

Competition Programs Updates and Highlights

US Open Convention

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Updates and Highlights

- Youth Competition Task Force
- Youth Rules Recommendations
- 2019-2020 Fall Cups and Youth Club Warm-Ups

Youth Competition Task Force

- Plan for future structure of Youth Ultimate at national, state, and local levels
 - Continue work of 2014 Youth Club Task Force
 - USAU Strategic Plan - [Pull Together](#)
 - Establish an attractive, accessible and clear framework for youth competition across seasons, levels of play and geography.
 - Continue to build out the regional and local infrastructure of our sport's organization through ongoing investment in and support of state-based organizations and local affiliates.
 - Expand competition opportunities for middle-school-aged and elementary-school-aged players across the nation.
 - Create a structure where rules can be adapted across disciplines, skill levels and playing environments, while maintaining consistency and clarity in core philosophies.

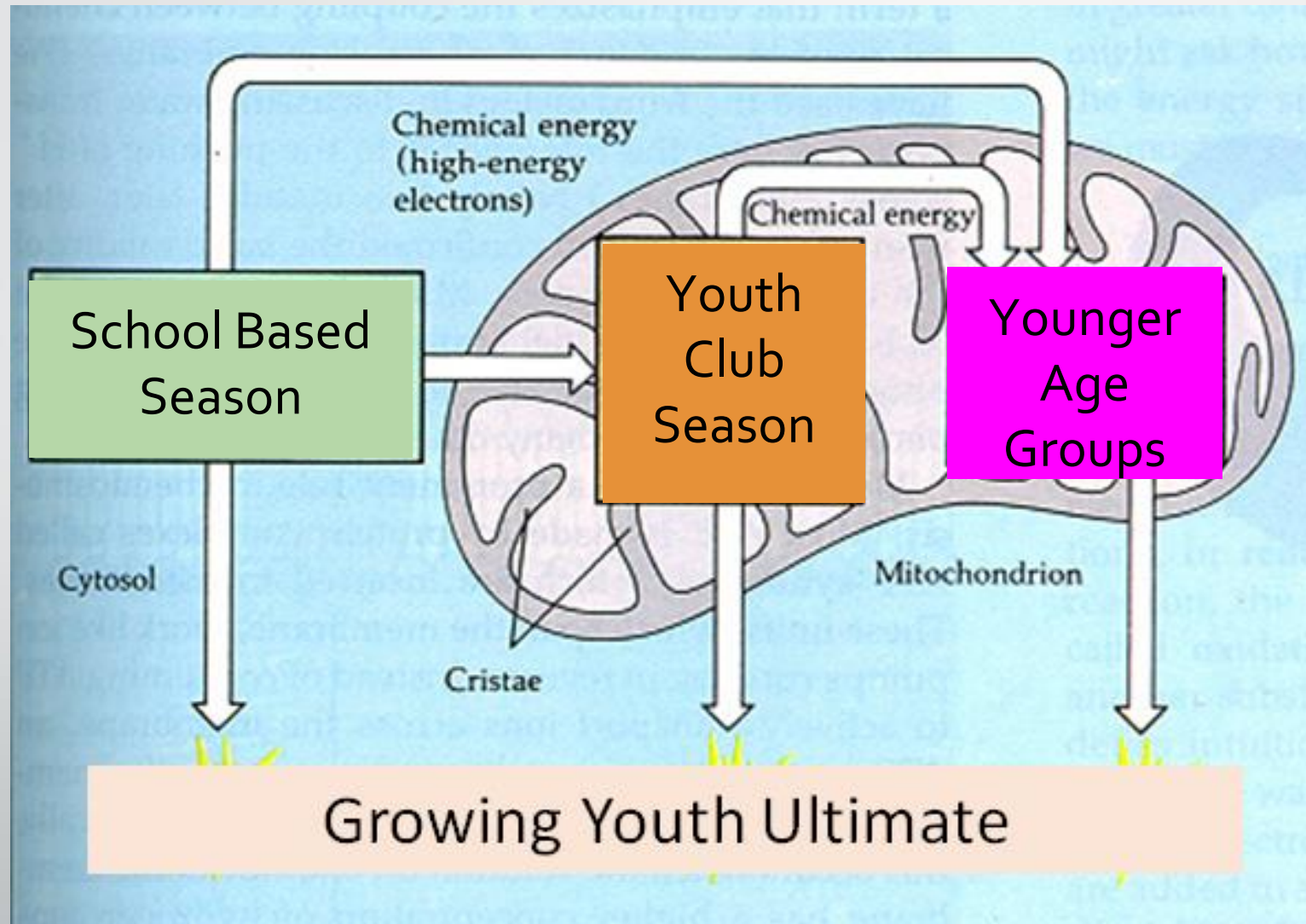
Youth Competition Task Force

- Spring 2019 Meeting
 - State Orgs (CA, CO, MN, NY)
 - USAU Staff (Joy, Sarah, Dan, Will)
- Future Task Force Meetings (8/6 and two in 2020)
- Broader Community Feedback

Youth Competition Task Force

- Youth Roadmap Guiding Assumptions (starting point for conversation)
 - Complementary school-based and non-school-based seasons are important in the fall and spring (YCTF)
 - Some states will eventually make ultimate varsity sport
 - Summer not ideal to build robust state and local level youth programs (summer plans, unstable schedules; good for camps, summer travel teams)
 - Spring works best in most states for a school-based season (weather, other sports, etc.).
 - YCC (US Open) works best in summer (weather, size, length, pre-event travel)
 - More youth events needed – USAU, state, local
 - Youth “annual calendar” should start in fall, with academic year, and end in the summer with YCC

Youth Competition Task Force



School Season

- Continued flexibility in timing
 - Spring or Fall
- Limits to season length
 - make space for a true club season
- Align with Varsity sports model
 - If school associations adopt it on their own
 - VT
 - If we push to make it happen
 - potential for growth: subsidized by schools
 - EDI
 - reach underserved/low socio-economic groups



Club Season



- Present:
 - Provides opportunities for kids without school teams
- Future:
 - Compliments school season
 - Allows for competitive travel teams
 - Gives SBOs / Affiliates a niche if school teams become varsity
- Could look very different than current “Club season”
 - Regionals events
 - National Championship
 - YCC

a few Club Season possibilities...

April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
HS / MS	HS / MS	Youth Club	Youth Club	YCC	State Club	State Club	
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Younger kids playing Ultimate



- Different needs & abilities
 - Recreational structure
 - Fun!
 - Learning fundamentals
- Work with Outreach & Education
 - Community based
 - Parent involvement
- Different equipment and Different rules (?)
 - Lacrosse, Soccer, Hockey, etc.



2020-21 Youth Rules Recommendations

- Rules Process
 - New Policy - 2 year cycle, community feedback, variations, experimentation
 - Youth Recommendations - Youth Task Force; RYD's; research from local communities
 - Feedback - June-July
 - Approval and Implementation - Fall 2019 for Winter 2020

2020-21 Youth Rules Recommendations

- Content
 - Field size, Player #'s, Equipment, Relaxed/Flexible Rules
 - Safety, Development, Participation, Fun
- Feedback Comparison
 - [Player v Coach v Local Organizer v Parent](#)
- Recommendations
- Additional Feedback - will@hq.usultimate.org
- New Playing Opportunities for Younger Divisions -



2018-2019-2020 Youth Fall Cups

Everyone welcome!

2018

- Central
 - ? G drive
- Western: Portland, OR
 - 3 divisions, 12 teams, 200 players
 - U15 division

2019

- Bid window extended until mid-August
- Currently have 2 bids for events
- Bid document found on Champ Events Page

2020

- Would like to have at least one per region
- Start of Club season?

2019-2020 Summer Warm-Ups

2018: 2 scheduled, NC occurred

Indiana Warm-Up (Indiana Ultimate)

U20 Mixed Teams

Sunday June 23, 2019

World Sports Park, Indianapolis

No tournament fee

Contact: drjohn@healthzonechiro.net

Youthquake Warm-Up (Utah Ultimate Disc Association)

June 28-29, 2019

Timberline Middle School - Highland, UT

Contact: utahswarmu17@gmail.com

North Carolina Warm-Up (Charlotte Ultimate and NC Ultimate)

July 13-14, 2019

Ramblewood Soccer Complex, Charlotte

Contact: ken@northcarolinaultimate.org, olson.ec@gmail.com

New Jersey Warm-Up (Delaware Valley Youth Ultimate)

U20 Boys, Girls & Mixed Teams. U-17 Boys (Girls if there is interest)

July 20-21, 2019

Tamaques Reservation Park, Westfield

Contact: rbelline@gmail.com, atvstudio@gmail.com

2019

- Indiana
 - 7 teams, 120 players
- Utah
 - 13 teams, 100 players
 - U-15 division
- North Carolina
 - 6 teams, 100 players
- New Jersey
 - 7 teams, 160 players

2020

- Hoping more SBOs & Affiliates will run these