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## **New Fair-Play scoring system released in 25 languages**

October 22, 2009 (Santa Cruz, California) - The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) today announced the release of a new Fair-Play scoring system for Ultimate Frisbee. Ultimate Frisbee, or simply 'Ultimate', is a fast-paced, non-contact team sport that is played by men and women worldwide. The sport is played without referees at all levels and the players are responsible for fair play, adherence to the rules, and the enjoyment of the game. This unique manifestation of sportsmanship is known in the Ultimate community as: "Spirit of the Game".

Spirit of the Game (SOTG) is always encouraged and many Ultimate tournaments award a SOTG trophy. The criteria to select the team with the best Spirit used to vary from tournament to tournament. In 2006 a worldwide, standardized scoring system was set up and after analyzing feedback, the WFDF Spirit of the Game Committee today released the 2010 version in 25 languages.

*"I am extremely pleased with the new Spirit of the Game scoring sheet,"* said Kevin Givens, Executive Director of the WFDF. *"With the continuous growth of Ultimate worldwide, it is imperative that Spirit of the Game education grows as well".*

A particularly important change from earlier versions is the reduction of the number of scoring criteria from 8 to 5 is. Each team is now scored on:

- 1) Rules knowledge and use,
- 2) Fouls and body contact,
- 3) Fair-mindedness,
- 4) Positive attitude and self-control,
- 5) Themselves (did the team play with worse, same, or better Spirit than the other team?)

*"The new 2010 scoring system captures the Spirit of the Game really well,"* said Patrick van der Valk, Chairman of the WFDF Spirit of the Game Committee. *"It allows us to uphold one of the greatest appeals of our sport: playing hard, playing fair, and enjoying the game of (Beach) Ultimate".*

The other major change in the 2010 Spirit of the Game scoring system is the rating. Each of the criteria are now rated "Excellent", "Very Good", "Good", "Not so Good", or "Poor", and teams awarded 4, 3, 2, 1, or 0 points respectively, yielding a score range of 0-20 points per team per game.

The translation of the 2010 Spirit of the Game scoring system in 25 languages is a major milestone for the WFDF. No other document in the organization has ever been translated in so many languages and it shows that the organization is committed to promoting the Spirit and the game of Ultimate worldwide.

For more information (Beach) Ultimate visit [www.wfdf.org](http://www.wfdf.org) or [www.beachultimate.org](http://www.beachultimate.org). The new Spirit of the Game scoring sheet can be downloaded at [www.wfdf.org/index.php?page=rules/spirit.htm](http://www.wfdf.org/index.php?page=rules/spirit.htm) or [www.beachultimate.org/blog/2009/10/spirit.html](http://www.beachultimate.org/blog/2009/10/spirit.html)

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