

Administrative Rules for the Belgian Ultimate Club Championships

Foreword

The present document edicts the administrative rules for the BUF Club Championships.

The present document will be distributed every year before the start of the season to all the registered clubs. Updated versions of this document will also be distributed to all registered clubs when changes are likely to impact the following season.

The part of the document regarding eligibility is written according to the WFDF Club Teams Eligibility Rules.

The Belgian Ultimate Club Championships are designated as tournaments for competition between ongoing Belgian Ultimate Club Teams. Eligibility Rules must be easy to understand for every player. Eligibility Rules must treat all teams equally.

Definitions to be considered for the BUF Club Championships

Season: The official Belgian Ultimate Club Championships Season starts on the 1st of October and ends on the 30th of September of the next year. The Season includes the Indoor and Outdoor competitions for all divisions.

VLUFF: Vlaamse Ultimate Frisbee Federatie

FBFDV: Fédération Belge Francophone de Disque Volant.

BUF: Belgian Ultimate Frisbee. Federal entity with representatives of VLUFF and FBFDV.

Club: A Club is a social entity member of the VLUFF or of the FBFDV.

Team: A Team represents a Club during a BUF event and is defined by its Roster.

Roster: A list of players defining a Team.

Affiliation: The fact of a player being officially registered to a Club.

BUF Event: Any of the Club Championships sanctioned by the BUF. A BUF event can be composed of several Phases (e.g. Round-Robin, Brackets, ...) and a Phase can last several Days.

External Player: Player on a Roster that is not affiliated to the Club of the Roster's Team.

General Club Obligations

All Clubs must send their complete affiliates list to the BUF by the start of the Season. The BUF will then allocate an Affiliation Number to every Player and communicate those Numbers to the Clubs.

If a Club affiliates new players during the Season, he must inform his Federation and the BUF about this.

Clubs must announce how many Teams they want to subscribe for a specific BUF Event before the event registration closes. The invitation for any Club Championship will include this deadline.

When a Club subscribes a Team to a BUF Event, it must pay the Team fee to the BUF account as a deposit. The Team registration is only valid if the deposit is received on the BUF account before the payment deadline expires.

The Clubs are asked to respect all other specific deadlines, if any, communicated by the BUF Event organizer.

Eligibility Rules and Roster Regulation

All players taking part to the official BUF Events must be affiliated to a Club in Belgium.

Affiliation to a Club implies affiliation to the Federation the Club is member of (i.e. VLUFF or FBFDV).

A player may be officially affiliated to one and only one Club at a time.

A player is intended to play the official BUF Events within a Team of the Club he is affiliated to.

A Club may have several Teams competing in the same BUF Event.

No player may be rostered for two Teams simultaneously taking part to the same BUF Event, independently from the division.

All the players of a Team must be affiliated to the same Club. There might be some exceptions to this rule according to Table 1. Every Team Roster must respect the quota mentioned in Table 1.

Clubs must send the complete Roster of all their Teams taking part in a specific BUF event one week before the event at the latest.

Once the BUF Event is started, the Roster is frozen. If a Club registers new players after the Roster has been frozen, the Club is allowed to ask the BUF to add a maximum of 3 players to the Roster. The additional players must respect the Eligibility Rules and the completed Roster must respect the Roster Regulation.

If a Team doesn't respect the Eligibility Rules and Roster Regulation on a certain competition day:

- That Team loses all its games of the phase by the maximum possible score in that competition (13-0, 15-0, 17-0)
- That Team takes the last place of the pool or of the division it is playing in.

The Roster size must be minimum 7 for Indoor Competition and minimum 10 for Outdoor Competition.

In the Table below, the "amount of External Players allowed" is included in the "Roster Size".

In the Table below, the “Division”, is the starting Division of the Team at the beginning of the Event. Please note that in Indoor Open Divisions 1 & 2, no External Players are allowed.

Category	Open				Women	Mixed
Division	1 & 2 Indoor	1 & 2 Outdoor	3	4 & Lower	All	All
Minimum Quota	100%	85%	70%	30%	50%	70%
Roster Size	Maximum amount of External Players allowed					
7	0	1	2	4	3	2
8	0	1	2	5	4	2
9	0	1	2	6	4	2
10	0	1	3	7	5	3
11	0	1	3	7	5	3
12	0	1	3	8	6	3
13	0	1	3	9	6	3
14	0	2	4	9	7	4
15	0	2	4	10	7	4
16	0	2	4	11	8	4
17	0	2	5	11	8	5
18	0	2	5	12	9	5
19	0	2	5	13	9	5
20	0	3	6	14	10	6
21	0	3	6	14	10	6
22	0	3	6	15	11	6
23	0	3	6	16	11	6
24	0	3	7	16	12	7

Starting Division

Starting divisions or pools of a BUF Event are defined upon the ranking of the previous year same BUF Event. If there was no same BUF Event the year before, the starting divisions or pools are defined with a draw.

New Clubs and new Teams taking part to a BUF event always start in the lowest division or with the lowest seeding.

An eventual Pick-Up team always starts an Event with the lowest seeding.

Player Transfer Regulation

During a season, a Player is allowed to ask a change of his Club affiliation under the following conditions

- The player must inform the BUF of this change
- The change must be motivated either by:
 - i. A change of place of living

- ii. A change of place of study
- iii. A change of place of work
- iv. Other •
- The BUF has a maximum of 14 days to give its approval or denial for the change. If the BUF does not respond within 14 days the transfer should be considered as approved.
- If the transfer occurs during a BUF Event and the player played part of the Event, he may not play with a Team of his new Club. He may only play with the Team he started the Event with.
- Player transfer during a season should remain an exception. The flexibility granted by Table 1 should be sufficient to solve most of the situations.

Between two seasons, a Player is obviously allowed to move from one Club to another, but this change has to be done between the 15th of September and the 15th of October. Later than this date, the Transfer is considered to occur in the Season.

Late, No Show and Withdrawal Regulation

Late Show

If at the start of a game, a Team does not have the minimum amount of players needed to play on the field (i.e. 4 for indoor games and 5 for outdoor games), the following sanctions apply:

- The opposing Team scores one point by minute the Team has not the minimum amount of players.
- If after 5 minutes, the Team still has not the minimum amount of players, the opposing Team wins the game by 13-0, 15-0 or 17-0 (depending on the Event).
- The Team is then considered as a No Show (see next section) except for the fine.

If both Teams are late, the sanctions are applied to both Teams. In case the game does not occur, the score will be registered as a null draw (0-0) and no Team score points for the ranking of the event (is it a general ranking or a pool ranking). Both Teams are then considered as a No Show, except for the fine.

No Show

If a Team doesn't show up on a certain competition day:

- That Team loses all its games of the Phase by 13-0, 15-0 or 17-0
- If the games are part of a round-robin, results of all games, even those already played on a past day or those to be played on a future day will be forfeit. This for the sake of impartiality towards other teams.
- That Team then takes the last place of the pool or of the division it is playing in
- The Club of that Team loses the Team fee and has to pay a fine of 150 euros to the BUF.
- If the Club does not pay the fine, no Teams of the Club will be allowed to participate to the next BUF Events, until they pay their fine.

Withdrawal

If a Team subscribed to a BUF Event withdraws before the start of the Event:

- The next best Team in the ranking of the previous year Event replaces the withdrawn Team.
- If no Team is able to replace the withdrawn Team, a pick-up team may be set up in order to allow the other Teams to play the amount of games foreseen by the Event format.

If a Team subscribed to a BUF Event withdraws during the Event:

- This Team may only be replaced by a pick-up Team
- If the Team withdraws for a phase of the Event but is present for the other phases, it may take part to the rest of the Event but obviously encounters the sanctions foreseen for a No Show, even for the games of the phase the Team can play.

In any case, a pick-up Team can not officially win a game.

WFDF Rules Accreditation

As Ultimate is a self-refereed sport, it is of primary importance that players know the rules of the game. WFDF aims that every player participating in a national championship should have a Rules Accreditation by 2015.

There are two levels of Rules Accreditation sanctioned by WFDF: Standard and Advanced. Standard Accreditation is really easy to get and is only about the basic rules of the games. WFDF Accreditation does not sanction a knowledge by heart of the all the rules (the test is even “open book”) but ensures that the players have read and understand the rules of the game.

BUF requires that every Team taking part to a BUF Event has, at least:

- 1 player having an Advanced Accreditation (preferably being the Captain)
- 5 players having the Standard Accreditation

Accreditation can be obtained online here: <http://rules.wfdf.org/accreditation>

When sending the Roster, Clubs must specify the Accredited Players. WFDF regularly release the list of accredited players. BUF can and will control those.

Gear Uniformity

Players of the Teams taking part to the Outdoor competitions in Division 1 are asked to wear assorted gears, (i.e. shirts and shorts), preferably with distinguishable numbers at least on the shirts.

Exception to the present Rules

Any exception request to the present Administrative Rules must be sent to the BUF.

Any exception request must be clearly motivated.

The BUF will evaluate the request and may ask for complementary information prior to allow any exception.