



UNITED KINGDOM ULTIMATE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION

1. ***Introduction***

This amended constitution was ratified at the Annual General Meeting of the United Kingdom Ultimate Association (UKU) held in December, 2003.

2. ***Title***

The UKU is an unincorporated body owned and controlled by its members. The members are Teams, Players, ex-players and others involved in running and participating in the sport of Ultimate under the guidance of the UKU.

3. ***Address***

The business of the UKU shall be conducted from the UKU office or any other appropriate agreed venue.

4. ***Status and objectives***

4.1 The UKU is established to provide the sport of Ultimate (“Ultimate”) with a focused and influential body to represent players and teams on matters with regard to Health & Safety, promotion and development of the sport, selection and development of National teams and the running of organised National competitions, developing national coaching qualifications and standards and of any other activity that will benefit Ultimate.

4.2 The UKU has the right to produce and endorse Codes of Practice and Guidelines within its scope and through its affiliations to the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) and the European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF) to promote Coaching and training and the accreditation of standards.

5. ***Structure***

5.1 The UKU refers to the members and associate members contributing materially and financially to achieve the objectives set out in Article 4.0 of this Constitution.

5.2 The UKU will elect a Board of Directors from its members to conduct its business

5.3 Its Board will appoint the Secretary to the UKU.

6. **Financial arrangements**

- 6.1 The members shall pay annual subscriptions, which will be set at an Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2 There can be several varying degrees of paid and unpaid membership but only fully paid full members are entitled to vote.
- 6.3 The Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the members and sit on the Board and act for all financial transactions of the UKU. The Chairman and Treasurer shall be joint signatories for all financial and legal arrangements.
- 6.4 Annual financial statements must be produced.

7. **Membership**

- 7.1 There can be several types of membership as recommended by the Board and ratified at a general meeting.
- 7.2 A full member is a member that has paid their annual subscription and is defined as a full member on the options of membership as laid out by the Board and ratified at a general meeting.
- 7.3 An associate member is an organisation involved in the supply to the sport.
- 7.4 Other types of membership may be allowed as presented by the Board and ratified by the membership.

8. **The Board**

- 8.1 An elected Board of volunteers shall run the Association. Board positions are held for one or two year terms. Elections are staggered to ensure continuity within the Board. All Association members in good standing are entitled to vote.
- 8.2 Chairman
Will serve a one-year term and be elected each year at the AGM. The Chairman may stand for re-election, as may all other posts. The Chairman is responsible for managing the Board and chairing meetings.
- 8.3 Treasurer
Will serve a two-year term and be elected every other year at the AGM. The Treasurer is responsible for all UKUA finances and budgets.
- 8.4 Director of Competitions (DoC)
Will serve a two-year term and be elected every other year at the AGM. The DoC is responsible for planning of the UK event calendar and coordination of the official UKU Tournaments.
- 8.5 Without Portfolio
Will serve a one-year term and be elected each year at the AGM. There are between 5 and 8 Board members Without Portfolio.
- 8.6 University Coordinator
Will serve a one-year term and is elected separately by the student (University and College) membership and is responsible for the smooth running and promotion of University Ultimate.

8.7 Vice Positions

The Chairman shall appoint a Vice-Chairman for the following positions:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- DoC

Their role is to support the principle position holders or to take full responsibility should the need arise.

9. **Government of the UKU**

9.1 The Board, who will decide and monitor the work pattern of the UKU and its Officers, will govern the UKU.

9.2 In the event of any matter being taken to a general vote, each full member shall be accorded one vote. Electronic votes are permitted although any member who so desires, may request a postal vote form, a minimum of 14 days before a vote is called. A minimum of 40 votes is necessary to carry any motion or vote.

9.3 The Chairman shall have a casting vote (in addition to any other vote to which he/she is entitled).

9.4 This Constitution may be changed at any General Meeting by the passing of a resolution by at least two-thirds of all Full Members present and entitled to vote. The UKU member seeking the change must give a minimum of twenty-eight days clear notice in writing to the Secretary.

9.5 Any member may call an Extraordinary General Meeting by giving a minimum of 35 days written notice to the Secretary with a written resolution.

10. **The Board**

10.1 QUORUM

A quorum at meetings shall be one third of the members present in person and entitled to vote.

10.2 VOTING

A simple majority shall decide motions at meetings. In the event of any equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

10.3 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The Board shall meet on a minimum of two occasions during the course of each calendar year. The Chairman may call additional meetings.

10.4 MINUTES

The Board will cause Minutes to be taken of its proceedings and will pass copies to all members.

10.5 REMUNERATION

Board appointments are honorary. No member shall be entitled to receive any remuneration in respect of his duties as a member except reasonable expenses incurred in the course of performing duties, which must be previously agreed by the Board.

10.6 REMOVAL

The Board may vote off any member of the Board, who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings.

11. ***Sub Committees and Appointed Officers***

The Board may form or dissolve sub committees and appoint or dismiss individual officers.

11.1 SUB COMMITTEE/OFFICERS - OBJECTS

The Sub Committees and Officers shall advise the Board on matters relating to that specific Sub Committee/Officer.

11.2 CONFIDENTIALITY

No member of the Board or its Sub Committees may communicate with the press or media without the consent of the Chairman on matters of the business or objects of the Board or its Sub Committees with the exception of the UKUCAC (UKU Complaints and Appeals Committee). All Minutes of the Board and Sub Committee meetings are confidential to the UKU. The Chairman before release for publication must approve all written statements or articles regarding matters or objects of the UKU.

12. ***Prejudicial Actions***

12.1 PREJUDICIAL ACTIONS

Actions by a UKU member, which may be considered by the Board as to be prejudicial to the objectives of the UKU, may result in expulsion. Such expulsion must be approved by at least two-thirds of Board members present, eligible to vote and not concerned with the allegations in question.

12.2 COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

Complaints and appeals against decisions made by the Chairman or the Board should be made via the UKUCAC (UKU Complaints and Appeals Committee).

13. ***Dissolution & Expulsion***

13.1 DISSOLUTION & EXPULSION

The UKU is founded for an unlimited period. Its dissolution may only be affected by a resolution adopted at a Special General Meeting convened specifically and only for the purpose and attended by at least two-thirds of the members entitled to vote. The decision shall be valid only if it is approved by three-quarters of the votes cast at the meetings. One month's notice to the UKU Secretary is required for the calling of such a meeting.

13.2 Immediately upon a decision to dissolve the UKU, outstanding matters shall be resolved, assets realised and divided in proportion to the annual receipted payments being made by each member, subject to all contractual obligations at the time of dissolution, having settled all the outstanding liabilities of the UKU.