

# WFDF 2023 Asia Oceanic Ultimate & Guts Championships

Manila, Philippines | 6th - 10th September 2023



WFDF and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) Philippine Flying Disc Association (PFDA) is looking forward to hosting the WFDF 2023 Asia Oceanic Ultimate & Guts Championships (AOUGC) at the Ayala Alabang Country Club in Manila, the Philippines from the 6th – 10th September 2023 in the Open, Women's, Mixed and Master Mixed Ultimate divisions. The tournament will also include Guts.

Participating teams and National Federations are kindly asked to please do everything you can to support the LOC by respecting deadlines and by responding with all the necessary data efficiently. To ensure the LOC can successfully plan and run the event payments must be made on time. We are working hard to make all processes as simple as possible, however we need you to understand that deadlines are in place for good reasons and therefore any teams not meeting deadlines could risk losing their division bid offer.

All Asia Oceanic WFDF National Federation (NF) members are invited to participate at AOUGC. The WFDF Ultimate Committee has created a bid allocation list based on the preregistrations received and NFs are encouraged to accept or decline their bids by the end of February. One NATIONAL TEAM per nation per division and other multiple CLUB TEAMS may participate. All players on a club team roster must be members of the National Association and each team bid and roster must be endorsed by the member National Federation.

Following are the details that you need to register your teams. In addition, we have included some basic information to help you with planning and to assist with making your travel plans. More details will be available and posted on the official event website in March.

NOTE: There are action points throughout this bulletin highlighted in red, please pay particular attention to these.

If you have any urgent question, please email the LOC or WFDF. "Urgent" means that it affects whether or not you will enter a team. For other information, please see the website or wait for further instructions.

We can't wait to see you all in Manila, Philippines at AOUGC 2023.

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#### **EVENT DATES**

The tournament will run from Wednesday 6th – Sunday 10th September 2023 inclusive (5 days).

The Captains' & Coaches Meeting & Spirit Captains' Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday evening (before the event) materials will be distributed via email for those unable to join online. Teams will be required to acknowledge they have received and understand the notes from both meetings.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Day 1 Wednesday 6th September at 8:00am, all participants are expected to attend in uniform. Rounds for all teams will follow thereafter. Please note that Day 1 is a full day and teams should plan to arrive the day prior.

The following days 2, 3 & 4 will consist of tournament games as scheduled with rounds planned from 08:00 through until 17:00. Friday, 8th of September will be the Trading Night and Saturday, 9th September will be the Players' Party.

The Finals as well as some placement games as required by the schedule will be held on Sunday, 10th September, with the Medal ceremony taking place immediately after the finals of each division. Closing Ceremony will follow immediately after the last medal ceremony around 5pm on Sunday night.

Should weather cause delays to play, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly to ensure the finals are played as scheduled on or before day 5.



**IMPORTANT DATES** 

SEPT 5 Registration, Captains'/Coaches & Spirit Captains' Meeting

SEPT 6 Registration, Opening Ceremony, Games

SEPT 7 Games

SEPT 8 Games, Trading Night

EPT 9 Games, Player Party

SEPT 10 Games, Medal & Closing Ceremonies

#### **LOCATION AND MAPS**



AOUGC will use the same venue all week. The Alabang Country Club is an 8 hectare grass field site hosting 13 fields. The venue is located around 30 minutes South of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila, Philippines. The venue has hosted the successful Manila Spirits as well as the 2017 AOUGCC.

#### **CLIMATE**

The expected average temperature during September for Manila ranges from 25 – 30 degrees daily. The weather is a typically tropical climate with rain expected often.



#### **ACCOMODATION**

Official AOUGC accommodation will be limited. Please plan early.

The LOC has partnered with hotels, hostels and serviced apartments for the tournament Accommodation. Rooms range from USD \$40 to USD \$80 per room (2 people). The accommodation will be in or around Alabang and Makati City which is a 45 minute bus ride from the venue.

To book your accommodation, please refer to the event Website in March, for further instructions. It is recommended that teams book through the official partners to use the event transportation as provided. AOUGC Fields are located inside a private subdivision and it is sometimes difficult to get transportation to and from the fields in private vehicles. We strongly recommend booking the all inclusive official accommodation.

#### **TRANSPORT**

A transportation shuttle service will be provided for teams between the official tournament hotels, the fields, registration venue and the parties.

Please note: the shuttle bus is only available to those who purchase the event hotel package from the LOC. Access to buses will be clearly marked on your event accreditation. Vans/buses will run on a pre-arranged timetable which will be advised closer to the event.

There will also be additional vans available for teams to rent during the tournament. The Venue has parking available. An official vehicle pass will be supplied to those who rent vans through the LOC.

#### **FOOD & DRINKS**

Breakfast will be included in only some accommodation options. Please check carefully when selecting.

Lunch during days 2,3, 4 & 5 (4 meals) will be provided by the LOC. The cost of this is covered by your Player Fee/ NPTS Fee. Sample lunch menu: rice with vegetable and pork/chicken/beef plus dessert. There will be a vegetarian & Halal option. There is no opt out of this option.

Rice meals, egg, sandwiches, fruit, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages and snacks will be available for purchase at the fields in addition to the lunch.

Fresh drinking water will be available throughout the venue. Ice will be available for injury and medical use only.

#### **VISA'S**

You are each responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit the Philippines to compete at AOUGC 2023. Please note that we cannot provide specific advice on the process, but we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible.

WFDF can provide players with a letter confirming your participation as a player at the event after the players fees are paid and after the NF has supplied a roster endorsement letter with your name on it. Please make specific requests for such letter by filling out this online form.

Please note: we cannot and will not provide a formal "invitation" to attend the event and non-ability to enter the Philippines is not grounds for a request for a refund for a team and/or player fees. Please be aware that some nations do not require a visa, however you may have to travel with certain paperwork to show officers at the border - we recommend EVERY TEAM makes specific inquiries.

#### **HEALTH & MEDICAL**

All event participants (athletes and non-playing team support) are recommended to obtain travel insurance prior to booking flights and health insurance before leaving your home country. WFDF and the LOC do not provide coverage for participants outside of the general first aid administered at the fields. There are always risks associated with playing Ultimate/Guts and traveling. Although AOUGC will have medical staff on site to deal with first aid and assess critical injuries, there may be injuries or illness in which players need follow up medical attention or 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 AOUGC. All event participants should alleviate some personal financial liability by purchasing your own travel and health insurance to make sure you are covered for any medical issues or event/travel cancellations that could arise. Participants will be required to sign an Event Participant Agreement published in advance of the event.

#### **AOUGC TEAMS & DIVISIONS**

Teams from all WFDF Asia Oceanic National Federation (NF) members are invited to participate at AOUGC in Manila. WFDF members NF's in good standing will be entitled to participate. WFDF has already collected pre-registration for all divisions from countries that want to send teams. If you have not already pre-registered and wish to send team/s, please email karina.woldt@wfdf.sport urgently. We are unable to accept any new team sign ups after the 10th of March.

Based on the pre-registration already received, the WFDF Ultimate Committee has allocated bids accordingly. A provisional bid list has been published via email alongside this bulletin. Changes will be permitted through until the 10th of March for additions for countries who might have missed the pre-registration deadline or to make changes to existing bids offered.

AOUGC will operate divisions following the team eligibility rules for team rosters (Section D). Please note that rules for National Teams and Club teams must be adhered to.

- Mixed Division (X)
  - Female and Male identifying players who are at least 14 years old are eligible.
- Open (O)
  - Female or Male identifying players who are at least 14 years old are eligible.
- Women (W)
  - Female identifying players who are at least 14 years old are eligible.
- Mixed Masters Division (XM)
  - Female identifying players who are at least 30 years old in 2023 (Female identifying players born between 1 January and 31 December 1993 are eligible); Male identifying players who are at least 33 years old in 2023 (Male identifying players born between 1 January and 31 December 1990 are eligible).
- Guts (G)
  - Female or Male identifying players who are at least 14 years old are eligible.

The event is open to all players who meet the age and eligibility criteria during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.

WFDF strives to protect transgender athletes and to recognise the importance of autonomy of gender identity in sport and has created clear guidelines with minimally invasive requirements for TUE submissions. The guidelines were developed by the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee. AOUGC will abide by timelines and requirements as outlined in the WFDF Transgender Athlete and Differences in Sex Development (DSD) Athlete Policy. Please note that there are different timelines for transgender athletes under age 20 than for transgender athletes age 20 or older. Please be sure to read through this document with your athletes when assessing eligibility.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

WFDF and the LOC recognise that situations outside the control of the organizers could occur that might have possible impacts on the ability to host the event.

We will continue to monitor the impact and effects of the Pandemic and any geopolitical factors that might affect travel. We will follow the advice and recommendations from International health, safety and travel authorities for travel to and from the Philippines.

If any new information presents itself that would warrant an event cancellation we will report back immediately to teams. Countries should continue to make their own assessment, and should remain in contact with the organisers with up to date information if any concerns arise.

WFDF also reminds all teams that team fee and minimum roster invoice payments are the only formal registration for a team. Any bids not paid on time could be revoked. Only when payments are received WFDF will confirm critical mass for the event to proceed. Teams should not make firm flight or hotel bookings until that time. (18th March)

At the discretion of WFDF and the LOC, should the event need to be canceled, the following cancellation terms will apply to all event fee payments;

- Cancellation announced before 17th March (Team fee payment deadline) 100% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 18 MAR 31 APR 40% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 1 MAY 30 JUN 30% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 1 JUL 31 AUG 20% of Fees collected will be returned.

Please note - team cancellation for your own reasons does not qualify for the cancellation refund terms.

### **BIDS & TEAM ADMINISTRATORS**

Country Coordinators and team administrators are reminded that bids will become official after receipt of Team Fee payment and the payment of a minimum roster of 12 Players Fees/ 5 for guts. Any bids not paid for by the deadline of Friday 17th of March could be revoked.

All bids offered are issued to each member National Federation directly and only WFDF's official member representative for each country can accept bids. All teams and rosters must have full endorsement by the member NF. All invoices will be issued directly to the member NF.

Should you wish to nominate a separate person per team as the team administrator for administrative pre-event dues/ receiving emails, booking hotels etc, please fill out this form. Country coordinators may choose to continue to represent multiple teams if you wish.

#### **LATE REGISTRATION**

Last chance to register for team bids to attend AOUGC. WFDF member National Federations are encouraged to email WFDF karina.woldt@wfdf.sport if you have not already been offered bids through the pre-registration process. No new bids will be offered after the deadline of the 10th March. Team and roster fees will be due in March, in line with the deadline for payments for all teams. Late registrations will only be accepted if there are available bids.

If you have already been offered bids through the pre-registration allocation system and wish to make a change or add more bids, please reach out to WFDF immediately via email. karina.woldt@wfdf.sport

#### **LOC CONTACTS**

Do you have any questions about the WFDF 2023 Asia Oceanic Ultimate and Guts Championships? Please contact us via the details below, but note that the website will not be live until later in March 2023.

Email: info@aougc.sport Website: www.aougc.sport

#### WFDF CONTACTS

For any quesons regarding team bids, registration, invoicing or for AOUGC, rules and competition related topics please contact the WFDF Events Team:

Contacts:

WFDF Events Coordinator

(Event logistics and AOUGC Player Registration) Patrick Fourcampré-Maye (patrickfm@wfdf.sport)

WFDF Managing Director of Events & Operations (Event invoicing and AOUGC Team registration and Teams contact) Karina Woldt (karina.woldt@wfdf.sport)

Website: www.wfdf.sport

**PFDA** 

Karen Cabrera (td@aougc.sport)

#### **ABOUT PFDA**

The Philippine Flying Disc Association, formerly known as the Philippine Ultimate Association, has been the official governing body of all Flying Disc Sports in the Philippines since 2002. We have successfully hosted the WFDF 2017 Asia Oceanic Ultimate and Guts Club Championships in Manila.

#### **ABOUT WFDF**

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 103 member associations, which represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 100 countries. WFDF is an International Federation recognised 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.

## **REGISTRATION, FEES & EVENT DEADLINES**

# AOUGCC 2023 Divisions: Open (O), Women's (W), Mixed (X), Masters Mixed (MX) & Guts (G)

Fee	Cost	Deadline
Acceptance of Bid		Friday 10th March 2023
Team Fee	\$375 Guts \$500 Ultimate	Friday 17th March 2023
Minimum Roster (12) Players Fees \$285 Ultimate Teams	\$3420	Friday 17th March 2023
Minimum Roster (5) Players Fees \$200 Guts Teams	\$1000	Friday 17th March 2023
Remaining Players Fee due (for additional players more than than the minimum roster already paid)	\$285 Ultimate \$200 Guts	Friday 12th May 2023
NPTS (coaches, team support)	\$185	Friday 12th May 2023
Late Fee Surcharge	\$50	For all additions made after Friday 12th May (per person)

- All fees are in US Dollar (Please ensure your payment is made in the right currency)
- The team fee is NOT reimbursable
- The player fee can be transferred but is NOT reimbursable (subject to certain exceptions and restrictions)
- The Non-Player Fee includes access to all event facilities, transportation, accreditation, and a gift pack. This option should be chosen for anyone attending the event as part of a team who is not included on the team roster (ie- Administrative staff, coach, chaperone)
- All bank fees and transfer charges are at the cost of the payer if there are any outstanding monies they will be collected in cash during on-site event registration.

# To accept your team bids for each division, please follow the steps carefully as outlined below:

#### STEP 1

Accept bids and inform us of the team administrator responsible for the team and paying for fees by Friday the 10th March using the following link:

https://forms.gle/VmktmThxidLpo8rL6

If your NF is going to handle the registration, payments and pre-event planning for the teams you are sending, you do not need to fill out the form above - your details from pre-registration will remain the primary contact.

National federations are kindly reminded to decline bids via email to karina.woldt@wfdf.sport as soon as you have made a decision, so that bids can be offered to others on the waitlist.

#### STEP 2

On or before Saturday 11th March (as soon as bid acceptance is made), each National Federation and team will be sent the invoice for team fee and minimum roster via email. Make full invoice payment (prior to Friday the 17th March, 2023) to secure each bid. Any teams not meeting the payment deadline risk losing their bid. Teams are kindly asked to ensure that their payments and transfers cover the cost of any banking fees.

Any bids not cancelled, and without team administrators will be billed directly to the National Federation.

#### STEP 3

For any questions about the Team registrations process, please do not hesitate to contact WFDF Event team – Karina Woldt Email: karina.woldt@wfdf.sport.

You are kindly asked to supply information and make payments as soon as possible – please do not wait until you are close to the deadline. We are not able to extend the deadlines nor make exceptions to the fees published – please do not ask.



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