



# National Convention 2017



**WELCOME** to USA Ultimate's largest-ever event, the 2017 U.S. Open Club Championships and the annual organizers convention! Special appreciation goes out to each representative from the USA Ultimate Affiliates and State-Based Organizations (SBO) for sharing their unique stories during the Thursday highlight sessions.

We hope that you enjoy these interactive, informative sessions and that you engage and connect with our sport's thought-leaders as we discuss how to **keep advancing ultimate** together!

## Session Descriptions

### Thursday, August 3

#### **8:30am - 9:00am: CEO Address and Safe Sport**

USA Ultimate CEO, Dr. Tom Crawford, will discuss strategic priorities, including the importance of following the guidelines of Safe Sport at all levels, keeping our athletes safe from sexual, physical and emotional abuse, harassment and hazing.

#### **9:00am - 9:30am: Competition and Athlete Program Updates**

USA Ultimate Managing Director of Competition and Athlete Programs, Will Deaver, will present updates on competition divisions and programs, including ongoing plans for developing youth club competition and connecting adult club teams to their local affiliate organizations.

#### **9:30am - 10:00am: Coaching Development**

USA Ultimate Manager of Youth Education and Outreach Programs, Dan Raabe, will present updates and gather feedback for enhancements to the Coaching Development Program (CDP), which focuses on educating high-quality coaches to lead ultimate teams and athletes.

#### **10:00am - 10:30am: Observers at the Local Level** (followed by a quick leg stretch & bio break)

USA Ultimate Certified Observer, Kate Monforti, will talk about the benefits of engaging and increasing the certified observer corps in local communities, as well as strategies for success.

#### **10:45am - 12:15pm: State-Based Organization Highlights** (followed by a half hour lunch)

Directors of the five current State-Based Organizations in North Carolina, Minnesota, New England Ultimate, California and Illinois will share and discuss notable successes achieved and significant challenges faced.

#### **12:45pm - 6:00pm: Affiliate Organization Highlights** (including a bio break, followed by dinner)

Representatives from USA Ultimate Affiliate organizations around the nation will present recent successes achieved and challenges faced, providing engaging discussions and key connections to the insights and experiences of fellow local and regional organizers in attendance.

### Friday, August 4

#### **7:45pm - 9:00pm: GUM Annual Update** in the NSC Welcome Center's Grand Hall

Join the Girls' Ultimate Movement (GUM) for their yearly update. Throughout the presentation there will be opportunities to give your feedback and input on where you want to see improvements and growth in the next year. Girls' National Outreach Director, Rachel Johnson will present updates of the Girls' Ultimate Movement (GUM) program. Co-author, Betsy Calkins will present the new GUM high school curriculum.

### Saturday, August 5

#### **9:00pm - 10:30pm: Equity and Diversity Open Forum** in the NSC Welcome Center's Grand Hall

Join local club and YCC players and the Minnesota Girls Ultimate Players Initiative along with the USA Ultimate Equity and Diversity Working Group for this player-led, USA Ultimate-sponsored equity and diversity forum. After a brief opening, there will be small breakout group discussions facilitated by club players from various club teams on a range of topics related to equity and diversity. We'll close out the evening with a town hall open forum.



*As a convention registrant, we also invite **you** to attend all of the following activities, beyond the convention-specific sessions, this weekend at the National Sports Center:*

**Thursday, August 3:**

6:30pm - 8:00pm: Affiliate Award Recognition Dinner (Sports Hall Classroom)

8:00pm - 9:00pm: International Club Championships (ICC) team captains meeting  
(Welcome Center's Grand Hall)

**Friday, August 4:**

8:30am - 7:15pm: ICC pool play competition (Details in event guide)

1:00pm - 5:30pm: Youth Talent ID Camp with U-20 National Team Coaches  
(“L” Fields)

5:30pm - 7:15pm: Showcase game: Boston Slow White vs. Seattle Mixtape  
(Field U2)

6:00pm - 9:30pm: Youth Club Championships (YCC) team check-in  
(Sports Hall Classroom)

**Saturday, August 5:**

8:30am - 8:45pm: ICC competition - consolation / semifinals (Details in event guide)

8:30am - 5:15pm: YCC pool play competition (Details in event guide)

4:45pm - 6:45pm: ICC team player dinner (Stadium)

**Sunday, August 6:**

8:30am - 5:15pm: YCC competition - pool / bracket (Details in event guide)

10:00am - 7:45pm: ICC championship finals and awards (Stadium)

4:45pm - 6:45pm: YCC team player dinner (Stadium)

**Monday, August 7:**

8:30am - 2:45pm: YCC bracket competition (Details in event guide)

2:45pm - 4:45pm: YCC finals (Details in event guide)

5:00pm - 5:30pm: YCC team awards and closing ceremony (“H” fields)

*We hope you have lots and lots of **fun** with us this weekend!*

***Please come back again next year!***