



**USA ULTIMATE NATIONAL TEAMS  
2017 IWGA WORLD GAMES  
APPLICATION KIT**

Thank you for your interest in representing the United States and USA Ultimate at the 2017 World Games. This application includes: Information for players, information about how to apply, and the National Team Code of Conduct.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

Players eligible to represent the United States and USA Ultimate on the National teams must meet the following criteria:

- A) Residency requirement
  1. Be US citizens or have lived in the US for over 2 years
  2. Own a legal certificate of permanent residency issued by the U.S. government, or
  3. Have resided in the U.S. at least 2 years prior to the start date of the event and spent more than 75% of those 2 years in the country.
- B) Current USA Ultimate member
- C) Agree to abide by the team Code of Conduct
- E) Will respect the decisions of the selection committee; and
- F) Will be able to attend all mandatory training activities and the trip to the World Games event.

The first phase of player selection for the World Games team will be informed by the recent player selection and training process for the 2016 USA Ultimate National Teams (WUGC – men’s, mixed, and women’s divisions). Members of these teams will be automatically invited to a single tryout camp. Additionally, members of the 2013 World Games team will also receive automatic invitations. The team selection committee, including coaches, may also invite additional players to the tryout. The number of additional invites will be based on space available at the camp, and invitations will be based on information gleaned from the WUGC tryout process, the 2016 USA Ultimate Triple Crown Tour season, and in this application. With more than 70 athletes receiving automatic invitations, additional spots will be limited.

**HOW MANY PLAYERS WILL BE CHOSEN FOR THE US TEAM?**

The World Games is a competition for mixed teams. Twenty (20) players, 10 male and 10 female, will be selected as members of the US National Team for purposes of training, team-building, and final player evaluation. Fourteen (14) players, 7 male and 7 female, will be selected for the final traveling team to attend the World Games in Poland.



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## **TIMELINE**

November 27, 2016: Application due date (*all players, including automatic invites must fill out*)  
December 9, 2016: Additional applicants invited to tryout camps  
December 16, 2017: Players invited to tryout camp must confirm attendance  
January 31, 2017: Tryout camp fees due  
February-March TBD, 2017: Tryout camp (*applicants must attend the tryout camp to be considered for the roster*)  
March TBD, 2017: Target date for announcing 20 player full roster  
April-June (TBD): Practice Tournament and training weekends (3-4 potential weekends)  
May TBD, 2017: Selection of final 14 player traveling roster  
July 18, 2017: Arrival and registration at World Games event in Wroclaw, Poland  
July 21-23, 2017: World Games competition  
July 24, 2017: Departure day from World Games event

## **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

Tryout Camps:

USA Ultimate Membership Dues: \$56.50 (All Applicants)  
Camp Fee: Approximately \$100-120 (final cost TBD)  
Applicant will be responsible for food and transportation. USA Ultimate will work to get a preferred rate at a local hotel for lodging during the camp.

US Team Membership:

USA Ultimate will cover the cost of travel and lodging for training weekends for all (20) players selected to the World Games team, as well as the cost of team-related travel to and from the event in Poland. Room and board will be covered by the World Games at the event itself. All (20) players selected to the full national team roster will be expected to assist with fundraising efforts to help offset expenses being covered by USA Ultimate.

## **HOW WILL THE TEAM BE SELECTED?**

The selection committee for the USA Ultimate national teams, including the coaching staff and USA Ultimate staff, will select the team based on the 2017 tryout camp and additional information available regarding players' qualifications for the team, including USA Ultimate national team and TCT club competitions. Note that as USA Ultimate continues to develop its national team program, integration between teams over time will continue to play a larger role in team selection. In line with this strategy, the 2016 WUGC national team experience will play a large part in determining the tryout pool for the 2017 World Games national team. The head coach of the team is Alexander Ghesquiere (Washington, DC) and the assistant coach is Matty Tsang (San Francisco, CA).

Team members will be selected based on the following factors: level of skill, experience (including in the division they will be representing), spirit, dedication to the sport, and ability to be strong teammates and ambassadors for

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USA Ultimate. Geographic diversity of the team and will also be taken into consideration. The goal is to reward players who demonstrate exceptional talent and skill and to encourage them to aspire to higher levels of play. This is a showcase for the quality of Ultimate played in the U.S.

**TRY-OUT CAMP INFORMATION**

USA Ultimate will hold a single camp in late February or early March, 2017. The exact date and location of the camp will be communicated to applicants as soon as they are confirmed. The camp will be run by the National Team coaches, USA Ultimate staff, and other selection advisors.

The camp will run from approximately 9-5 on Saturday and 9-3 on Sunday. The camp fee will cover facility costs, coach/staff costs, and camp logistics/setup. Camp attendees will be responsible for transportation to and from the camps, lodging, and meals during camp.

The camp's primary focus will be to evaluate players for the National Team selection. The format of the camp will be designed to assess the attendees on the criteria listed above. Activities will include drills, scrimmages, and tests of physical fitness as well as applicant interviews with the coaches. Attendees will be taught advanced skills, strategies, and concepts as well.

The fee for attending a camp is estimated based on a total number of applicants. The fee may rise or fall depending on the actual number of camp attendees. Approximately 35 applicants of each gender will be invited to attend the tryout camp. Applicants who are not invited to the tryout camp will no longer be considered for the team.

**CONFLICTS WITH THE 2017 WFDF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF BEACH ULTIMATE (WCBU)**

- Players who accept a spot on a WCBU team will remain eligible for consideration for the World Games team.
- WCBU players who try out for and accept a spot on the World Games team will be required to give up their WCBU spot and commit fully to the World Games team.
- WCBU rosters must be finalized with WFDF by April 15. Between World Games player selections and the April 15 WCBU deadline, beach team managers will need to fill any roster spots they have lost to the World Games team.
- WCBU players who have aspirations for the World Games team should not plan travel for WCBU until they know they are not going to be on the World Games team. This could happen as early as tryout invitations, or as late as after World Games tryouts, depending on the player.
- WCBU team managers will draw from a pool of alternates to fill in spots left by World Games players.

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. APPLICATION FORM - Fill out the application form online. Note: All players including automatic invites must fill out the application.  
Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T7TWGK>



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**USA Ultimate National Team  
Code of Conduct**

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Ultimate National Team Code of Conduct (the "Code"), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the USA National Team (the "Team"). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the Team.

**As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:**

- will abide by all published rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Ultimate;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the Spirit of the Game and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities, including but not limited to: getting an appropriate amount of sleep, eating and drinking to ensure optimal fitness, limiting physical exertion outside of games and practices
- will submit to a physical examination by USA Ultimate medical personnel if my ability to compete is compromised due to physical injury and I understand that such injury may be cause for my not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team.
- will not commit an anti- doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the WFDF (WFDF), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), USA Ultimate (USAU) or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- will not participate or assist in any gambling or betting activities associated with any event related to my sport or my participation;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of World Flying Disc Federation;
- am in possession of a valid USA passport, that will not expire prior to six months following the conclusion of the international competition, should I be chosen for an international team that requires a passport;



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- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's written rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew, attire, on-time attendance at required team meetings, consumption of alcoholic beverages and prohibitions on the release of confidential team information;
- am aware that USA Ultimate sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Ultimate apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Ultimate sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Ultimate apparel;
- will abide by the rules of the World Flying Disc Federation concerning allowable trademark identification on clothing and equipment worn or used in competition or on visible body tattoos.
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Ultimate under conditions authorized by USA Ultimate and give event organizers and USA Ultimate the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Ultimate or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Ultimate apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Ultimate logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Ultimate;
- will attempt to participate in media activities if compatible with my training and competitive schedule, when requested by USA Ultimate;
- understand that if I require legal representation because I am accused of criminal misconduct or an anti-doping violation, or if for any other reasons I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of such legal fees and expenses;
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Ultimate and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for USA ultimate, my country, and my sport.