

Guts Committee Report **April 26, 2017**

2016 was a great year for Guts Frisbee as the Guts portion WUCG 2016 was well received and provided a high level of competition, along with, some new and dedicated countries and faces.

In 2017, we aim to capitalize on that success. The first ever Australian Guts Frisbee tournament will take place in June of 2017 in preparation for AOUGCC. Australia has fielded team at several WUGC events but they are increasing their profile and level of play in 2017.

AOUGCC will take place in August and will feature teams from Australia, Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines. Michael Hu is currently in China introducing Guts Frisbee and the other disc sports at Xain Sports University. The Guts committee believes that this region offers the potential for significant growth with leadership from Japan and Taiwan.

We have some work to do in Europe to assure that those countries who participated in WUGC continue to grow the sport locally. One of the players from Great Britain will be attending the 60th IFT this July which will give us an opportunity to do some development planning for Europe.

In the USA, the 60th IFT (International Frisbee Tournament) dominates the schedule. We expect players from at least 4 countries, 25 teams and the return of some of the founders of flying disc to celebrate this great milestone. The first US tournament took place in April and drew the largest field in its 10-year history.

2017 World Guts Tournament Schedule

April 13	Collegiate Guts Championships, N. August, SC (32 teams)
April 29 & 30	Illinois Indoor / Plainfield, IL (11 teams)
May 27	Taiwan Guts League (13 teams, this is an increase from 6 teams in 2016)
June 10 & 11	Wisconsin State Championships, Appleton, WI (12-14 teams)
June 11	Australian Guts Open, Melbourne, Australia (8 team)
June 24 & 25	All Japan Guts Championships, Hakone, Japan (20 men's and 2 – 4 women's)
July 6 thru 9	60 th IFT, Calumet, MI (22-25 teams)
August 5 & 6	US Nationals, Marquette, MI (16 – 20 teams)
August 17 thru 20	AOUGCC, Manila Philippines (4 – 6 teams)
September 2 & 3	USA Guts World Championships (16 – 18 teams)
October 21 & 22	High Desert Classic, Albuquerque, MI (10 – 12 teams)
December 2 & 3	Winter Indoor Guts Tournaments, Kumagaya, Japan (27 men's & 10 women's)