the best price.

Please check travel websites for the best options for travelling to and from the airport.

<https://runawaybaytransfers.com.au/>

<https://airporttransfercompany.com.au/>

The cheapest options are to use **public transport** but will require a number of transfers between bus and train and some walking between connections. Public transportation will take longer so plan your travel accordingly.

<https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/>

<https://www.rome2rio.com/>

## Event Shuttle Transport

The hosts will provide a shuttle bus transport option, which will be packaged with the event accommodation and will transport teams and supporters between the event organised accommodation and the competition venue each day (including return).

Shuttle transport will **NOT** be available for those teams who arrange their own accommodation.

For those teams who do arrange their own accommodation, best transport options are hire cars which can be arranged via a number of providers and can be picked up from the airport. Approximate rental car hire for 9 days will be \$40-\$50 AUD per day (plus insurance and fuel costs).

<https://www.rentalcars.com/en/>

Teams may also investigate public transportation options via the Translink website:

<https://translink.com.au/gold-coast>

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## Social Activities – The Tournament Village

WMUC 2020 will be more than just another competitive Ultimate tournament; it will also be a chance to network, to catch up with old friends (and old foes) and to meet and make new ones.

The WMUC 2020 tournament venue will contain a social and cultural hub, situated around the main Showcase field, called the “Tournament Village”. This village will contain a catering service, food trucks, licensed bar, merchandise stalls, as well as a stage and big screen for live music & DJs, video highlights as well as audio-visual presentations. The Village will provide light social functions each day at the conclusion of the showcase game as well as the major event party on the final night of the tournament.

The village will contain a number of areas for players to have a shower (yes, we will have showers available onsite), relax, feed and hydrate in the down times between games and at the conclusion of each day’s play.

## Food

We know that Ultimate players are hungry beasts and we will offer a dinner catering package which will contain a range of options for each evening of the event (total of 8 dinners) and which caters for all dietary requirements including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free. We **strongly** advise that teams take up this catering package which will provide a full, diverse and satisfying meal option at the most affordable price.

There will also be food trucks onsite which will provide lunch options for purchase. These food trucks will also provide dinner options for those teams who do not take up the catering package.

Breakfast will **not** be provided at the venue. Teams are advised to arrange breakfast through their accommodation provider (where available) or to arrange themselves if in self-service accommodation.

The event catering package will be: 8 x dinners (range of options including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free): **AUD \$18/night (total AUD \$144.00)**

## NOTES:

- There is a major supermarket directly adjacent to the tournament precinct which can provide all necessary grocery items.
- The tournament will also provide free fruit snacks during each day of the event.
- A normal main meal at a restaurant on the Gold Coast will cost around \$22-\$25.
- The catering package is for the full 8 days. There are no options to purchase a catering package for only part days of the event.

Team Managers are requested to complete a catering package booking form on the booking portal showing the numbers of packages required.

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## Visas and Border Security

You are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit Australia to compete at WMUC 2020. Please note that we cannot provide specific advice on the process, but we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible.

The TOC can provide your team administrator with a letter confirming your team's registration at the event. To do that we generally require confirmation of the following details for all the members of your group: full name (as shown on passport), passport number, date of birth and role on team (i.e. player, coach, manager, etc).

Please make sure you leave us some time to produce this document: do not assume that we can send it back the same day! Find out if you will need a hard copy with original signature – obviously that will take extra time & might have postal costs so please plan ahead.

Please note: we cannot and will not provide a formal “invitation” to attend the event and non-ability to enter Australia is not grounds for a request of a refund for a team and/or player fees. We cannot provide individual letters – teams will be included on one letter.

Please be aware that some nations do not require a visa, however must travel with certain paperwork to show officers at the Australian border - we recommend **EVERY TEAM** makes specific enquiries.

<https://www.border.gov.au/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

The Australian Department of Agriculture has strict rules and controls as to what is allowed into Australia. You must declare for inspection all food, plant and animal products as you enter Australia to ensure they are free of pests and diseases. There will be a full page of information regarding footwear and cleanliness of cleats issued to all teams later in the year. Please ensure you read the information supplied very carefully.

## Registration & Fees

The following table outlines the *estimated* fees and deadlines for payment.

The fees and deadlines will be finalised and published on the event website and all other communication channels after the team pre-registrations (Expressions of Interest) have been submitted. This is expected to be the end of June 2019 with the firm bid allocations.

FEE	COST	DEADLINE
Submission of online team pre-registration (EOI)		5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019
Team Deposit	\$1700 (AUD)	18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019
Player Fee	\$650 (AUD)	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019
Non-Player Fee (includes team staff and supporters/family members)	\$200 (AUD)	5 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020



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**NOTE: To pre-register your team, please follow the steps carefully as outlined below:**

**STEP 1** – Complete the on-line pre-registration form by using the following link and submit PRIOR to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019:

<https://forms.gle/fQM3bxmCVSsFzNr27>

Any WFDF member National Federation (in good standing) is welcome to fill out the pre-registration form to express an interest to participate at WMUC, 2020. Non-member countries are also invited to use their “one time exemption” to compete.

A bid allocation list will be compiled by the WFDF Ultimate Committee using the data collected from pre-registration. WFDF will then make firm bid offers to each Member National Federation (NF) for each division on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Each NF will then have the opportunity to accept or decline the bids offered and to allocate the team contacts for the teams they endorse to fill each bid. Not all teams pre-registered will be assured a place at the tournament. **All responses from NF's should be received no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

A full bid list with COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING will be published via the event website on the. Please check to see if your team has been selected to participate at WMUC or if you are on the waitlist.



## Tasks and Deadlines

TASK	NOTES	DEADLINE
Team Pre-Registration	Return of online EOIs for teams interested in playing WMUC 2020	5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019
Formal Bid allocation released	Formal bid allocation from WFDF sent to National Federations.	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019
Team fees due	\$1700 (AUD) – NF to email TOC with confirmation of payment (non-refundable).	19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019
Accommodation/shuttle and catering form complete	Team Managers to complete online accommodation and catering booking form ( <a href="http://www.wmuc2020.com">www.wmuc2020.com</a> )	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019
Player fees due	<b>Estimated Players fee \$650 AUD.</b> NF to email confirmation of payment (actual fee amount confirmed late July 2019.)	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2019
Payment of Accommodation, catering and shuttle deposits	\$100 AUD per person. (Team Manager to email confirmation of payment to TOC).	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2019
Team to confirm final numbers of players and guests	<i>Final confirmation of player and non-player numbers to be submitted to TOC.</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020
1. Final payment of Non-Player fees. 2. All final payments for accommodation and catering due.	Estimated Non-Players fee \$200 AUD (final fee announced late July 2019). Team Managers to pay any final player fees as well as all accommodation and catering fees	20 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020
Player briefing book released	This will outline all team and player registration requirements & event eligibility mandates.	June, 2020
Event		5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 2020

*\* If teams want to make changes to team numbers after 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020, please contact the Tournament Directors. Whilst we will do our best to accommodate your requirements, we cannot guarantee that we will allow any refunds or accept any changes made to the bookings after this date.*

We are really looking forward to hosting all Ultimate players and teams Down Under in Australia next year.