



WBUC 2023

WFDF WORLD BEACH ULTIMATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BULLETIN #1: October 2022



Huntington Beach, California, USA • Oct. 28 – Nov. 4, 2023
8 divisions | 30+ countries | 300 volunteers | 1,000 participants

We're excited to be your host in beautiful Huntington Beach, California, USA next October

On behalf of California Ultimate Association (CUA) and the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), we want to extend to you and all the Ultimate community a warm, sunny welcome to Huntington Beach, California. Known as "Surf City USA," this beach community is just south of Los Angeles in Orange County, 30-40 minutes from Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm, home to one of the best air shows in the USA, and LeiOut (celebrating 22 years of Beach Ultimate). While Huntington Beach is accustomed to flying discs, WBUC 2023 will be the most spectacular showcase our sport has ever seen. We can't wait to show you the Greater Los Angeles Area full of beauty, athleticism, and the spirit of Beach Ultimate.



The WFDF 2023 World Beach Ultimate Championships (WBUC 2023) are taking place on the gorgeous white sands of the city's beach south of Huntington Beach Pier. WBUC will be held from Saturday October 28th to Saturday November 4th over eight (8) days and will feature the world's best Beach Ultimate players representing mixed, women's, open and masters teams from over 30 countries.

Partner hotels, sponsors, and local businesses look forward to welcoming the estimated 100 teams and 1,000 athletes and fans with open arms. There will be social events and panel discussions taking place throughout the week to keep teams entertained and also to bring our critical minds together to discuss how we can grow and support our sport. Mid-week, all athletes will be invited to participate in a Guinness World Record attempt as well! WBUC is going to be a blast both on and off the field.

On the following pages you will find the details you need to begin the WBUC 2023 pre-registration process.

Please pay attention to action points highlighted in pink. We've also included some extra details on transportation and accommodation to help you with your decision making and planning. .

Should you have any immediate questions that affect your ability to pre-register your teams, please feel free to reach out to our event team at registration@wbuc.sport. **To help build the hype and bring in more sponsors and local new coverage please encourage all of your communities to follow the event on social media:**



WBUC 2023

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/calulti>

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WFDF

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/worldflyingdisc>

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8 GREAT DAYS of Ultimate on Huntington Beach!

WBUC 2023 will be an eight (8) day tournament running from Saturday, October 28th to Saturday, November 4th inclusive. *Should weather cause delays to play, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly to ensure the finals are played as scheduled on or prior to day 8. In severe weather the schedule or format might be adjusted with reduced games.*

EVENT DATES

COACHES' & CAPTAINS' MEETING & THE SPIRIT CAPTAINS' MEETING

These will each take place on Saturday October 28, 2023 around midday. 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.

OPENING CEREMONY & SHOWCASE GAME

The Opening Ceremony will take place in the early afternoon of Saturday October 28nd followed by the Opening Showcase 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 and to be available to play the first round. Please plan your travel accordingly. If the schedule requires, some teams' first round

of games may also begin on the afternoon of day one.

JERSEY TRADE NIGHT

This event will take place on Thursday November 2nd in the evening on the showcase field. Bring your extra jerseys to trade with other participants.

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

During the week we'll be attempting the most consecutive disc throws. The exact date and time is to be decided by Guinness World Records.

PARTY

The official WBUC party will be Friday night, November 3rd. Venue and attire will be announced mid next year.

FINALS & CLOSING CEREMONIES

Finals Days will be Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 4th with medal presentations taking place immediately after each final. The Closing Ceremony will be November 4th.



TEAMS & DIVISIONS

All WFDF National Federation (NF) members in good standing are invited to participate at WBUC in Huntington Beach with each NF automatically entitled to pre-register for one (1) bid per division: Open (O), Women's (W), Mixed (X), Master Open (MO), Master Women's (MW), Master Mixed (MX), Grand Master Open (GMO), Grand Master Women's (GMW) and Grand Master Mixed (GMX). Great Grand Master will also be included if more than 6 countries are interested.

Member NF you are requested to fill out the pre-registration for all divisions to which they want to send a team. Based on the interest received, the WFDF Events Team will allocate bids accordingly. It is important that every National Federation member fills out the Expression Of Interest (even if their country is not coming) so that bids can be allocated accurately based on the bid allocation rules.

The event is open to all players who are fourteen (14) years old or older at the start of the event. WBUC is a National Team event, therefore your team should be a representation of your Nation (not a club team). There is a chance that not all NF's will get all of the bids for teams that they are interested in sending; WFDF will be in touch as soon as the results of the pre-registration per division are known, and if this is the case, the WFDF Events Team allocate bids per the rules.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The event is organized and run by Grant Boyd, with a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of dedicated key staff including: Alison Regan, Ian Brown, James Erdmann, Joanna Whitney, and Russell Gaskamp. This group is an incredible collection of avid TD's and behind-the-scenes Ultimate pioneers. This team is supported by your official

host, California Ultimate Association (CUA). Since 2017 CUA has been the driving force behind the management and promotion of Ultimate tournaments large and small, including: USAU College Nationals, Beach Westerns, and a college B-team event. CUA has also developed innovative programs like Project Disc Go and Uplift Ultimate during the pandemic; and have forged meaningful partnerships with the Inglewood Unified School District and LA Dept. of Recreation & Parks among others to bring Ultimate to youth where they're at – especially in less resource advantaged areas. Together LOC & CUA are committed to delivering a truly world class WBUC 2023.

LOCATION & VENUE MAPS

The WFDF 2023 World Beach Ultimate Championships will take place across the City Beach south of the Huntington Beach Pier. Players will find comfort playing on the supportive, yet soft white sand of Huntington Beach. There will be 2 showcase fields and a stadium field with seating close to the Pier in the hopes visitors and loyal spectators will have a unique aerial view of the action.

In total the fields will stretch 1.0 mile (1.6 km) with a walking path lining the east side of the fields that makes it possible to walk anywhere on site or to the official event hotel in less than 25 minutes.

Huntington Beach has 10 miles of uninterrupted beaches with a relaxed surfing spirit and contemporary vibe that offers an ocean side destination unlike any where else on the California coast. To find out more about the WBUC 2023's exciting destination, visit:

www.surfcityusa.com/

www.visitanaheim.org/

www.discoverlosangeles.com/

www.visitcalifornia.com/region/orange-county/



2023's carbon footprint. The shuttle will pick up at a few high volume time frames from Thursday through Saturday morning from LAX & ONT depending on demand.

- Download and utilize a ride-sharing app to hire a driver to get you where you're going, we recommend Lyft and Uber.
- You can rent a car or van at any of the airports if needed. We suggest you book ahead before you get to the airport for the best rates with any relevant discount codes.

Teams should make inquiries about flights, however no flights should be booked until after the team registration is closed and after WFDF confirms each team on the bid list – this will happen in November, 2022.

TRANSPORT FROM THE AIR

Getting to and from the Greater Los Angeles Area is easy with a variety of international airports to choose from, many of which provide affordable fares. Notably:

- There are daily direct flights to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) from a wide range of cities in the UK, US, Europe, Asia, and the UAE.
- John Wayne Airport (SNA) is only 15 minutes from Huntington Beach and provides some good options for North American travelers.
- Other airports are within 90 minutes as well, including (from closest to furthest): LGB, BUR, and ONT.

ON THE GROUND

Players & staff will have three options to get to and around Huntington Beach after landing:

- **We highly encourage teams to consider BOOKING GREEN;** save money by utilizing our WBUC LAX & ONT airport shuttles – \$30 per person each way if staying at a partner hotel, \$40 for people who book outside the official accommodations. Spend 8 days walking around the local area and being shuttled to social events knowing that you're helping reduce WBUC

CLIMATE

Huntington Beach has a mild maritime climate, which will be perfect for Beach Ultimate. Temperatures generally range between a high of 74° F/23° C and a low of 56° F/13° C, and although it's an ocean front community it boasts a relatively low humidity level with predominantly blue skies overhead. Being oceanside, there is a steady breeze which averages about 6mph/10kmh and varies between cross-field and diagonal. For you ocean lovers, the water temperature should be a warm 56° F/13° C.

ATMOSPHERE

WBUC offers epic SoCal fun with a chill vibe. The tournament will showcase amazing players from across the globe while creating an exciting event for the party crowd, the respectful spectators, and the visiting or local family looking to experience something new and fun. With everything being within walking distance or easily accessed via shuttle, Huntington Beach will be buzzing with WBUC 2023 crowds. The LOC will also provide a menu of enticing side excursions including a Guinness World Record attempt, morning yoga, theme parks, sporting events, a giant party, and much more.

ACCOMMODATION & BOOKINGS

All players and staff are encouraged to stay at one of our host or partner hotels and book through our online links, or the booking directions provided on the event website.

Booking through our event website:

- 1 Assures participants a good deal.
- 2 Is easier for hotel staff to manage.
- 3 Builds trust between the local community and the LOC by proving Ultimate has a significant economic impact in their area.



What to expect:

- Official event host hotel and additional partner hotels will be announced by October 31, 2022. Full details will be included in the second WBUC 2023 bulletin, and on the event website.
- We will partner with enough hotels to accommodate participants in rooms that in most cases feature two (2) queen beds and can accommodate up to four (4) participants.
- A range of options from high end oceanside properties (~\$300/night) within walking distance of the event, to more affordable options (as low as \$125/night) within 25 minutes of Huntington Beach.
- The LOC may be able to provide limited shuttle service to certain areas with partner hotels, but please don't plan on that until further details are provided.
- Team managers should plan on booking rooms by December 31, 2022 to lock in the discounted WBUC 2023 event rates.
- Information on additional hotel accommodation for family and spectators will be published on the event website on January 1, 2023.
- Transport to and from the official party will be provided from 2-3 central pick-up zones near our partner hotels; shuttle drivers will be unable to accommodate any added pick ups or drop offs.



FOOD

There will be a plethora of food trucks nearby and a variety of local options at the mall across the street. These options will be detailed on the event website mid-year 2023.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

All event participants (athletes, coaches and team support) are recommended to obtain travel insurance prior to booking and health insurance before leaving your home country.

The US healthcare system is based on individuals carrying personal insurance. WFDF and the WBUC LOC do not provide coverage for participants. There are always risks associated with playing Ultimate. Although WBUC will have medical staff on site to deal with first aid and assess critical injuries, there may be injuries in which players need medical attention that requires emergency visits to local hospitals.

WFDF and the LOC kindly request that all players and event participants acknowledge these risks and understand that WFDF and the LOC cannot be held liable for any risk or cost associated with injury or bad health at WBUC. All event participants should consider securing some personal liability coverage by purchasing their own travel and health insurance to make sure they are covered for any medical issues or event cancellations that could arise.

VISAS

Once the event bid list is published and your team is registered, we encourage each team to make specific and timely inquiries about obtaining a visa to enter the United States of America. Teams are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit the US to compete at the WFDF 2023 World Beach Ultimate Champion-



ships in Huntington Beach.

The LOC cannot provide specific advice on the process, however we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible after having your bid(s) accepted.

The LOC can provide your team manager/administrator with a letter confirming your team's registration at the event. To do so (after teams have registered and paid their fees) administrators must fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/YaPosZHp75CQWdHp6>.

Make sure you leave us at least five (5) business days to produce this document; do not assume that we can send it back the same day. Please note: we cannot, and will not, provide a formal "invitation" to attend the event; and non-ability to enter the US is not grounds to request a refund for team and/or player fees.

We recommend that EVERY TEAM make specific inquiries to fully understand visa and travel requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time Zone: PST (UTC-07:00) Pacific Time

Language: English

Currency: US Dollar (\$)

Voltage: 120 volts AC, 60Hz

REGISTRATION & FEES

WBUC 2023 DIVISIONS

Mixed (X)	Master Mixed (MX)	Grand Master Mixed (GMX)
Open (O)	Master Open (MO)	Grand Master Open (GMO)
Women's (W)	Master Women's (MW)	Grand Master Women's (GMW)
Great Grand Master Divisions: Open (GGMO), Mixed (GGMX), Women's (GGMW)		

WBUC will operate divisions following the team eligibility rules for National team rosters with a minimum of six (6) countries per division.

FEES & FEE SCHEDULE

The fees are currently estimated and will be confirmed after pre-registraion closes.

FEE	COST
Online pre-registration (obligation free)	\$0
Team Fee	\$1600
Player Fee	\$400
Non-Player Fee	\$250
Late Fee (for Players & Non-Players)	\$50

- WFDF will invoice and collect all fees for WBUC 2023
- All fees are in US DOLLARS \$ (please ensure payment is in the right currency)
- Team Fee is NOT refundable for any team that withdraws; WFDF will however provide a full team refund if, during the registration process, it is decided the event does not have the critical mass of teams needed to proceed
- The player fee can be transferred to another player but is NOT refundable (subject to certain exceptions and restrictions)
- All bank fees and transfer charges are at the cost of the payer
- If there are any outstanding monies, they will be collected via cash or PayPal during on-site event registration
- All fees will be confirmed and clearly outlined AFTER team pre-registration closes

Player Fees will include: event accreditation, the player gift package, field and roster access for play, access to all player zones, participation in social events and meetings, access to the party and opening and closing ceremonies, and of course the possibility of trophies and medals.

Non-playing Team Support Fees: are for people traveling and associated with the team (coaches, medics, support, admin and guests) but are not taking the field to play. They will receive the same benefits as a player but will not be on any roster and are not entitled to play.

Spectators: are non-accredited individuals who will not be able to participate with the team or take part in any of the event or team functions unless they buy tickets.



PRE-REGISTRATION

To pre-register your team, please follow the steps carefully outlined below: Complete the online pre-registration form by using the following link and submit **PRIOR to Monday November 15th, 2022:** <https://forms.gle/TVT6aE5hiTjdXfu9>.

- All WFDF Member National Federations (NF) are kindly requested to fill out the pre-registration form to express an interest to participate at WBUC 2023. A bid allocation list will be compiled by the WFDF Events Team using the data collected from pre-registration. WFDF will then make firm bid offers to each NF for each division on November 16, 2022.
- A full bid list with Countries Participating will be published via press release and the event website after the team fees are collected by the due date of November 30, 2022. Please check to see if your team has been selected to participate at WBUC or if you are on the waitlist.



Please note: The WFDF Beach Ultimate Committee would like all NF's to be advised that WBUC 2023 results will factor in the awarding of bids to the ANOC World Beach Games. Open, Women's and Mixed divisions are possible contributors to points qualifications.

MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR ULTIMATE CALENDAR!



STEPS	DEADLINE	NOTE
Accommodation pre-booking opens online for all partner hotels	October 31, 2022	<i>We recommend teams make provisional bookings for hotels ASAP (first come, first served) and firm them after the November 16th when bids are released</i>
Pre-registration online ends	November 15, 2022	<i>Return EOI for National Federations interested in sending teams to play at WBUC</i>
Formal bid allocation	November 16, 2022	<i>Formal bid allocation from WFDF sent to NF's</i>
Invoices sent	November 16, 2022	<i>Formal bid allocation from WFDF sent to NF's</i>
Team fees & minimum roster due	November 30, 2022	<i>Team fees and players fees (minimum roster) are required to formalize bid acceptance</i>
Last day to book hotel rooms at WBUC rates	January 1, 2023	<i>The LOC has arranged discounted rates for WBUC participants that are not available after this date.</i>
Teams confirm number of players and guests for invoicing	March 1, 2023	<i>You will be able to increase team size, but not decrease after this date. A late surcharge will be added to all team members added after this date.</i>
Final payment of any LATE player registration fees	June 30, 2023	<i>This is the last chance to increase roster size</i>
Final roster due	August 15, 2023	<i>No changes after this date. All rosters will be locked.</i>



CANCELLATION POLICY

PLEASE NOTE: that the cancellation terms are specifically in relation to a cancellation of the event as decided between the LOC and WFDF and do not apply to teams or players pulling out for their own reasons. Fees are non-refundable after the due dates and will only be considered at the discretion of WFDF for medical grounds and extenuating circumstances.

Should the event need to be canceled, the following cancellation terms will apply to all event fee payments

- **Cancellation announced before – Nov. 30, 2022:** 100% of Team Fees collected will be returned.
- **Cancellation announced Dec. 1 – Feb. 28, 2023:** 75% of Team Fees collected will be returned.
- **Cancellation announced March 1– June 30, 2023:** 50% of Team Fees collected will be returned.
- **Cancellation announced 1 July – 28 Oct. 2023:** 25% of Team Fees collected will be returned.

Don't forget to share your preparation for WBUC 2023 with us!

CONTACT US

Have any questions about the WBUC 2023?

Don't hesitate to contact us:

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Website: <https://wbuc.sport>

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WFDF CONTACTS

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The World Flying Disc Federation ("WFDF") is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Individual Events.

WFDF is a federation of 107 member associations, which represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 103 countries. WFDF is an International Federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA), the International Masters Games Association (IMGA), and the Association for the International Sport for All (TAFISA). WFDF is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, and is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

As the international governing body for the sport of flying disc, WFDF has the responsibility for sanctioning world championship and other international flying disc events, establishing uniform rules, and setting standards for and recording of world records. It acts:

- ***To promote and protect the "spirit of the game" of flying disc play;***
- ***To encourage flying disc play*** throughout the world and foster the establishment of new national flying disc associations, advising them on all flying disc activities and general management;
- ***To promote and raise public awareness of and lobby for official recognition of flying disc play as sport; and to provide an international forum for discussion of all aspects of flying disc play.***





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You may want to contact our long-term partner distributor in Germany, as they now hot stamp UltraStar discs right in Germany and can also order discs from us, such as Supercolor or JStars. Contact Heiko Kissling, JUMP-and-REACH.com, it may eliminate all your headaches related to shipping costs, duty and taxes. Email address is uCustomize@JUMP-and-REACH.com. The new Hot Stamp prices are up on the website! You can see them here: www.jump-and-reach.com/customprint175#prices



Greatest Ultimate Bag designed by and for ultimate players!

Greatest Ultimate was founded in 2016 and makes the #1 bag designed by and for Ultimate players, and the official bag of WFDF, AUDL teams and elite club teams around the world. In 2020 Greatest launched the Sky Trainer – a fun, user-friendly, portable kit for ultimate players to train, compete with your teammates and improve your ups. With the Greatest Sky Trainer, you can sky like a pro! <https://www.greatestbag.com>



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