

## New Zealand Ultimate Inc

# Rules for World Ultimate Club Championships

These rules have taken the relevant information from the WFDF document **WUCC Roster Eligibility Revision for the purpose of clarity.**

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### **Overview from WFDF :**

The World Ultimate Club Championships is designated as a tournament for competition between ongoing "Club" teams. Teams that attend this event should have rosters that are reflective of a "Club Team" definition, and not be a team that could be considered a "Pick Up" or "All-Star" team that has been created only for attendance at the WUCC event.

In areas where Ultimate is less developed, a strict adherence to principal of "Club" teams may not be possible. However, WFDF expects that over the course of time all countries will move towards 100% compliance with the most strict "Club" team definitions laid out below.

While the competition at WUCC can be at an equally high, or in some cases even higher level than the WUGC event, WFDF considers the goals of this tournament to be slightly different than that of the World Championships. WUCC promotes the Club Team process and encourages Club Teams to plan long term, stick together and to grow. This growth and consistency of Club Teams will help to develop the sport at the local, regional, national and finally global level.

### **Player Categories:**

#### Player Definitions for Club Teams

Players on all rosters will fall into one of the following three categories as they relate to their Club Team.

#### Class-A Players

New Zealand players whose relationship to their team falls under any one of the following criteria are considered **Class-A** players:

- A regular member of the Club who participated with the Club during
  - (Mixed or Masters) The National Tour in the 2004/2005 season OR the National Mixed events in the 2005/2006 season.
  - (Open or Womens or Masters) The New Zealand Open in 2006 or the National Open/Womens events in 2006
- A member of the Club who been practicing and playing with the Club more than four (4) months prior to the WUCC event (*ie prior to 12 July*).
- A member of a team that is a recognized feeder or developmental team to the participating Club team and is being added to the WUCC roster to increase the depth of the team.

#### Class-B Players

Players whose relationship to their team falls under any of the following criteria are considered **Class-B** players:

- A person who is not a member of the Club, but is a permanent resident of New Zealand, and is not considered a "Class-A" player for any team in the same division.
- A member of Club who did not participate with the team during the previous year's NZU National Events but started practicing and playing with the Club more than six (6) weeks, but less than four (4) months prior to the WUCC event (*ie from 13 July to 14 October*).

### Class-C Players

Players who do not meet criteria for either Class-A or Class-B are considered Class-C players. These players' situation may be described by, but are not limited to, the following:

- A new member of the Club Team who did not participate with the team during the previous year's National Championships, but who started practicing and playing with the Club less than six (6) weeks prior to the WUCC event (*ie after 14 October*).
- A person who did not participate with the Club Team during the previous year's National Championships, who is not currently practicing or attending tournaments with the team, and who is not a permanent resident of the same country as the Club Team.

### Roster Rules

*Note : According to the WFDF document, New Zealand is a Tier Two country.*

Rosters for all teams from Tier Two countries must conform to the following:

- Minimum of sixty-six percent (66%) Class-A players on the roster.
- Maximum of seven (7) Class-B and Class-C players on the roster, with a maximum of two (2) of these players being Class-C.

**Single Team Exemption Rule:** Should any Tier Two country send only one (1) team in any division, the roster for that team may use the Tier One restriction rules. This is permitted only in the following cases:

- If a Country initially receives one (1) bid, the National Federation, within three (3) months of the initial bid announcement, must inform WFDF that they will only be sending a single team in that division. The country then relinquishes all future claims to re-allocated bids in that division.
- If a Country initially receives multiple bids, the National Federation, within three (3) months of the initial bid announcement, must inform WFDF that they will only be sending a single team in that division. The country then relinquishes all other current bids, or future claims to re-allocated bids in that division.
- If a country initially receives zero (0) bids and then subsequently receives a reallocated bid, the National Federation, within one (1) month of receiving the reallocated bid, must inform WFDF that they will only send one (1) team in this division. The country then relinquishes all future claims to re-allocated bids in that division.

### Divisions

OPEN	:	All players
MIXED	:	All players
WOMENS	:	All female players
MASTERS	:	All players who turn 32 years old or older in 2006.

### Roster Regulations

#### All Divisions

A valid roster for the WUCC tournament must have a minimum of twelve (12) players and a maximum of thirty-two (32) players. If at any time during the event a team does not have ten (10) players capable of playing, that team will default its current game.

#### Mixed Division

A valid roster for the WUCC tournament must have a minimum of six (6) male and six (6) female players and a maximum of thirty-two (32) total players. If at any time during the event a team does not have five (5) male players or five (5) female players capable of playing, that team will default its current game.

### Roster Information

Rosters for WUCC events must contain the following information for each player and indicate at least one player as the Team Captain.

- Full name
- Shirt number (0-99)
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Permanent address
- Email
- Nationality
- Player's Class (A, B or C)
- Date of joining the club
- Explanations regarding eligibility, where appropriate
- Softcopy (computer file) photograph in .BMP, .JPEG, or .TIFF format

Additional information may be required by the TOC.

### Preliminary Roster and Team Deposit

Preliminary rosters for all club teams shall arrive with the TOC and the Chair of the WFDF Ultimate Committee, in the format provided by the Tournament, no later than **11 July**). At this time teams will be requested to put forward a player fee deposit of no less than \$US 2,500. Players not registered will be subject to a late penalty fee. This preliminary roster is not valid until accompanied by the appropriate player fee deposit.

The preliminary team roster must also be sent to the National Federation from which the club team represents. The National Federation will ensure that the roster is in accordance with player eligibility rules and the definition of a club team provided in this TDM. Any irregularities must be forwarded to the team, the TOC and WFDF immediately.

Teams who do not submit a preliminary roster and deposit by **11 July** will be removed from the tournament and their spot will be given to another team.

### Final Roster

Final rosters for all club teams shall arrive with the TOC and the Chair of the WFDF Ultimate Committee, in the format provided by the tournament, no later than **29 October**. The final team roster must also be sent to the National Federation that the club team represents with any players who have been added since the submission of the preliminary roster highlighted.

The National Federation will ensure that the added players are in accordance with player eligibility rules and the definition of a club team provided in this TDM. Any irregularities must be forwarded to the team, the TOC and WFDF immediately. No players may be added to the final roster after **29 October** or during the course of the tournament without the express permission of the Chair of the Ultimate Committee. If no final roster is submitted by **29 October** then the preliminary roster for the team will be considered the final roster.

### Timeline

11 October 2005	Initial Bids are released by WFDF
7 November 2005	These rules are released
11 January 2006	Single Team Exemption deadline for notifying WFDF
11 July 2006	Preliminary Rosters and deposit of US\$2500 per team (NZD \$3700) due to TOC and WFDF
12 July 2006	Players must begin practising with a team to qualify for Class A status
14 October 2006	Players must begin practising with a team to qualify for Class B status
29 October 2006	Final Rosters due to TOC and WFDF