

## **CUC 2019 Substantive Changes**

### **1. Mixed Masters Division**

As of 2019, Mixed Masters is a permanent 6-team division at CUC and will no longer require early registration in order to confirm that the division will go ahead. This division does follow the 6-team division bid allocations and will auto expand to 8 teams with sufficient registration.

**3.1.1.6** Mixed Masters – Six (6) teams with automatic expansion to eight (8) teams if there is sufficient registration.

### **2. Mixed Ratio**

Reminder that as per the announcement in 2018, all Mixed divisions will use Rule A for gender ratio.

**5.5.1** Beginning in 2019, CUC Mixed divisions will use WFDF Ratio rule A, “prescribed ratio”.

**5.5.1.1** At the start of the game, after the first disc flip, an additional disc flip happens with the winner selecting the gender ratio for the first point. For the second and third points, the ratio must be reverse of the first point. For the fourth and fifth points the ratio must be the same as the first point. This pattern of alternating the ratio every two points repeats until the end of the game (half time has no impact on the pattern).

### **3. National Team Selection**

For 2019, CUC is used to determine the National Team for the 2020 WUGC. Revisions have been made to the selection process for the team that wins CUC 2019.

**6.1** The teams that win each playing division at the CUC the year before a World Ultimate and Guts Championship (WUGC) tournament shall appoint four members to a five-person WUGC national team selection committee responsible for that division of play. This committee will select the team representing Canada at the subsequent WUGC tournament.

**6.1.1** The team must select a fourth member from a pool of Ultimate Canada approved candidates to be the Ultimate Canada Selections Advisor, which will act in a non-voting advisory role, providing guidance on best practices and Ultimate Canada policies.

**6.1.2** The team must appoint a fifth member that is a member of an out-of-region team that attended CUC in the qualification year.

**6.1.3** Once the Selection Committee is in place (members appointed through 6.1.1.2 to 6.1.1.3), committees for Men's, Women's and Mixed divisions must select a non-playing Head Coach from a pool of Ultimate Canada approved candidates.

**6.1.4** Once the Selection Committee is in place (members appointed through 6.1.1.2 to 6.1.1.3), committees for Master Men's, Master Women's and Master Mixed divisions may select a non-playing Head Coach from a pool of Ultimate Canada approved candidates.

**6.1.5** The committee may select a national team roster by any reasonable means in accordance with the current policies and guidelines of Ultimate Canada, and subject to review by the appropriate Ultimate Canada Selections Advisor, Ultimate Canada Executive Director and/or the Ultimate Canada High Performance Committee.

**6.1.6** The selection committee must include on the national team roster no fewer than seven players belonging to regions outside the home region of the national champions. Player regional status in this context is defined as the player's choice of the following:

- region of residence for the majority of the calendar year of the world championship
- region of residence for the majority of the calendar year prior to the world championship

#### **4. Half Time change**

For Finals only, half time will change to a 10-minute half.

**5.3.1.3.2** Half time during all finals will be 10 minutes.

#### **5. Properly registered teams and bid allocations**

For 2019, bids will only be given out to properly registered teams. A properly registered team is a team that;

- is registered in the Ultimate Canada CUC Event on June 15<sup>th</sup>
- has a minimum of 14 players on their roster
- has all 14 players with their RCA fees paid
- has their deposit checks received by Ultimate Canada no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (\$100 for regionals only teams, \$500 for teams looking to attend CUC)

Failure to complete all of the above steps will result in the registration being incomplete. All incomplete registrations will be deleted on June 16<sup>th</sup> and those teams will not be eligible to participate in the series.

Below are the rules that speak to this change in the 2019 CUC Tournament Manual.

**1.3.1** Where bids will only be given out to teams who have properly registered AND have 14 players paid on the roster by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**3.2.2** Regional Allocations to CUC will be based on the following criteria based on division size. In ALL cases, bids will only be calculated and awarded to properly registered teams. A properly registered team is a team that is registered on the Ultimate Canada website AND has the minimum roster size (as per 2.3.2) of 14 players on their team who have paid their Ultimate Canada Registered Competitive Athlete fee and signed their waivers by June 15<sup>th</sup>

**3.2.3** Size Wildcards are allocated based on the number of valid teams registered at the registration deadline. Each division is examined individually in allocating size wildcards.

**a)** The first step is establishing the wildcard order. Within the division concerned, the region with the most teams registered will get the first spot in the wildcard order. The region with the second-most teams will get the next spot and so on. If two regions have the same number of teams, the actual number of registered and paid players will be counted to determine the order of wildcards. If the tie remains, then number of registered and paid players across all divisions will be used to break the tie.

**b)** Only teams with a valid roster on June 15<sup>th</sup> of the tournament year will be counted for determining the size wildcard order. To have a valid roster, the roster on June 15<sup>th</sup> must meet all the roster requirements in section 2.3, including 2.3.2 which states the minimum roster size of players required to have paid their Ultimate Canada Registered Competitive Athlete fee and signed waivers.

**c)** Regions with 0 valid team registrations and regions who have already received enough bids to offer one to every valid team registration in their region will be removed from the wildcard order.

**d)** Bids will then be offered to regions in the order they are listed in the wildcard order. If there are bids remaining after each region remaining on the wildcard list has received one bid, then the sequence repeats from the start of the wildcard list and continues to repeat until all bids are allocated. As soon as a region receives enough total bids to offer one to every valid team registration, they are no longer included in the wildcard order for future sequences.

**2.4** Uniform rules have been made clearer with regards to numbers (2.4.2) and specific rules for the showcase field (2.4.10) Please note that the change for the matching accessories has been worded as recommended at this point. After some discussion on our end, it would be better received if brought in slowly and without penalty. This is similar wording we have used as we introduce uniform rules in other events and divisions. Please let me know if you disagree or would like to take a harder line on this and we can vote on this issue separately before approving the manual.