

BEACH ULTIMATE COMMITTEE REPORT

The WFDF Board of Directors has approved the new set of Beach Ultimate Rules and Championship Appendix for 2017 with the recommendation of the Beach Ultimate Committee. These rules were used for the WCBU 2017 in Royan, France and should be used in all Beach Ultimate games and tournaments. Some of the differences in this set of rules are the length of timeouts, the gender ratio for the Mixed Division of play.

WFDF Beach Ultimate Events:

WGGMBUC 2017

The first World Great Grand Masters Beach Ultimate Championships (WGGMBUC) which is sanctioned by WFDF will happen at Praia do Meco in Portugal this coming June 18-21, 2017. Players 48 years and above will be qualified to participate. We have 9 teams coming with 6 national teams and 3 Currier Island Teams. The tournament is spearheaded by Jasper Zimmerman from Germany and Dan Powers from the USA.

ABUC & EBUC 2018

With the growing interest of players in participating at WFDF Beach Ultimate events, we are highly anticipating to have two regional championships in 2018, the Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships and the European Beach Ultimate Championships. The bid to host will be announced soon. We are looking forward to having players in Asia and Europe compete in these two Championships.

WCBU 2017

The WFDF World Championship of Beach Ultimate in partnership with BULA has the biggest number of attendance to date. We have 119 teams and over 2,000 players come in to Royan to compete and enjoy the festivities. We initially expected about 90 teams to join but we had 200 interested teams sent out bids. This led us to make the difficult decision to have a player cap of 15 plus 1 non player per team. Aside from this challenge, preparation has been going well with the help of hard working individuals from the TOC, BULA and WFDF.

There will be teams participating in seven (7) divisions: Mens Division with 23 teams, Mixed Division with 32 teams, Womens with 16 teams, Masters Mens with 14 teams, Masters Mixed with 12 teams, Masters Womens with 12 teams, and Grand Masters Mens with 10 teams.

One of the interesting things to note in this Championship is the use of fluorescent yellow discs (these are 175 gram ultrastar discs from Discraft), for all games that will be featured in the live broadcast. Tests have shown that the yellow fluorescent disc stands out better on TV and online livestream, making it easier for the viewers to follow the game. Heat

absorbing tests show that the fluorescent yellow disc stays firmer than other colors when exposed to the sun, while in-competition tests showed that there was no significant negative impact on play using a fluorescent disc. Teams playing on fields without broadcast will have the option to choose between white and yellow, with the default being the traditional white disc.

We will have 3 Arenas that will show live broadcast games. Field One will feature up to 40 live-streamed games, free for the public. These games will have commentary from celebrated hosts Evan Lepler and Tom Styles. Fields Two and Three will be covered by Finnish company, Fanseat. The live stream will start on Sunday, June 18 and will include all seven finals from the Arena.

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