

Invitation to the EFDF ULTIMATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005 July 3rd - 9th, 2005 hosted in Rostock (Germany)



To all European National Flying Disc Associations

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Dear National Association representative,

this is EFDF's official invitation for club teams of your country to participate in the 2005 EFDF European Ultimate Club Championships.

As we announced in September the EFDF European Ultimate Club Championship 2005 will take place in Rostock, Germany, during the week of July 3rd to 9th, 2005. The hosts from the local Ultimate team "Endzonis Rostock" have started to organize the event and are looking forward to greeting Europe's top club Ultimate teams in their home city. The EUCC 2005 will provide teams from over 20 countries the chance to compete against each other, improve their level of play, and will also serve as a ranking event for the European teams prior to the WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships 2006 in Perth, Australia.

EFDF wishes to see the best teams from your country participate. This letter is meant to help coordinate the selection of teams from each country and inform you of other important considerations regarding the tournament.

Team Selection

We are planning on hosting the tournament for 32-40 Open division, 16-24 Womens, 8-12 Masters and 12-16 Mixed teams. These numbers are rather vague at the moment as we do not really know how the interest in the various divisions will be. The total number of teams is mainly limited by the number of fields and we plan to adjust the team numbers in the different divisions according to the interest we receive.

The national associations will be responsible for selecting the participating teams. Each European country that has a national flying disc association or an international contact person may enter at least one team per division. Depending on its performance at the most recent national team competition (the World Ultimate Championships in 2004) some countries will receive more spots to enter teams (Open, Women and Mixed divisions only).

We need **your help** as the national representative to coordinate the selection of teams from your country. You are responsible for contacting interested teams from your country, ranking the teams (teams will be selected and seeded according to the ranking you provide), and sending us this information in time to enable EFDF to select and confirm the teams that receive spots. Due to experience from the past EFDF asks you to **encourage all teams interested in competing to sign up**, no matter how many spots you receive. These "wild card" teams will receive the unused spots after the deadline of the initial registration (dates see below) or if registered teams pull out as the EUCC gets closer. **In order for EFDF to be able to compare/rank these wild card teams in a fair way it's particularly important that their mentionable international tournament placings during 2003 and 2004 are indicated.**

Team spots per country and division:

	Number of spots per division			
Country	Open	Women	Masters	Mixed
Austria	1	1	1	1
Belarus	1	1	1	1
Belgium	1	1	1	1
Czech Republic	1	1	1	3
Denmark	4	2	1	1
Estonia	1	1	1	1
Finland	4	3	1	2
France	1	1	1	1
Germany	3	2	1	3
Great Britain	3	3	1	3
Hungary	1	1	1	1
Ireland	1	1	1	1
Israel	1	1	1	1
Italy	2	2	1	1
Latvia	1	1	1	1
Lithuania	1	1	1	1
Netherlands	2	2	1	1
Norway	1	1	1	1
Poland	1	1	1	1
Portugal	1	1	1	1
Russia	1	1	1	1
Slovak Republic	1	1	1	1
Spain	1	1	1	1
Sweden	4	3	1	2
Switzerland	3	1	1	2
Ukraine	1	1	1	1

Registration schedule for EUCC 2005

Jan 15th List of interested teams according to number of spots and additional teams with ranking and their merits (mentionable international tournament placings during 2003 and 2004) sent to EFDF **by the national associations**. Teams entered for a confirmed national spot receive immediate confirmation by EFDF and may then start registering at the EUCC web site (see below).

Feb 1st Unused spots are assigned to wild card teams on the waiting list and EFDF informs the national associations of the respective teams.

March 1st Team deposit to be paid and rosters **countersigned and sent to EFDF by the national associations** with choice of accommodation to be sent. If teams fail to
pay, wildcard teams on the waiting list will take over their spots with a new deadline
to pay the deposit.

Deposits will be fully refundable until April 1st. In the case of a refund that spot becomes available and will be given to the next team on the waiting list.

May 15th Players fees to be paid.

June 19th Final date for any changes/additions of the roster.

Roster requirements

Below are the eligibility rules for the EUCC 2005. You must be familiar with these roster requirements, since you are expected to inspect the rosters of the teams from your country and countersign them before they are sent to us.

1. Definition of a club team:

"A team comprised of players, who have not for the last three months prior to the European Ultimate Club Championship tournament played, competed and entered into competitive tournaments with any other team and who reside in the same geographic locality.

A local sports club that is a legally recognized entity and has a large enough regular membership base to support more than a single competing team may enter into the tournament with a single team comprised of players selected from any regularly competing team of the club."

2. Exceptions

Womens division:

To encourage participation in the Womens division teams will be granted reasonable exceptions to the club definition up to, but not including 25% of the complete team roster (e.g. 12 true members + 3 exceptions = 15 players).

Masters division:

To encourage participation in the Masters division teams will be granted reasonable exceptions to the club definition up to, but not including 75% of the complete team roster (e.g. 4 true members + 11 exceptions = 15 players).

Please note that EFDF will follow WFDF's rules for the minimum age of a Master player and that this could change in early 2005.

All divisions:

If a country is participating for the first time in a division, in order to help the development of the sport the team may consist of players from various clubs of that country as well as up to 3 players from foreign countries. However, no such team may compete in the semifinal stages of the event.

All these exceptions must be indicated on the roster.

All **other** exceptions to the club team definition shall be submitted to the approval of the national association of the country, which the team represents, and the approval of the EFDF. These exceptions can be of the nature of e.g. a player who resides in another area of the same country, but has strong ties with the club.

The team roster forms will have a separate column to provide details on any exceptions to the club definitions that the team wishes to submit for consideration by the respective national association and the EFDF.

Team rosters should be filled out by team captains, countersigned by a representative of the respective national association, and received by the tournament directorate in Rostock by June 19th, 2005.

General Information

The Tournament Organising Committee (TOC)

Tom Rettschlag Jörn Hameister info@eucc2005.org

The TOC has set up a EUCC web site at

http://www.eucc2005.org/

which will offer more information shortly after January 5th.

We would like to refer you to these web pages for all questions concerning organisational aspects such as accommodation, food and transportation.

Team Registration

We ask you to send EFDF a list of those teams from your country which are interested in attending the EUCC 2005. Send us one list for each division (Open, Women, Masters, Mixed). Please include this information:

Division:

Team name:

Contact person (name):

e-mail address:

National ranking:

Mentionable (international) tournament placings during 2003 and 2004:

Please send this information to EFDF no later than January 15th.

You may use these means of communication:

E-mail (preferred): 2005@efdf.org

Postal mail:

EFDF c/o Thomas Griesbaum Brieger Str. 8 76139 Karlsruhe Germany

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We hope this covers most of your questions. If not feel free to contact EFDF at any time.

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