

Administrative Rules for the National INDOOR Championships

Foreword

The present document edicts the administrative rules for the BFDF 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 BFDF 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.

F.V: Frisbee.Vlaanderen

FBFDV: Fédération Belge Francophone de Disque Volant.

BFDF: Belgian Flying Disc Federation. Federal entity with representatives of F.V and FBFDV.

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

Team: A Team represents a Club during a BFDF 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.

BFDF Event: Any of the Club Championships sanctioned by the BFDF. A BFDF 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.

Category of a championship: Women, Open, Mixed, U9, U11, U14, U17, U20

Championship: Indoor, Outdoor, Beach

General Club Obligations

- All Clubs must send their complete affiliates list through Twizzit to the BFDF by the start of the Season which is 30th September.
- If a Club affiliates new players during the Season, he must inform his Federation and the BFDF about this.
- Clubs must announce how many Teams they want to subscribe for a specific BFDF Event before the event registration closes. The invitation for any Club Championship will include this deadline.
- When a Club subscribes a Team to a BFDF Event, it must pay the Team fee to the BFDF account as a deposit. The Team registration is only valid if the deposit is received on the BFDF account before the payment deadline expires.
- The Clubs are asked to respect all other specific deadlines, if any, communicated by the BFDF Event organizer.

Eligibility Rules and Roster Regulation

- All players taking part in the official BFDF Events must be affiliated to a Club in Belgium. Affiliation to a Club implies that the club has added a standard membership for those players to the BFDF in Twizzit. A player may be officially affiliated to two clubs. If they have more than one affiliations then they should be indicated as membership 'Dual Membership'
- International players (from other countries) can be affiliated to the BFDF and compete in the Belgian competitions on the following conditions:
 - International being defined as a player with a residency in another country and who have their main Ultimate community that country, they play just once in a Belgian Competition
 - Exception: players with a residency in another country, but whose main Ultimate community is in Belgium (for example due to work, studies or living close to the border, etc) are not considered international
 - They have competed or trained before with the club
 - Maximum:
 - 2 international players per team are allowed in the Outdoor competition
 - 1 international player per team is allowed in the Indoor competition
 - Player is affiliated for that club in the BFDF
- **The standard membership is applicable for the whole season, meaning both the indoor and outdoor competition. But in the month of January teams can request transfers for a transaction cost. If the player wants to play for two teams in different categories within the same championships this player should have a Dual Membership.**
- A player is intended to play the official BFDF Events within a Team of the Club he is affiliated to.

- A Club may have several Teams competing in the same BFDF Event.
- No player may be rostered for two teams/clubs simultaneously taking part in the same category BFDF Event. A player can take part in multiple categories BFDF events (open, women and mixed).
- All the players of a Team must be affiliated to the same Club.
- Clubs must send the complete Roster of all their Teams taking part in a specific BFDF event one week before start of the event at the latest through twizzit.
- Once the BFDF Event is started, the Roster is frozen. If a Team registers new players after the Roster has been frozen, the Team is allowed to ask the BFDF to add a maximum of 2 players to the Roster per team. The additional players must respect the Eligibility Rules and the completed Roster must respect the Roster Regulation. To add players to your roster after the first deadline you should use the form that will be spread by the organization and can be found later on the website in de Q&A.
- Players that will be competing in the quarters, semis or finals should have played at least one day during the previous competition phase.
 - For Indoor: Players competing in the play-offs must have played at least one regular competition day
 - For Outdoor: Players competing in the play-offs or last Sunday must have played respectively in one of the previous weekends or in the weekend before/last saturday.
- 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)
 - 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.

Rules about players who are to old:

1. The club does not play in division 1 & 2 at the start of the championship
2. The club has no team in an older category
2. The player did just start this year and doesn't feel she/he wants to play with the older category
 - a. Only one player who is to old can be at the same time playing (eg. 4 players on the field only one can be to old. If you have more they need to rotate between points)
 - b. You register them in the normal way, like other kids.

Starting Division

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

New Clubs and new Teams taking part to a BFDF event always start in the lowest division or with the lowest seeding. If there are multiple new teams subscribed they will be ranked according to the time of subscription.

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

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 6 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 BFDF.
- If the Club does not pay the fine, no Teams of the Club will be allowed to participate to the next BFDF Events, until they pay their fine.

Withdrawal

If a Team subscribed to a BFDF 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 BFDF 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.

BFDF requires that every Team taking part to a BFDF 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. BFDF 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 BFDF.

Any exception request must be clearly motivated.

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