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WFDF Elections 2016 – Candidate Statement



I have been a member of the WFDF Ultimate Rules Committee since June 2008 and I was Chair from April 2009 to Oct 2013 and April 2015 to Present. I got involved in the rules committee because I am quite passionate about the rules. As a self refereed sport I think that knowing and understanding the rules is hugely important.

During my time as Chair I have been a driving force behind the following initiatives:

- 2009, 2013 and 2017 versions of the WFDF Rules of Ultimate
- Basic version of the Rules of Ultimate
- Dedicated WFDF Ultimate Rules Website
- WFDF Rules Forum
- WFDF Rules Quiz
- WFDF Hand Signals
- WFDF Videos and Interpretations documents
- WFDF Rules Accreditation Process
- WFDFs Task Force to Consider its Position on the Spirit of the Game and On-Field Officiation Issues for Ultimate
- WFDF Game Advisors

My plan for the future would be to continue the good work the committee has been doing with the aim of continuing to simplify the rules, converge with USA Ultimate Rules where possible, and create additional resources to enable all players to understand and interpret the rules correctly.

I have participated in many International Ultimate events, as both a player and assistant coach, and I have a good understanding of how Ultimate is played at the highest level. I also continue to play in my local beginner league and therefore also understand the issues associated with teaching new people how to play and learn the rules of Ultimate.

My hope is that we can continue to have a system where players are responsible for making all the calls. I don't think that self refereeing is just some nice feel good idea about how you can play sport; I actually think it is a really good way to fairly adjudicate sport.

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