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## **Road to Wroclaw 2017: WFDF announces national teams qualifying for the World Games Ultimate event**

WFDF is pleased to announce the national teams qualifying for the Ultimate event in the 2017 IWGA World Games which will be held in the city of Wroclaw (POL) from 20 to 30 July 2017. Per the WFDF qualification system, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Japan, Poland, and the USA will participate in the IWGA Flying Disc Championship. WFDF's qualification process is based on results across the mixed, mens' and womens' championships during the WFDF 2016 World Ultimate and Guts Championships in London with the five top combined results together with the automatic host country bid.

"It is always exciting to bring the best teams and athletes in the world together to compete in this prestigious multi-sport event," commented WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "The World Games assembles the best athletes from the non-Olympic sports as a showcase for future Olympic ambitions. WUGC winner and World Games title defender Team USA is leading the teams on the road to Wroclaw, followed by last edition's silver medal winners from Australia and bronze winning Canada. The teams from Japan and Colombia, the latter having thrilled the home crowds at the last World Games edition in Cali, Colombia, in 2013 by narrowly missing out on the podium in the bronze medal game complete the field, together with the home team from Poland, making sure that the people of Wroclaw will get a chance to cheer their own team at the event for its best performance. At the end of the day teams from four continents are represented in our World Games event. We fully trust in the ability of Ultimate as Flying Disc sport to impress again in Wroclaw, with great figures of spectator attendance, TV telecast and media interest, and sporting performance."

WFDF Ultimate Committee chair Brian Gisel added that "WFDF has also modified the eligibility rules for the World Games teams setting the gender ratio of the mixed squads to equal numbers of male and female competitors, underlining our commitment to present an event fully meeting gender equity. I am sure that with this field of teams participating we will add another chapter of success to the story of Flying Disc sports participating in the IWGA World Games since our first appearance 2001 in Akita, Japan."

### **About WFDF:**

The World Flying Disc Federation ("WFDF") serves as the international governing body of all flying disc (frisbee) sports. WFDF is made up of the National Associations ("Members") that govern their respective disc sports in over 65 countries. WFDF is the International Federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for Flying Disc sports, a member of the Association of Recognised International Federations (ARISF), a member of SportAccord and the International World Games Association, is recognized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) registered corporation in the State of Colorado, USA, and it is a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Agency code. WFDF estimates that over 7.5 million people globally play disc sports competitively.

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## Rankings based on WFDF 2016 World Ultimate and Guts Championships Results

The full WFDF World Games ranking after WUGC 2016 (\* qualified):

<b>USA*</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>AUS*</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>CAN*</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>JPN*</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>COL*</b>	<b>253</b>
GBR	240
FRA	235
GER	232
AUT	224
NZL	220
BEL	215
SUI	213
IRL	212
ESP	208
CZE	206
FIN	204
SIN	204
ITA	202
DEN	202
PHI	199
SWE	198
<b>POL*</b>	<b>198</b>
RUS	189
NED	185
POR	184
HKG	180
LAT	180
SVK	180
UAE	180
MEX	179
RSA	178
ISR	178
IND	177
NOR	176
LTU	172
CHN	172
EGY	169
KOR	169
COD	166

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