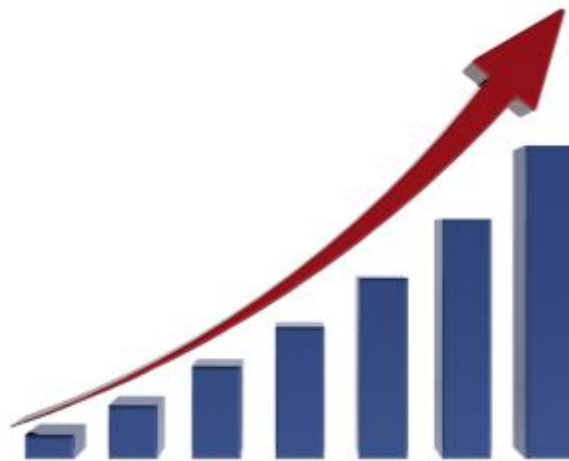


# WFDF EVENT REPORT – Congress 2017

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WFDF events work on a four (4) year cycle and over a relatively short amount of time a huge amount of change regarding our events has occurred and we can only project the next cycle (2017-2020) will continue with the high growth trend.

Expansion of WFDF National Federation (NF) memberships, the high demand from club teams wanting to play at WFDF major events and the increased number of bids & divisions our existing NF's are wanting to play in are all contributing factors in this significant change.



The result of this growth is both exciting and challenging. The new opportunities generated by increased revenue will go some way to ensuring we can deliver the events we currently have with funds affording a dedicated full time event manager while increasing the professional delivery that has become expected.

There are however a number of immediate critical event tasks we are now facing to successfully manage these changes and WFDF is asking for cooperation and input from our member National Federations to re-think, re-work and align our approach and efforts to overcome some of the major challenges we face.

Growth is a good thing. Managing the change to accommodate the growth is mandatory. Getting support and understanding from our NF's, teams and participants is critical and yet the hardest job of all. WFDF will be working with TOC's and will present as much information as possible to our NF's about registration and our events and in return we kindly ask you to meet all deadlines set. We are at the stage where making exceptions to the payment or registration deadlines is no longer possible and it creates a large amount of work for both WFDF and our TOC's which is simply not easy to manage.

The pressure and workload it takes to plan and execute an event in our sport is heavy, offering understanding, patience and respect to our TOC's, who are often groups of volunteers is kindly requested and working with WFDF to acquire the information we need when asked will help ensure we can all continue to enjoy our events while trying to move forward with the growth of our sport.



The work of the WFDF Events Team begins years ahead of most events and keeps us busy year round. At any given moment WFDF is dealing with several different events, all in different stages of organisation and working with diverse TOC staffing configurations.

A short list of various tasks the WFDF Events team are involved with follows:

- Tournament bid cycle management – finding hosts
- Team and Player registration (rules accreditation, waivers, communications)
- Volunteer & BoD logistics
- Broadcasting
- Venue preparation & site visits
- Event Management Plans and Security Plans
- Budgets
- Ceremonies, SOTG
- TOC advisory meetings and Work In Progress updates

Our 75 member National Federations are all at different stages of development and therefore we try to assist where possible and as much as possible. For some, a language barrier can cause difficulties, for others it is their first time sending a team. Some budgets are big, some are small. Some teams are defending their title, while others are just happy to have the opportunity to participate. Sometimes our deadlines are way too late for some countries while others say too early. Finding a balance for all is a juggling act, but one we strive to ensure has positive outcomes for all.

Although busy, WFDF Event Manager Karina Woldt encourages any National Federation to reach out with suggestions, questions or feedback regarding our events and is very open to ideas and discussions on how we can better represent you. Putting a face to the name also helps, so please say hello and introduce yourself.

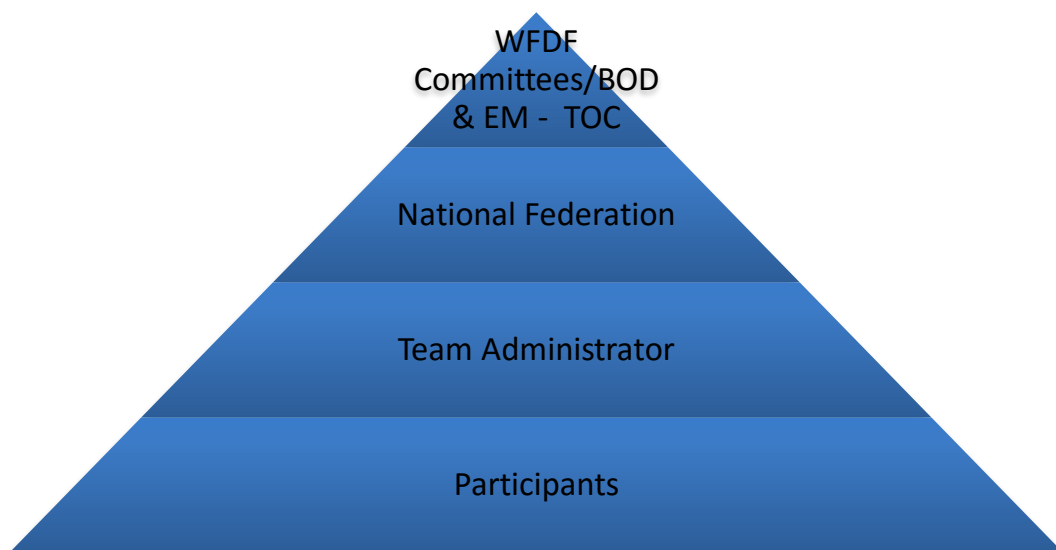
## *The communication link*

WFDF understands the importance of ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to have input and provide feedback on the many decisions and directions that events need to take. Our different stakeholders (TOC/ National Federation's/ Participants & Sponsors) all look at things from different perspective and it is a challenge to juggle the needs and wants of everyone at the same time.

Key event decisions are made not by one individual but rather by a number of key groups giving the best advice and expertise to make our events as successful, safe and fun as possible.

Some decisions made are complicated and not necessarily suiting all stakeholders and at times are difficult to explain, however we can assure you, our priority is always to balance the future of the sport with the current experience for the participants.

A top down approach is one of the best ways to manage a filtration of information to the sometimes thousands of participants taking part in an event and can be an effective way to gather feedback so that everyone is heard. There will be times when we must adopt a communication link like the diagram below to ensure we can act quickly and efficiently – meaning each level feeds information up and down on behalf of their team/country:



At times it is impossible and counter-productive to operate with a forum where every participant deals direct with WFDF or the TOC and the larger or more controversial the decision needed, naturally the stronger the opinions and impact felt at the participant level. WFDF kindly asks each member National Federation to ensure they are aware that at times they will be asked to gather information and to speak on behalf of their country or teams participating at an event and that it is clear some decisions will be made with the NF's without responding direct to teams or individuals. Please respect communication channels and note that negative social media posts and chat forums does not aid decision making and is not really the best place to make a case heard.

The person you nominate for Team Administrator will make decisions and act on behalf of the team. Please select that person carefully and ensure they pay attention to all administration details.

## 2017 Event Summary

2017 WFDF event Summary			
Date	Event	Location	Participants registered
2-4 June	AAUCC	Nairobi, KEN	150
17-21 June	WGGMBUC	Lisbon, POR	135
18-24 June	WCBU	Royan, FRA	1840
21-23 July	TWG	Wroclaw, POL	90
24-29 July	WOC	Basingstoke, GBR	100
17-20 August	AOUGCC	Manila, PHI	1480
23-26 August	WTDGC	Colchester, GBR	150
14-19 November	PAUCC	Buenos Aires, ARG	1700

Team registration for all 2017 Ultimate events has now closed. WFDF is still looking for participants for the WOC and WTDGC. Please assist by reaching out to your Overall and Disc Golf players and getting them to sign up.

The WFDF Game Advisor program will be operational at AOUGCC & PAUCC and will be used as a training events with GA clinics. The plan is to share the knowledge and experience so that our 2018 events will have enough experienced and qualified GA's.



## 2018 Event Summary & bid allocations

2018 WFDF event Summary			
Date	Event	Location	Participants registered
7-13 January	WU24	Perth, AUS	1000
15-21 July	WUCC	Cincinnati, USA	2640
29 July - 4 August	WMUCC	Winnepeg, CAN	850
19-25 August	WJUC	Waterloo, CAN	1320

WU24 registration has closed (48 teams from 23 countries). If your country still wants to participate and you didn't register, please come see me after Congress today or send me an email this week and the TOC might still be able to accommodate you.

WUCC, WMUCC and WJUC have all just issued the first event bulletins and official invitations. Failure to meet deadlines will likely result in your country missing out on bids. This is the area where our member NF's can assist us the most and make the biggest difference to managing the growth of our sport.

**Bulletin action points are always highlighted in red. It is very important that all National Federations read the documents carefully & follow the registration instructions. Thank you!**

WJUC will allocate one (1) bid in each division to each of our member National Federations. If early registrations show an overwhelming response, WFDF will have to allocate bids based on the WFDF Ultimate World Ranking for each country, with any new federations who have not attended a past WJUC getting one (1) bid in one (1) division of their choice.

WMUCC has capacity to host more teams than we anticipate coming, therefore we are asking any club team interested in competing to fill out the EoI and we will then allocate bids to each member NF for their distribution to club teams.

WUCC will likely have a team cap of approximately ~120 teams ensuring the tournament fits at the venue. As a result, bids will be restricted and therefore it is highly likely that countries in the lower 50% of the WFDF World Ultimate Rankings will be allocated one (1) bid in one (1) division \*NOT 1 bid per division! It is also of importance to note that very few countries will be allocated more than 1 bid in any one division.

It is important to understand that for our club team events (WUCC and WMUCC), the bids allocated will be issued to our NF's (not the club teams direct). Each event has called for Expressions of Interest from all club teams wanting to attend, however that is simply preliminary data of which WFDF will compile the bid allocation list, which will be sent to the NF's and it is your choice to allocate the club teams you want and to accept or decline your bids offered.

Many countries will not be in a position to name the teams coming at the point of "Team Fee Payment" since national qualifying events are mostly hosted later in the year. Therefore, the TOC's will issue team fee invoices direct to the NF for payment.



## Event Hosting

The World Flying Disc Federation, WFDF, has launched the event hosting bid process for future Major Flying Disc events for 2019 and 2020. These events include:

<b>2019/2020 Event Hosting - Call to bid</b>	
WU24	WFDF 2019 World Under24 Ultimate Championships
PAUC	WFDF 2019 Pan American Ultimate Championships
AOUC	WFDF 2019 Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships
AOGCC	WFDF 2019 Asia Oceanic Guts Championships
AAUCC	WFDF 2019 All Africa Ultimate Club Championships
EBUC	WFDF 2019 European Beach Ultimate Championships in association with BULA
AOBUC	WFDF 2019 Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships in association with BULA
WOC	WFDF 2019 World Overall Championships
WTDGC	WFDF 2019 World Team Disc Golf Championships
WUGC	WFDF 2020 World Ultimate & Guts Championships
WMUC	WFDF 2020 World Masters Ultimate Championships
WJUC	WFDF 2020 World Junior Ultimate Championships

Hosting a WFDF event has become more popular and we are excited to say interest for some of the upcoming events has been high. The Expression of Interest to host any of the events listed above will be closing soon – please reach out to WFDF Event Manager urgently.

It is very important to WFDF and the success of an event to ensure that the right host TOC is appointed, therefore the bid documents have been modified to allow the most appropriate host city to be found. We encourage all bidders to ensure they reach out to their National Federation to obtain endorsement and support.

If your National Federation or Country is thinking about hosting an event or want to know more about the bid process, please reach out to me and we can assist with more information.

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