

Rules Working Group Member Job Description

General Role

Rules Working Group (RWG) members are responsible for assisting with regular review and revision of the Official Rules of Ultimate, rules resource development, and advisory duties to both the USA Ultimate administration and membership. The RWG will also be responsible for evaluating the need, and developing modified rules for the various disciplines of ultimate, including beach, indoor, wheelchair, and possible other future variations of the sport.

Specific Role

Members of the Rules Working Group will assist the National Rules Director and USA Ultimate staff in an annual review of USA Ultimate's Official Rules of Ultimate. This includes recommending potential rules revisions to the Spirit, Officiating, and Rules Committee (SOAR), which oversees policy related to how the sport is played and officiated.

Evaluation of the rules will include critical analysis of existing language and identification of areas for improvement in clarity and/or consistency. It will also include identification of opportunities to incorporate new rules ideas or language that improve the game for players and/or fans or better reflect the way the game has evolved in practice. Ongoing evaluation will also include review of experimental rules or other rule sets, including the official rules of the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), in order to glean new ideas and strive for consistency where possible.

The RWG, primarily through the National Rules Director, will work closely with the Spirit of the Game and Observer workings groups. The goal is to ensure a consistent approach to both philosophical and practical issues related to how the sport is played and officiated. Work done by the three working groups should inform and complement one another, while maintaining a consistent underlying philosophy.

The RWG will be responsible for working with the Competition Working Group to develop specific modifications and/or alternative rule sets for various disciplines of the sport. As new disciplines are developed and incorporated into USA Ultimate programming, the RWG will play a critical role in developing and documenting rules for those disciplines.

The RWG will also be responsible for developing and maintaining rules resources and materials. This may include annotated versions of the rules, educational materials, and rules tests, videos, and other resources. The RWG will also be responsible for answering rules-related questions from within the organization, in support of programs and events, or from the general membership, in support of players, coaches, and teams.

Responsibilities:

- Work under the direction of the Spirit, Officiating, and Rules Committee (SOAR) in collaboration with the Spirit of the Game and Observer working groups

- Review and revise Official Rules of Ultimate
- Evaluate and develop alternate rule sets as needed
- Develop rules resources and materials
- Advise administration and membership on rules-related matters

Appointment

RWG members are appointed by the National Rules Director. Term is for a period of two (2) years, subject to review and evaluation, and may be terminated or renewed.

Requirements

- Adhere to principles of the Mission and Values of USAU.
- Uphold USAU policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Expert knowledge of the rules of ultimate.
- Good communication, analytical, and organizational skills.
- Access to email at least 4 days/week.
- Fired up to help contribute to the development of the sport.
- Compliance with conflict of interest and confidentiality requirements.

Benefits

- Free USAU membership while serving on the working group.
- Direct involvement in discussion of USA Ultimate rules issues and procedures.
- Goodwill that goes with helping to advance the sport and its values.
- Networking and getting to know other ultimate enthusiasts throughout the country.