



WFDF 2018 WUCC

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WEATHER INTERRUPTS SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the WFDF 2018 World Ultimate Club Championships did not go as planned. The 09:00 starts were pushed back by a couple of hours due to lightning storms, meaning that all games had to be moved to the 11:00 slot instead.

The games began under grey skies, windier and colder than it had been at any point so far.

However, just after the half of most games, more lightning was spotted near the venue. WFDF safety rules mandated that the fields be cleared, and the games were paused.

After a two-hour break, there had been long enough without lightning to continue. The teams went out to warm up but, just minutes before the games were due to resume, there was more lightning.

Another pause followed and,

after more lightning, the games were paused indefinitely and the venue cleared.

The semis were completed indoors at a local sports facility, with 20 minutes of play for each game continuing from the score they left off at. The different conditions and surface led to some miscues but also to some spectacular plays - Laura Ospina laying out to pick one off the turf the stand-out play of a thrilling evening. Our finals are now set - let's see who wins!

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THE FINALS

Men's

San Francisco Revolver (USA) vs Sydney Colony (AUS) - 08:30

The two-time reigning champs are playing the surprise package from Australia. Can Colony do what no one has done and defeat Revolver at a World Ultimate Club Championships?

Women's

Medellin Revolution (COL) vs Seattle Riot (USA) - 14:30

The emerging stars against the long-established superpower. These are the only two unbeaten Women's teams at this competition, a fitting finale for the tournament.

Mixed

Seattle BFG (USA) vs Boston Slow White (USA) - 16:30

Both teams are something of a surprise, seeded 3rd and 9th coming in. They split the games they played at USA Nationals last year, each team getting one win.

The games today will all be held at the Wall 2 Wall venue in Mason that held the semi-final extensions because of forecast storms in the area.

Spectators are allowed at the venue but once capacity has been reached people will be held outside the building for safety purposes.

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