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LIGNANO SABBIAORO - ITALY

WELCOME TO LIGNANO SABBIADORO

Welcome to Lignano Sabbiadoro, in the north-eastern Province of Udine, Italy for WFDF's inaugural WFDF 2023 World Wheelchair Ultimate Championship!

The WFDF 2023 World Wheelchair Ultimate Championship (WWUC) will be hosted by Local Organising Committee (LOC) Federazione Italiana Giochi e Sport Tradizionali (F.I.Ge.S.T), led by Salvatore Comis alongside a team of experienced key staff. WWUC will be held at the Bella Italia Village Sport and Family Centre from Thursday 28th of September through to Sunday 1st of October 2023 inclusive (4 days).

Wheelchair Ultimate is a mixed team sport for quadriplegic and paraplegic players. It is a unique sport created by athletes with a disability, combining elements of wheelchair basketball, rugby and handball. WWUC will be played indoors on a regulation-sized basketball court. All facilities while at WWUC will be accessible to people in wheelchairs. WFDF expects six national teams to take part in this inaugural Wheelchair event with up to 40 para-athletes.

To be eligible to play at WWUC, players must have a disability that affects the arms and legs or only legs and have mobility disability limitations with different functional abilities while sitting in a manual wheelchair. (Spinal Injuries, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, amputations, polio and other neurological conditions etc. qualify). Players will be assigned a sport classification based on their level of disability as per the WFDF Classification code and teams must field players with a mixture of classification values.

On the following pages you will find the details you need to formalise your team's WWUC registration process. **Please pay attention to action points highlighted in red.** We've also included some *preliminary* extra details on transport and accommodation to help you with your planning.

Should you have any immediate questions that affect your ability to pre-register your team, please feel free to reach out to WFDF or the LOC (contact details on the back page of this bulletin). Teams from all WFDF member National Federations are welcome to participate in the Event.

We look forward to hosting you in Lignano, Sabbiadoro, in September 2023.

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Federazione Italiana Giochi e
Sport Tradizionali
Tournament Director



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EVENT DATES

WWUC will be a four (4) day tournament from Thursday 28th September to Sunday 1st October, 2023 inclusive. For logistical reasons, the tournament includes arrival and departure days, with two competitive days of play.

On-site registration will take place in the lead up to the Tournament after teams arrive in Lignano Sabbiadoro on Thursday 28th September. All teams should plan to arrive and book into the official accommodation and to process event registration on that day.

Athletes' Meeting & the Spirit Captains' Meetings will take place on Friday 29th September, mid morning BEFORE the tournament Opening Ceremony. These meetings will be available for all event participants and will be hosted on the playing field. Please plan your travel accordingly.

The Opening Ceremony will take place in the afternoon of Friday 29th September (Day 2) and all teams are requested to participate in uniform. The Opening game will take place on Friday immediately after the Opening Ceremony.

It is anticipated that teams will play up to 2 games per day in a round robin format. The Medal Ceremony will take place immediately after the final. The Closing Ceremony will take place at the end of the WWUC.

The schedule is still to be worked out, however finals will be available for all participants to view and will take place late on Saturday 30th September.



LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The event will be headed up by Salvatore Comis Head of Flying Disc, Federazione Italiana Giochi e Sport Tradizionali (F.I.Ge.S.T.), the National Governing Body for Flying Disc in Italy. Salvatore will be joined by an experienced team of staff and volunteers.

F.I.Ge.S.T has partnered with the Italian Beach Games, which will feature several emerging sports and take place in the same city at the same time. The 2023 Italian Beach Ultimate Championships will also take place concurrently with this event. We hope to provide strong visibility to Wheelchair Ultimate in a competition where many athletes from all over Italy will be present.

LOCATION & VENUE MAPS

The World Wheelchair Ultimate Championship will be played at the Bella Italia Village Sport and Family Complex, with the main accommodation base at the Residence Alle Vele.

Bella Italia Village Sport & Family

Lignano Sabbiadoro

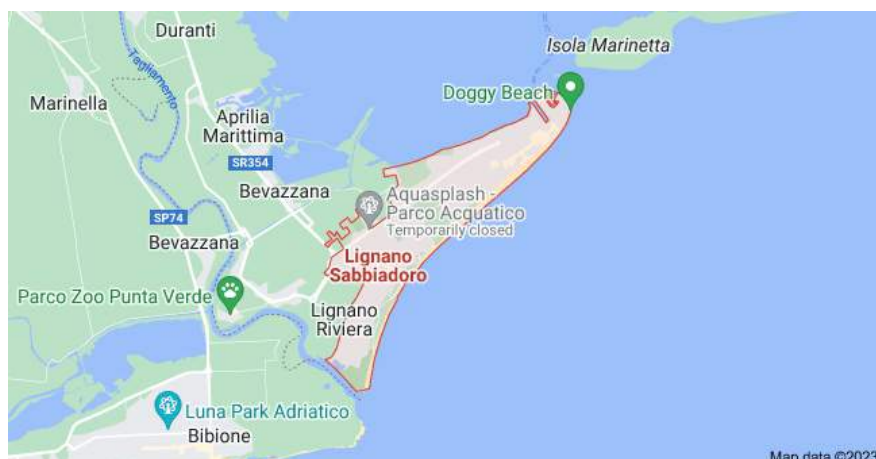
Viale Centrale, 29 33054 (Ud)

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

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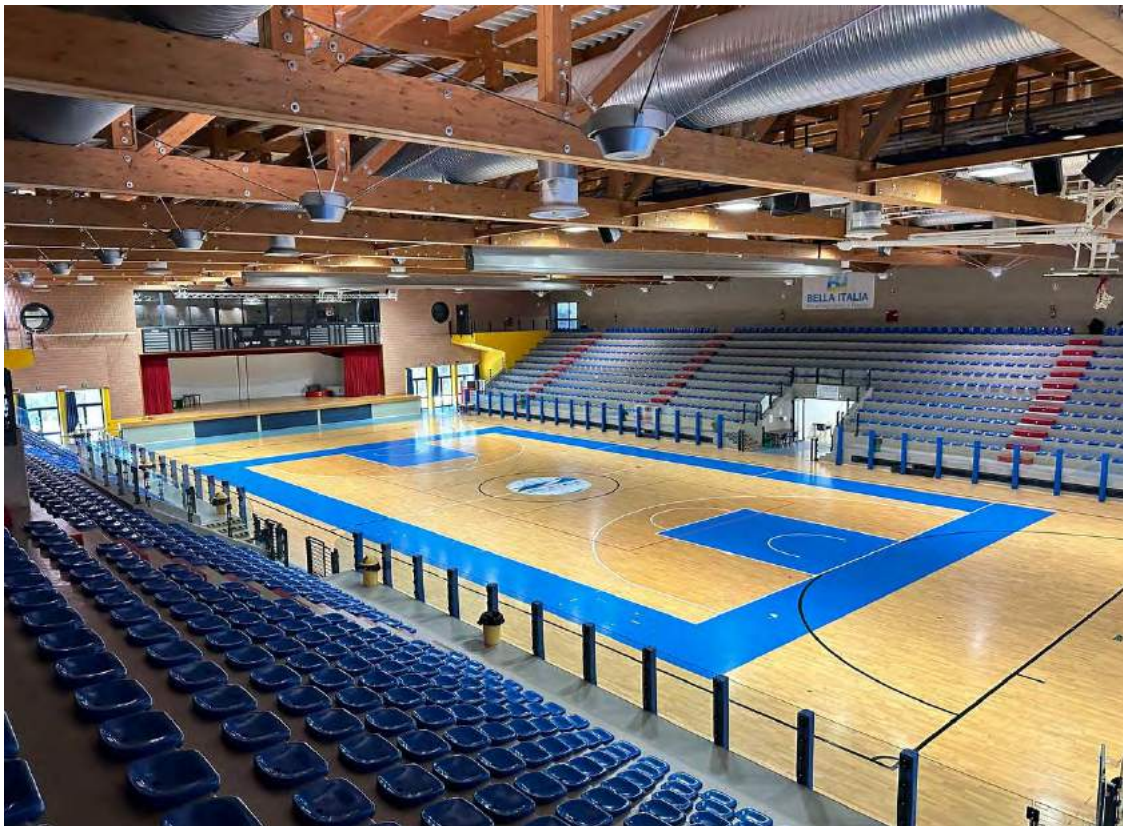
The Sport Hall is 100% wheelchair accessible and is a very short trip (in wheelchairs) from the Accommodation. The Sport hall has the following facilities available:

- 1 full sized court
- 4 large, fully accessible dressing rooms
- 1 first aid room
- 2 massage rooms
- 1 room for wheelchair storage
- Common areas (chill out zone)
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Front image of the Bella Italia Ela Village Sport & Family, Lignano Sabbiadoro



Inside the Bella Italia Sports Complex, Lignano Sabbiadoro

AIRPORTS

Lignano Sabbiadoro is well placed in Italy, being relatively close to three (3) airports.

- Venezia Airport (Marco Polo). Average driving time to WWUC venue is 1.5hrs (96 km)
- Treviso Airport (Antonio Canova). Average driving time to WWUC venue is 1.25hrs (85 km)
- Trieste Airport. Average driving time to WWUC venue is 1hr (65 km)

It is possible to organise transfer shuttles from the airport to the venue for those who need it. Shuttles are wheelchair accessible.

Teams should make enquiries about flights, however **no flights should be booked until after team registration is closed** and after WFDF confirms each team on the bid list. This will happen after the 20th of June 2023.

FOOD

The event accommodation package includes three full meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner). More information will be provided as team bids are finalised. Food will also be available for purchase at the concession stands around the stadium.

FEES & EVENT DEADLINES

The WWUC deadlines and event fees are due as follows:

- Team Fee USD \$1500
- Players Fee USD \$150
- Non-Playing Team Support USD \$100

Countries wanting to send a team to WWUC are required to pre-register via the [online pre-registration form](#). Pre-Registrations close Thursday 15th June, 2023. WFDF will then allocate bids and publish the bid allocation list on/before the 20th June.

Fees will be due by Friday 30th June, 2023. All teams with a firm bid will be sent an invoice for the team and players fees upon bid allocation.

ACCOMMODATION & BOOKINGS



Official event accommodation is at the Residence Alle Vele.

<https://www.bellaitaliavillage.com/it/vele-bella-italia.php>

Prices are inclusive of three meals and costs are dependent on the amount of people sharing a room.

The Residence is less than 100 metres from the Sport Hall and has more than 100 wheelchair accessible rooms available.

- Single Room: 75€ /day per person, with full meal (breakfast, lunch e dinner) included.
- Double Room: 60€ /day per person, with full meal (breakfast, lunch e dinner) included.
- Triple Room: 50€ /day per person, with full meal (breakfast, lunch e dinner) included.

Bookings can be made after the team bid list is firmed after 20 June 2023. More information will be shared via email about the booking process.



HEALTH & MEDICAL

All event participants (athletes, coaches and 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 and travelling. Although WWUC 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 WWUC. **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 e-sign an Event Participant Agreement published in advance of the event.

WWUC EQUIPMENT & RULES

Athletes will need to compete in manual wheelchairs. Any wheelchair can be used, although players may find it easier when using a lightweight sports wheelchair. A protective horizontal bar at the front/side of the wheelchair must be 11cm from the floor at its most forward point and throughout its whole length. All wheelchairs must have either 3 or 4 wheels (2 large wheels at the back and 1 or 2 small wheels at the front of the chair. Tires may have a maximum diameter of 69cm.

The game will be played on a regulation sized basketball court with a 28m playing area PLUS two end zones of 5m each -the width will be 15m. The game will be played with a Discraft Ultrastar 175g white disc.

Teams may have up to 12 players and a maximum of up to 6 NPTS guests on the roster. Four (4) players are entitled to be on the field for each team at any one time. Games will be played to a first to score 10 points wins with a time cap of 40 minutes.

Teams are kindly asked to refer to the [WFDF Wheelchair Ultimate Rules \(2023 Set 3\)](#) for the rules document and the [WFDF Wheelchair Ultimate BOOK 1](#) for further technical non-rule related information.

Players are assigned a sport classification based on their level of disability as per the WFDF classification code. Each team can field 3 athletes including quadriplegics and paraplegics and a maximum of 1 able-bodied player - more information about sport classification can be sourced through WFDF Secretary General and chair of the Parasport Commission Mr Volker Bernardi (volker.bernardi@wdf.sport).

Teams from all WFDF National Federation (NF) members are invited to participate at WWUC in Italy. WFDF member NF's in good standing will be entitled to apply for a bid.

Based on the interest received during Pre-registration, the WFDF Ultimate Committee will allocate bids accordingly.

SPONSORS



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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



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The VC Team www.vcultimate.com

WFDF CONTACTS

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

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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 110 member associations, which represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 106 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.

