

**Invitation to the:
WFDF 2018 World Ultimate Club Championships - WUCC 2018
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Welcome to Cincinnati, Ohio USA

The Cincinnati Ultimate Players Association (CUPA) board members and volunteers are excited and proud to have been selected to host the WFDF 2018 World Ultimate Club Championships. We have a great venue on the northern outskirts of Cincinnati, between two smaller cities, Mason and Lebanon in the Warren County, Ohio. The Lebanon Sport Complex will be home to 29 fields and we will be using Mason High School Stadium to host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the finals.

The 2018 WUCC event will take place from Saturday 14th through Saturday 21st July, 2018 (8 days).

The TOC are working hard to organize a great event; to ensure everyone has a good time and to create unforgettable memories and experiences for our players, coaches and spectators. Players will play with the world's best and fans will have the chance to watch some of the world's most amazing athletes. We understand that in order to achieve a great event we have to start by having good communication with all the teams.

Please pay close attention to all communications going out from WFDF and the TOC, paying particular attention to details such as deadlines. To plan a successful event, we all need to work together to make sure we collect all the information and fees on time. Please do everything you can as a team to support us by respecting all deadlines and responding with all the necessary data efficiently. We will do our best to make the processes as simple as we can.

We will email you the website link as soon as it is live. In the meantime, here are the details that you need to pre-register your team. Teams should not make travel plans until AFTER the official bid list with team names is published AFTER 1st October 2017.

**NOTE: There are action points throughout this bulletin highlighted in red,
please pay particular attention to these.**

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Cincinnati.

Best Wishes;

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Event Dates:

- **Friday 13th & Saturday 14th July, 2018** - Event Registration
- **Saturday 14th July, 2018** – Captains’ & Spirit Captains’ Meetings, Opening Ceremony and Opening Game
- **Sunday 15th- Friday 20th July, 2018** – Regular Round Games and Semis
- **Saturday 21st July 2018** – Finals, Medal Ceremony & Closing Ceremony

It is expected that ALL TEAMS will attend the Captains meeting and Opening Ceremony – Please plan your travel accordingly.

Fee Structure:

WUCC 2018 Fees (USD \$)	Full payment required BEFORE:	Fees:
Early Discount Team Fee	31 October, 2017	\$1,500
Regular Payment Team Fee	30 November, 2017	\$1,750
Early Discount Player Fee	30 November, 2017	\$375
Regular Payment Player Fee	31 January, 2018	\$450
Team Support - Guest Fee	31 January, 2018	\$200
Roster change after rosters locked	After 15 April, 2018 (admin charge)	\$25

All payments are to be made online and are in US currency (USD \$). Bank and transaction fees are at the cost of the payer.

The team fee is not reimbursable. The player fee cannot be reimbursed but can be transferred to another player.

NOTE: To pre-register your team, please follow the steps carefully as outlined below:

STEP 1 – Complete the on-line pre-registration form by using the following link and submit PRIOR to 15th September, 2017:

<https://goo.gl/forms/iS8c8rKr1i8WkoLr1>

Any Ultimate Club Team is welcome to fill out the pre-registration form to express an interest to participate at WUCC, 2018.

A bid allocation list will be compiled by the WFDF Ultimate Committee using the data collected from pre-registration. WFDF will then make firm bid offers to each Member National Federation (NF) for each division on the 21st September.

Each NF will then have the opportunity to accept or decline the bids offered and to allocate the team names they endorse to fill each bid. Not all teams pre-registered will be assured a place at the tournament. All responses from NF’s should be received no later than the 30th September.

A full bid list with TEAM NAMES will be published via the event website on the 1st of October, 2017. Please check to see if your team has been selected to participate at WUCC or if you are on the waitlist.

Pre-event timeline:

WUCC PRE-EVENT TIMELINE	
Team Pre-Registration (online form for all club teams to fill out)	27 th July – 15 September, 2017
Bid Allocation & National Federation team nominations	21 st September, 2017
Event Bid List Published	After 1 st October, 2017
Team Registration & payment	1 st October – 30 th November, 2017
Rosters Locked	15th April, 2018

Location:

Opening, Closing and Medal Ceremonies & Finals Venue

Mason High School Football Stadium seating around 6,500.

Main Ultimate Venue (29 fields)

Lebanon Sports Complex (LSC) at 900 McClure Rd, Lebanon, Ohio USA 45036.



Accommodation: (First Come - First Allocated)

Travel and hotel costs will be a major part of your expenses to participate at this event. The TOC has worked hard to get special 'group' rates and packages at a variety of hotels in the area. These are limited and we encourage team administrators to investigate alternatives if they wish. Accommodation options will be on a 'first come first allocated' basis. Buses will only be provided to accredited event participants (athletes, coaches and team guests) from hotel 'hubs' to the fields and back.

TOC has arranged primary accommodation at 4 hotel hubs in the City of Mason. These hotels are around a 10 minute bus ride to the venue.

All of the tournament hotels (2 to 4 star) have given us 'group' rates and range in price from \$139 to \$209 per room night. Breakfast will be included at almost all hotels (please check when booking). Rooms include air conditioning, linens/towels changed, in room toilets/showers – some with kitchens.

<u>Hotels</u>	<u>King Bed plus pullout</u>	<u>2 Queen Beds</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Marriott (Tournament Hotel - 4 star)	\$139 night	\$149/ night	Yes
Hampton Hilton Garden Inn	\$149 night	\$149/ night	Yes
Holiday Inn Express		\$149/ night	Yes
Homewood Suites (2 bedroom Studio Suite)		\$159/ night	Yes
Hilton Garden Inn (includes Suites)	\$170 night	\$250/ night	Yes
Hyatt Place	\$169 night	\$179/ night	Yes
Towne Place Suites	\$199 night		Yes
Spring Hill Suites	\$199 night	\$209/ night	Yes
Kirkwood Inn		\$159/ night	Yes
Best Western		\$149 - \$179	Yes
Laquinta Inn	\$175 night	\$165/ night	Yes

Transportation:

Bus transportation will only be provided between the tournament hotels and event venues. If you stay at a hotel not listed as a tournament hotel you will need to arrange your own transportation.

Food:

Breakfast will be available at most hotels – check the offer when booking

The WUCC sports complex and stadium will have concessions and food trucks available with plenty of options for purchase.

Players may decide food options for the evening dinner yourselves. There are many options surrounding the hotels with many restaurants and markets within a few minutes' walk surrounding all of the tournament hotels.

Visas:

Once the event bid list is published and your team is registered, we encourage you make specific enquiries about obtaining a visa to enter the USA. You are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit the USA to compete at WUCC 2018.

Please note that we cannot provide specific advice on the process, but we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible. The TOC can provide your team administrator with a letter confirming your team's registration at the event. To do that we generally require confirmation of the following details for all the members of your team: full name (as shown on passport), passport number, date of birth and role on team (i.e. player, coach, manager, etc).

Please make sure you leave us some time to produce this document: do not assume that we can send it back the same day!

Please note: we cannot and will not provide a formal "invitation" to attend the event and non-ability to enter the USA is not grounds for a request of a refund for a team and/or player fees.

We recommend EVERY TEAM makes specific enquiries.

Travel Insurance:

All event participants (Athletes, Coaches, and Team Support) must show proof of travel insurance as part of the registration process. Non-accredited individuals will not be able to participate with the team or take part in any of the event or team functions.

Information:

If you have urgent questions, please email info@wucc2018.com

"Urgent" means that it affects whether or not you will pre-register to enter a team.

Please feel free to send us other questions – but we will be prioritizing issues regarding entry and we may answer "non-urgent" questions in a forum of FAQs rather than replying to you immediately.