



1. Introduction

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Thank you for your interest in representing the United States and USA Ultimate at the 2025 World Beach Ultimate Championships (WBUC). WBUC will take place in Algarve, Portugal from November 2-8, 2025.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Players eligible to represent the United States and USA Ultimate on our Beach National Teams must meet the following criteria:

- A) Be U.S. citizens;
- B) Will be current, 2024 and 2025, USA Ultimate members in good standing;
- C) Will agree to abide by the team code of conduct;
- D) Will respect the decisions of the selection committee;
- E) Will be able to attend training and the trip to the world championship event.

TRYOUT INVITE TIMELINE

Only the mixed, open, and women's teams will be selected via tryouts. All Masters (including GM and GGM) teams will be selected on the basis of this application only.

- 5pm mountain August 31, 2024: Application due
- Mid-to-late September, 2024: Applicants invited to tryout camps for all non-Masters (including GM and GGM) teams
- Early October, 2024: Players invited to tryout camp confirm attendance and pay tryout camp fees
- November 2-3: West tryout
- November 9-10: East tryout

TEAM SELECTION, TRAINING, & COMPETITION

- November, 2024: Team selection decisions sent to athletes for mixed, open, and women's teams
 - November, 2024: Team player-managers chosen for all Masters (including GM and GGM) teams
 - November/December, 2024: Team selection decisions sent to athletes for all Masters (including GM and GGM) teams
 - Training TBD
 - November 2-8, 2025: World Beach Ultimate Championships in Algarve, Portugal
- *Applicants not initially selected for an invitation will be placed on a waitlist.
Applicants may be invited to participate in a tryout off of the waitlist at any time.

* 1. I have read and understand the information above related to the schedule and eligibility, and agree that I am willing and able to participate as described, if selected for tryouts and the team.

Yes

No

* 2. Please also sign the box below to indicate that you fully understand and agree to the requirements outlined above. (First and last name. Please no nicknames).



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* 3. HOW WILL THE TEAMS BE SELECTED?

We hope to send teams in the Mixed, Open, Women's, Master Mixed, Master Open*, Master Women's*, Grand Master Mixed*, Grand Master Open, Grand Master Women's*, Great Grand Master Mixed*, Great Grand Master Open*, and Great Grand Master Women's* divisions. All divisions are subject to getting enough teams for WFDF to hold the divisions and the starred divisions did not have enough interest for the 2023 event.

The selection criteria for the players representing the U.S. will encompass a variety of factors including level of skill, experience, teamwork, spirit, dedication to the sport, and ability to be strong ambassadors of USA Ultimate. Geographic diversity of the team will also be taken into consideration.

I have read and understand the above and agree to abide by the decisions of the coaching staff(s) and USA Ultimate.

Yes

No



3. Applicant information

* 4. Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Address:

Address 2:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP:

Country:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

* 5. USA Ultimate Member #

* 6. Is your USAU membership current? You must be a current member to be considered.

- Yes
- No

* 7. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

* 8. Height (example: 5'11")

* 9. What hand is your primary throwing hand?

- Left
- Right
- Both

10. Please upload a headshot photo. It should clearly show your face.

Only PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF files are supported.

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

* 11. Ethnic or Racial Identity:

- American Indian/Alaska Native/Aleutian
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hawaiian Native/Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Multiracial
- White
- Other Ethnic or Racial Identity
- Prefer Not to Answer
- Other (please specify)

* 12. Competition Gender: WFDF requires all participating national teams to adhere to its [Transgender Athlete Policy](#). This policy is different in several important ways from USA Ultimate's [Gender Inclusion Policy](#). Most notably, whereas USA Ultimate affirms that players have "the freedom to participate... in the division in which they feel most comfortable and safe based on their gender identity," the WFDF policy prohibits some trans athletes from competing in the division associated with their gender identity unless they also meet certain medical criteria. In recognition of this discrepancy, USA Ultimate's Gender Inclusion Policy also states that "athletes trying out and being selected for USA Ultimate National Teams will be required to compete in accordance with the WFDF Transgender Policy."

This applies to the tryout and team selection process. Please select the gender-matching designation under which you are eligible to compete according to WFDF's policy.

- Female Matching
- Male Matching

* 13. Pronouns

- He/Him/His
- He/Him/His/They/Them/Theirs
- She/Her/Hers
- She/Her/Hers/They/Them/Theirs
- They/Them/Theirs
- Ze/Hir/Hirs

* 14. Which team(s) are you applying for? (You may select more than one, depending on age restrictions)

WFDF minimum ages by December 31, 2025 are shown in parentheses after division name

- Mixed (14)
- Open (14)
- Women's (14)
- Master Mixed (30 female matching, 33 male matching)
- Master Open (30 female matching, 33 male matching)
- Master Women's (30)
- Grand Master Mixed (37 female matching, 40 male matching)
- Grand Master Open (37 female matching, 40 male matching)
- Grand Master Women's (37)
- Great Grand Master Mixed (45 female matching, 48 male matching)
- Great Grand Master Open (45 female matching, 48 male matching)
- Great Grand Master Women's (45)

If you selected more than one division, please rank the divisions in order of preference here:

* 15. I am on a WUGC team in 2024 and/or our World Games team in 2022.

- Yes
- No

16.

****Team Managers****

If you did not select any option other than Mixed, Open, or Women's above, please skip this question as these teams have coaches rather than team managers.

If you selected one or more Master, Grand Master, or Great Grand Master options, please review the information about team managers and answer this question as those teams will not have coaches, but one (or more) athlete on each team will be designated as team manager.

The team manager plays an essential role in the success of the national team. Their management of the team has a direct influence on the experience of their fellow team members. The person(s) selected will need to have strong leadership skills as well as being a respected player. Knowledge of beach ultimate is a must as well as having strong communication skills.

The team managers with input from USA Ultimate staff will manage the operations of the WBUC team for which they are selected. Team Managers are also athletes on their respective teams. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Team Selection
- Communication between USA Ultimate and WFDF regarding competition and logistical issues.
- Facilitate selection of team captains
- Communication between the team leading up to the event
- Facilitating team training

Note: because of the leadership responsibilities inherent in this role, team managers will be held to the same standards of ethics and conduct as coaches. These will include standards related to dual relationships. Team Managers will not be able to have significant others (past or present) or family members play under them.

USA Ultimate may conduct phone interviews with prospective managers. You will be contacted by USA Ultimate staff and a time scheduled if selected.

Team Managers will have to participate in a mandatory conference call with USA Ultimate HQ to cover the responsibilities of acting as team manager.

Do you want to be considered as a team manager?

- Yes
 No

* 17. Are you a US Citizen?

- Yes
 No



4. Travel and Expenses

* 18. If selected to play for Team USA, are you likely able to attend pre-World Championship training or tournaments?

Please note, participation at the events is not a requirement, but may be a factor in the selection process.

Yes

No

* 19. Expected Team Costs (subject to change):

- Player fee is to be determined, but likely \$2,000 - \$3,000 (this covers tournament fees, tournament lodging, lunch during the event, medical team costs, coaching staff costs, and other team-wide expenses)
- Travel to and from Portugal
- Meals outside of lunch during the event
- Travel to training weekends (one or two training weekends, locations TBD)
- Meals during training weekends
- Lodging for training weekends

If you need further assistance to cover these expenses, please reach out to david.raflo@hq.usultimate.org. Indicating a need for financial assistance will NOT affect whether or not you are invited to tryouts. Additionally, if you would like to sponsor another player's fee, please email david.raflo@hq.usultimate.org.

Financial Assistance: We understand that covering the numerous costs associated with being part of the WBUC National Team is difficult for some athletes, and we do not want finances to dictate whether someone can represent our country on the ultimate field.

If you are selected as a member of the team and are unable to cover the expenses, it is highly recommended that, as a first step, you create a personal fundraising campaign. In our experience working with players across all of our National Teams, we've found personal fundraising to your community and network to be most effective, primarily because your community knows you and would want to support your personal journey and experience as part of the WBUC National Team. Some successful ways that people have raised money previously are to run campaigns through RallyMe or GoFundMe, generate support through your local disc organization, hold a hat tournament, etc.

Are you willing to cover the costs which you may personally incur in order to participate on this team? These expenses include tryout fee, player fee, travel, hotel, and food.

Yes

No

* 20. Which tryout would you generally prefer?

- Santa Monica, CA November 2-3, 2024
- Clearwater, FL November 9-10, 2024
- No preference



5. Ultimate History

Please provide a list (both grass and beach) of your most relevant playing experience, starting with the most recent (team name, surface, division, years on the team). The next five questions will allow you to enter up to five teams.



6. Team 1

* 21. Team 1 Name

* 22. Team 1 Years

* 23. Team 1 Age Group

- Youth/High School
- College
- Club
- Masters
- GM
- GGM

* 24. Team 1 Surface

- Grass
- Beach

* 25. Team 1 Division:

- Mixed
- Open/Boys
- Women's/Girls

* 26. Team 1 Highlights and Championship Placements

* 27. Team 1 Roles both on and off field

* 28. Would you like to enter another team?

- Yes
- No



7. Team 2

* 29. Team 2 Name

* 30. Team 2 Years

* 31. Team 2 Age Group

- Youth/High School
- College
- Club
- Masters
- GM
- GGM

* 32. Team 2 Surface

- Grass
- Beach

* 33. Team 2 Division:

- Mixed
- Open/Boys
- Women's/Girls

* 34. Team 2 Highlights and Championship Placements

* 35. Team 2 Roles both on and off field

* 36. Would you like to enter another team?

- Yes
- No



8. Team 3

* 37. Team 3 Name

* 38. Team 3 Years

* 39. Team 3 Age Group

- Youth/High School
- College
- Club
- Masters
- GM
- GGM

* 40. Team 3 Surface

- Grass
- Beach

* 41. Team 3 Division:

- Mixed
- Open/Boys
- Women's/Girls

* 42. Team 3 Highlights and Championship Placements

* 43. Team 3 Roles both on and off field

* 44. Would you like to enter another team?

- Yes
- No



9. Team 4

* 45. Team 4 Name

* 46. Team 4 Years

* 47. Team 4 Age Group

- Youth/High School
- College
- Club
- Masters
- GM
- GGM

* 48. Team 4 Surface

- Grass
- Beach

* 49. Team 4 Division:

- Mixed
- Open/Boys
- Women's/Girls

* 50. Team 4 Highlights and Championship Placements

* 51. Team 4 Roles both on and off field

* 52. Would you like to enter another team?

- Yes
- No



10. Team 5

* 53. Team 5 Name

* 54. Team 5 Years

* 55. Team 5 Age Group

- Youth/High School
- College
- Club
- Masters
- GM
- GGM

* 56. Team 5 Surface

- Grass
- Beach

* 57. Team 5 Division:

- Mixed
- Open/Boys
- Women's/Girls

* 58. Team 5 Highlights and Championship Placements

* 59. Team 5 Roles both on and off field

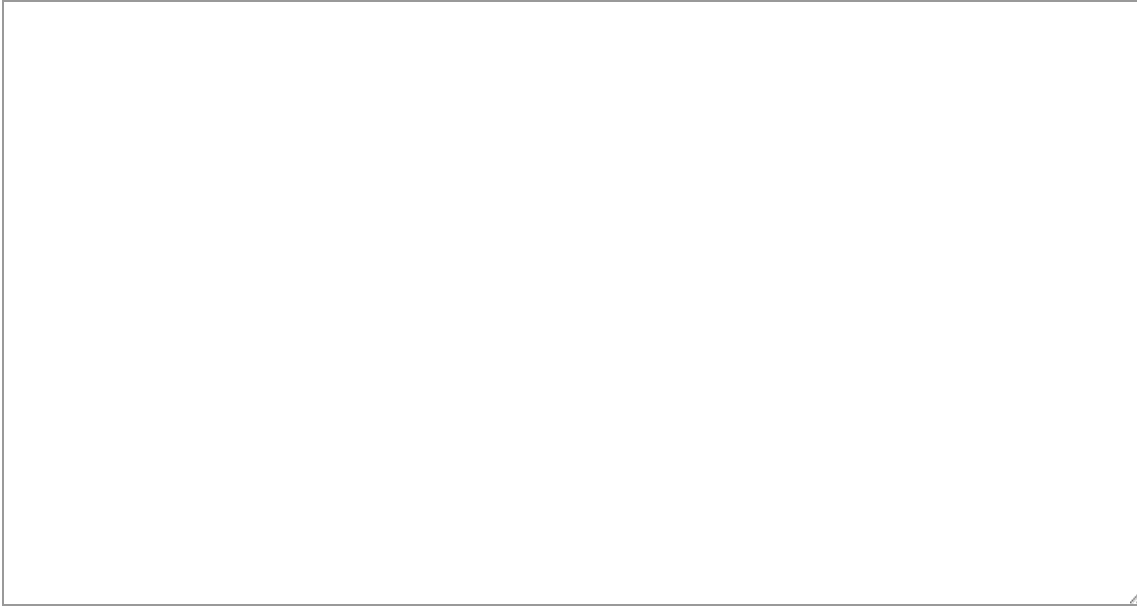


11. Ultimate History (continued)

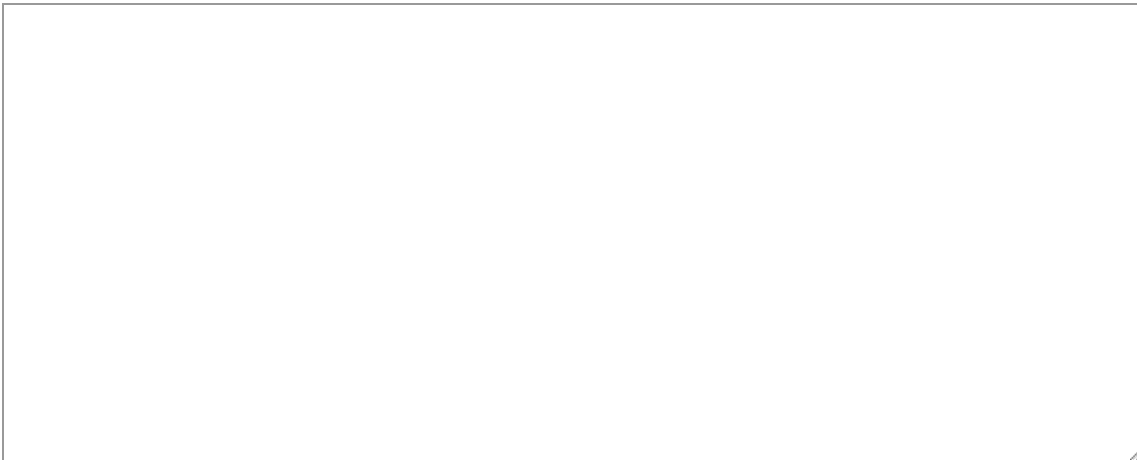
* 60. What does Spirit of the Game mean to you? Share examples of when you both upheld and failed to hold this standard for yourself.
(Please note, a total of 20 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)

* 61. List your strengths as a player and teammate that separate you from other players?
(Please note, a total of 20 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)

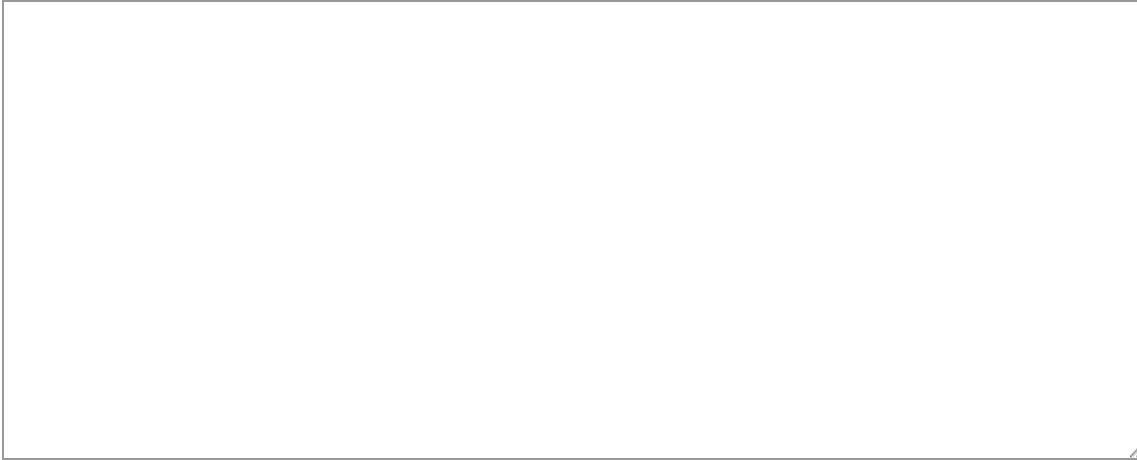
* 62. Describe a time in your career where you reflected, identified, and worked on an area for growth as a player.
(Please note, a total of 20 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)



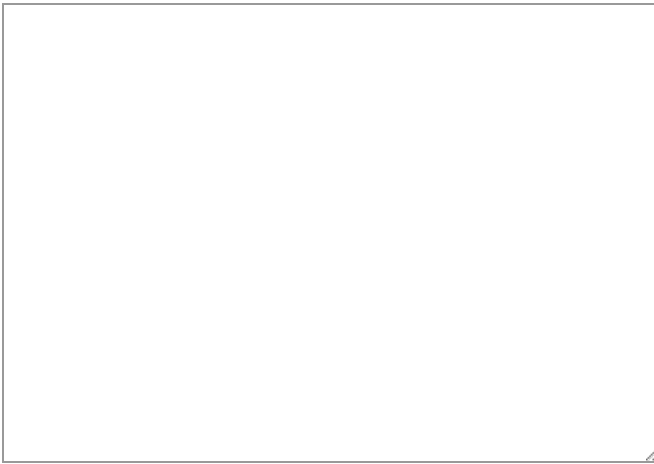
* 63. What offensive role are you best at and why? Please provide information for both person-to-person and zone. (Please note: A total of 15 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)



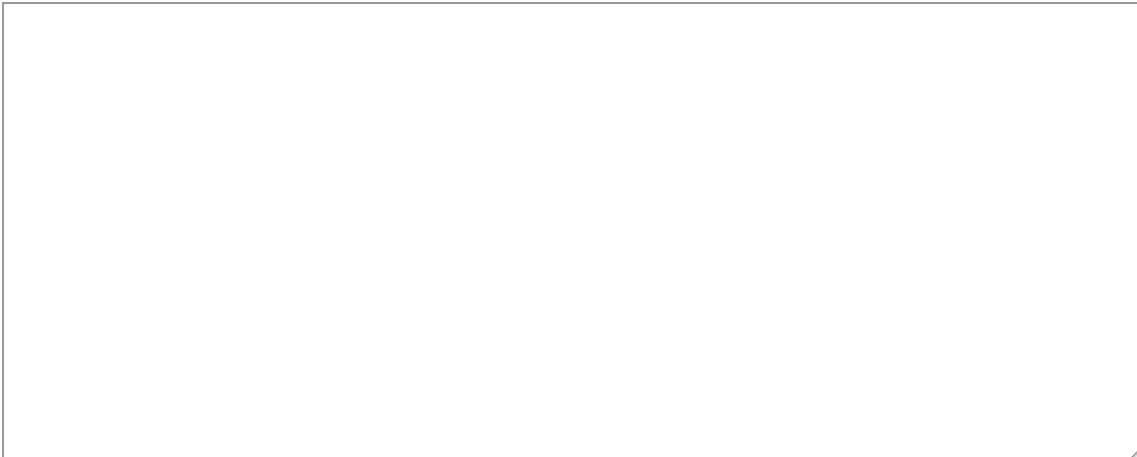
* 64. What defensive role are you best at and why? Please provide information for both person-to-person and zone. (Please note: A total of 15 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)



* 65. Please describe what makes beach different from grass as a player. Please give specific examples where possible. (Please note, a total of 15 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)

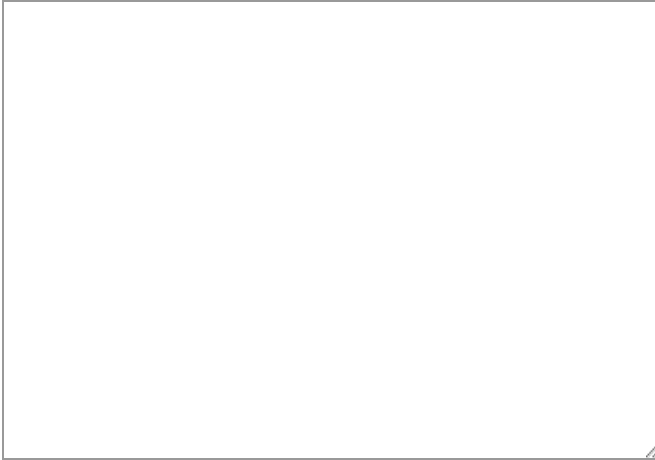


* 66. What brings you joy while playing ultimate?
(Please note, a total of 15 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)



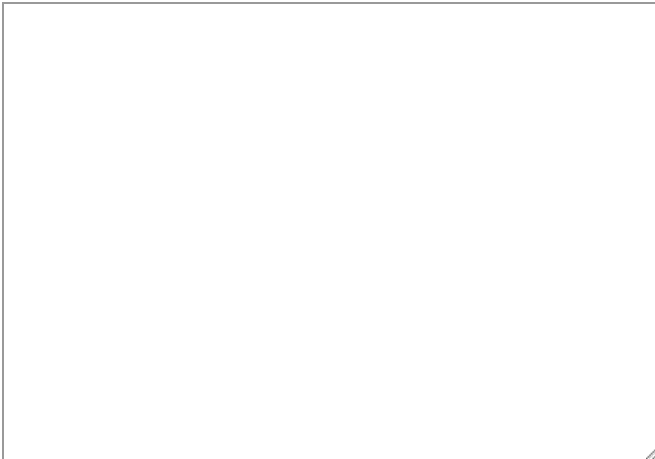
* 67. If you get frustrated while playing a game of ultimate, what does that look like? Please provide an example.

(Please note, a total of 15 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)



* 68. What else would you like the Selection Committee to know about you?

(Please note, a total of 15 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)





12. Representing USA Responsibility

* 69. What does the responsibility of representing the USA in international competition mean to you? (Please note, a total of 20 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response) (Please note, a total of 20 lines of 100 characters each have been provided for your response)

* 70. Are you ready to submit your application?

Yes

No



13. Thank you!

A member of the selection committee will be in touch regarding the next steps in the application process.