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LETTER FROM T



For the last three years, I have been asked to reflect on what USA Ultimate has been doing, with the goal of turning that into a yearly report from the president of the board. While it is a privilege to do so, I often sit for bit and wonder, “How did we (USA Ultimate) do all of that?” This time is no different. The letter from CEO Tom Crawford highlights many of the key initiatives USA Ultimate drove in 2017. However, that list does not reflect the efforts that staff take on every day – whether in the office, at a USA Ultimate event or across the globe at an international event. The efforts of the full-time staff and the volunteers all around the country continually amaze me, and they should amaze you too.

Every year, our board of directors meets four times – twice in person and twice on a conference call. With each and every meeting, we hear back from the staff at headquarters about the numbers, the issues at the forefront and their thoughts on how to continue to move this organization forward. At every meeting, the staff is challenged to work on more projects and to stretch beyond where we have been to create more opportunities for people from all walks of life to experience ultimate. And every year, there is evidence that those experiences are becoming more and more available, more and more valuable and more and more exciting. I am incredibly proud of this organization while fully recognizing that we will continue to find ways to keep doing it better and moving forward.

THE PRESIDENT

2017 marked the start of an effort to ensure continual forward movement of our organization: the development of the next strategic plan, while also planning for the 50th anniversary celebration of our sport (wow!). To kick off the process of developing the strategic plan, staff, volunteers and board members attended Vision Tour stops across the country. Meeting with community members first hand, ideas were shared and (sometimes hard) discussions were had to set the base for the direction of our organization. As of the writing of this letter, that plan has taken shape and is truly a great endeavor that will help guide USA Ultimate, keeping our eyes on the mission of character, community and competition, with equity/diversity/inclusion at the forefront.

Closing out reflections of 2017 makes me dream of what 2018 and beyond will bring – for USA Ultimate, for the sport of ultimate and for those who see the incredible promise our sport holds. I hope you, as members of this organization, continue to see that promise and keep dreaming big. Share your thoughts, concerns and ideas, and remember that we are what you help us to be.



DeAnna Ball
President, USA Ultimate

LETTER FROM T



DR. TOM CRAWFORD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Greetings to all in the USA Ultimate Community,

I am pleased to report that 2017 was another outstanding and exciting year for us at USA Ultimate. We made tremendous strides growing our competition divisions, expanding our local outreach programs and advancing our efforts to broadcast the sport to the world. Also, while other sports shrink, we continue to grow, with an overall 6.5 percent growth in membership, highlighted by 10 percent growth in youth athletes, 8 percent growth in female-identifying players and 16 percent growth in the masters division.

Our international teams attained great success this past year, winning the gold medal at the World Games in Wroclaw, Poland; six gold medals and one silver medal at the World Championships of Beach Ultimate (WCBU) in Royan, France; and gold at the World Great Grand Masters Beach Ultimate Championships in Praia do Meço, Portugal.

We also expanded the structure of the U.S. Open Club Championships, combining it to include both the International Club Championships (ICC) and the Youth Club Championships (YCC) divisions; 36 adult club teams competed alongside 90 youth teams. This was a large and complex undertaking with excellent international participation, the largest YCC in history and the largest U.S. Open Convention yet.

Within our competition divisions, we strove to provide more opportunities for players to participate in our great sport. Our masters division doubled in size from three divisions to six, leading to the 2017 Masters Championships being the largest event in masters division history. The event, as well as the expansion of the division, received great reviews from participants. In the college division, we successfully introduced the College Women's Startup Project, an initiative dedicated to increasing the number of college women's ultimate teams, as well as new college fall mixed regional events. Lastly, our youth division saw

THE CEO

increased participation both in number of teams and players at the 2017 High School State Championships. Two new states participated, and six new championship titles were awarded, including two new girls' titles and a middle school title.

Our outreach to local communities was extremely impactful again in 2017. We successfully ran more than 50 outreach and education programs with partners around the country. We also added two new State-Based Organizations and six Affiliates, as we continue to invest in building our national infrastructure to help service and stimulate growth at the local level. This development has been, and will continue to be, a huge focus for our organization.

On the broadcast and exposure front, we had a very successful year, beginning with the execution of a landmark gender-equal broadcast partnership with ESPN, including airing the U.S. Open's mixed championship final live on ESPN2 and the College

Championships finals live on ESPNU. The ESPN2 broadcast included our very first "direct-to-consumer" commercial highlighting the wonder and uniqueness of our beautiful sport, to rave reviews. We also launched the Live Ultimate campaign and live streamed over 120 games from various events, reaching over 13 million Facebook users and hundreds of thousands of viewers on ESPN over the range of broadcasts!

We conducted a strategic planning Vision Tour that stopped in cities across the U.S., providing the community a direct means of sharing input for our next strategic plan and giving us a chance to meet and talk with USA Ultimate members and stakeholders across the nation.

So, it was another very busy and successful year for USA Ultimate, all while continuing to be fiscally responsible, meeting our budget targets and ending the year with a small net of approximately \$173,000 and a relatively strong balance sheet.

As is true every year, all of this progress and success is only possible with our incredible dedicated and hard-working professional staff, a helpful and passionate board of directors and, especially, a huge number of incredibly generous volunteers who help all year long all over the country.

Big thanks to all of you!



Dr. Tom Crawford
CEO, USA Ultimate



ABOUT

USA Ultimate is the national governing body
for the sport of ultimate in the United States.



USA Ultimate's full-time staff is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo., but works with volunteers all across the country to create opportunities to advance the sport. Founded in 1979 as the Ultimate Players Association, the governing body was rebranded as USA Ultimate in 2010.

USA Ultimate is a member of the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), ultimate's international federation, and was officially recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as a Recognized Sport Organization in 2014.

Until 2013, the World Flying Disc Federation belonged to the General Association of International Sport Federations and the International World Games Association. In early 2013, after fulfilling all criteria of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) recognition procedure, the World Flying Disc Federation became a provisional member of the IOC. WFDF became a fully recognized member of the IOC in the summer of 2015.



USA Ultimate oversees the sport at all competitive levels in the United States, from youth and recreational leagues, to college competition and elite, club-level ultimate. USA Ultimate also supports and selects national teams to represent the U.S. in international competitions around the world. The organization has an annual membership of over 58,000 and sanctions 520+ competitive and recreational events each year.

CORE VALUES

Respect – We honor the rights, views, dignity and inherent value of others, striving for an environment of mutual trust.

Integrity – We stay true to the mission of USA Ultimate and the highest ethical standards, demonstrating honesty and fairness in every action we take.

Responsibility – We hold ourselves accountable for our decisions and actions, while striving for excellence in all that we do; we are dedicated stewards of the sport of ultimate.

Leadership – We drive thoughtful growth, development and innovation in competition and the ultimate community, enhancing and promoting the sport as a joy to play and watch.

Teamwork – We encourage a diverse and inclusive ultimate community and work cooperatively with members and partners to achieve our mission.

MISSION

The mission of USA Ultimate is to advance the sport of ultimate in the United States by enhancing and promoting Character, Community and Competition.

VISION

Ultimate is widely known, played and respected in the United States as a sport that inspires athletic excellence and integrity among participants and fans.

STRATEGIC PLAN

In the fall of 2012, USA Ultimate announced a six-year strategic plan that outlines the organization's operations and goals from 2013–2018. The plan guides decision making, resource allocation and prioritization of work through 2018. In addition, for the first time ever, USA Ultimate set out a vision and set of core values that reflect who we are and what we stand for.

GOALS

1 INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF ULTIMATE.

STRATEGIES

1. Partner with media to broadcast USA Ultimate's premier 3-5 events to a mass audience.
2. Reach a broad audience via promotions done in collaboration with sponsors and other partners.
3. Reach targeted populations through emerging media channels.
4. Achieve national sports news visibility with a targeted publicity plan.
5. Develop a promotional plan specifically for youth and parents.

2 GROW YOUTH, COLLEGE AND LEAGUE ULTIMATE.

STRATEGIES

1. Develop and oversee a broad spectrum of programs for a diverse community of youth players and administrators.
2. Facilitate knowledge transfer and program integration between leagues, other local organizations and USA Ultimate.
3. Provide tools to players and administrators to increase the number of sustainable college programs.
4. Vastly increase the number of qualified coaches and observers via training and certification programs.
5. Encourage lifetime participation in programs, competitive divisions and roles (coaching, observing, etc.).

3 ORGANIZE THE HIGHEST QUALITY U.S. COMPETITIVE EVENTS.

STRATEGIES

1. Complete club division restructuring efforts.
2. Establish the U.S. Open as a top international event focused on premier competition, education and community building.
3. Attract the best athletes and teams to play in USA Ultimate's premier events.
4. Evolve and enforce operational quality standards for all stages of USA Ultimate's championship events.
5. Oversee event organizer certification programs, and provide resources for profitable event planning.
6. Lead a world-class marketing and promotional program to showcase USA Ultimate events and athletes.
7. Attract and retain in-person and media viewership of both ultimate-playing and other fans.

4 MAKE SPIRIT OF THE GAME REAL FOR TODAY'S ULTIMATE PLAYERS AND COMMUNITY.

STRATEGIES

1. Lead a community-wide effort to clarify and communicate how Spirit of the Game applies to behaviors on and off the field.
2. Exercise watchful, decisive and fair oversight of SOTG and values at USA Ultimate events.
3. Develop coordinated values-focused internal publicity program focusing on exemplary teams and individuals.

5 ACHIEVE SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE OF USA ULTIMATE TEAMS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

STRATEGIES

1. Refine and maintain fair and effective Team USA player and team selection processes at all levels.
2. Provide training and operational support for teams at priority international competition.
3. Develop and support an ongoing Team USA Coaching Program.
4. Communicate guidelines for athlete development across all levels.
5. Support gradual progress of ultimate towards Pan-American and eventually Olympic Games participation.

6 GOVERN THE ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE STABILITY AND EXCELLENCE.

STRATEGIES

1. Evolve governance model and organizational structure to support growth and quality.
2. Maintain transparent and sound financial practices.
3. Evolve risk management policies and processes to minimize organizational liability.
4. Diversify and expand revenue base including a USA Ultimate fundraising program.
5. Develop USA Ultimate's branding strategy in relation to competitive, educational and recreational ultimate.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership levels are available for all types of members, from friends and family to players and coaches.

Membership Levels

YOUTH

Specially priced membership for players who have not yet graduated from high school.

COLLEGE

For players who are enrolled at least half-time.

ADULT

For players who are no longer in high school.

COACH AND COACH/PLAYER

Includes player and non-player options for individuals age 18 and older.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Non-participant level for spectators, fans and supporters of ultimate.

YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATION

Designed for multisport youth organizations that would like to run ultimate programs.

SINGLE EVENT

Available to youth and adults without annual player-level membership who play in a specific USA Ultimate recreational sanctioned event; not available for championship series or regular-season events.



AFFILIATE

Offered only through the Affiliate Program, these memberships provide access to local Affiliate-owned sanctioned events at discounted prices, along with other member benefits.

LIFETIME

Enjoy a lifetime of benefits! Anyone is eligible.

Annual memberships are based on a calendar year (January 1- December 31). All annual memberships expire on December 31, regardless of when you sign up. USA Ultimate begins accepting renewals on December 1 for the next year's membership cycle.

USA Ultimate State-Based Organizations

After laying groundwork for the program in 2015, USA Ultimate State-Based Organizations were piloted in 2016. Three organizations came on board in the program's inaugural year: Minnesota Ultimate, New England Ultimate and North Carolina Ultimate. In 2017, two additional programs were founded: California Ultimate and Illinois Ultimate.

State-based organizations act as extensions of USA Ultimate and serve and support the national governing body's mission by administering its programs and services to local affiliates and communities within their respective boundaries. The organizations are a vital part of USA Ultimate's investment in grassroots development initiatives designed to stimulate the growth of ultimate at the local level.

USA Ultimate will continue to grow the state-based organization initiative in the coming years, partnering with local entrepreneurs and providing start-up grants of at least \$60,000 over the first three years of each organization's existence.



USA Ultimate Affiliate Program

In 2013, USA Ultimate officially introduced the Affiliate Program. The program was created with the express purpose of supporting and formalizing the development of local area ultimate organizations and leagues into USA Ultimate affiliates in order to unify and promote the sport and assist with the provision and expansion of programs and services to the boys, girls, men and women playing ultimate in its geographic area. Through this closely connected partnership, affiliates benefit from additional resources and opportunities to increase their reach.

Affiliates

An affiliate is an organization that has been approved as a partner of USA Ultimate. Through this partnership, USA Ultimate will support affiliates to unify, promote and provide programs and services to the players in its geographic area. While USA Ultimate maintains a close, programmatic and strategic relationship with affiliates, each affiliate is separate and distinct. Affiliates remain their own corporations that serve their constituents, elect board members and manage affairs as deemed appropriate under the affiliate bylaws. The goal is to build lasting partnerships which USA Ultimate and the local organization will strive to develop, strengthen and maintain.

During the 2017 calendar year, the fifth official year of the Affiliate Program, seven new local disc organizations partnered with USA Ultimate, bringing the program total to 22.



2017 AFFILIATES

Albany Ultimate Disc Association (New York)	Kalamazoo United Youth Ultimate (Michigan)
Altitude Youth Ultimate (Colorado)	Maine Ultimate (Maine)
Atlanta Flying Disc Club Juniors (Georgia)	Missoula Ultimate Federation (Montana)
Capital Area Disc Association (Michigan)	Neuqua Valley Ultimate (Illinois)
Columbus Ultimate Disc Association (Ohio)	Triangle Ultimate (North Carolina)
Connecticut Ultimate Club (Connecticut)	Tucson Ultimate (Arizona)
Detroit Ultimate Association (Michigan)	Ultimate Players League of Austin (Texas)
DiscNY (New York)	Utah Ultimate Disc Association (Utah)
Illinois Youth Ultimate (Illinois)	Valley Ultimate (Massachusetts)
Indiana Ultimate Foundation (Indiana)	Wisconsin Ultimate (Wisconsin)
Jacksonville Ultimate League (Florida)	Zig Zag Ultimate (Michigan)

Each new partner received an Infrastructure Support Grant to help in the transition phase and to support the growth of their respective organizations.

USA Ultimate also instituted new efforts to increase the collaboration and partnerships between all affiliate organizations by bring representatives from each group together at the U.S. Open Convention. The representatives were able to share ideas and initiatives, success stories and suggestions for ways to improve and develop further. Similar efforts will continue in the future as the Affiliate Program continues to grow.



PLAY IT FORWARD

In 2014, USA Ultimate launched the Play It Forward program. Play It Forward provides financial assistance to youth ultimate players with demonstrated need to help cover the cost of their USA Ultimate memberships.

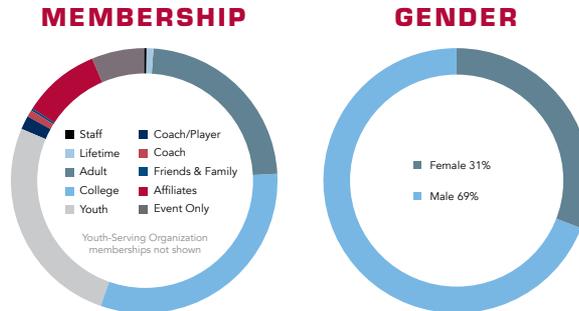
In coordination with the launch of Play It Forward, USA Ultimate created its fourth Signature Series disc which commemorates players, events and moments that signify the sport and USA Ultimate over the past year. Anyone who donated \$30 or more to The Ultimate Foundation's Greatest Need was eligible to receive the 2017 Signature Series disc wherein the central image represents the first U.S. Open Club Championships which combined the U.S. Open

Championships with the Youth Club Championships, two of USA Ultimate's biggest and most visible events, to feature the best adult athletes competing alongside the best youth athletes. The YCC division featured 90 teams, and the ICC division hosted 36 teams. The image is surrounded by the names and signatures of the 2017 Spirit and Equity, Callahan, Donovan, Peter Farricker, Kathy Pufahl and Marty Bakko Award winners.

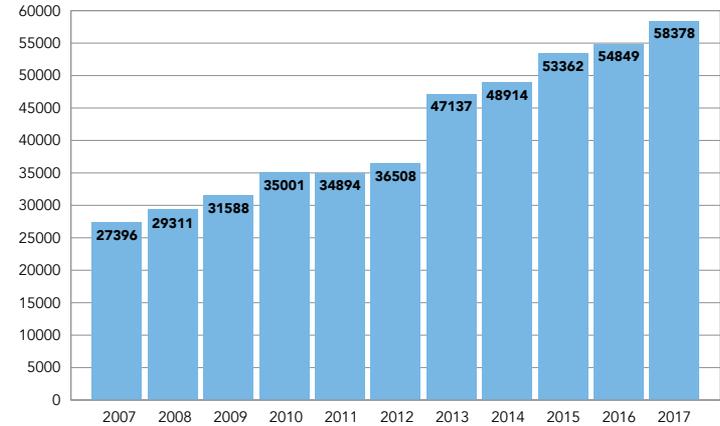
Membership Growth

USA Ultimate membership continues to grow each year. After almost exceeding 55,000 members for the first time in 2016, USA Ultimate membership catapulted to 58,378 at the end of 2017, accounting for 6 percent growth. The college division remained USA Ultimate's largest membership category in 2017 with over 18,200 members. Youth came in second, eclipsing 15,000 members. Affiliate membership saw the largest growth percentage in 2017, followed by recreational single event and adult members.

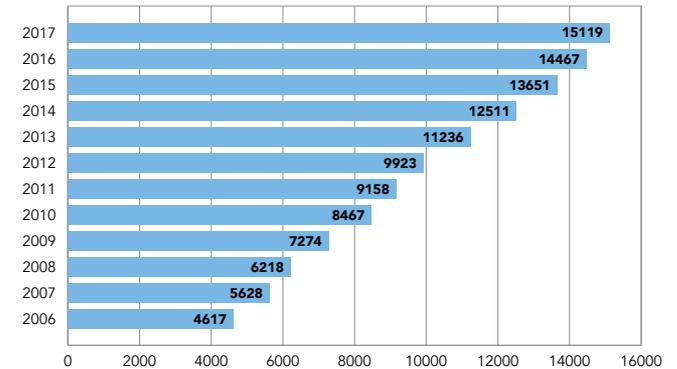
The percentage of female-identifying members continued to increase in 2017, reflecting efforts like the Girls' Ultimate Movement to get more girls and women playing ultimate. More than 1,300 additional female members joined USA Ultimate in 2017.



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

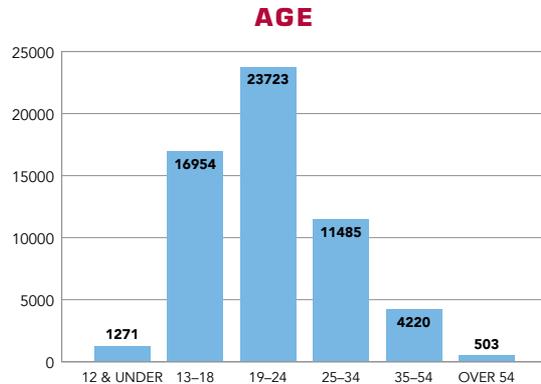


YOUTH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



2017 MEMBERSHIPS

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Staff	254
Lifetime	503
Adult	13,414
College	18,238
Youth	15,119
Coach/Player	964
Coach	558
Friends & Family	117
Youth-Serving Organization	19
Affiliates	5,610
Event Only	3,582



Member Retention

Membership retention rates increased from 2016 to 2017, with almost 62 percent of the 2016 membership returning in 2017, accounting for 33,966 members and a 1.3 percent increase in the retention rate. Retention was once again highest in the college division which saw 64.5 percent of members return from 2016 to 2017, a slightly higher rate than achieved in the previous year.

Member Benefits

USA Ultimate annual members may participate in an unlimited number of sanctioned events during the calendar year, participate in the USA Ultimate insurance program, take advantage of partner discounts and much more!

- Members can attend USA Ultimate clinics and conventions and participate in USA Ultimate sanctioned and championship events.
- Members may apply for grants or kits to assist with developing local programs, become a certified coach or observer, or apply to sanction a local event and receive benefits such as insurance.
- Members are covered through the USA Ultimate insurance program when participating in USA Ultimate sanctioned events.

- Members receive discounted rates on USA Ultimate general merchandise such as team kits, learn to play kits, rule books and more.
- Members are eligible for merchandise, ticket and travel discounts from our partners, including:



20 percent off at Wyndham Hotels



20 percent off at Red Roof Inn



20 percent off custom-printed Ultrastar discs from Discraft

- As part of the Olympic Family, USA Ultimate members have access to scholarship opportunities through DeVry University.
- Members can make a difference in the sport with their eligibility to vote in USA Ultimate elections and have the option to seek election to the organization's board of directors; become a sectional, regional or national coordinator; or join other volunteer committees.

We continue to work hard to add additional exclusive and valuable benefits like these. Check the USA Ultimate website regularly for updates on special offers such as those listed above.

COMPETITION

Each year, hundreds of ultimate tournaments take place across the United States. At the national and regional levels, USA Ultimate provides competition programs for every age group of its more than 58,000 members.

In 2017, USA Ultimate sanctioned over 520 events and designated 106 regular-season college events and 58 regular-season club events. In addition, USA Ultimate delivered nine high-quality championship events across the youth, college, club, beach and masters divisions.

Inaugural College Mixed Regional Championships

In 2017, USA Ultimate introduced the first-ever College Mixed Regional Championships. Championship events were held in October and November with 68 teams competing across five regions: East, North, Northeast, South and West. After a successful inaugural year, plans are underway to expand the college mixed division to include more events and more teams in the future.

College Women's Startup Project

Housed under the Season Training and Recruitment (STAR) Program, the College Women's Startup Project was established in 2017 to help foster the growth of college women's ultimate by incentivizing new teams and facilitating the development of new women's programs. A 12-person focus group worked to identify the biggest challenges and barriers with starting a new college women's team and came up with a list of benefits that would help ease the process. The following is a list of benefits teams included in the College Women's Startup Project receive:

- Free USA Ultimate college memberships over the course of three years.
- A free team startup kit.
- Assistance with finding a local coach and a free coach membership.

- Access to a women's team alumni support network – people who have started or helped develop college women's teams and can offer practical advice and support.

Nine college women's teams were recipients of the program's first grants during its inaugural year:

- Allegheny Hellbenderitas
- Christopher Newport Rosemary
- Drexel Spitfire
- East Carolina Black Pearl
- Pittsburgh High Voltage
- Providence Women's Ultimate
- Saint Joseph's University Dirty Doves
- St. Thomas Rainy Day Women
- Wheaton (IL) Mastodonnas

U.S. Open Club Championships & Convention

USA Ultimate held its sixth-annual U.S. Open Club Championships & Convention in August 2017, hosting teams from across the United States and the world in Blaine, Minn. The event was rebranded in 2017, changing from the U.S. Open Championships to the U.S. Open Club Championships to reflect the first combined U.S. Open and Youth Club Championships event.

Thirty-six adult teams and more than 830 athletes competed in the International Club Championships (ICC) division, while 90 youth teams and more than 1,700 athletes competed in the Youth Club Championships (YCC) division. The event continued as an invite-only competition that highlights the best teams, athletes and competition the sport has to offer from around the world. The 2017 event featured teams from seven nations: Colombia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The 2017 U.S. Open also marked the sport's first-ever live broadcast on ESPN2. The ICC mixed division championship final aired live on the linear network and included USA Ultimate's first direct-to-consumer television commercial, part of the organization's new Live Ultimate marketing campaign.

In conjunction with the tournament portion of the event, a convention was also held, open to anyone and everyone in the ultimate community who desired to advance and develop the sport of ultimate worldwide.

The 2017 convention provided sessions on coaching and long-term athlete development, engaging and retaining sponsorships and the Girls' Ultimate Movement, as well as an open forum on gender equity and diversity, all designed with athletes, organizers and coaches in mind. It was also an opportunity for affiliates and state organizations from around the country to gather and exchange ideas and updates on a variety of topics.

Masters Division Expansion

As part of ongoing efforts to increase opportunities for continued participation in the sport, USA Ultimate doubled the size of the masters division in 2017, increasing the competitive options from three divisions to six. The mixed masters (30+ females, 33+ males), women's grand masters (37+) and great grand masters (45+ females, 50+ males) divisions premiered at the 2017 Masters Championships in Aurora, Colo.





YOUTH COMPETITION

USA Ultimate provides competition programs for every age group of its more than 58,000 members. As in recent years, the youth division was one of the organization's fastest-growing divisions in 2017. For the fourth year in a row, the number of youth teams participating in USA Ultimate's competition programs outnumbered the number of participating club teams.

The Youth Club Championships (YCC), now part of the U.S. Open Club Championships, continues to expand each year, as a reflection of the growth of youth membership, with more athletes and teams than ever competing at the 2017 edition. Participation in youth club leagues also continues to increase every year, continuing the growth of the future of ultimate.

Each year, USA Ultimate hosts and helps organize dozens of youth division events across the country. Specifically hosted by USA Ultimate are youth club regional championship events and the Youth Club Championships. High school state championships are organized locally, but USA Ultimate assists with the organization and expansion of the program and sanctions each event.



Youth Club Regionals

2017 marked the first year in the transition from High School Regional Championships to Youth Club Regionals. USA Ultimate's youth regional championship events shifted to the fall and a club team structure, moving away from the previous high-school-based teams. Fifteen teams competed across two regional championship events: Northeasterns and Westerns. The 15 teams also included USA Ultimate's first U-15 division at a championship event.

Northeasterns

U-20 BOYS' DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 D.C. Foggy Bottom Boys	Jacques Nissen
2 North Allegheny High School	Charlie Alt
3 Montreal Titane	Félix Pelletier
4 Vermont Mutiny	Elijah Coolidge
5 Hampton High School	Jason Hunkele
6 Central Catholic High School	Owen Maue

Team Spirit Award Winner: Titane

Westerns

U-15 BOYS' DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Oregon Eruption!	Sam Mayer-Radke
2 Utah Swarm	N/A
3 Oakland Sparks	Julian Korchin
4 Oakland Wolfpack	Kiyoshi Monsalve
5 Boise Ultimate Flyway	Jeremy Lechten

Team Spirit Award Winner: Oakland Wolfpack

U-20 MIXED DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Seattle Bankroll	Justin Jones, Abby Hecko
2 Bellevue BamWagon	Austin Hasbrook, Michelle Nguyen
3 Berkeley High Co(upROAR)	Tate Hoyer, Maytal Bach
4 Vancouver G-Birds	N/A

Team Spirit Award Winner: Berkeley High Co(upROAR)

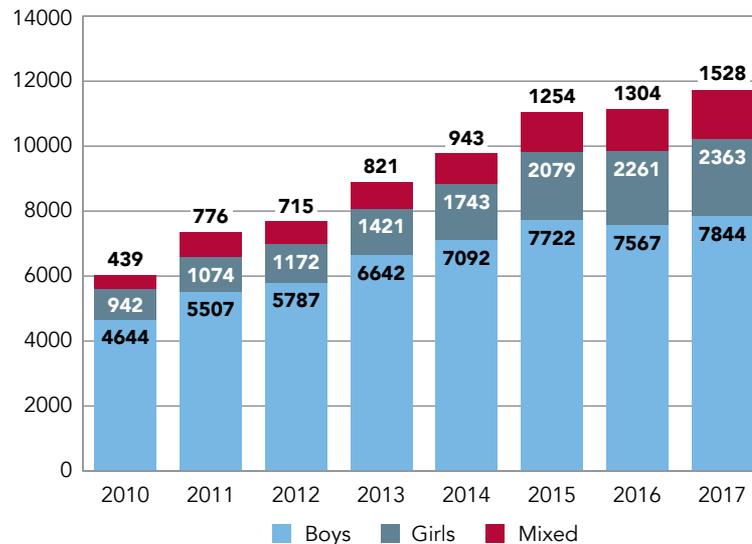
YOUTH COMPETITION



Twenty-eight states held high school state championships in 2017. Nearly 700 teams participated, and 64 titles were awarded, a significant increase from the previous year. In addition, participation increased significantly across all three divisions, with the largest increase seen in the mixed division which saw a 17 percent increase.



HIGH SCHOOL STATES PARTICIPATION - ATHLETES



Winning Schools from 2017

CALIFORNIA

Boys (D-I) – Gunn
Boys (D-II) – Pitman
Girls – California Roll

COLORADO

Boys (D-I) – Monarch Open A
Boys (D-II) – Cheyenne Mountain
Girls – Boulder
Mixed (D-I) – Denver East A
Mixed (D-II) – Broomfield

CONNECTICUT

Boys – Middletown

GEORGIA

Boys (D-I) – Grady
Boys (D-II) – Northview
Girls – Paideia

IDAHO

Mixed – Boise A

ILLINOIS

Boys (D-I) – Neuqua Valley A
Boys (D-II) – Reavis
Girls – Neuqua Valley

INDIANA

Boys – Center Grove
Girls – Center Grove

IOWA

Boys – Ankeny Centennial

KENTUCKY

Boys – Central Kentucky Homeschool

MAINE

Boys –
Girls –
Mixed –

MARYLAND

Boys – CESJDS & Field

MASSACHUSETTS

Boys (D-I) – Amherst
Boys (D-II) –
Boys (D-III) –
Mixed –
Girls – Newton North A

MICHIGAN

Boys –

MINNESOTA

Boys (D-I) – Edina
Boys (D-II) – Apple Valley
Boys (D-III) – Open World Learning
Community
Boys (D-IV) – Minneapolis South
Girls (D-I) – Great River
Girls (D-II) – Edina

MISSOURI

Boys – De Smet
Girls – Lindbergh

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mixed – Phillips Exter

NEW JERSEY

Boys (D-I) – Westfield
Boys (D-II) – Columbia JV
Girls – Watchung Hills

NEW YORK

Boys – Bard High School Early College
Girls – Stuyvesant

NORTH CAROLINA

Boys – Carolina Friends
Girls – High Country Christian
Homeschoolers

OHIO

Boys – Mason
Girls – Holy Family Catholic

OREGON

Boys – South Eugene

PENNSYLVANIA

Boys – Radnor
Girls – Lower Merion

TENNESSEE

Boys (D-I) – STEM Academy
Boys (D-II) – River's Edge
Girls – Independence

TEXAS

Boys – Marcus
Mixed – Marcus 1

UTAH

Boys – Sky View
Girls – Lone Peak
Mixed – West High School Krakens A

VIRGINIA

Boys – HB Woodlawn
Girls – HB Woodlawn

WASHINGTON

Boys –
Girls –

WISCONSIN

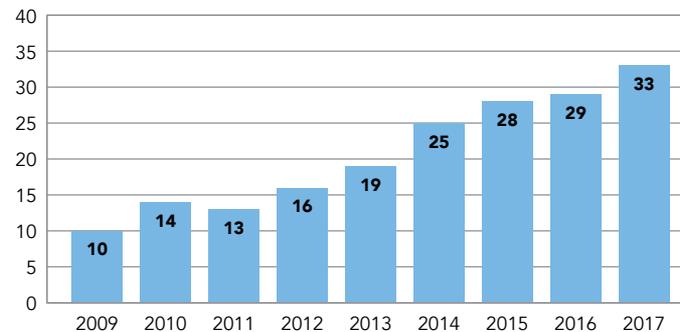
Boys – Madison West
Girls – Madison West

YOUTH COMPETITION

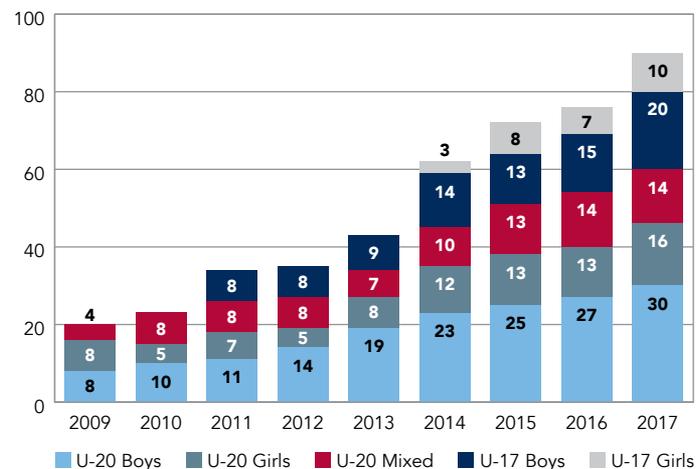


For the first time, the Youth Club Championships (YCC) were held in conjunction with the U.S. Open Club Championships from August 5-7, 2017, in Blaine, Minn. The event continued to grow in participation, playing host to 90 teams comprised of nearly 1,800 athletes representing 33 different communities, the most ever at YCC.

COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED AT YCC



YCC PARTICIPATING TEAMS





U-20 BOYS' DIVISION I

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1 Triangle Area Triforce
- 2 Boston BUDA
- 3 Texas Two Step
- 4 Delaware Valley DEVYL
- 5 Seattle Splash
- 6 Washington, D.C. Foggy Bottom Boys
- 7 Cincinnati Flying Pig
- 8 Atlanta ATLiens
- 9 New York Little PoNY
- 10 Nashville Nashvillians
- 11 Pittsburgh Impulse
- 12 Philadelphia Forge
- 13 Chicago Elite
- 14 Utah Swarm
- 15 Oregon Avalanche
- 16 Minnesota Superior A

SPIRIT AWARD

- Ethan Ylizarde
 Sam Hare Steig
 Caleb Dixon
 Noriaki To
 Tony Venneri
 Theo Gonzalez-Tapley
 Sion Agami
 Krishan Chib,
 Drew DiFrancesco
 Ben Zhang
 Joshua Gabella
 Zac Cook
 Ashwin Pothukuchi
 Evan Haug
 Ryan Bills
 Tyler MacMaster
 Asa Bowen

U-20 BOYS' DIVISION II

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1 Austin Amigos
- 2 Bay Area Red Dawn
- 3 Maine Rising Tide
- 4 Colorado Cutthroat
- 5 Triangle Area Carolina Sky
- 6 Minnesota Superior 2
- 7 St. Louis Storm
- 8 Connecticut Insomnia
- 9 Valley Ultimate
- 10 Charlotte Flight
- 11 Neuqua Valley Nightmare
- 12 Houston Helix
- 13 Iowa Cornsaw
- 14 Michigan SEMI

SPIRIT AWARD

- Jake Sames
 Jonah Taylor
 Will Corsello
 N/A
 Vincent Chen
 Twain Cacek
 Kevin Scannell
 Hayden French
 Nick Auerbach
 Bryce Markel
 Max Bacani
 Toya Chukwumerije
 Matt Adams
 Nicholas Colucci

U-20 GIRLS' DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1 Triangle Area Warhawks
- 2 Washington, D.C. Rogue
- 3 Cincinnati Belle
- 4 Boston BUDA
- 5 Seattle Narwahl
- 6 Texas Tango
- 7 Minnesota Superior
- 8 Colorado Cutthroat
- 9 Utah Swarm
- 10 Atlanta cATLanta
- 11 Delaware Valley DEVYL
- 12 Pittsburgh Moxie
- 13 Valley Ultimate
- 14 Neuqua Valley Daydream
- 15 Philadelphia Forge
- 16 St. Louis Hustle

SPIRIT AWARD

- Dawn Culton
 Taylor Smith
 Julia Desrosiers
 Zoe Hecht
 Bailey Shigley
 Sessa McMinn
 Makayla Jones-Klausing
 Annie Kim
 Abby Merrifield
 Arainna Ridley
 Emily Yin
 Sarah Rubino
 Claire Babbott-Bryan
 Ally Alford
 Lacey Robinson
 Lane Dibler

Team Spirit Award Winner: Utah Swarm

Team Spirit Award Winner: Neuqua Valley Nightmare

YOUTH COMPETITION



U-20 MIXED DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Bay Area Happy Cows	Mike Peng, Anna Reed
2 Seattle Bankroll	Hazel Ostrowski, Ronnie Estoque
3 Minnesota Superior	Jeremy Schuetz, Torie Hengel
4 Madison MUFAbots	Margaret Walker, David Graffin
5 San Diego Powerline	Jake McCurdy, Vanessa Beeler
6 Philadelphia Forge	Layne Dodge, Griffin Kao
7 Maine Rising Tide	Aidan Hayes
8 Indiana INcognito	Rachel Gray, Sedrik Sweet
9 Washington, D.C. Swing Vote	Oren Lieber-Kotz, CC Butcher
10 Cincinnati Notorious P.I.G.	Sarah Wade, Ben Fibbe
11 Milwaukee Lake Effect	Nick Fellows, Maddy Fellows
12 New York Skyscrapers	Kevin Stewart-Mercurio, Anne Zhang
13 Vermont Granite State	Sam Newton, Elayna Bennett
14 Connecticut Insomnia	Kaitlyn Amuso, Joey Stevenson

Team Spirit Award Winner: Philadelphia Forge



U-17 BOYS' DIVISION I

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Seattle Oblivion	Jaelon Mendoza
2 Atlanta ATLas	Harrison Briggs
3 Washington, D.C. Capitol Heights	Asher Freidman-Rosen
4 Delaware Valley DEVYL	Luke Barry
5 Bay Area Aftershock	Seth Larsson
6 Indiana INtensity	Quentin Pollard
7 Minnesota Superior	Jedidiah Pratt
8 Triangle Area NC Hammer	Matthew O'Connell

Team Spirit Award Winner: Pittsburgh Pulse

U-17 BOYS' DIVISION II

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Boston BUDA	Parker Lin-Butler
2 Chicago Windy City	Logan Frey
3 Maine Neap Tide	Ryan Thompson
4 Oregon Eruption	Trevor Jones
5 Colorado Cutthroat	Zachary Hunter
6 Cincinnati Flying Piglet	Nicholas Holden
7 Colombia Revolution	N/A
8 Triangle Area Lucky PuNCs	Brady Furey
9 Philadelphia Fusion	Will Dawson
10 Pittsburgh Pulse	Ryan Liang
11 Texas Swing	Zach Egge
12 Neuqua Valley Deja Vu	Trevor Scott

U-17 GIRLS' DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Seattle Eclipse	Jenny Hoang
2 Maine Rip Tide	Karli Chapin
3 Cincinnati Belle	Therese Enders
4 Triangle Area Kitty Hawks	Jessica Wu
5 Colombia Revolution	N/A
6 Delaware Valley DEVYL	Catherine Ray
7 Bay Area Belly of the Beast	April Lu
8 Minnesota Superior	Grace Taylor
9 Oregon Ash	Clare Dupuy
10 Boston BUDA	Indhy May

Team Spirit Award Winner: Colombia Revolution



COLLEGE COMPETITION



The college division continues to be USA Ultimate's largest member segment; a total of 15,063 athletes participated in the 2017 college series.

The College Championship Postseason Series was again held to qualify teams for the 2017 College Championships. Championships were held for Division I and Division III schools in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lexington, Ky., respectively.

College membership grew in 2017, but college series participation dipped slightly due to the first weekend of conference championships falling on Easter Weekend. As a result, there was a 2 percent decrease in men's players, a 1 percent increase in women's players and a 11 percent decrease in total participation.

The College Championships were broadcast live for the fifth consecutive year by the Worldwide Leader in Sports. The semifinals were broadcast on ESPN3, and finals were broadcast live around the nation on ESPNU on Memorial Day.

ACE Program

The Achieving Collegiate Excellence (ACE) Program, sponsored by Breakmark, is designed to provide incentives and recognize growth and sustainability of college ultimate programs based on team development and alignment with the three Cs of USA Ultimate's mission: character, community and competition.

Teams can be recognized as five-star, four-star, three-star or honorable mention programs. Each level comes with specific benefits for the teams recognized. Twenty teams were included as honorees in 2017.

FIVE STAR

- Case Western Reserve Men
- Florida State Men
- Case Western Reserve Women
- St. Olaf Women

FOUR STAR

- North Carolina State Women
- South Carolina Men
- Northeastern Men
- Wisconsin-La Crosse Men

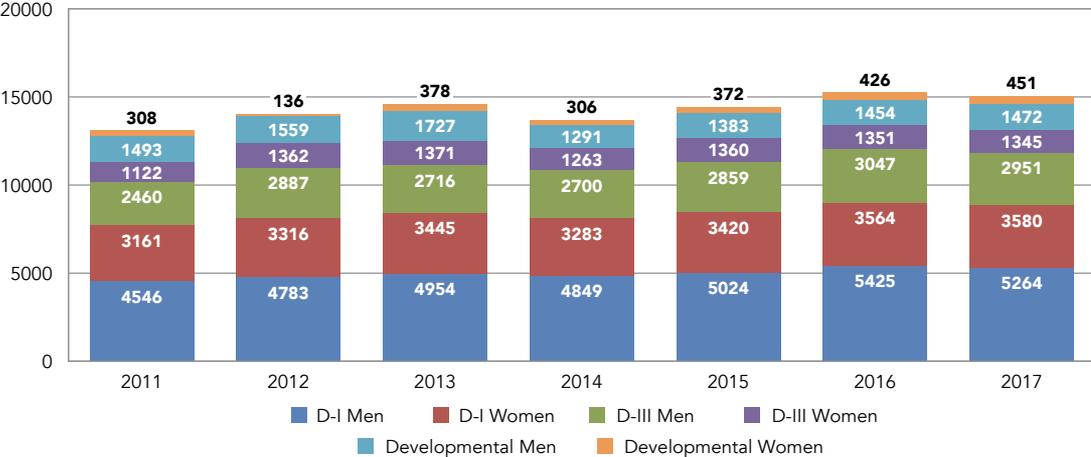
THREE STAR

- Brandeis Men
- Nevada Men
- California Men
- Puget Sound Women
- Mississippi State Women
- Swarthmore Women

HONORABLE MENTION

- Arizona State Women
- Georgia Tech Women
- Army Men
- Syracuse Men
- Cornell Women
- Valparaiso Women

COLLEGE SERIES PARTICIPATION (ATHLETES)



COLLEGE COMPETITION



Division I College Championships

MEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Carleton College	Adam Throne
2 North Carolina-Wilmington	Thomas Theunissen
3T Massachusetts	William Thornton
3T North Carolina	Alex Grosskurth
5T Minnesota	Tony Poletto
5T Pittsburgh	Max Thompson
5T Washington	Galen Kornowske
5T Wisconsin	Adam Klaus
9T Auburn	Hank Womble
9T Cal Poly-SLO	Ian Sweeney
9T Michigan	Josh Becker
9T Oregon	Max Moore
13T British Columbia	Patrick Mavety
13T Connecticut	Daniel Reilly
13T Stanford	Allan Ndovu
13T Texas A&M	Kyle Flaherty
17T Colorado	Josh Crane
17T Colorado State	Easton Archibald
17T Oregon State	Eric Callahan
17T Virginia Tech	Adam Norrbom

Team Spirit Award Winner: Virginia Tech
2017 Callahan Award Winner: John Stubbs – Harvard



WOMEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Dartmouth	Mae Hardebeck
2 Texas	Andrea Esparza
3T British Columbia	Samantha Roche
3T Colorado	Megan Ives
5T Oregon	Lillian Weaver
5T Stanford	Ellie Norby
5T Virginia	Rebecca Driver
5T UCLA	Moorea Henn
9T California	Alison Griffith
9T Carleton College	Caroline Sheffield
9T Michigan	Mary Boyd
9T Notre Dame	Mary Andersen
13T California-San Diego	Leanne Go
13T Delaware	Kat Ritzmann
13T North Carolina	Mary-Catherine Adams
13T Ohio State	Stacy Lu
17T Connecticut	Elizabeth Bamford
17T Florida	Evangeline Abraham
17T Pittsburgh	Linda Morse
17T Tufts	Maeve O'Sullivan

Team Spirit Award Winner: Stanford
2017 Callahan Award Winner: Angela Zhu – Dartmouth



Division III College Championships



College Mixed Regional Championships

MEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1 Richmond
- 2 Davidson
- 3T Alabama-Huntsville
- 3T Bryant
- 5T Franciscan
- 5T John Brown
- 7T Dartmouth
- 7T Wheaton (IL)
- 9 St. John's
- 10 Army
- 11T Air Force
- 11T North Carolina-Asheville
- 13 Colorado College
- 14 Portland
- 15 Occidental
- 16 Amherst

SPIRIT AWARD

- Sam Gillespie
Dustin Smith
Elijah Jaime
Cameron Jack
Tommy Lannen
Ethan Penner
Robert Halvorsen
Holden Thompson
Seamus Ott
Montana Bilger
Kevin Foley
Chad Gerber
Crispin Whittier
John Black
Max Marion
Nate Sacks

Team Spirit Award Winner: John Brown
2017 Donovan Award Winner: Henry Babcock – Richmond

WOMEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1 Carleton College-Eclipse
- 2 Wesleyan
- 3T Puget Sound
- 3T Valparaiso
- 5T Portland
- 5T Williams
- 7T St. Olaf
- 7T Truman State
- 9 Bowdoin
- 10 Bates
- 11 Georgia College
- 12 Mount Holyoke
- 13 Haverford
- 14 Catholic
- 15 Lehigh
- 16 Claremont

SPIRIT AWARD

- Fiona Fraser
Amabel Jeon
Abby Mayo
Serena Badgley
Raychel Teman
Liliana Bierer
Anna Ruehlow
Sabrina Lavezzi
Brigitte McFarland
Madeline Dulchin
Lindsey Moon
Abby Cough
Bess Cohen
Rachel Youngberg
Kelly Skewis
Montana Roberts

Team Spirit Award Winner: Georgia College
2017 Donovan Award Winner: Tessa Jones - Swarthmore

The inaugural College Mixed Regional Championships were held in October and November 2017, with 68 teams competing across five regions: East, North, Northeast, South and West.

2017 WINNERS

EVENT	WINNER
East Mixed Regional	N/A – Day two of competition cancelled due to inclement weather
North Mixed Regional	Northwestern
Northeast Mixed Regional	Massachusetts
South Mixed Regional	Texas
West Mixed Regional	Cal Poly-SLO



CLUB COMPETITION



The Triple Crown Tour was introduced in 2012 as the new club division competition format and was officially established in 2013, making the 2017 season the fifth year of the Triple Crown Tour structure.

The Triple Crown Tour (TCT) builds on the success of the longstanding club series and was developed through feedback from the ultimate community. The TCT was structured with four main goals in mind:

- Provide more meaningful playing opportunities
- Provide more accessible playing opportunities
- Encourage participation and growth
- Showcase the sport at its best

Every club ultimate team in North America is eligible to participate in the Triple Crown Tour. Teams are slotted into four flights based on competitive performance, with the potential to be promoted or relegated dependent on the current year's results. Each year, the best of the best will get a chance to compete for the Triple Crown, the ultimate ultimate champion who wins the U.S. Open Club Championships, the Pro Championships and the National Championships in the same year.



Teams: Top eight teams in North America
Qualification: Top eight teams based on results from the previous season's National Championship



Teams: 9th-16th best teams in North America
Qualification: Teams placing 9th-16th at the previous season's National Championship



Teams: Up to four teams per geographic region, 32 teams maximum
Qualification: Based on regional playoff results, in order of top teams that do not qualify for the National Championships



Teams: Unlimited
Qualification: Any USA Ultimate registered team eligible to compete in the regular season or the postseason Championship Series

With a more formal regular season, games played at TCT events over the summer leading up the Championship Series really matter. Teams in each flight are provided opportunities to play in events specific to their flight, guaranteeing at-level competition for all participating teams throughout the TCT. Cross-flight challenges are built into the season schedule as well, ensuring that teams have access to playing opportunities that will help them develop and keep the Tour competitive.

The U.S Open Club Championships and other existing events, as well as some new events, were included in the 2017 club season as tour stops for each flight.

EVENT	LOCATION
U.S. Open Club Championships	Blaine, Minn.
Pro-Elite Challenge – Colorado Cup	Aurora, Colo.
Elite-Select Challenge	Appleton, Wis.
Select Flight Invite – Oshadega Invite	Columbus, Ohio
Pro Championships	Burlington, Wash.
National Championships	Sarasota, Fla.

The more structured TCT format provides additional showcase opportunities for the sport, for participating players, the current ultimate community, outside fans and media. The TCT system also helps develop more consistency for teams and more opportunities for sponsorships and increased exposure.

CLUB COMPETITION



The sixth-annual U.S. Open, the first re-branded as the U.S. Open Club Championships and combined with the Youth Club Championships, was contested in Blaine, Minn., from Aug. 4-7. Competition and convention sessions were all held at the National Sports Center.

In addition to the United States representation at the event, the International Club Championships (ICC) competition field included eight international teams from six nations around the world: Colombia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

The 2017 U.S. Open also marked the sport's first-ever live broadcast on ESPN2. The ICC mixed division championship final aired live on the linear network and included USA Ultimate's first direct-to-consumer television commercial, part of the organization's new Live Ultimate marketing campaign.

MEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1	Sockeye	Seattle, Wash.
2	Revolver	San Francisco, Calif.
3	Truck Stop	Washington, D.C.
4	Johnny Bravo	Denver, Colo.
5	Ring of Fire	Raleigh, N.C.
6	High Five	Ann Arbor, Mich.
7	Ironside	Boston, Mass.
8	Clapham	London, U.K.
9	Patrol	Philadelphia, Pa.
10	Sub Zero	Minneapolis, Minn.
11	CUS Bologna	Bologna, Italy
12	Inside Rakete	Darmstadt, Germany

Team Spirit Award Winner: Sockeye

MIXED DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1	Mixtape	Seattle, Wash.
2	Drag'n Thrust	Minneapolis, Minn.
3	AMP	Philadelphia, Pa.
4	Slow White	Boston, Mass.
5	Metro North	Mianus, Conn.
6	Steamboat	Cincinnati, Ohio
7	Mischief	San Francisco, Calif.
8	Shinshu Loose	Matsumoto, Japan
9	NOISE	Madison, Wis.
10	Migrant	Tokyo, Japan
11	Team Mexico	Mexico City, Mexico
12	Fire Ultimate Club	Bogotá, Colombia

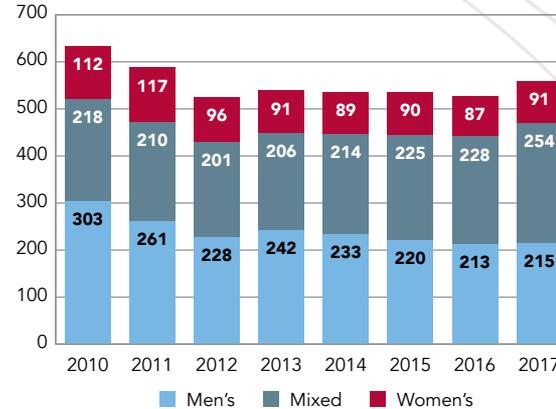
Team Spirit Award Winner: Fire Ultimate Club

WOMEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1	Revolution Medellín, Colombia	N/A
2	Molly Brown Denver, Colo.	Sally Lambert
3	Fury San Francisco, Calif.	Darragh Clancy
4	Riot Seattle, Wash.	N/A
5	Brute Squad Boston, Mass.	Becca Ludford
6	Scandal Washington, D.C.	Lisa Kowalski
7	Heist Madison, Wis.	Adrienne Wells
8	MUD Tokyo, Japan	Yukie Yamaguchi
9	Traffic Vancouver, Canada	Jenn Kwok
10	Showdown Austin, Texas	Ivy Harrison
11	UNO Aichi, Japan	Hiromi Omura
12	Iceni London, U.K.	Xenia Shevnina

Team Spirit Award Winner: Fury

CLUB PARTICIPATION (TEAMS)



Postseason Championship Series

Teams have an opportunity to win prize money for each of the three legs of the Triple Crown, starting with the U.S. Open and followed by the Pro Championships and the National Championships.

Seattle Mixtape won the Triple Crown in 2017, becoming the first team in the mixed division to earn the distinction. San Francisco Revolver is the only other team that has won the Triple Crown, accomplishing the feat twice (2013, 2015).

Regular-season rankings once again had direct implications for National Championships bid allocations. Rankings were maintained throughout the season, with a minimum threshold for inclusion of 10 sanctioned games.

For a third consecutive year, the mixed division was the largest with 254 competing teams in 2017, followed by the men's division with 215.



CLUB COMPETITION



The 2017 National Championships were held at the Premier Sports Campus in Sarasota, Fla., from Oct. 19-22. Forty-eight teams and more than 1,200 athletes competed in Sarasota with eyes on taking home national titles in the men's, mixed and women's divisions.

For a fifth straight year, seven games from the semifinal and final rounds of play at the National Championships were broadcast live on ESPN3.



MEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Revolver	San Francisco, Calif.	Joel Schlachet
2 Doublewide	Austin, Texas	Jay Froude
3 Ring of Fire	Raleigh, N.C.	Josh Hartzog
4 Truck Stop	Washington, D.C.	Alan Kolick
5 Ironside	Boston, Mass.	Jay Clark
6 Dig	Boston, Mass.	Rocco Linehan
7 PoNY	New York, N.Y.	Chris Kocher
8 Sub Zero	Minneapolis, Minn.	Sam Bumsted
9T Florida United	Florida	Travis Catron
9T Johnny Bravo	Denver, Colo.	Jimmy Mickle
11 Machine	Chicago, Ill.	Michael Schwenk
12 Sockeye	Seattle, Wash.	Reid Koss
13 High Five	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Mitch Cihon
14 GOAT	Toronto, Ont.	Anatoly Vasiljev
15 Condors	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Jesse Cohen
16 Patrol	Philadelphia, Pa.	Quinn Hunziker

Team Spirit Award Winner: Johnny Bravo
 Farricker Award Winner: Jay Froude - Doublewide



MIXED DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Mixtape	Seattle, Wash.	Meagan Kapostasy, Alex Duffel
2 AMP	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rob Robinson, Linda Morse
3 BFG	Seattle, Wash.	Kate Kingery, Bryson Simon Fox
4 Slow White	Boston, Mass.	Tommy Ferguson, Vicki Chang
5 Wild Card	Boston, Mass.	Megan Wilson, Gus Haflin
6 Public Enemy	Dallas, Texas	Paul Utesch, Rebecca Philp
7 Drag'n Thrust	Minneapolis, Minn.	Kat Ritzmann, Brett Sullivan
8 Metro North	Mianus, Conn.	Teddy Mason, Elsa Regnell
9T No Touching!	Minneapolis, Minn.	Sam Valesano, Jimmy McDonald
9T shame.	Fort Collins, Colo.	Spencer Tibbs, Elizabeth Murphy
11 Blackbird	San Francisco, Calif.	Deanna Bjorkquist, Mac Taylor
12 Toro	Durham, N.C.	Brendan Smith, Sarah Hasch
13 Mischief	San Francisco, Calif.	Manisha Daryani, Devon Ray Williams
14 Steamboat	Cincinnati, Ohio	Pat McCarthy, Jen Golan
15 Love Tractor	Denver, Colo.	Katie Patterson, Matthew Zemel
16 NOISE	Madison, Wis.	Josh Wilson, Anna Hrovat Staedter

Team Spirit Award Winner: Metro North
Spirit and Equity Award: Kate Kingery – BFG, Paul Utesch – Public Enemy

WOMEN'S DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Fury	San Francisco, Calif.	Cree Howard
2 Brute Squad	Boston, Mass.	Amber Sinicrope
3T Molly Brown	Denver, Colo.	Claire Chastain
3T Ozone	Atlanta, Ga.	Kayla Emrick
5 Riot	Seattle, Wash.	Alyssa Weatherford
6 Traffic	Vancouver, B.C.	Terri Whitehead
7 Scandal	Washington, D.C.	Anne Price
8 Nightlock	San Francisco, Calif.	Alison Griffith
9T 6ixers	Toronto, Ont.	Sarah Burke
9T Rival	Columbus, Ohio	Tracey Lo
11 Underground	Seattle, Wash.	Madeleine Stephenson
12 Schwa	Portland, Ore.	Jenica Villamor
13 Heist	Madison, Wis.	Bryn Martyna
14 Pop	Minneapolis, Minn.	Emily Regan
15 Nemesis	Chicago, Ill.	Erika Danckers
16 Showdown	Austin, Texas	Laura Landis

Team Spirit Award Winner: Heist
Kathy Pufahl Award: Amber Sinicrope – Brute Squad

MASTERS COMPETITION



2017 played host to the largest Masters Championships yet. The event was held in Aurora, Colo., July 21-23, with 77 teams competing across six divisions: 16 men's masters teams, 12 mixed masters teams, 15 women's masters teams, 16 men's grand masters teams, six women's grand masters teams and 11 men's great grand masters teams. 2017 was the inaugural year for three divisions at the Masters Championships: mixed masters, women's grand masters and men's great grand masters.



MEN'S MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Johnny Encore	Denver, Colo.	Kevin Walsh
2 Rest Stop	Baltimore, Md.	Joe Cueno
3 All Bashed Out	Albany, N.Y.	Peter Konisberg
4 Surly	Minneapolis, Minn.	Chris Hickman
5 Boneyard	Raleigh, N.C.	Mike Moore
6 Crawl	Phoenix, Ariz.	Daniel Krass
7 Volttron 2020	Seattle, Wash.	Jamie Arambula
8 Black Cans & Highlands	Washington, D.C.	Erik Salmi
9 Surly Cynic	Minneapolis, Minn.	Joe Andrighetti
10 Geronimo	Dallas, Texas	Brett Marinelli
11 Naptown	Indianapolis, Ind.	Matthew Broadwell
12 Royal Stag	Madison, Wis.	Jeff Wala
13 Pacemaker	Chicago, Ill.	Mati Chessin
14 Outlaw	Fayetteville, Ark.	Jon Summers
15 Polar Vortex	Chicago, Ill.	Ben Schmidt
16 Burnside	Portland, Ore.	Enrique Benitez

Team Spirit Award Winner: All Bashed Out
Marty Bakko Award Winner: Mati Chessin – Pacemaker



MIXED MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 UPAARP	Chicago, Ill.	Chrissy Hedges, Patrick Gleason
2 Members Only	Southern California	Trung Pham, Ann Lee
3 512	Austin, Texas	Rebecca Smith
4 Hey Babe	Minneapolis, Minn.	Vu Nguyen
5 Molasses Disaster	Boston, Mass.	Kendra Frederik, Eric Stevens
6 San Francisco Bridge Club	San Francisco, Calif.	Nick Buccelli, Amy Chang
7 Trickle Down	Portland, Ore.	Lani Bensheimer
8 Old Parts and Pandas	Seattle, Wash.	Justin Twenter
9 Prime	Greenville, S.C.	Heather Gardner, Ryan Bell
10 Old Fashioned	Madison, Wis.	Adam Zingsheim
11 Third Party	Washington, D.C.	Tal Kopan
12 Trainwreck	Raleigh, N.C.	Emily Bratton, Greg Tschoepe

Team Spirit Award Winner: Trainwreck

WOMEN'S MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Surly C.O.U.G.A.R.S.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Robin Kunze
2 Ripe	Raleigh, N.C.	Britta Jones
3 iRot	Seattle, Wash.	Molly McKeon
4 Lame Duck	Washington, D.C.	Trudy Phillip
5 Molly Grey	Denver, Colo.	Leah Borsheim
6 BKFT	San Francisco, Calif.	Amanda Leahy
7 Loose Cannon	Philadelphia, Pa.	Caitlin Redding
8 PUMAS	Ames, Iowa	Love Anjonrin-Ohu
9 Zenith	Baltimore, Md.	Zara Cadoux
10 BizNasty	San Francisco, Calif.	Beckie Menten
11 Seattle Mint	Seattle, Wash.	Katie Nielsen
12 Atlantiques	Atlanta, Ga.	N/A
13 I Thought This Was A Wine Tasting	New York, N.Y.	Kelly Germanowski
14 Hot Flash	Cincinnati, Ohio	Rachel Clark
15 Vermont Women's Tapped	Burlington, Vt.	Beth Goldstone
16 G.O.S.E.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Seija Stratton

Team Spirit Award Winner: Hot Flash

MASTERS COMPETITION



MEN'S GRAND MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Surly	Minneapolis, Minn.	Mark Enright
2 Johnny Walker	Denver, Colo.	Kevin Monohan
3 No Country	Battleboro, Vt.	Jim Parinella
4 Shadows	Oakland, Calif.	Ian Appleyard
5 ShutDown	Washington, D.C.	Ben Potash
6 Kalakala	Seattle, Wash.	Alex Blanton
7 Reckon	Georgia and Tennessee	Ben Nanny
8 Old Man Winter	Chicago, Ill.	Paul Grafing
9 Bighorn	Boulder, Colo.	Chad Underwood
10 Hootenanny	Raleigh, N.C.	Alan Ellis
11 Endless Sunset	San Diego, Calif.	Doug Peterson
12 Sick Hammers	Austin, Texas	Francisco Puga
13 GrandMaster Flash	Orlando, Fla.	Thad Ellett
14 Old Growth	Silicon Valley, Calif.	J.D. Doelitzsch
15 Projectile dysfunction	Columbus, Ohio	N/A
16 Critical Mass	Northampton, Mass.	Sheldon Snodgrass

Team Spirit Award Winner: Bighorn





WOMEN'S GRAND MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Boston	Boston, Mass.	Chrissy Hedges
2 J2	Seattle, Wash.	Jen Schneeweis
3 Sidearm	Chicago, Ill.	Lynne Nolan
4 Riding High West	Arizona	Christina Hedderly
5 Poachella	Seattle, Wash.	Meghan Swardstrom
6 Peak Bloom	Rockville, Md.	Robin Parker

Team Spirit Award Winner: Peak Bloom

MEN'S GREAT GRAND MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Relics	San Francisco, Calif.	Ken Joye
2 Old and in the Way	Boulder, Colo.	Chris Payne
3 wreckAge	Sudbury, Mass.	Chris Borden
4 Old Growth	Tacoma, Wash.	Delfino Cornali
5 TriAged	Raleigh, N.C.	Mike Riley
6 Surly	Minneapolis, Minn.	Chris Hickman
7 Rudy and Friends	Concord, Mass.	N/A
8 Great GrandMaster Flash	Orlando, Fla.	William Dean Hinton
9 Endless Sunset	San Diego, Calif.	Ed Cable
10 Age Against the Machine	Cincinnati, Ohio	Chris Oldstone-Moore
11 Ozark Hillbillies	Fayetteville, Ark.	Jim Martinez

Team Spirit Award Winner: Rudy and Friends

BEACH COMPETITION



The third annual USA Ultimate Beach Championships were held May 20–21, 2017, with 64 teams and more than 900 athletes competing in five divisions: men’s, mixed, women’s, mixed masters and men’s grand masters. The event was held in Virginia Beach, Va., for a third consecutive year.

MEN'S

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 And the Warhawks	Cambridge, Mass.	N/A
2 Bayonet	San Francisco, Calif.	Abe McKay
3 AMPersand	Philadelphia, Pa.	Stephen Ng
4 Paranoia	Washington, D.C.	Alex Bodaken
5 Trollvolver	Philadelphia, Pa.	Himalaya Mehta
6 Midrift	Iowa City, Iowa	Jimmy Wiesbrock
7 FludWhale	Richmond, Va.	Chris Bowling
8 Bro Watch	Athens, Ohio	Cody Pettitt
9 Somerville Youth	Somerville, Mass.	Matt Fasano
10 Beach Wrench	Cambridge, Mass.	Eugene Buonaccorsi
11T High Level	Gainesville, Fla.	Matt Goff
11T Sleepover at Lenin's	Brooklyn, N.Y.	N/A
13 Jaybirds	Destin, Fla.	Caleb Posey
14 Summer of George	Fairfax, Va.	Caleb Ward

Team Spirit Award Winner: Sleepover at Lenin's

MIXED

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Point Break	Los Angeles, Calif.	Lori Eich, Russell Gaskamp
2 No Tsu Oh	Houston, Texas	John Sandahl, Sharon Tsao
3 Team Canada Mixed	Canada	N/A
4 Squirtle Squad	Montclair, N.J.	Rebecca Halleran, Mason Compton
5 Beachboat	Cincinnati, Ohio	Steph Mack
6 Fog City	San Francisco, Calif.	Jannon Frank, Marge Rosano
7 90s Babies	Washington, D.C.	Kate Trenery, Gabe Webster
8 Kevin Seiler Experience	Ames, Iowa	Matt Lee, Brittnee Grimshaw
9 Spring Chickens	Montreal, Canada	Isabelle Toutant, Pierre- Yves Lavertu
10 Swamp City	Washington, D.C.	Grace Relf
11 Carolina Cottonmouth	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Eric Martin, Lauren Gardner
12 Land Ho!	St. Louis, Mo.	Stephanie Wang, Devin Holland
13 Big Fish	Falmouth, Mass.	Pat McGrath, Moriah Lee
14T Locals	Norfolk, Va.	Mary Kelly, David Caplan
14T Lord Fairfax	Fairfax, Va.	Jameson Howell, Colleen Wisniewski

Team Spirit Award Winner: Locals

WOMEN'S

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 The Otter Team	San Francisco, Calif.	Cassie Wong
2 Rockford Beaches	Madison, Wis.	Emily Langland
3 Skeeahreet	Boston, Mass.	Sydney Dobkin
4 LAMP	Philadelphia, Pa.	Kelsey Devlin
5 First in Flight	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Erin Weeks
6 Throwtorious RBG	Washington, D.C.	Mayra Nava
7T Filthy Rich	Richmond, Va.	Krista Johnson
7T The Collective	Atlantic Provinces, Calif.	Suzu Stever
9T Sharks and Kisses	Gainesville, Fla.	Christine Lynch
9T The Bends	New York, N.Y.	N/A
11 Sea Sick	Long Beach Island, N.J.	Alice Weng
12 Foxx	Peterborough, Canada	Krissi Baxter

Team Spirit Award Winner: Sharks and Kisses

MIXED MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Swamp Rats	Raleigh, N.C.	June Lohner, Mike Jolley
2 Over the Hill	Washington, D.C.	Christian Heneghan, Lisa Shipek
3 TEXaCO	Denver/Austin	Katie Patterson, David Street
4 SHAM	Washington, D.C.	Justin Kratz, Adrienne Nicholson
5 Win, Loose, or Die	Philadelphia, Pa.	Elise Colomb, Dov Goldman
6 Overrated	Rochester, N.Y.	Scott Franklin, Rhiannon Myers
7 Charge!	Jennieville, Md.	Patricia McGlone, Chris Schulze
8 Ye Olde Boxcar	Raleigh, N.C.	David Stiles, Katie West
9 Shostakovich and the Angry Buddha	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Kim Tischler, Winston Ely
10 Beaches and Cream	Nashville, Tenn.	John Markham, Kylie Korsnack
11 Love Handles	Boston, Mass.	Jan Hendrik-Spille, Val Locker

Team Spirit Award Winner: SHAM

MEN'S GRAND MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Sandblast	Chicago, Ill.	Keith Allen
2 Johnny Walker	Denver, Colo.	Buzz Ellsworth
3 No Country	Brattleboro, Vt.	Mike Namkung
4 Scrapple	Philadelphia, Pa.	Tom Carroll
5 Hootenanny	Raleigh, N.C.	Keith Doucette
6 Reckon	Nashville, Tenn.	Chris Dawson
7 Borderline	Orono, Maine	N/A
8 Coney Island Fun House	Avalon, N.J.	Dan Klotz
9 Grave Error	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Mike Hamilton-Genson
10 Sol Draft	Orlando, Fla.	James Cheek
11 Blazing Sandals	Lakeland, Fla.	Tony Christian
12 Goatswitcher	Birmingham, Ala.	N/A

Team Spirit Award Winner: Reckon



BEACH COMPETITION



The first annual USA Ultimate Beach Westerns debuted April 22–23, 2017, in Santa Monica, Calif. Thirty-one teams and 415 athletes competed across four divisions: men’s, mixed, women’s and men’s grand masters. Hosted by LAOUT, the event became the second national event in the USA Ultimate Beach Division.

MEN’S

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Beach Boys USA	U.S.A.	N/A
2 USA Beach Masters	U.S.A.	Moses Rifkin
3 Grand M.U.S.A.	U.S.A.	N/A
4 Stealth	Los Angeles, Calif.	KuoHsun Wang
5 Santa Gnarbrah	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Kevin Kirchhoff
6 Bayonet	San Francisco, Calif.	Abe McKay
7 Detox	Los Angeles, Calif.	Ben Toney
8 Mom’s Spaghetti	Temecula, Calif.	James Murray
9 Tribe	Los Angeles, Calif.	Ryan Plant
10 Karma Bandits	Tucson, Ariz.	Eric Eia
11 Thundersnow	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Lucas Klein

Team Spirit Award Winner: Beach Boys USA

MIXED

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Tanks Obama	U.S.A.	Briana Cahn, Jack McShane
2 Long Beach Legacy	Long Beach, Calif.	Jacob Baumer, Ashley Landry
3 Point Break	Los Angeles, Calif.	Megan Prazenica, Andrew McRae
4 Loose Seal	Crestone, Colo.	Nathan Woolridge, Tobie Miller
5 Spring Chickens	Canada	Emily Norton, Jordan Bower
6 Hammer or Bust	Orange County, Calif.	Jeff Hagen, Anika Ballent

Team Spirit Award Winner: Long Beach Legacy

WOMEN'S

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 Woosand	Boston, Mass.	Magon Liu
2 Ronrunner	Chicago, Ill.	Emily Smith-Wilson
3 TCWM	Toronto, Canada	N/A
4 Huck the Patriarchy	Seattle, Wash.	Lexi Garrity
5 Sea Salt	Bay Area, Calif.	Jessica Wilson
6 Santa Babe-ra	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Liv Wheeler
7T San Diego Yacht Club	San Diego, Calif.	Mary-Beth Young
7T Viva	Los Angeles, Calif.	Connie Chan
7T Sunbreaks	Seattle, Wash.	Grace Baron

Team Spirit Award Winner: Viva

MEN'S GRAND MASTERS

FINAL STANDINGS	CITY	SPIRIT AWARD
1 'Merica	San Francisco, Calif.	Stephen Feldman
2 Endless Sunset	San Diego, Calif.	Mark Laffoon
3 Kalakala	Seattle, Wash.	Travis Frazier
4 Zone	Huntington Beach, Calif.	Jeff Landesman
5 Team Canada GGM	Vancouver, Canada	Daniel Gwartz

Team Spirit Award Winner: Team Canada GGM





INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



Highlighted in Goal Five of the strategic plan, achieving sustained excellence of USA Ultimate teams in international competition is a major focus for USA Ultimate. U.S. national teams participated in four international events in 2017: the World Games, the World Championships of Beach Ultimate (WCBU), the World Great Grand Masters Beach Ultimate Championships and the Pan American Ultimate Club Championships (PAUCC), all hosted by the World Flying Disc Federation.

2017 was another dominant year for the U.S. on the international stage. The U.S. National Team earned gold at the World Games in Wroclaw, Poland, the fourth consecutive World Games gold medal for the U.S. At WCBU, the U.S. reached the championship final in every division. In all, the U.S. contingent earned six gold medals and one silver medal, plus a gold at the World Great Grand Masters Beach Ultimate Championships. In Argentina at PAUCC, the U.S. teams took home five medals, winning gold in the mixed and men's masters divisions.

World Games

Every four years, the World Flying Disc Federation hosts the World Games. The 2017 event was held July 20-30, in Wroclaw, Poland.

Seventy athletes were invited to tryouts and considered for just 20 spots on the National Team. The final roster consisted of 14 athletes, seven men and seven women who traveled to Poland, and six alternates.

In their first game of the tournament, the U.S. fell to Colombia 12-13, but defeated Canada, Australia and Japan to move to 3-1 in the preliminary rounds. In the gold-medal game, the U.S. avenged their earlier loss, defeating Colombia and bringing home World Games gold for the fourth consecutive time.



THE WORLD GAMES
WROCLAW 2017



2017 U.S. NATIONAL TEAM

Head Coach: Alexander Ghesquiere
Assistant Coach: Matty Tsang

NAME	CITY, ST
Georgia Bosscher	Madison, Wis.
Claire Desmond	Oakland, Calif.
Carolyn Finney	San Francisco, Calif.
Dylan Freechild	Portland, Ore.
Sarah Griffith	Seattle, Wash.
Liën Hoffmann	Somerville, Mass.
Sandy Jorgensen	Washington, D.C.
Beau Kittredge	San Francisco, Calif.
Chris Kocher	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Grant Lindsley	Oakland, Calif.
Jimmy Mickle	Boulder, Colo.
Anna Nazarov	San Francisco, Calif.
Nick Stuart	Minneapolis, Minn.
George Stubbs	Sausalito, Calif.
Alternates	
Claire Chastain	Denver, Colo.
Kami Groom	Somerville, Mass.
Ashlin Joye	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Octavia Payne	Denver, Colo.
Joel Schlachet	Berkeley, Calif.
Nicky Spiva	Philadelphia, Pa.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



The 2017 World Championships of Beach Ultimate were held in Royan, France, June 18-24, and were hosted by the World Flying Disc Federation and the Beach Ultimate Lovers Association.

The U.S. sent national teams in all seven contested divisions: men's, mixed, women's, men's masters, mixed masters, women's masters and men's grand masters. Together, they combined for a remarkable 83-3 record over seven days of play.

Nearly 750 athletes submitted applications to be considered for one of the seven select national teams that travelled to France, with just 104 eventually selected by a committee of team managers and USA Ultimate staff.

The U.S. was the reigning champion from 2015 in all divisions except mixed. The contingent left Royan with gold in the men's, mixed, men's masters, mixed masters, women's masters and men's grand masters divisions. The U.S. women's team earned silver.

Lastly, WFDF sanctioned the WGGMBUC, which was held separately, in Praia do Meço, Portugal, June 17-21. The U.S. men's great grand masters team earned gold at the event.

2017 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Head Coach: Bryan Jones

NAME	CITY, ST
Tyler Chan	Boston, Mass.
Jason Clark	Boston, Mass.
Tyler DeGirolamo	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jack Hatchett	Boston, Mass.
Jonathan Helton	Raleigh, N.C.
Jared Inselmann	Boston, Mass.
William Katz	Seattle, Wash.
Brett Matzuka	Kansas City, Kan.
AJ Nelson	Chicago, Ill.
Walden Nelson	Chicago, Ill.
Jonathan Nethercutt	Raleigh, N.C.
Mario O'Brien	Seattle, Wash.
Peter Prial	Boston, Mass.
Cassidy Rasmussen	San Francisco, Calif.
Russell Wynne	San Francisco, Calif.

2017 U.S. MIXED NATIONAL TEAM

Head Coach: Eileen Murray

NAME	CITY, ST
Marika Austin	San Francisco, Calif.
Simon Higgins	San Francisco, Calif.
Kaela Jorgenson	San Francisco, Calif.
Elijah Kerns	San Francisco, Calif.
Byron Liu	San Francisco, Calif.
Ben Lohre	Golden, Colo.
Lisi Lohre	Golden, Colo.
Jack McShane	Westminster, Colo.
Sarah Meckstroth	Minneapolis, Minn.
Sally Mimms	Highland Park, Ill.
Liza Minor	Boulder, Colo.
Andrea Romano	San Francisco, Calif.
Markham Shofner	Nashville, Tenn.
Mac Taylor	San Francisco, Calif.
Nathan White	San Francisco, Calif.

2017 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Head Coach: Mike Whitaker

NAME	CITY, ST
Sarah Anciaux	Iowa City, Iowa
Calise Cardenas	Seattle, Wash.
Ness Fajardo	San Francisco, Calif.
Cree Howard	San Francisco, Calif.
Sarah Levinn	Austin, Texas
Magon Liu	Ames, Iowa
Allison Maddux	Arlington, Va.
Becky Malinowski	Boston, Mass.
Sara Miller	Chicago, Ill.
Maggie Ruden	San Francisco, Calif.
Lauren Sadler	Seattle, Wash.
Amber Sinicrope	Somerville, Mass.
Paige Soper	Cincinnati, Ohio
Claudia Tajima	Somerville, Mass.

2017 U.S. MEN'S MASTERS NATIONAL TEAM

NAME	CITY, ST
Andrew Brown	Madison, Wis.
William Chen	Seattle, Wash.
Casey Degnan	Raleigh, N.C.
Ben Dieter	Oxford, N.C.
Thomas Doi	San Francisco, Calif.
Dan Gillick	Oakland, Calif.
Sandy Hartwiger	Raleigh, N.C.
Ben Van Heuvelen	New York, N.Y.
Paul Raymond Illian	Seattle, Wash.
Tyler Kinley	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Barrs Lang	Oakland, Calif.
Ryan Purcell	Austin, Texas
Moses Rifkin	Seattle, Wash.
Matthew Sewell	Seattle, Wash.
Bartholomew Watson	Louisville, Colo.

2017 U.S. MIXED MASTERS NATIONAL TEAM

NAME	CITY, ST
Kimberly Beach	Harrisburg, Pa.
VY Chow	San Francisco, Calif.
Dominique Fontenette	Seattle, Wash.
Josh Hemmesch	St. Paul, Minn.
Bridget Kane	Minneapolis, Minn.
Trey Katzenbach	Philadelphia, Pa.
Maureen McCamley	Atlanta, Ga.
Ashley Morgan	Denver, Colo.
Ryan Morgan	Arlington, Va.
Sean Murray	Brookside, N.J.
Calvin Ung	Towson, Md.
Chelsea Twohig	Portland, Ore.
Keegan Uhl	Los Angeles, Calif.
Owen Westbrook	Boulder, Colo.
Joel Wooten	Columbia, S.C.

2017 U.S. WOMEN'S MASTERS NATIONAL TEAM

NAME	CITY, ST
Manisha Daryani	San Francisco, Calif.
Melissa Gibbs	St. Louis, Mo.
Sarah Itoh	Falls Church, Va.
Courtney Kiesow	Somerville, Mass.
Kate Kingery	Seattle, Wash.
Sally Lambert	Boulder, Colo.
Geneviève Laroche	San Francisco, Calif.
Becky LeDonne	Madison, Wis.
Angela Lin	Atlanta, Ga.
Haley Reese	Atlanta, Ga.
Emily Smith-Wilson	Bozeman, Mont.
Kate Wilson	Atlanta, Ga.
Brittany Winner	Cincinnati, Ohio
Robyn Wiseman	Madison, Wis.
Katherine Wooten	Atlanta, Ga.

2017 U.S. MEN'S GRAND MASTERS NATIONAL TEAM

NAME	CITY, ST
Jeremy Clark	Portland, Ore.
Ricky Elkstadt	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Greg Husak	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Gary LeDonne	Chicago, Ill.
Sean McCall	Houston, Texas
Keven Moldenhauer	Forest Hill, Md.
Tim Murray	Brevard, N.C.
Michael Namkung	Miami, Fla.
Jon Remucal	Madison, Wis.
Steven Rousse	Louisville, Colo.
John Sandahl	Minneapolis, Minn.
Jim Schoettler	Denver, Colo.
Brandon Streets	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Kelly Swiryn	Phoenix, Ariz.
Don Tom	Houston, Texas

2017 U.S. MEN'S GREAT GRAND MASTERS NATIONAL TEAM

NAME	CITY, ST
Britt Atack	Seattle, Wash.
Alex de Frondeville	Arlington, Mass.
Stephen Feldman	Portland, Ore.
Lars Fjelstad	Portland, Ore.
Thomas Glass	Robbinsville, N.J.
John Hock	Naperville, Ill.
Anthony Iwaszko	Arlington, Va.
Kerry Karter	Livermore, Calif.
Matt Krei	Aurora, Colo.
Jim Nolte	Denver, Colo.
Jim Olson	Brattleboro, Vt.
Dan Powers	Sunnyvale, Calif.
Richard Russell	Greer, S.C.
Adam Smith	Boca Raton, Fla.
Greg Williams	Charlotte, N.C.
Patrick Wright	Camp Hill, Pa.
Eric Zaslow	Evanson, Ill.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



WFDF 2017 PAN AMERICAN ULTIMATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CAÑUELAS - ARGENTINA / 14 - 19 NOVEMBER 2017



The 2017 Pan American Ultimate Club Championships were held in Cañuelas, Argentina, Nov. 14-19, and were hosted by the World Flying Disc Federation.

The U.S. sent club teams in the mixed and men's masters divisions. U.S. teams swept the mixed division, with the five American teams claiming the first through fifth spots at PAUCC. The two men's masters teams representing the U.S. took home gold and bronze.

Cincinnati Steamboat also claimed the mixed division Team Spirit Award.

MIXED

PLACEMENT

- 1 Mischief
- 2 AMP
- 3 Drag'n Thrust
- 4 Doubledown
- 5 Steamboat

CITY

San Francisco, Calif.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Austin, Texas
Cincinnati, Ohio

MEN'S MASTERS

PLACEMENT

- 1 Black Cans & Highlands
- 3 Beyondors

CITY

Washington, D.C.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

2018 International Events

Calendar year 2018 holds more exciting opportunities for USA Ultimate's international teams. The WFDF World U-24 Ultimate Championships will be held January 7-13 in Perth, Australia. The U.S. will send teams in all three divisions: men's, mixed and women's.

The WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships will be held on American soil for the first time since 2002. The event is scheduled for July 14-21 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The U.S. will send teams in all three divisions: men's, mixed and women's. A total of 13 teams will represent the U.S. in Cincinnati, all of which qualified based on their finishes at the 2017 National Championships.

The WFDF World Masters Ultimate Club Championships (WMUCC) will be held July 29-August 4 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The U.S. will send teams in all four contested divisions: men's masters, mixed masters, women's masters and men's grand masters. In all, 23 teams, who qualified based on finishes at the 2017 Masters Championships, will represent the U.S. at WMUCC.

The WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships will be held August 19-25 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The U.S. will send a boys' team and a girls' team.





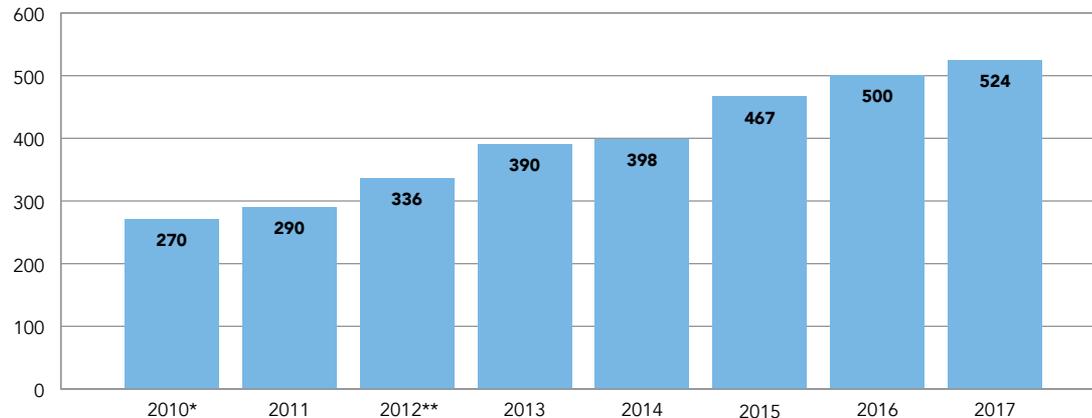
**PROGRAM
GROWTH**

Sanctioning Program

With the goal of encouraging and supporting growth of ultimate at all levels, the USA Ultimate Sanctioning Program assists event organizers in providing their local communities with opportunities to participate and learn about the sport through high-quality, well-organized events. Tournaments and leagues sanctioned through USA Ultimate receive legitimacy through their association with USA Ultimate, insurance coverage, access to additional resources and materials and much more.

USA Ultimate sanctioned 524 events in 2017, accounting for nearly five percent growth over 2016. In addition to local leagues and tournaments, those 524 sanctioned events included 106 college regular-season events and 58 club events to make up the divisions' official regular seasons.

USA ULTIMATE SANCTIONED EVENTS



Tournament Director's Certification Program

The Tournament Director's Certification Program (TDCP) certified 121 members in 2017, bringing the total number of certified members to 606. Having launched in 2015 and with certifications lasting two years, a re-certification program was ready at the end of the year for those needing to re-certify. The re-certification program was released concurrently with the second version of the Tournament Director's Manual, which was updated with information on topics including equity, conduct issues, cart safety and lightning safety.

The TDCP was designed to help provide the best possible tournament experience for athletes, coaches, chaperones, family members and fans. The cornerstone of the TDCP is the Tournament Director's Manual which includes information about safety, standards and best practices that can help organizers run the best events possible.



*2010 marked the beginning of the official college regular season.

**2012 marked the beginning of the official club regular season.

Outreach Programs

In 2017, USA Ultimate held 36 Learn to Play clinics, seven more than in 2016, and three Learn to Play leagues. The total youth participation at Learn to Play clinics and leagues increased by nearly 100 athletes (598 in 2016 to 694 in 2017).

Approximately 1,200 elementary school, middle school and high school kids participated in youth outreach clinics in 2017 through Learn to Play, GUM, community recreation and other programs in partnership with local disc associations. The number of kids participating overall increased by more than 60, and the total number of clinics and leagues increased from 64 in 2016 to 69 in 2017.

USA Ultimate also licensed its day camp program to Altitude Youth Ultimate for the second consecutive year. Eighty-three kids attended four week-long summer camps in Denver and Boulder.

For a fifth straight year, the Youth Club Championships played host to a Talent ID Camp. Coaches from around the country were on-hand to lead clinics and training sessions with 87 top youth ultimate players in the United States (a tremendous increase from 31 participants in 2016), each of whom had elected to register for and participate in the day camp.



USA Ultimate staff members also attended the National SHAPE conference in 2017 and worked with the new outreach volunteer structure to support presentations at 13 state physical education teacher conferences. USA Ultimate also supported Maine Ultimate's presence at a Girls on the Run 5K event as they promoted girls' ultimate and GUM. In addition, USA Ultimate provided physical education in-service support for a program in Columbus, Ohio. Conferences and events like these help USA Ultimate continue networking efforts with various community, recreation and teachers' organizations and advance the sport of ultimate amongst these key groups.

During the 2017 calendar year, nearly 125 outreach kits, accounting for more than 1,200 discs, were distributed to groups advancing ultimate as a teaching tool and recreational activity. Newly forming teams, schools, teachers, community recreation groups and organizations, YMCAs, Boy Scouts troops, parks and recreation programs, and Learn to Play and GUM clinic organizers all received kits thanks to USA Ultimate equipment grants to help support local grassroots efforts to expand ultimate's reach around the country.

Girls' Ultimate Movement

The Girls' Ultimate Movement (GUM) continued its great work in 2017, the program's fourth official year. GUM focuses on creating opportunities for more girls to participate in sports, lead with their peers and celebrate the beauty of sport with their opponents.

The total number of Girls' Ultimate Movement (GUM) clinics for kids of all ages slightly decreased in 2017, with 33 clinics, down from 35 in 2016, while the total youth participation decreased from 517 in 2016 to 483 in 2017.

In addition to creating more competitive opportunities for girls, GUM is also working to provide more coverage of female athletes, particularly from the female perspective. In 2017, USA Ultimate published seven GUM blog posts, a tremendous increase from zero in 2016 and two in 2015. The posts' topics ranged from mental toughness to organizing to playing in the YCC finals for the first time and playing D-III ultimate.



Coaching

Through the Coaching Development Program (CDP), USA Ultimate has been running clinics to certify coaches since 2004. The Coaching Development Program, again sponsored by Five Ultimate in 2017, is a process of educating coaches, professionalizing and growing the vocation of coaching and creating a pool of qualified volunteers to help grow the sport of ultimate.

In 2017, USA Ultimate's Coaching Development Program hosted 26 full-day Ethics & Coaching Performance Workshops across the United States and four online ethics-only workshops. Total members participating in the Coaching Development Program dropped to 451 in 2017, but coach and coach/player memberships both slightly increased during the year.

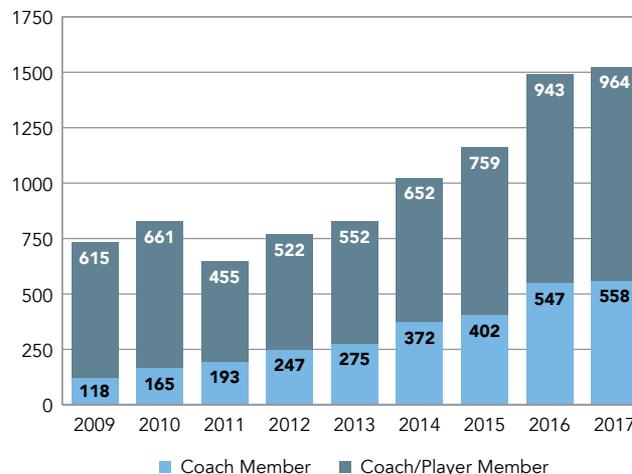
USA Ultimate's outreach and education staff collaborated with three coaching task forces – one each in Seattle, Minneapolis and Boston – along with CDP instructors to determine new goals for the CDP that better serve the needs of the ultimate community and to continue professionalizing the vocation of coaching.

Additionally, it was established that the CDP would have A, B and C level certifications, each geared toward a particular age group and skill level of ultimate players.

Also in 2017, as part of ongoing improvements to safeguard ultimate athletes, new educational requirements were added for anyone interested in a coach-level USA Ultimate membership, including the CDC's online concussion training and SafeSport training regarding athlete protection.



USA ULTIMATE COACHING MEMBERSHIPS



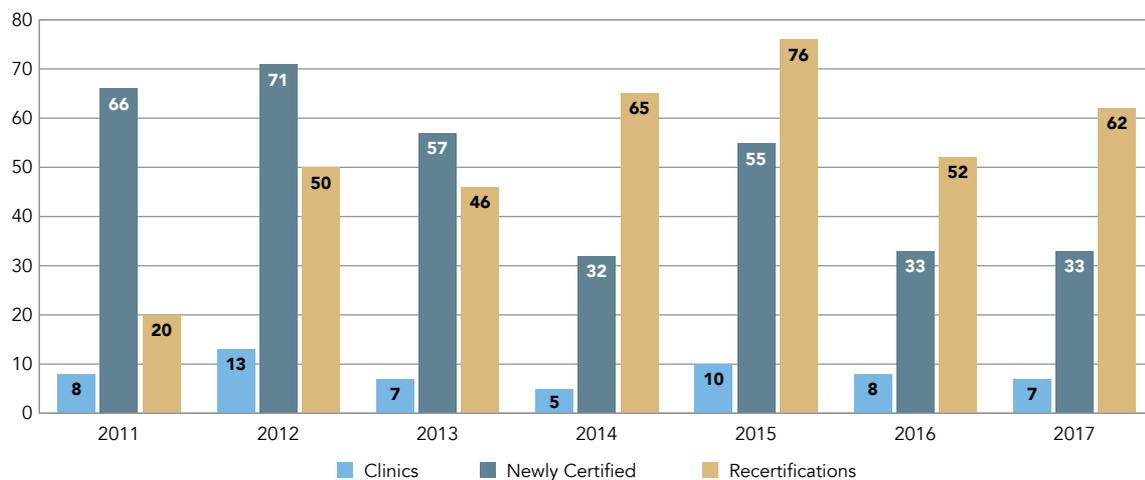


Observer Program

USA Ultimate endorses the use of observers in ultimate but does not endorse the use of referees. Observers have the responsibility to uphold Spirit of the Game on the field, but responsibility for the integrity of ultimate and Spirit of the Game remains with the players.

The USA Ultimate Observer Program took on its current structure in 2005 with the completion of a standardized training manual, outlining of the training clinic curriculum and development of criteria for certification. The Observer Program is overseen by the USA Ultimate Observer Committee which is responsible for determining guidelines for observing, including current standards for USA Ultimate competition, and training materials and methods.

OBSERVER PROGRAM



In 2017, the USA Ultimate Observer Program held seven successful clinics, training and certifying 33 new observers. Sixty-two observers were also recertified over the course of the year.

USA Ultimate announced its inaugural Observer of the Year Awards in 2017. The observer award program was established to recognize the hard work and dedication of certified observers. The winners of these awards were recognized for the impact they had on the sport of ultimate during the 2016 calendar year.

Laura Meyer was the inaugural recipient of the Observer the Year award. The Rookie Observer of the Year award went to Paderic Driscoll.



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Sponsorship and Merchandising

In 2017, USA Ultimate continued its marketing partnerships with several endemic merchandise manufacturers, including Five Ultimate, Spin Ultimate and VC Ultimate. These companies again were licensees of the USA Ultimate brand and marks, and served as the official merchandise provider of at least one of USA Ultimate's nine championship-level events.

Five Ultimate also served as the official apparel provider and sponsor of the U.S. National Teams competing at the World Games and the World Flying Disc Federation's World Championships of Beach Ultimate.

Revenue from sponsorship, licensing and merchandise revenue increased by 12 percent in 2017, despite merchandising four fewer championship events; cash sponsorship increased by 28 percent.

Broadcasting

In an extension of the partnership begun in 2013, USA Ultimate championship events were again broadcast live on the ESPN family of networks in 2017. The year marked the beginning of a new, three-year completely gender equal agreement. Live coverage of the College Championships semifinals, U.S. Open Club Championships and National Championships was available on ESPN3. Live coverage of the College Championships finals was provided on ESPNU on Memorial Day, the first-ever live broadcast on the linear network, followed by additional coverage shown on ESPNU during primetime the week after the event.

The first-ever live broadcast of ultimate on ESPN2 occurred at the U.S. Open Club Championships, with the mixed championship final airing live on the linear network during primetime. The U.S. Open men's and women's division finals will be broadcast live on ESPN2 over the next two years. The Pro Championships were also added to the ESPN programming slate for 2017, with live coverage of the three championship finals available on ESPN3 on Labor Day.

Alignment with the "Worldwide Leader in Sports" provides exposure for the sport of ultimate unmatched in previous years and correlates directly with Goal One in USA Ultimate's strategic plan. The ESPN relationship also allowed USA Ultimate to place more highlight clips in SportsCenter's Top 10.

To provide extra support for the mixed and women's club divisions, USA Ultimate partnered with Fulcrum Media Group to livestream 41 games from the U.S. Open Club Championships and National Championships on Facebook, reaching over 13 million people. In all, 119 games from USA Ultimate championship events were streamed across four platforms (ESPN, TSN, Facebook and Ultiworld) in 2017: 51 women's games, 34 mixed games and 34 men's games.

As part of marketing efforts for the World Games team, USA Ultimate created the video series "Inside Out" featuring exclusive and intimate interviews with each World Games athlete. The 20 videos collectively reached over one million people on Facebook and YouTube.



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Communications, Social Media, Website

Five microsites were developed and launched in 2017, creating a more user-friendly and mobile responsive way for players and fans to find and follow information about some of USA Ultimate's biggest events. Custom sites were created for the College Championships, U.S. Open, Triple Crown Tour and USA Ultimate National Teams. A fifth site was developed as part of the organization's first major marketing and branding campaign: Live Ultimate.

The Live Ultimate campaign was created with the help of two outside agencies, Jack Morton Worldwide and Hats + Rabbits, with three phases of engagement in mind, accounting for all levels of familiarity with the sport: those who already know it and love it, those who have a peripheral knowledge and those who are completely new to ultimate. The campaign is largely digital, but the launch of the Live Ultimate Ambassador Program brought on board some of the sport's biggest names and influencers to help engage the community with #LiveUltimate. Live Ultimate marketing items were also distributed heavily at the 2017 National Championships.

2017 marked the third year of USA Ultimate Weekly. Throughout the course of the year, 40 issues of the Weekly were released in web and email formats. More than 20,000 people were subscribed to receive the email version in 2017, an increase of 100 percent in subscribers over the previous year, with thousands more views on the web version.

USA Ultimate Weekly is an easy place for anyone and everyone to keep up to date with the goings on at USA Ultimate.

The marketing and communications team added a manager of digital marketing and communications early in 2017 to help ramp up the organization's digital presence. As a result of the addition, and increased, engaging content like the Inside Out series and live streams from championship events, USA Ultimate's social media outlets each ended 2017 with impressive increases in followers.

Mobile App



New features and capabilities continue to be added to the USA Ultimate mobile app. In its third year, development began to make the app's "My Teams" feature much more robust, with team event information, score updates and media information available through custom push notifications. The added features continue to increase the usability and relevance of the app for all its users.



FACEBOOK

6% increase in likes



TWITTER

9% increase in followers



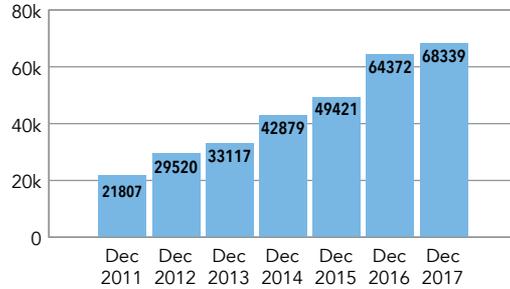
INSTAGRAM

55% increase in followers

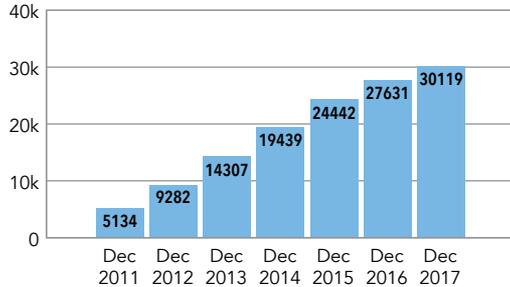
Annual Report

USA Ultimate published its fifth annual report for the organization in late 2017. The publication outlined all things USA Ultimate from the 2016 calendar year.

FACEBOOK LIKES

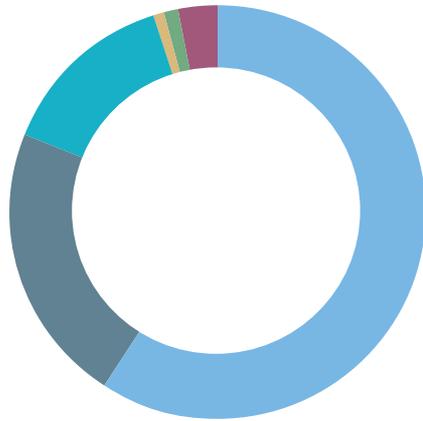


TWITTER FOLLOWERS



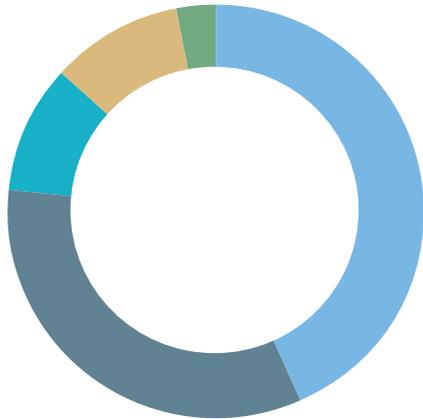


FINANCIAL REVIEW



Revenue Sources (\$4,183,475)

- Membership — 60% (\$2,508,232)
- Championship Events — 22% (\$904,507)
- Sponsorship/Merchandise Sales/Licensing — 14% (\$579,183)
- National Teams — 1% (\$36,540)
- Education Programs — 1% (\$32,837)
- Other — 3% (\$122,176)



Audited Expenses (\$3,599,567)

- Youth, College, Club, Masters and Beach Events & Programs — 43% (\$1,530,090)
- Member Services, Communications & Marketing — 33% (\$1,192,875)
- National Teams — 10% (\$368,326)
- Community & Sport Development — 10% (\$348,651)
- Education Programs — 4% (\$159,625)

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,414,780
Accounts receivable, net	\$24,342
Inventory	\$23,325
Prepaid expenses & deposits	\$187,241
Certificate of deposit	\$499,463
Total Current Assets	\$2,149,151
Property and Equipment	
IT infrastructure system	\$421,012
Furniture and equipment	\$39,179
Computer equipment	\$45,898
Event equipment	\$16,415
Leasehold improvements	\$11,959
Other depreciable projects	\$13,200
Software	\$3,400
Subtotal	\$551,063
Less accumulated depreciation	\$295,313
Property and Equipment - net	\$255,750
Long-Term Investments	\$903,484
Other Assets	\$1,300
Total Assets	\$3,309,685

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$400,811
Due to USA Ultimate Foundation	\$15,228
Accrued liabilities	\$103,042
Current portion of deferred revenue	\$545,202
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,064,283
Deferred Revenue	\$271,162
Total Liabilities	\$1,335,445

Statement of Activities & Changes In Net Assets

EXPENSES	
Marketing and sponsorship	\$1,057,436
Triple Crown Tour, Masters event and programs	\$605,908
Youth events and programs	\$441,867
Community and sport development	\$319,752
National teams	\$319,419
College events and programs	\$314,496
Education programs	\$159,625
Member services	\$135,439
Beach events and programs	\$134,902
International programs	\$48,907
Event standards/Spirit of the Game/rules/disc standards	\$32,917
AE system	\$28,899
Grants	\$0
Total Program Services	\$3,599,567
Supporting Services	
Operations	\$179,598
Board of Directors	\$167,532
Fundraising	\$63,710
Total Supporting Services	\$410,840
Total Expenses	\$4,010,407

Statement of Cash Flows

REVENUE

Membership dues	\$2,424,245
Competition and athlete programs	\$904,507
Sponsorship and licensing	\$514,505
National teams	\$134,704
Sport development and sanctioning	\$83,987
Sales	\$64,678
Cost of goods sold	-\$49,904
Contributions	\$15,338
National teams	\$36,540
Education	\$32,837
Other income	\$10,914
Satisfied program restrictions	\$11,124
Total Revenue	\$4,183,475

REVENUE AND EXPENSE TOTALS

Change in net assets	\$173,068
Net assets, beginning of year	\$1,801,172
Net assets, end of year	\$1,974,240

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATION ACTIVITIES 2017

Net cash provided by operating activities: \$263,991

**Adjustments to reconcile the change in net assets
to net cash provided by operating activities**

Depreciation and amortization: \$93,877

Loss on investments: -\$119,625

Decrease (increase) in assets

Accounts receivable, net	\$25,369
Due from Ultimate Foundation	\$0
Inventory	\$311
Prepaid expenses and deposits	-\$161,293

Increase in liabilities

Accounts payable	\$107,033
Due from USA Ultimate Foundation	\$4,157

Accrued liabilities	-\$25,321
Deferred revenue	\$166,415

Total adjustments: \$90,923

Change in net assets: \$173,068



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