



This excerpt from the “EFDF Championship Rules and Game Procedures” (an adapted version of the “WFDF Championship Rules and Game Procedures”) was presented in the European Ultimate Championships 2007 Players’ Handbook and was the base for forming of and decision making of the Tournament Rules Group (TRG) at the EUC 2007.

Tournament Rules Group (TRG)

The Tournament Rules Group (TRG) will arbitrate on-field and off-field disputes between players, staff and members of the public. At EUC 2007, the TRG is chaired by an EFDF representative, and includes the TD of the event, or their delegated representative, and one player from each division represented.

1. TD
2. EFDF
3. Open Division
4. Women’s Division
5. Mixed Division
6. Masters Division
7. Junior Open Division
8. Junior Women’s Division
9. Under 17 Open Division

The TRG will address formal requests, complaints or protests about any issue concerning on-field or off-field activities. Requests, complaints or protests may be brought to the attention of TRG by any Team Captain. Requests, complaints or protests may be brought at any time during the event. Upon receipt of a request, complaint or protest the TRG will meet at its earliest convenience and make a decision available to all parties involved within four (4) hours. For any issue brought before the TRG, the TRG shall be comprised of the EFDF representative, the TD and the elected player from the division in which there is an issue. The decision shall be posted in the EUC info area.

If any member of the TRG has a vested interest in any matter put to the TRG that member shall be withdrawn, to be replaced by their representative, or in the case of an elected player, another elected player from another division. Should two or more members of the TRG have a vested interest in the matter put to the TRG they shall be replaced by unbiased EFDF officials available at the tournament.

If an issue is brought to the TRG that effects the general interest of all or a group of teams participating in the tournament, the TRG may call an advisory Captains' Meeting of all or selected teams. The calling of such a meeting does not in any way reduce the powers of the TRG and the TRG is in no way bound to suggestions or decisions made by such a Captains' Meeting.

DISCIPLINE: The TRG may, at its discretion, disqualify a player or an entire team from any event or from the entire tournament should that player or team have been deemed to have acted in one of the following ways: behaving in a violent or obscene manner; undertaking illegal behaviour; cheating or otherwise attempting to create an unfair advantage for themselves or disadvantage to others through circumvention of the rules; or causing substantial hardship, inconvenience or annoyance to spectators, officials or players.

The TRG may censor an individual player or team verbally or in writing; alter or nullify the result of any game; or order a game to be partially or completely replayed. In the event of an extremely serious conduct violation the TRG may, after disqualifying a player or team from competition, refer the matter for later review and sanctioning actions by the EFDF Board of Directors.

Any player or team disqualified from the tournament shall forfeit all fees paid. If any player or team, or group of teams, chooses to challenge a decision made by the TRG in the course of handling a request, complaint or protest during EUC2007, they should file a written protest to the EFDF within thirty (30) days of occurrence.

Spirit issues

It is expected that all games at EUC2007 will be played under the Spirit of the Game guidelines, taken from the WFDF Rules of Ultimate:

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Ultimate has traditionally relied upon a spirit of sportsmanship which places the responsibility for fair play on the individual player himself. Highly competitive play is encouraged but never at the expense of mutual respect between players, adherence to the agreed-upon rules of the game or the basic joy of play. The purpose of the rules of ultimate is to provide a guideline which describes the way the game is played. It is assumed that no ultimate player will intentionally violate the rules; there are no harsh penalties for inadvertent infractions but, rather, a method for resuming play in a manner which simulates what would most likely have occurred had there been no infraction.

If the game officials consider a game to constitute a major problem in relation to Spirit issues, they will call for an EFDF official or the TD. This person will have the authority to halt the game at any point, on the grounds of Spirit problems.

The action taken can be a short pause in order for the Captains to calm their teams down, or even a decision to play the rest of the game at a later time, should the schedule allow. The official shall bring any misconduct to the attention of the TRG, which may decide on sanctions according to the rules above.

The call will not be made on the request of the players. Any captain who is of the opinion that the opposing team is not trying to communicate with his/her team is asked to address the opposing captain. Should this not solve the problem, the captain(s) may ask for intervention from an EFDF representative or the TD. The decision to call or not to call an official lies with the game officials.

Circumstances under which the game officials can/should call for an outside official include:

- Repeated incidents of violent, dangerous or ruthless behaviour
- Repeated incidents of blatant disregard for opponents, spectators, rules or property
- Incidents of disregard for the authority of game officials
- In combination with the assessment on the part of the game officials that the atmosphere of the game is deteriorating.