

## WFDF Executive Director´s report - 2017 Congress Royan (FRA)

### WFDF membership relations:

The work in the WFDF administration is more than ever characterized by ever increasing demands on the daily business and operations of WFDF as world governing body for all Flying Disc sports. The development of new member associations and the co-ordination with the new and existing members (examples in Norway, Belgium, Sweden, Mexico) and their Continental Associations necessarily adds up to the permanent representation and co-ordination with the international organisations to which WFDF maintains working and membership relations.

As the importance and the Universality of Flying Disc sports grow consistently in a positive form the WFDF administration is facing several challenges with regard to membership relations. The governmental requirements put on our member associations within their countries are leading to changes in the governance structures of NFs and force WFDF to adapt these changes when reviewing the governance models of its members.

The responsibility for the governance of different Flying Disc sports for several WFDF members is constituting a difficulty which WFDF needs to address and we try to do so with the Bylaws changes which are proposed to Congress in Royan to be discussed. The question is connected to NOC recognition for members in their country.

It seems to be clear that with the growth of WFDF membership from 52 members in 2011 to 78 members in 2017 with a further increase to be expected and with the requirements put on WFDF by the Olympic Movement the time has come for such a discussion which is proposed to members by the WFDF Board of Directors now.

### WFDF member association count 2017:

Africa - 8	America - 13	Asia – 16 (17)	Europe - 35		Oceania - 3	Total 75
Dem. Rep. of Congo	Argentina	Afghanistan	Armenia	Italy	Australia	1
Egypt	Bolivia	Cambodia	Austria	Latvia	Guam	76
Kenya	Brazil	People´s Rep. of China	Belgium	Lithuania	New Zealand	
Morocco	Canada	Hong Kong China	Belarus	Luxembourg	<b>Others - 2</b> FPA USGPA	
South Africa	Chile	Indonesia	Croatia	Republic of Moldova		
Rwanda	Colombia	India	Czech Republic	Netherlands		
Tanzania	Costa Rica	Japan	Denmark	Norway		
Uganda	Dominican Republic	Republic of Korea	Spain	Poland		
	Mexico	Lebanon	Estonia	Portugal		
	Panama	Malaysia	Finland	Romania		
	Uruguay	Philippines	France	Russian Federation		
	USA	Qatar	Great Britain	Slovenia		
	Venezuela	Singapore	Georgia	Switzerland		
		Thailand	Germany	Slovakia		
		Chinese Taipei	Hungary	Sweden		
		United Arab Emirates	Ireland	Turkey		
		<b>Palestine</b>	Iceland	Ukraine		
		<b>Congress vote running</b>	Israel			

#### **Co-ordination with the Commissions and Continental Associations (AAFDF, AFDF, EFDF, PAFDF):**

The conclusions drawn from the membership count on the last page underline the increasing importance of development projects in Africa, Asia and America. The structures of the Continental Associations as WFDF branches in Africa, Asia/Oceania, America and Europe are set up to support development on the respective continent. We can state today that WFDF has successfully set up Continental Associations everywhere supporting WFDF's continued work towards growing Universality. And we acknowledge the work which is done by the continental representatives everywhere. We must understand that, the farther we go into the matter, we need to re-think our existing membership models, as conditions greatly differ from country to country. The new composition of the WFDF Sport for All and Development Commission reflects the continental representation and includes knowledge from important sectors which we cannot neglect like Sustainability.

The continental representation as suggested by the IOC is a model which also might bring additional expertise and knowledge to the Board of Directors level.

The co-ordination of the work of the Commissions (next to the work with the Disc Sport Committees and Sub-Committees which is extremely successfully executed by the WFDF Event Manager) constitutes a major part of the administrative work in the Administrative Headquarter. This particularly includes the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission, the Therapeutic Use Exemption Commission and Anti-Doping Officer as well as the newly formed Entourage Committee or the recently appointed Sustainability Officer. There are, however, some shortcomings with regard to the work of some Commissions which we will address later during the year.

#### **Olympic Movement requirements - Part 1 - Anti-Doping:**

The demands from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the consequences are described in the report of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission. The work in the area of Anti-Doping is quite time consuming, particularly the fact that several members of the WFDF family still cannot conceal their objection to many approaches which are mandatory as part of our various Olympic Movement recognitions and memberships.

#### **WFDF international recognition/memberships - multisport games appearance (IWGA, GAISF, ANOC, FISU, ISF):**

At the end of the day the compliance with the WDA Code and the implementation of the actions are preconditions for the recognition by the IOC, the IPC, FISU and the membership in GAISF/SportAccord, IMGA etc. In 2017 WFDF achieved recognition of Flying Disc sports by FISU and is at the verge of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with ISF (International School Sport Federation).

The inclusion of Beach Ultimate in the World Beach Games was approved by ANOC for the event to be held in San Diego in 2019 and WFDF is now eligible for Ultimate to be included in the programme of the Universiade by FISU as a sport. This means a quite successful continuation of the WFDF prospects with regard to Multisport Games including the GAISF/SportAccord Urban Games for Freestyle.

#### **Parasports activities and co-operation with international Organisations (IPC, IWAS):**

The major milestones for WFDF on the field of Parasports include the renewal of the recognition by the IPC and the signature under the Memorandum of Understanding with IWAS in 2016 (the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sport Federation) on the cooperation for Par Flying Disc sports. The establishment of the first ever WFDF Parasports Commission and the drafting of the first WFDF Classification Code are further steps in the direction of establishing Wheelchair Ultimate and Para Disc Golf as WFDF permanent activities. The WFDF Executive Director participated in the IPC Academy Campus Observer Programme at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and in the Head of Classification (HOC) Meeting and Research Forum 2017. The classification code compliance review is due by end of June 2016 and the WFDF Classification Panel is finalizing the draft as we speak.

### **Olympic Movement requirements - Part 2 - Integrity and governance, Sustainability:**

It is no secret that the IOC has moved from a mere consideration of the sports to be recognized for any part of the Olympic Movement to a complete evaluation of the International Federation governing that sport taking into account many facets as are the integrity and governance of the IF or the Sustainability factor. WFDF is bound to follow the Olympic Charter as an IOC recognized International Federation and furthermore a set of rules which are administered by the IOC as part of their actions, to mention only some:

- The Basic Principles of Good Governance
- The IOC Sustainability Strategy
- The Olympic Movement Code on the prevention of the manipulation of competitions
- The IOC guidelines relating to the creation of an IF Athletes' Commission
- The IF criteria resulting from the Olympic Agenda 2020

The daily work of the WFDF Administration always needs to take into account these policies and it is clear that the compliance with the IOC rules is mandatory for us should we honestly aim to be included to the 2024 Olympic Games programme.

WFDF applies the SSET toolkit for the very first time at WCBU in Royan using the Sport Sustainable Event Toolkit criteria as self-evaluation tool for its event performance. The recently appointed WFDF Sustainability Officer Johanna von Toggenburg is here to answer your questions. WFDF is a founding member Sport and Sustainability International (SandSI) since the 2017 Paris Congress.

### **Olympic Movement main media - insidethegames.biz, aroundtherings.com and Olympic Channel:**

Since the last Congress WFDF has achieved a major boost with regard to the co-operation with major Olympic Movement media:

- website insidethegames.biz
- website aroundtherings.com
- Olympic Channel

Our presence on the two key media services for the Olympic Family has seen tremendous growth with more than 69 news articles on insidethegames.biz and comparable figures on aroundtherings.com

Further information to be given during Congress.

### **And finally: Olympic programme 2024 - latest development and Youth Olympic Games future prospects:**

The IOC has taken decisions on the awarding of the 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games. It is clear now that the application procedure for any sport applying for the additional events programme for these Olympic Games is conducted by the host and the IOC four years in advance of the Games. For 2024 the procedure will be held in 2020.

In the meantime WFDF has applied to BAYOGOC for inclusion of Flying Disc sports in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Further information to be given during Congress.

submitted by Volker Bernardi, WFDF Executive Director

# **WFDF 2016 Global Disc Sports Community Survey**

## **Summary Results**



# WFDF 2016 Global Disc Sports Community Survey Results

## 1. What is the primary disc sport in which you are involved or the one in which you have participated at the highest competitive level?

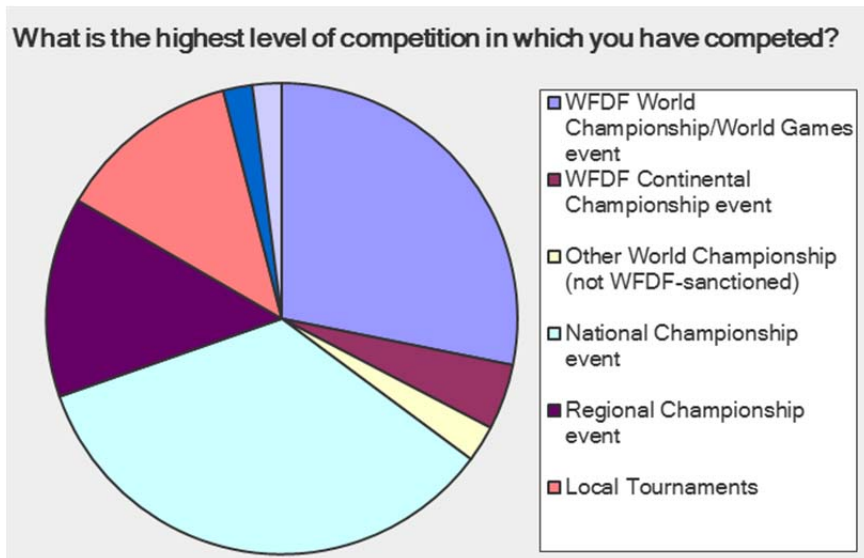
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Disc Golf	9.5%	494
Field Events (Overall)	0.4%	23
Freestyle	0.8%	40
Guts	0.9%	47
Ultimate (more than one type)	40.7%	2112
Ultimate (primarily on grass)	44.0%	2284
Ultimate (primarily Beach)	0.9%	49
Ultimate (primarily Indoor)	0.6%	32
I am active in several or all disc sports	1.7%	89
Other (please specify)	0.3%	16
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5186</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

## 2. Which disc sports have you been involved in actively (check all that apply)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Disc Golf	28.2%	1460
Field Events (Overall)	4.5%	232
Freestyle	3.2%	164
Guts	3.8%	196
Ultimate (on grass)	88.9%	4611
Ultimate (Beach)	52.5%	2723
Ultimate (Indoor)	57.7%	2992
Other (please specify)	3.1%	162
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5186</b>
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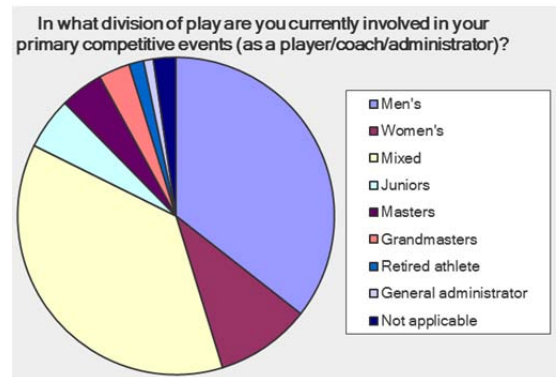
## 3. What is the highest level of competition in which you have competed?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
WFDF World Championship/World Games event	28.1%	1457
WFDF Continental Championship event	4.5%	235
Other World Championship (not WFDF-sanctioned)	2.5%	132
National Championship event	34.4%	1783
Regional Championship event	13.7%	713
Local Tournaments	12.6%	655
Organized Local Leagues	2.0%	106
Recreation/Pickup/School	2.0%	105
Other (please specify)		106
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5186</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>



**4. In which division of play are you currently involved in your primary competitive events (as a player, coach, administrator)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Men's	35.6%	1847
Women's	9.7%	503
Mixed	37.1%	1922
Juniors	5.3%	274
Masters	4.4%	227
Grandmasters	3.2%	164
Retired athlete	1.5%	77
General administrator	1.0%	54
Not applicable	2.3%	118
<b>answered question</b>		<b>5186</b>
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**5. In your primary competitive event, what is your role?**

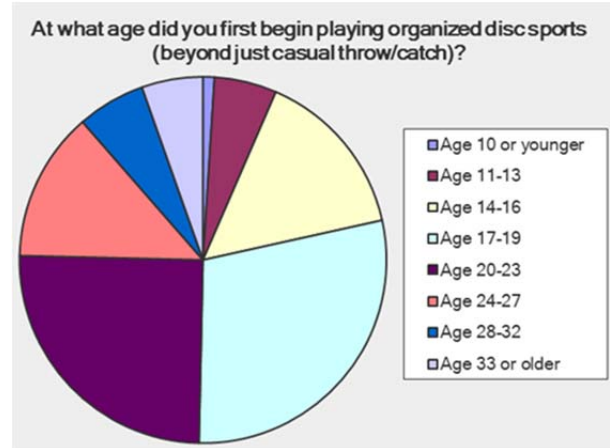
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Athlete (team captain)	11.9%	618
Athlete (spirit captain)	3.6%	189
Athlete	65.2%	3379
Athlete and coach/manager/administrator	13.6%	705
Coach or manager (had been an elite athlete)	1.6%	82
Coach or manager (had previously played disc sports)	1.3%	67
Coach or manager (had not played disc sports)	0.2%	9
Administrator or event organizer (had been an elite athlete)	0.9%	49
Administrator or event organizer (had previously played disc sports)	1.5%	78
Administrator or event organizer (had not played disc sports)	0.2%	10
Other (please specify)		59
<b>answered question</b>		<b>5186</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>0</b>

**6. Have you ever run as the primary tournament director a disc sports event that had more than 75 participants?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	26.0%	1347
No	74.0%	3839
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5186</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**7. At what age did you first begin playing organized disc sports (beyond just casual throw/catch)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Age 10 or younger	1.0%	53
Age 11-13	5.5%	286
Age 14-16	15.0%	779
Age 17-19	28.8%	1496
Age 20-23	25.0%	1297
Age 24-27	13.2%	686
Age 28-32	6.0%	309
Age 33 or older	5.4%	280
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5186</b>
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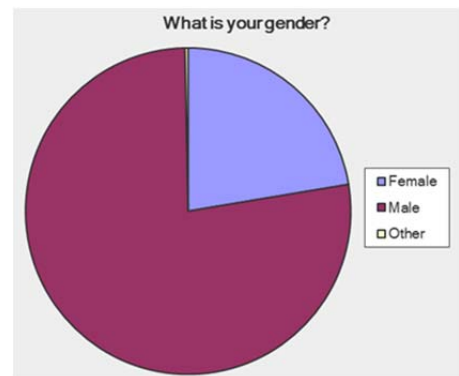


**8. Recently, how many times per year on average do you travel outside of your local city in connection with disc sports?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I do not travel outside my community	5.5%	284
1x - 3x a year	22.1%	1148
4x - 6x a year	24.4%	1265
7x - 9x a year	17.7%	918
10x-12x a year	11.7%	608
More than 12x a year	18.6%	963
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5186</b>
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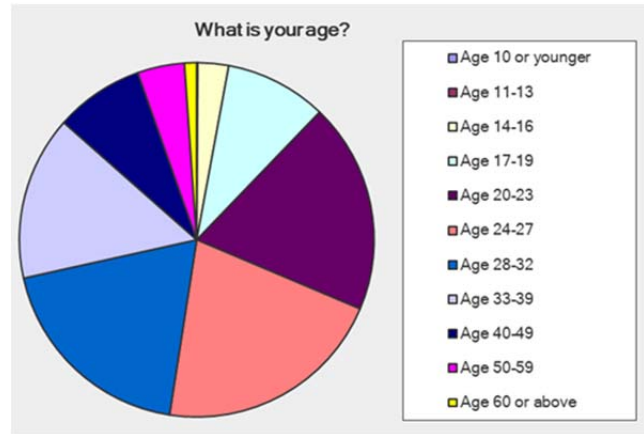
**9. What is your gender?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	22.4%	1139
Male	77.4%	3939
Other	0.3%	13
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5091</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>95</b>



### 10. What is your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Age 10 or younger	0.0%	2
Age 11-13	0.1%	4
Age 14-16	2.8%	141
Age 17-19	9.3%	472
Age 20-23	19.2%	977
Age 24-27	21.1%	1073
Age 28-32	19.1%	970
Age 33-39	15.0%	764
Age 40-49	8.1%	413
Age 50-59	4.3%	220
Age 60 or above	1.1%	55
<b>answered question</b>		<b>5091</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>95</b>



### 11. In what country do you currently reside (or consider your primary residence)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
AD - Andorra	0.1%	3	JO - Jordan	0.0%	2
AE - United Arab Emirates	0.3%	13	JP - Japan	0.3%	16
AI - Anguilla	0.0%	2	KE - Kenya	0.0%	1
AM - Armenia	0.0%	1	KH - Cambodia	0.1%	4
AO - Angola	0.0%	1	KR - Korea, South	0.2%	9
AQ - Antarctica	0.0%	1	LB - Lebanon	0.0%	2
AR - Argentina	0.4%	18	LT - Lithuania	0.3%	15
AT - Austria	1.9%	99	LU - Luxembourg	0.0%	2
AU - Australia	4.5%	230	LV - Latvia	0.4%	18
BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.0%	1	MA - Morocco	0.1%	6
BD - Bangladesh	0.0%	1	MD - Moldova	0.0%	2
BE - Belgium	1.9%	96	MX - Mexico	0.2%	12
BG - Bulgaria	0.0%	1	MY - Malaysia	0.8%	40
BN - Brunei	0.1%	5	MZ - Mozambique	0.0%	1
BR - Brazil	0.3%	16	NI - Nicaragua	0.0%	2
BY - Belarus	0.1%	6	NL - Netherlands	1.4%	70
CA - Canada	7.0%	355	NO - Norway	0.4%	19
CH - Switzerland	1.1%	57	NZ - New Zealand	1.3%	66
CI - Cote d'Ivoire	0.0%	1	PA - Panama	0.1%	7
CL - Chile	0.3%	14	PE - Peru	0.0%	1
CN - China	0.2%	11	PH - Philippines	2.2%	113
CO - Colombia	0.8%	43	PL - Poland	1.1%	58
CZ - Czech Republic	1.7%	86	PN - Pitcairn Islands	0.0%	1
DE - Germany	12.7%	645	PT - Portugal	0.5%	25
DK - Denmark	1.2%	61	QA - Qatar	0.1%	3
DO - Dominican Republic	0.0%	2	RO - Romania	0.3%	15
EE - Estonia	0.1%	7	RU - Russia	1.2%	61
EG - Egypt	0.1%	5	RW - Rwanda	0.0%	2
ES - Spain	1.8%	93	SE - Sweden	1.0%	52
ET - Ethiopia	0.0%	1	SG - Singapore	0.7%	38
FI - Finland	1.0%	52	SI - Slovenia	0.4%	22
FO - Faroe Islands	0.0%	1	SK - Slovakia	0.4%	21
FR - France	2.1%	108	SZ - Swaziland	0.0%	1
FX - France, Metropolitan	0.1%	5	TC - Turks and Caicos Islands	0.0%	1
GB - United Kingdom	6.9%	351	TH - Thailand	0.1%	3
GE - Georgia	0.0%	2	TR - Turkey	0.3%	16
GR - Greece	0.0%	2	TW - Taiwan	0.0%	2
GU - Guam	0.0%	1	UA - Ukraine	0.3%	16
HK - Hong Kong	0.4%	21	UG - Uganda	0.1%	5
HR - Croatia	0.2%	9	UM - United States Minor Outlying Islands	0.0%	1
HU - Hungary	0.4%	19	US - United States	28.7%	1460
ID - Indonesia	0.0%	2	UY - Uruguay	0.1%	3
IE - Ireland	2.5%	126	VE - Venezuela	0.1%	7
IL - Israel	0.4%	19	VN - Vietnam	0.1%	3
IM - Isle of Man	0.0%	1	ZA - South Africa	1.9%	96
IN - India	1.1%	58			
IS - Iceland	0.0%	2			
IT - Italy	2.3%	117			
			<b>answered question</b>		<b>5091</b>
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**12. Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?**

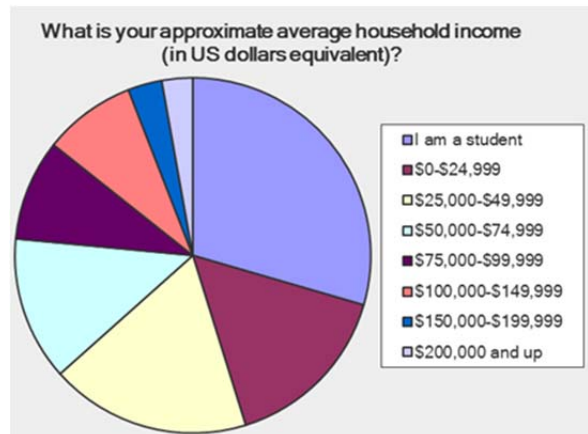
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Married	21.4%	1087
Widowed	0.3%	17
Divorced/Separated	1.9%	97
In a domestic partnership or civil union	12.0%	609
Single, but cohabiting with a significant other	14.5%	740
Single, never married	49.9%	2541
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5091</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>95</b>

**13. Which of the following best describes your current occupation?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Currently a student	33.7%	1716
Business/Financial/Management	8.3%	423
Computers/Science/Engineering	20.3%	1032
Professional (medical/law/architecture, etc)	8.1%	412
Community and Social Service	2.4%	120
Education/Training/Library	7.2%	368
Arts/Design/Entertainment/Media	3.8%	195
Sports/Sports Event Planning/Sports Administration	3.3%	169
Retail/Service Businesses	2.7%	135
Sales	2.0%	102
Office and Administrative Support	2.2%	113
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0.5%	27
Construction/Production/Transportation/Materials	2.7%	138
Moving		
Running a household	0.6%	31
Unemployed or not seeking employment	2.2%	110
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5091</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>95</b>

**14. What is your approximate average household income (in US dollars equivalent)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a student	29.5%	1502
\$0-\$24,999	15.7%	801
\$25,000-\$49,999	18.2%	925
\$50,000-\$74,999	13.1%	667
\$75,000-\$99,999	9.2%	467
\$100,000-\$149,999	8.4%	430
\$150,000-\$199,999	3.1%	157
\$200,000 and up	2.8%	142
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5091</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>95</b>



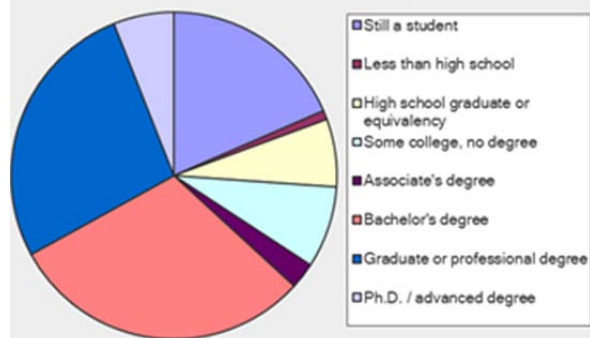
**15. In which type of housing do you currently live?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I live with my parents	22.5%	1146
I live in student housing	8.6%	439
I rent an apartment/house	44.7%	2277
I own an apartment/house	24.1%	1229
Other (please specify)		80
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5091</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>95</b>

**16. What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Still a student	18.5%	941
Less than high school	0.9%	46
High school graduate or equivalency	6.7%	341
Some college, no degree	8.1%	411
Associate's degree	2.6%	133
Bachelor's degree	30.2%	1536
Graduate or professional degree	27.0%	1375
Ph.D. / advanced degree	6.0%	308
<i>answered question</i>		<b>5091</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>95</b>

What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?



**17. WFDF Report Card. Please grade WFDF on its performance according to the following scale: give a 1 for excellent, 2 for good, 3 for fair, 4 for poor, 5 for horrible, or N/A for "don't know."**

Answer Options	1 - excellent	2 - good	3 - fair	4 - poor	5 - horrible	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
a. World Ultimate and Guts Championships (eg	625	1251	279	71	8	1927	1.92	4161
b. World Juniors Ultimate Championships (eg Wroclaw	273	734	201	39	8	2906	2.02	4161
c. World Overall Championships (eg Sweden 2015)	154	419	131	21	2	3434	2.03	4161
d. World Under-24/-Under 23 Ultimate Championships	431	744	153	21	1	2811	1.83	4161
e. World Championships of Beach Ultimate (eg Dubai	439	718	178	24	9	2793	1.86	4161
f. World Ultimate Club Championships (eg Lecco	214	592	485	314	85	2471	2.68	4161
g. Continental Championships (eg European, PanAm,	203	564	234	34	7	3119	2.12	4161
h. Overall Communications	260	1436	1076	234	39	1116	2.46	4161
i. Web site	230	1227	1173	489	70	972	2.67	4161
j. Facebook page	280	1327	947	207	27	1373	2.42	4161
k. Marketing of flying disc sports	218	1000	1302	507	76	1058	2.75	4161
l. Growth of flying disc sports	576	1554	914	229	33	855	2.27	4161
m. Support of Member Associations	186	770	872	230	51	2052	2.62	4161
n. Development of disc sports in new countries	272	939	693	236	42	1979	2.47	4161
o. Development of disc sports in Member countries	218	951	895	358	38	1701	2.61	4161
p. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	555	1587	766	241	54	958	2.27	4161
q. Advancement within the Olympic Movement (World	1032	1552	563	126	40	848	1.97	4161
r. Anti-Doping Education	381	975	745	369	101	1590	2.55	4161
s. Management of business activities	130	655	666	128	33	2549	2.55	4161
<i>answered question</i>								<b>4161</b>
<i>skipped question</i>								<b>1025</b>

18. For the following questions, please state whether over the last year WFDF's performance in the following areas has: 1- generally improved, 2-stayed about the same, 3-generally worsened, or N/A for "don't know."

Answer Options	1-generally improved	2-stayed about the same	3-generally worsened	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
a. World Championships	1317	679	59	2106	1.39	4161
b. Communications	975	1368	38	1780	1.61	4161
c. Web site	579	1688	65	1829	1.78	4161
d. Marketing of flying disc sports	823	1371	65	1902	1.66	4161
e. Growth of flying disc sports	1564	893	44	1660	1.39	4161
f. Support of Member Associations	449	1243	88	2381	1.80	4161
g. Development of disc sports in new countries	934	828	62	2337	1.52	4161
h. Development of disc sports in Member countries	655	1261	88	2157	1.72	4161
i. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	1204	1155	130	1672	1.57	4161
j. Advancement within the Olympic Movement (World Games, Sport Accord, IOC)	2055	541	61	1504	1.25	4161
k. Anti-Doping Education	884	1059	87	2131	1.61	4161
l. Management of business activities	340	1028	45	2748	1.79	4161
	<i>answered question</i>					<b>4161</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>					<b>1025</b>

19. WFDF Priorities. Although we realize such rankings are subjective and difficult, please provide the priority rank you believe WFDF should give to the following activities (1 is most important, 7 is least important).

Answer Options	1 - Most important	2	3	4 - Neutral	5	6	7 - Least important	Rating Average	Response Count
a. World Championships	1826	1264	534	404	43	21	47	1.99	4139
b. Regional/Continental Championships	607	1433	1095	738	126	39	68	2.69	4106
c. World Games	942	1220	887	793	123	59	78	2.62	4102
d. Communications	1001	1266	956	712	88	23	43	2.48	4089
e. Web site	505	1093	1030	1047	237	106	69	3.00	4087
f. Facebook page	385	853	982	1137	321	205	206	3.39	4089
g. Marketing of flying disc sports	961	1117	905	762	177	92	73	2.67	4087
h. Growth of flying disc sports	1793	1114	641	442	63	26	50	2.07	4129
i. Support of Member Associations	755	1051	1054	957	161	52	52	2.78	4082
j. Development of disc sports in new countries	1286	1234	863	558	103	34	47	2.33	4125
k. Development of disc sports in Member countries	916	1154	978	755	170	70	61	2.65	4104
l. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	1577	1020	671	576	116	58	100	2.32	4118
m. Advancement within the Olympic Movement (World Games, Sport Accord, IOC)	1710	878	616	482	154	110	172	2.40	4122
n. Anti-Doping education	635	704	798	1043	358	239	330	3.44	4107
o. Management of business activities	322	650	888	1561	296	168	209	3.54	4094
	<i>answered question</i>								<b>4161</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>								<b>1025</b>

20. Olympic and International Sports Movement Involvement. Currently, WFDF is associated with the "Olympic Movement" -- broadly defined -- through its membership in SportAccord (formerly known as GAISF) and the International World Games Association (IWGA), and as a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. To be included in the program of the Olympic Games, an Olympic sport must be widely practiced by men in at least seventy-five countries and on four continents, and by women in at least forty countries and on three continents. The final line-up of sports is decided by the IOC seven years before any given Olympic Games, requiring a majority vote of vote by all IOC members, most of whom are federations of sports currently in the Games. Also, an important distinction of which to be aware is that a sport and its International Federation may be "recognized" by the IOC (with a minimum of 50 countries) but still not be admitted into the Olympic Games program. Moreover, there is recognition at the national level by National Olympic Committees (which usually first requires international recognition). In all cases, compliance with WADA's anti-doping standards is a prerequisite. WFDF received provision International Olympic Committee recognition on 31 May 2013 and permanent recognition on 2 August 2015, but acceptance in the Olympic program may take a generation. International and National Olympic Committee recognition would likely have significant benefits for WFDF and its Member associations, although it will require time and resources to maintain. With this background, how important a priority for WFDF should the pursuit of participation in the Olympic games be?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Olympic games participation should be the highest priority for WFDF.	21.4%	766
b. Olympic games participation should be an extremely high priority for WFDF.	31.5%	1130
c. Olympic games participation should be pursued by WFDF but not to the exclusion of other priorities.	36.9%	1322
d. Olympic games participation should not be a high priority but WFDF should keep open the possibility in the future.	7.4%	267
e. Olympic games participation should not be pursued by WFDF.	2.8%	101
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>3586</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>1600</b>

21. As stated above, compliance with the WADA code is required if WFDF is to continue to participate in the Olympic Movement at any level. What this means is that flying disc athletes may be subject to anti-doping testing when they participate in a WFDF event (typically, the targets will be the elite athletes from the top teams). WFDF is currently considered compliant with the WADA anti-doping code, and we started testing in 2011, with no issues to date. What do you think about WFDF's participation in anti-doping activities?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. If flying disc sports are to be taken seriously, I realize we need to fully embrace anti-doping.	62.3%	2233
b. I recognize that anti-doping programs need to be maintained in flying disc sports, but hope that the impact can be minimized.	29.2%	1048
c. I am uncomfortable with the idea of a WFDF anti-doping program, but am willing to let WFDF continue with the program and see how it impacts athletes and our association.	6.7%	242
d. I am opposed to anti-doping programs in WFDF events in any form.	1.8%	63
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

22. It is possible that, in the future, anti-doping programs may be required for all Member Associations of WFDF on a national basis (and there may be costs that get passed on to players). What do you think about anti-doping programs at a national level?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. I understand that my Association already has an anti-doping program and that is fine with me.	20.7%	741
b. I understand that my Association is already considering the introduction of an anti-doping program as it is required for us in order to gain/maintain recognition by our nationals sports association which can lead to certain benefits/resources, and that is fine with me.	24.7%	885
c. I have never considered the issue.	41.1%	1474
d. I am uncomfortable with the introduction of an anti-doping program for my Association, but I am willing to consider the issue and see how it impacts me and my Association.	9.9%	355
e. I am opposed to anti-doping programs being introduced into my National Association in any form.	3.7%	131
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

23. Have you or anyone you have personally known ever taken performance enhancing drugs or PEDs (substances such as steroids, human growth hormone, amphetamines, etc. - but not cannabis or caffeine) in training or competitions for disc sports? As mentioned at the beginning of the survey, we only report aggregate answers so please be honest.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, with regular and regimented usage.	1.5%	54
Yes, have experimented with them.	1.6%	56
No	91.6%	3285
I have no direct knowledge but have heard of some athletes using PEDs.	5.3%	191
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

**24. Have you or anyone you have known personally ever bet on a disc sports competition or been involved in match fixing? As mentioned at the beginning of the survey, all answers are anonymous so please be honest.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, on a regular basis	1.0%	34
Yes, but only rarely or on occasion	2.9%	102
No	93.7%	3352
I do not have direct knowledge but have heard of some betting or match-fixing in disc sports.	2.5%	90
<b>answered question</b>		<b>3578</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1608</b>

**25. In considering hosts for WFDF competitions, please rank the following (1 most important, 7 least important).**

Answer Options	1 - Most important	2	3	4 - Neutral	5	6	7 - Least important	Rating Average	Response Count
a. Keeping costs low	682	1008	903	743	162	55	33	2.72	3586
b. Maximizing the number of teams/participants	968	1053	728	522	185	62	68	2.54	3586
c. Rotating hosts around the world	524	976	844	757	259	128	98	3.01	3586
other services), which would mean fewer teams/participants and higher costs.	565	691	789	766	469	176	130	3.26	3586
e. Good quality competition environment (fields and other services) but with trade-offs for cost.	989	1222	709	480	131	39	16	2.37	3586
f. Hosting the events in the same year close to each other in time and location	171	375	531	1236	433	427	413	4.20	3586
<b>answered question</b>									<b>3586</b>
<b>skipped question</b>									<b>1600</b>

**26. For Ultimate, which is more important in the context of planning the events and setting competition rules (e.g. formats, eligibility, qualification) at WUGC, WUCC and Regional Championships?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Worldwide development of Ultimate	29.1%	1042
b. Elite competition	10.1%	362
c. Both should be weighed equally	47.6%	1708
d. Unsure or no opinion	13.2%	474
<b>answered question</b>		<b>3586</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1600</b>

**27. Should WFDF put a lot more emphasis on the commercial aspects of its World Championship events (such as television coverage, sponsorship, spectators) even if that meant that events would have to be adapted to the needs of those commercial providers?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. There should be much more emphasis on the commercial aspects of the events even if that meant that events would have to be adapted to the needs of those commercial providers.	20.2%	726
b. Although it would be nice to bring in more commercial aspects into event staging, it should not be done at the expense of participation or the focus on play.	56.7%	2035
c. The current level of commercialism is fine.	6.6%	238
d. WFDF should maintain the focus on participation and play.	10.6%	380
e. Not sure or no opinion.	5.8%	207
<b>answered question</b>		<b>3586</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1600</b>

**28. For Ultimate, do you think that some form of Continental championship should be introduced as a qualifying round and/or for establishing seeding for WUGC in the future?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Uncategorically yes.	17.0%	608
b. We would be willing to see a well-designed program introduced in the future but our region is not ready for that yet.	22.8%	818
c. Although we recognize space limitations, we think it is best to still let all nations compete in the WUGC.	40.2%	1442
d. We think Continental Qualifiers is a bad idea.	4.5%	160
e. Not applicable.	15.6%	558
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

**29. For Ultimate, do you think that some form of National Championship should be conducted by a National association before that country/Member would qualify to send teams to the WUGC or WUCC?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Yes, a national association must host a national championship with no fewer than 3-4 club teams in a respective division before it should be eligible to participate.	18.9%	678
b. A national association must either run a national championship event with at least 3-4 club teams in a division (see choice a) OR must attend a regional (Continental) championship in order to be eligible to participate in the WUGC or WUCC.	34.7%	1246
c. All Regular Members of WFDF should be entitled to send at least one team to World Championship events without any qualification requirements.	30.8%	1103
d. Not applicable.	15.6%	559
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

**30. For Ultimate, a question has been raised whether the minimum masters division age for women in the women's division of Beach Ultimate should be adjusted. There will be no change for the 2017 WCBU, but this raises the question about whether a change is warranted and, if so, should apply to both beach and grass ultimate. With which of the following choices do you most agree?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. It is OK for differences in the minimum age for masters between beach and grass Ultimate: the minimum age for women in Beach Ultimate should be raised to 33 over the next three years to be consistent with men, with no change for grass Ultimate.	9.6%	345
b. The minimum age for masters should be the same for beach and grass Ultimate: the minimum age for women should remain at 30 while for men it should remain at 33.	13.6%	489
c. The minimum age for masters should be the same for beach and grass Ultimate: the minimum age for women should be raised to 33 over the next three years to be consistent with men.	21.7%	778
e. Actually, the minimum masters age for men for Ultimate should be reduced to 30 to be consistent with women.	3.6%	129
f. Actually, the minimum masters age for both men and women for Ultimate should be increased.	7.7%	277
g. Don't care.	29.0%	1041
h. Not applicable.	14.7%	527
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

31. Is WFDF investing the proper amount of time and resources on the World Games and other events which may be considered to have limited opportunities for participation by all nations?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. WFDF is spending too much of its time and resources on such events.	7.8%	278
b. WFDF is spending about the correct amount of its time and resources on such events.	30.5%	1095
c. WFDF should be spending more of its time and resources on such events.	5.0%	178
d. Don't know.	56.7%	2035
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

32. In terms of organization, WFDF largely follows the Olympic model where athletes are represented by National Associations. In recent years, many new associations have been established as Ultimate-only associations and there is no national body to oversee activity in other disciplines such as guts, overall events, freestyle, or golf. If a plan to broaden the mandate were presented, do you think your association should be willing to oversee disciplines other than Ultimate (and likely coordinating with established groups such as Freestyle Players Association or PDGA)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. It is already a multi-discipline national association.	22.6%	810
b. It should be willing to consider taking on that responsibility.	30.0%	1075
c. Don't see why we would be interested in anything but Ultimate.	17.7%	633
d. Not only would that be a bad idea, but I think WFDF should just focus on Ultimate.	12.9%	464
e. Not applicable to my Association.	16.8%	604
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

33. For Ultimate players, have you ever played in a game with Game Advisors, Observers, or referees? In case you aren't sure, WFDF introduced Game Advisors at world championships a few years ago to provide support and advice to players on the field regarding calls and for monitoring the time in between points or for discussions on disputed calls; all calls remain the responsibility of the players on the field. Observers were introduced 35 years ago in North America and play a more active role in governance of on-field play; while players still make most of their own calls, Observers make active line and time calls and rulings on contested fouls if needed. Referees were introduced by the North American semi-professional leagues and are officials who actively make all calls on the field.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have not played in games with either Game Advisors, Observers, or referees.	46.0%	1651
I have played in games with Game Advisors but not Observers or referees.	14.9%	535
I have played in games with Observers but not Game Advisors or referees.	14.7%	526
I have played in games with referees but not Game Advisors or Observers.	0.4%	15
I have played in games with Game Advisors and Observers but not referees.	6.7%	241
I have played in games with Observers and referees but not Game Advisors.	2.6%	93
I have played in games using Game Advisors, Observers, and referees.	2.7%	96
Not applicable.	12.0%	429
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

**34. For Ultimate players, under which governance mechanism do you believe that top level competition (eg World Championships, National Championships, etc) should be played?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Pure self-officiating by players, with no third-party officials.	11.4%	405
Self-officiating supported by WFDF-style Game Advisors (no active calls, non-binding advice on calls)	42.6%	1520
Self-officiating supported by North American-style Observers (active line and time calls, rulings on contested fouls if needed)	28.6%	1020
Referees making all calls, with the option for a player to overrule in favor of his opponent.	5.5%	197
Referees making all calls, with no player input.	1.4%	51
Not applicable/no opinion.	10.5%	375
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3568</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1618</b>

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**35. As you may know, two semi-professional ("pro") Ultimate leagues were introduced in North America since 2012 and they have generated a lot of publicity but also debate within the Ultimate community, especially surrounding their use of referees. Regarding these semi-pro leagues, do you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

Answer Options	1 - Strongly agree	2 - Mildly agree	3 - Neutral	4 - Mildly disagree	5 - Strongly disagree	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
a. The introduction of these pro leagues are good for Ultimate.	b	1127	364	210	92	262	1.86	3582
b. Publicity for Ultimate is good, no matter what changes to the rules.	514	1056	468	731	590	219	2.95	3578
c. Publicity for Ultimate is good, but the pro leagues should stick to existing rules.	1172	1090	555	371	146	245	2.17	3579
d. The game as played by the pro leagues should not be called Ultimate because of the use of referees.	336	547	706	702	1020	269	3.46	3580
e. The pro leagues are negative for Ultimate because the use of referees is misleading or confusing about the real sport.	325	723	611	834	840	246	3.34	3579
f. Pro leagues are negative for Ultimate because the use of referees will create a model that other leagues or events may emulate over time.	422	885	690	671	638	277	3.07	3583
g. Pro leagues are negative for Ultimate because the use of referees will erode the Spirit of the Game and change the emphasis on player responsibility and fair play.	915	976	437	507	500	247	2.61	3582
h. The pro leagues should work with established associations governing Ultimate.	1217	1165	650	111	46	380	1.94	3569
<i>answered question</i>								<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>								<b>1600</b>



**36. Regarding "spirit of the game," please rate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements as they relate to the "self-refereeing" aspect of Ultimate.**

Answer Options	1 - Strongly agree	2 - Mildly agree	3 - Neutral	4 - Mildly disagree	5 - Strongly disagree	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
a. Ultimate is not "Ultimate" without self-refereeing, it is a different sport.	1119	966	389	501	447	164	2.47	3586
b. Referees are positive for the sport because they speed up the action.	279	776	738	861	751	181	3.30	3586
c. Being self-officiated is a great branding opportunity for Ultimate.	1797	963	396	162	77	191	1.75	3586
d. Ultimate will never be credible in the world of sport unless there are referees	277	629	543	840	1106	191	3.55	3586
e. The use of Game Advisors or Observers to assist players preserves the best aspects of spirit of the game.	1036	1337	621	246	125	221	2.13	3586
f. It is not feasible to ask elite players to make their own calls.	241	443	518	880	1206	298	3.72	3586
g. Ultimate would lose a lot of what makes it special if it had referees like every other sport.	1551	844	369	382	271	169	2.12	3586
h. Elite Ultimate players have shown that they are not able to play without referees.	142	357	689	861	940	597	3.70	3586
i. Introduction of referees will result in more cheating and "win at all cost" behavior.	886	1165	527	461	318	229	2.45	3586
j. Having referees will make the sport more interesting to watch.	232	536	768	921	915	214	3.52	3586
k. Having referees will make the sport more interesting to play.	142	272	642	821	1478	231	3.96	3586
l. More youth programs are likely to adopt Ultimate if there were referees.	136	264	658	813	1328	387	3.92	3586
m. Ultimate in its best form emphasizes Spirit of the Game as a key element, including at the highest level.	2242	695	330	70	32	217	1.50	3586
<i>answered question</i>								<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>								<b>1600</b>

**37. WFDF introduced Game Advisors in 2014, who provide guidance to players on the field but do not determine calls; they only provide guidance to players in cases of disputes, assist in moving the game along, and add a perspective when players disagree on a call.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. I have not played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and do not think WFDF should continue to experiment with Game Advisors.	10.2%	365
b. I have not played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors but I do think WFDF should continue to experiment with Game Advisors.	38.6%	1385
c. I have played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and think that Referees are preferable.	2.6%	93
d. I have played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and think that Observers are preferable.	15.1%	541
e. I have played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and think that Game Advisors are preferable.	13.5%	485
f. I have not played with Game Advisors, but have played with Observers or referees, but think Game Advisors may be preferable.	4.0%	142
No opinion/not applicable.	16.0%	575
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3586</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1600</b>

**38. For Ultimate Players, if Ultimate were to continue to be played with Game Advisors at WFDF World Championships, which of the following roles should be undertaken (check as many as applicable):**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Providing advice on Time limits	70.6%	2532
Enforcing time limit penalties, whether the players call it or not	32.2%	1155
Providing advice on Offside calls	62.2%	2231
Enforcing offside penalties, whether the players call it or not	26.9%	965
Providing advice on in/out calls	66.5%	2386
Making active in/out line calls	37.1%	1329
Providing advice on foul calls	66.6%	2388
Making the final determination on foul calls, when asked	41.6%	1490
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>3586</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>1600</b>

**39. For Ultimate players, do you think WFDF and USA Ultimate should work to play by the same rules (ie should there only be one set of rules for Ultimate wherever it is played)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes.	78.7%	2822
No.	7.0%	252
No opinion/not applicable	14.3%	512
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>3586</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>1600</b>