THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FLYING DISC ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

NOTE

This Annual Report has been prepared for the Term of Office of the 2007 Western Australian Flying Disc Association (WAFDA) Committee.

This Term of Office runs from the 2006 WAFDA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 6 December 2006, through to the 2007 AGM held 15 October 2007.

Future WAFDA Annual Reports will be for the Financial Year commencing with the WAFDA Annual Report 2008 covering the period from July 1 2007 to June 30 2008.

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1. The Western Australian Flying Disc Association

The objects of the WAFDA are to:

- To promote interest and growth in Flying Disc play
- To actively promote a spirit of goodwill and friendship for all people involved in the activities of Flying Disc play
- To make the community and all governments aware of the benefits of Flying Disc play as an outdoor leisure activity and as a sport
- To assist in the promotion and running of local Flying Disc clubs
- To conduct state championships annually and such other tournaments as deemed necessary
- To do all things and acts conducive to the furtherance of the objects and interests of the Association
- To continue affiliation to the National governing body, being the Australian Flying Disc Association Incorporated

The WAFDA is an Affiliate of the Australian Flying Disc Association (AFDA) Incorporated, the peak governing body of all Flying Disc sports in Australia.

2. President's Report

Major changes were made to WA Ultimate since the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, a new Constitution of the WAFDA was approved by our members, and then approved by The Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP).

The World Ultimate Club Championships came to Perth in 2006 and we took this unique opportunity to gain from the attention given to Ultimate. WAFDA ran "Come and Try" clinics both north and south of the Swan River. Through this initiative we gained enough interest to develop a whole new league, and from this the Social Ultimate League (SUL) was born.

Two separate leagues of five weeks were trialled and deemed successful. The first league consisted of four teams, the second and third grew to six teams and the current league is hosting eight competitive social league teams.

With the influx of new players the structure of League was altered to a two-division format, therefore allowing the experienced players to coach and develop the new players coming through the ranks while still being able to enjoy their regular Perth Ultimate League (PUL) games each week. Our Division One league (PUL) is now at seven full teams.

The WA Ultimate website has been a far more effective tool than ever before.

Maintained by our IT expert Steve Baker we were able to make all WA Ultimate information accessible to all our members. New league modules were introduced providing current fixtures and results for the leagues and members are communicating regularly via the forums.

All league and tournament registrations are now done via the AFDA online registration system. WAFDA Treasurer Paul Denyer took the time to set all this up and help streamline the administrative workload of record keeping for all WA competitions

To assist in accurate financial documentation and association auditing WAFDA now issues official receipts for all transactions.

This year Western Australia had two representative teams competing at the Australian Ultimate Championships (AUC) 2007 hosted by the Victorian Flying Disc Association and held at La Trobe University, Melbourne.

In the Open division, Sublime placed 6th. In the Women's division, Primal placed 12th.

Still excited about the achievements at AUC 2007, Monday night Women's and Men's sessions were established to maintain development of our separate

gender teams. These sessions have now created the pathway to the launch of Men's and Women's Leagues in October 2007 here in Perth.

With the success of Sublime's Nationals campaign, the team earned the right to compete in the National Ultimate Frisbee League (NUFL) 2007. This is a first for any WA team!

With dedication, hard work and some smart draft picks Sublime took it to the country's best and finished in a highly respectable third place over the two-tournament league held in Sydney and Melbourne.

WA Women were also represented for the first time at NUFL 2007. Debbie Ng, Viviane Bartlett and I were accepted into the National League as free agents and played with Sara Lee (NSW), Sultry (QLD) and Factory Girls (ACT) respectively.

In preparation for team selection for Worlds 2008 an invitation was sent for Australian Ultimate players to attend a National Training Camp. Western Australia was well represented at this elite training camp with John Damiani, Billy Alexander, Paul Denyer, Daniel McNaughton, Paul Staples, Debbie Ng, Viviane Bartlett and Anna Haynes attending.

The Phoenix Has Risen 2007 tournament (WA Regional Championships – Mixed Division), which is usually held in January, was moved to the later time slot this year. The first weekend of September bought wonderful spring conditions to a successfully run state mixed title. Thank you to all who participated, making this a fantastic local event with a great display of skills and sportsmanship. Big thanks go out to Paul Denyer, John Damiani, Andrew Delane, Debbie Ng, and Amanda Kelly for their assistance throughout the tournament, and to Royd Aisbett, Melanie Barter, Natalie Kippin and Mike Donn and Adrian Trott for food preparation duties.

Western Australian Minister for Sport and Recreation John Kobelke opened the event resulting in some good press coverage for Western Australian Ultimate, including a colour photo in the Sunday Times newspaper.

With so many WAFDA members present we were able to take the opportunity to officially present Steve Baker with the Rob Hancock Memorial Award, awarded to Steve at the Australian Ultimate Championships earlier in the year, during the tournament presentations.

Perth Sports Photography took tournament photographs. The excellent pictures are available for viewing and purchasing via www.pspwa.com.

After much preparation for this "A Tier" classed disc golf event, the Perth Open was held in March this year. This was the second event of the inaugural ADG Tour. International tournament director Chris Himing hosted the event.

Day one was held at the Rob Hancock Memorial Course in Greenwood it was at this time the award of Honorary Lifetime Membership to the ADG and

membership number 0001 to late Rob Hancock and Rob's parents were on hand to accept the award.

Day two was held at the newly developed Disc Golf course at The Maze.

Murdoch University and UWA competed at these years Australian University Games held on the Gold Coast. UWA finished in 10th place and Murdoch in 15th.

I would like to express gratitude to all the AASC deliverers this year. Demand for Ultimate sessions is very high and it's fantastic way to promote this great sport to all age groups.

Special thanks must also go to our Sponsors.

Little Creatures Brewing donated the major prizes at this year's Phoenix Has Risen Championships. The WAFDA is greatly appreciative of their on-going support for Ultimate in this state and hope to continue expanding our relationship with Little Creatures in the future.

Nu-Phase Electrical Engineering Supplies & Ionik Consulting funded the uniforms worn by the women of Primal this year through their sponsorship of the team.

Damiani Cabinets supplied the shirts worn by Sublime during their NUFL endeavours.

To the WAFDA 2007 Committee - Russell Slaughter, Andrew Hutcheon, Paul Denyer, Debbie Ng, John Damiani, Andrew Delane, Melanie Barter & Ross Macbeth - your commitment and support this year is most appreciated and I thank you for all your hard work.

To Russell Slaughter, Andrew Hutcheon and Melanie Barter who step down from the WAFDA Committee at this time I sincerely thank you for your time given to the WAFDA, your efforts and dedication to making this association a more professional and stronger organisation is commendable, it has been a pleasure to work along side you and I genuinely am grateful for all your input.

Thanks and Regards,

Anna Haynes

President

Western Australian Flying Disc Association Incorporated

3. Financial Report

WAFDA has continued to grow and improve its financial position over financial reporting period through aiming to become financially sustainable and maintain good financial management practices. This is evident in achieving a strong surplus over the reporting period from 12 December to 30 June 2007. This surplus is due to successful grant applications and greater than anticipated competition revenue due to the large number of participants. In the coming financial year WAFDA will explore further income opportunities through revenue, grants and sponsorship in order to achieve our objectives while ensuring that we offer a highly affordable competitions and good value for money for our members.

3.1 Financial Sustainability

WAFDA has been keenly pursuing opportunities for financial assistance through grants, competition and other activities. These further revenues will provide funding to achieve our targets for Key Resultant Areas in 2007/2008 and ensure that we offer a highly affordable competitions and good value for money for our members.

3.1.1 Income

Traditionally WAFDA source of income has been generated from memberships and competitions. The increase in competition numbers has also lead to increased revenue however WAFDA still endeavours to develop new incomes including:

- Interest earned on our current asset through a dedicated savings account.
- Fees for AASC and School coaching co-ordination.
- Inventory Sales

3.1.2 Grants

WAFDA regularly reviews and applies for grants it is eligible for in accordance with its Strategic and Operational Plans. WAFDA has continued to receive good support from the Department of Sport and Recreation WA and Lotterywest through the Sports Lotteries Account Grant.

WAFDA was recently successful in securing Volunteer Small Equipment Grant 2007 from the Federal Government. The equipment to be purchased includes a laptop, software, and digital camera. This will benefit volunteers on the executive committee immensely in collating information and providing a convenient access to equipment.

WAFDA will also conduct a Level 1 ASC Ultimate Disc Coaching Course during the coming financial year and will apply for the "Alcoa Coach in Residence" grant to assist in funding interstate coaches.

3.1.3 Sponsorship

WAFDA greatly acknowledges the support of **Little Creatures Brewing**, **Nu-Phase Electrical Engineering Supplies, Ionik Consulting** and **Damiani Cabinets** to the greater Ultimate community; however sponsorship remains underdeveloped by WAFDA. A concerted effort will be made to develop sponsorship relationships for the coming financial year.

3.2 Financial Management

Summaries of the Profit and Loss Statement from 12 December 2006 to 30 June 2007, and the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007, are shown in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

WAFDA Profit and Loss Statement **12 December 2006 - 30 June 2007**

Income	
Coaching Clinics	$7,276.00
Grants (DSR, Other)	$5,000.00
Competitions	$9,040.00
Event Based (Affiliation) Fees	$234.00
Bank Interest	$0.00
Refunds	$210.00
Loan Repayments	$3,587.36
Total:	**$25,347.36**

Expenditure	
KRA 1 (Governance)	$455.00
KRA 2 (Sports Development)	$3,972.56
AFDA Affiliation Fees	$3,577.00
Coaching Clinic Fees	$7,126.00
Loans	$3,587.36
Refunds	$135.00
Total:	**$18,852.92**
Surplus (deficit) over period	**$6,494.44**

Table 1 - Profit Loss Statement 12 December 2006 to 30 June 2007

WAFDA Balance Sheet	As at 30 June 2007	As at 12 December 2006
Assets		
Cheque Account Balance	$13,724.03	$11,274.57
Cash	$20.00	$39.60
Receivables*	$3,481.00	$5,656.30
Outstanding Loans	$337.36	$3,484.32
Inventory	$3,380.20	$2,100.00
Total:	**$20,942.59**	**$22,554.79**
Liabilities		
Payables*	$5,738.36	$13,895.00
Bad Debt	$50.00	$0.00
Total:	**$5,788.36**	**$13,895.00**
Equity		
Retained Earnings	$8,659.79	$8,849.64
Current Earnings	$6,494.44	-$189.85
Total:	**$15,154.23**	**$8,659.79**

*Indicates Payables and Receivables were greater than previously estimated in 12 December 2006 Balance Sheet.

Table 2 - Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007

Financial positions and bank statements are presented at monthly executive meetings to track finances throughout the year. An annual budget and Fully Costed Operational Plan have also been prepared and endorsed by the Executive.

Record keeping and accounting for the association with increased activity and turnover is becoming a time consuming process and it is hoped the recent acquisition of MYOB accounting software and user training will improve and streamline reporting practices for the next financial year.

Financial procedures will also be developed in the coming year to capture learning's and provide a good orientation to the roles and responsibilities for future executive members.

4. Committee

4.1 Executive Committee

President

Anna Haynes

Vice President

Russell Slaughter

Treasurer

Paul Denyer

Secretary

Debbie Ng

Registrar

Andrew Hutcheon

4.2 General Committee

Club & University Co-ordinator

Andrew Delane

Events Director

John Damiani

Youth Development

Steve Baker

Media & Publicity Officer

Melanie Barter

5. Participation

Participation in WAFDA Leagues and Tournaments has more than doubled in 2007 with to 236 Active Members as of 1 August 2007, increasing from an estimated 100 Active Members in 2006.

This increase is largely due to the introduction of the Social Ultimate League.

Perth Ultimate League numbers have stayed relatively constant whereas the Social Ultimate League numbers have doubled over 2007.

In 2007, the WAFDA has moved to online registration via the AFDA registration system. This has reduced the data entry requirements on the WAFDA with players required to register themselves on line prior to Leagues and Tournaments. This also facilitates simplified calculation of the AFDA Events Based Fee (EBF) to be paid to the AFDA.

Participation figures for the WAFDA organised Social Ultimate Leagues, Perth Ultimate Leagues, and WA Regional Championships (State Championships), are below.

Social Ultimate League (SUL)	Number of Teams	Number of Players
SUL 1	4	48
SUL 2	6	67
SUL 3	6	74
SUL 4	8	97

Table 3 - Social Ultimate League (SUL) Participation

Perth Ultimate League (PUL)	Number of Teams	Number of Players
PUL 27	6	90
PUL 28	7	94
PUL 29	7	94

Table 4 - Perth Ultimate League (PUL) Participation

WA Regional Championships	Number of Teams	Number of Players
Open Division	2	18
Women's Division	2	21
Mixed Division	5	56

Table 5 - WA Regional Championships Participation

The demographics of WAFDA Active Members are outlined below.

Gender	Number	Percentage
Men	147	62%
Women	89	38%
TOTAL	236	100%

Table 6 - Active Members Gender Split

Age Bracket	Number	Percentage
Junior (19 and under)	12	5%
Senior (20 to 32)	197	83%
Veteran (33 and over)	27	11%
TOTAL	236	100%

Table 7 - Active Members Age Split

A typical game of Mixed Ultimate should have a ratio of 4 Men to 3 Women. This corresponds to a percentage of 57% Men and 43% Women for Mixed Ultimate.

Juniors (aged 19 and under) Active Members of the WAFDA make up only 5% of the total Active Members.

Recruitment of Women and Juniors is expected to receive a high focus from the 2008 WAFDA Committee.

6. Operational Plan Overview

The Operational Plan 2007 was developed by the WAFDA Committee and fully costed by the Treasurer.

The High Priority actions from the Operational Plan 2007 are outlined below, for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

The Key Result Areas (KRA) of the Operational Plan are KRA1: Governance, and KRA2: Sport Development.

Full details are available in the WAFDA Fully Costed Annual Operational Plan 2007-2008 document.

6.1 Key Result Area 1: Governance

The Key Result Area 1: Governance is summarised by Category and Strategic Priority below.

Category	Strategic Priority
1.1 Administration	1.1.1 Foster good governance for Flying Disc
1.2 Planning	1.2.1 Planning
1.3 Financial Management	1.3.1 Maintain good financial management practices.
1.4 Risk Management	1.4.1 Adopt strategies to manage identified risks.
1.5 Operation	1.5.1 Ensure sustainable operational performance.

Table 8 - Summary of KRA1: Governance

6.2 Key Result Area 2: Sport Development

The Key Result Area 2: Sport Development is summarised by Category and Strategic Priority below.

Category	Strategic Priority
2.1 Elite Development and Performance	2.1.1. Foster ongoing participation and success at National Competition Level.
	2.1.3 Documentation stating qualification process for athletes, or qualification required of coaches, for selection any representative team, together with dispute resolution process.
2.2 Player Recruitment	2.2.1 Sustain and expand current recruitment.
2.3 Player Retention	2.3.1 Sustain current active player and volunteer base.
	2.3.2 Facilitate pathway development for players from beginner to advanced skills level.
2.4 Club Development	2.4.1 Create a affiliation policy to move towards a club based player system
	2.4.2 Universities

Category	Strategic Priority
	2.4.3 Regional
2.5 Junior Players	2.5.1 Sustain current schools program exposing juniors to ultimate
	2.5.2 Development and implement (school) junior specific competition
2.6 Disc Golf	2.6.1 Maintain current Disc Golf participation rates
2.7 Events	2.7.1 Plan and manage events for state and national level competitions where appropriate facilities are available
	2.7.2 Ensure sustainable event operational performance.
2.8 Access and Equity for Participants	2.8.1 Develop and implement programs and competitions to encourage participation by as many diverse groups as possible.
2.9 Coaching	2.9.1 Develop list of formally recognised coaches in line with Australian Sports Commission.
2.10 Communication	2.10.1. Foster good stakeholder engagement with stakeholders.
2.11 Promotion	2.11.1 Promotion

Table 9 - Summary of KRA2: Sport Development

7. Administration & Governance

7.1 Incorporation

The WAFDA became incorporated in 2007 under the Western Australian Associations Incorporation Act (1987).

7.2 Constitutional Changes

The WAFDA Constitution was amended in order to comply with the Association Incorporation Bill 2006, and was lodged with DOCEP in May 2007. Both documents can be accessed via the WAFDA website downloads page.

7.3 Policies

WAFDA Coaching Guidelines were developed in July to outline the requirements of being an Ultimate coach to external organisations. This includes the coaching accreditation requirements and the equipment needed. The guidelines also provide appropriate charge-out rates for various coaching events depending on their accreditation level and session length. The guidelines are also accessible through the WAFDA website downloads page.

7.4 Publicity & Media

The WA Minister for Sport, John Kobelke, attended the opening of the WA Regional Championships – Mixed Division 'Phoenix Has Risen' to promote the Be Active lifestyle inline with the National Physical Activity Survey showing WA as the most active state. The Sunday Times were there to capture his visit and used Ultimate as an example of the Be Active lifestyle.

Come & Try Clinics were regularly advertised in local papers in the areas where clinics were held. This was highly effective in increasing the participation rate and diversity of clinic groups. Many new players have entered into the Social Ultimate League (SUL) through these clinics.

Marketing artwork done by Carl Bellesini for WAFDA has been printed onto posters, postcards and business cards. These marketing materials have been distributed at various university and council events to promote Ultimate and upcoming events. This new artwork will also be carried through to our website design and to create coaching shirts in order to give WAFDA a consistent image in all our forms of communication.

7.5 Major Awards

7.5.1 Rob Hancock Memorial Award

About the Award

The Rob Hancock Memorial Award is given by the Australian Flying Disc Association for most outstanding contributions to flying disc sports.

Rob Hancock was involved in flying disc sports from the early days of 1979 and was instrumental in the development of both the Western Australian and National bodies. His organisational skills were outstanding, shoring up the National body during its early autonomous period. He also excelled on the field, taking out both State and National Titles.

Rob passed away in 1984, his untimely death being a great loss to his family, friends and the flying disc community. The Rob Hancock Memorial Award was instigated in 1986 to commemorate his life of dedication to our sport.

The Rob Hancock Award is an annual award presented at the presentation ceremony held at the completion of the Australian National Championships each year. The AFDA Board confers the Rob Hancock Memorial Award each year.

Winners of the Rob Hancock Award are granted Life Membership of the Australian Flying Disc Association.

2007 Award Winner

The 2007 Rob Hancock Award winner was Steve Baker.

This award recognises the work and effort Steve has given over the past 20 years in developing the sport, in particular youth participation.

Steve has played Ultimate since 1984.

In his early days of Ultimate at Curtin University, Steve captained the Australian Men's team who won the Spirit award at the 1988 World Championships, and was also a member of the 1990 Worlds team.

Steve was also successful in freestyle and double disc court winning many a national title.

He has competed in many a Phoenix Has Risen State Championship and National Championships.

Within his club, FEAR, he is a leader on and off the field.

He plays competitively whilst making time to nurture beginners to fulfil their potential as Ultimate players.

Steve has been a proactive member and committee member of the WAFDA for 20 years.

Steve's IT skills saw the launch of WA Ultimate's inaugural website in 2002 as well as the redesign in 2007.

As a General Committee member in 2003, Steve initiated the Anti-Harassment and Child Protection policies, fulfilling the WAFDA's criteria at the Department of Sport and Recreation that ensured government funding to the WAFDA.

Steve has also been the Treasurer and Newsletter editor for the WAFDA, two thankless behind-the-scenes jobs that keep the Association running.

More recently, Steve was the WUCC06 Volunteer Services Manager.

Steve is the current WAFDA Juniors Development Officer and is an Accredited Coach.

He has developed the WAFDA's working relationship with the Australian Sports Commission, setting up Active After-School Community Programmes that teach Ultimate to primary school children.

Steve's latest tasks have been to recruit and train new deliverers in becoming accredited coaches and to organise the first High School GALA Day, the first ever High School Ultimate Tournament to be held in WA.

Steve is joint winner of the 2007 Rob Hancock Memorial Award with Bruce McNaughton.

7.5.2 Matt Butler Award

About the Award

The Matt Butler Award is awarded to the player who accumulates the highest number of Most Valuable Player (MVP) votes over all Perth Ultimate Leagues held in a calendar year.

The Matt Butler Award is and annual award presented at the WAFDA End of Year Function held following the completion of the final Perth Ultimate League for the year.

2006 Award Winner

The 2006 Matt Butler Award winner was Tim Delane.

Tim has continued to excel during 2007 competing in the Australian National Championships (Open Division) and National Ultimate Frisbee League (Open Division) as a member of the WA Representative Open team, Sublime.

Tim continues to lead the University of Western Australia (UWA) Ultimate Frisbee Club as President in 2007 and Captain of the UWA team who competed at the Australian University Games in September 2007 at the Gold Coast, Queensland.

8. National Tournaments

Western Australia is represented in Australian national tournaments by the WA Representative teams Sublime (Open Division and Mixed Division) and Primal (Women's Division).

8.1 Australian National Championships 2007

Date

Saturday 21 April to Wednesday 25 April 2007

Venue

La Trobe University, Melbourne

8.1.1 Open Division

Team List

Billy Alexander (Captain)	Andrew Hutcheon
John Damiani (Vice Captain)	David McNaughton
Jerome Bull	Paul Staples
David Chan	Mark Thompson
Tim Delane	Kendall Thorn
Paul Denyer	Andrew Wong
James Eley	George Wong

Final Placings

1st Chilly	9th Fyshwick GC
2nd Fakulti S	10th Karma
3rd Fakulti R	11th Wollongong
4th Barefoot	12th Fyshwick MT
5th I-Beam	13th Manly
6th Sublime	14th Hot Chilly
7th Heads of State	15th Thor
8th Firestorm	16th Tassie Tiggers

8.1.2 Women's Division

PRIMAL represented WA at the Australian Ultimate Championships 2007 in the Women's Division. The team had formed over the summer months with its strength increasing as time went on and more girls committed to the cause. For the first time a non-playing coach was secured in the form of Len Thong, who bought discipline, skills and confidence to a young and developing team.

Of the 16 Primal team members, 10 had not played at a national tournament prior to AUC 2007, and several had only started playing Ultimate in January 2007!

With leadership from team captain Anna Haynes and vice-captains Joelle Chalmer and Isobel MacAulay, the team exuded enthusiasm as the tournament approached.

Team List

Anna Haynes (Captain)
Viviane Bartlett
Michelle Bergeron
Joelle Chalmer (Vice Captain)
Michelle Guffie
Amanda Kelly
Natalie Kippin
Isobel MacAulay (Vice Captain)
Debbie Ng
Catriona Okely
Amy Powles
Asagi Semba
Casey Skalski
Gillian Stone
Evelyn Tan
Dani Thompson
Lenny Thong (Coach)
Chris Fanchini (Manager)

Team Sponsors

Nu-Phase Electrical Engineering Supplies

Ionik Consulting

Results - Day 1

Day 1 of pool games was to be a baptism of fire for Primal playing teams who boasted a line-up of Australian World Championship players. As the day's weather began to warm up and the sun began to shine, so did the Primal's game. Leaving behind the shaky start of Game 1 against Ishtar (VIC), the team came out firing for game 2 against the Factory Girls (ACT). This game was tied at 6 all, but the inexperience under tournament pressure saw the Primal girls lose momentum and ended up with another loss.

Game 3 was against the reigning national champions Southside.

Perhaps assuming the game would not be a challenge, Southside fielded their B-team in many points. Primal proved that they were A-class and converted whenever the Southside B-team was on. Southside then stepped it up to take the game.

Results - Day 2

Although Day 2 was still winless for Primal, the score margin was diminishing game by game. Each player was finding their confidence to make the throws and the lay out catches.

To keep the faith in the team, a Primal tradition started with a different kind of post-game circle where every player would compliment another on her game just played. Many positives were said in these circles. The team knew they had the talent to play and relished the tournament experience.

Results - Day 3

Day 3 finally saw Primal's first win against Wollongong! And even though this would be the only Primal win of the tournament, it was all the team needed to realise their potential.

Primal finished the tournament in 12th place, but since then, the team has already been training weekly and has now started a second training session for fitness.

The next 6 months will see Primal doing the hard yards for success at AUC 2008 and the team is aspiring to a top 6 finish – no excuses!

Final Placings

1st Wildcard
2nd Team Box
3rd no No NO's (Manly)
4th Southside
5th Ishtar
6th Bra (Canberra)
7th Sugar Magnolias
8th Honey
9th Sultry Razzle
10th Sultry Dazzle
11th Bush
12th Primal
13th Indies
14th Wollongong

8.2 National Ultimate Frisbee League (NUFL)

The National Ultimate Frisbee League (NUFL) is the premier Open and Women's Ultimate competition in Australia.

NUFL is designed for the top 100 players in the country to compete at a high level with the first NUFL competition held in 2005.

With the World Ultimate & Guts Championships 2008 (WUGC2008) to be held in Vancouver, Canada, next year the 2007 NUFL is a key part of the player selection process for the Australian representative teams.

With an available placing for only 6 Core Teams in the NUFL Open Division from all over Australia, Western Australia submitted it's first ever bid to compete at NUFL and was very proud to be successful on the back of Sublime's 6th placed finish at the Australian National Championships 2007.

The remaining players who do not have a Core Team become Free Agents and a player draft is conducted to distribute them amongst the core Teams.

Open Division Core Teams & Final Placings

1st Fakulti (NSW)

2nd Barefoot (NSW)

3rd Sublime (WA)

4th Firestorm (QLD)

5th Chilly (VIC)

6th Heads of State (VIC)

Women's Division

Three women from Western Australia were selected as Free Agents and drafted into NUFL teams competing in the Women's Division.

Anna Haynes was selected to play with Factory Girls (ACT), Viviane Bartlett was selected to play with Sultry (QLD), and Deb Ng was selected to play with Sara Lee (NSW).

8.2.1 NUFL 1

Date

Saturday 18 August to Sunday 19 August 2007

Venue

Macquarie University Playing Fields, Sydney, NSW

Team List

Billy Alexander (Captain)
John Damiani (Vice Captain)
Paul Denyer (Vice Captain)
Jerome Bull
Andrew Delane
Tim Delane
James Eley
Jonathon Holmes
Ian McKerracher
Dan McNaughton
Jonathan Tatham
Mark Thompson
Kendall Thorn
Huy Vu
Tom Walcott
Alex Warris

Team Sponsors

Damiani Cabinets

Results

Game 1: Sublime def Heads of State

Game 2: Sublime 17 def Chilly 16

Game 3: Sublime 16 def by Fakulti 17

Game 4: Sublime vs Barefoot - Cancelled due to severe weather

Game 5: Sublime vs Firestorm - Cancelled due to severe weather

8.2.2 NUFL 2

Date

Saturday 8 September to Sunday 9 September 2007

Venue

Albert Park Playing Fields, Melbourne, VIC

Team List

Billy Alexander (Captain)
John Damiani (Vice Captain)
Paul Denyer (Vice Captain)
Andrew Delane
Tim Delane
James Eley
Eli Friedman
Jonathon Holmes
Alex Hoy
Ian McKerracher
Campbell Morrissy
Jonathan Tatham
Kendall Thorn
Huy Vu
Tom Walcott
Alex Warris

Results

Game 1: Sublime def by Barefoot
Game 2: Sublime def Heads of State
Game 3: Sublime def Chilly
Game 4: Sublime 17 def Firestorm 16
Game 5: Sublime 6 def by Fakulti 16

8.3 Australian University Games 2007

Date

Sunday 23 September to Friday 28 September 2007

Venue

The Southport School, Gold Coast, QLD

Competing Teams

Murdoch University	University of Sydney
University of Western Australia	CSU Bathurst
University of Ballarat	University of Technology Sydney
Monash University	University of Tasmania
University of New South Wales	University of Adelaide
Newcastle University	University of Canberra
Queensland University of Technology	University of Melbourne
University of Queensland	Griffith University - Gold Coast
Macquarie University	Flinders University
Australian National University	Latrobe University

9. State Tournaments

9.1 WA Regional Championships – Open Division

In 2007 increasing participation in competitive Ultimate in the broader Australian community prompted the Australian Flying Disc Association to instigate regional qualifying process for the National Championships. Four regions have been created in Australia with each receiving a quota of available positions to participate in the National championships, one of which being the Western Region, encompassing Western Australia and neighbouring South East Asia. Due to the short notice and limited preparation time this tournament was run with moderate success.

Date

Sunday 15 April 2007

Venue

McGillivray Oval, Mt Claremont, WA

Open Tournament Champions

Sublime

Final Placings

1st Sublime

2nd Residiuum

9.2 WA Regional Championships – Women's Division

The first hit out for Primal, the WA Women's team, in their preparation for Australian Ultimate Championships 2007 was at the Western Regional Championships.

The Regional Championships saw Primal pitted against the best women the west had to offer who were not attending Nationals. The weather was wet and slippery, adding to the frustration that the team did not show any chemistry on the field.

Only one game was completed with Primal losing by one before the weather took hold and further games were called off.

This experience made the Primal girls even more committed to improving their game until they stepped on the fields at Nationals.

Date

Sunday 15 April 2007

Venue

McGillivray Oval, Mt Claremont, WA

Women's Tournament Champions

Pickup

Final Placings

1st Pickup

2nd Primal

9.3 WA Regional Championships – Mixed Division

The WA Regional Championships – Mixed Division, also known as the Phoenix Has Risen Tournament, were held at the UWA Sportspark on 1 - 2 September 2007.

The Championships was a well-run event with first class fields, dinner on the first day, lunch on the second day, shade shelters, water and sunscreen all supplied.

Perth Sports Photography (PSP) was on hand to take photographs of the players in action over the weekend. Pictures are available for viewing and purchasing from the PSP website http://www.pspwa.com/.

Date

1 – 2 September 2007

Venue

UWA Sportspark

Tournament Champions

Prodigy

Final Placings

1st Prodigy

2nd Ruckus

3rd Flux

4th Sunset Coast

5th Murdoch

Spirit Prize Winners

Murdoch

MVP Female

Nat Quek (Flux)

MVP Male

Dave Renton (Ruckus)

Competing Teams

Flux

Murdoch

Prodigy

Ruckus

Sunset Coast

Tournament Organising Committee

Anna Haynes

John Damiani

Paul Denyer

10. Leagues

10.1 Perth Ultimate League (PUL)

10.1.1 PUL 27

Date

Wednesday nights from 7 February to 18 April 2007

League Champions

University of Western Australia

League Runners-up

Flux Ultimate Club

Spirit Prize Winners

FEAR

Most Valuable Player – Female

Sandy Castleden (FEAR)

Most Valuable Player – Male

John Damiani (Subliminal)

Competing Teams

FEAR Ultimate Club

Flux Ultimate Club

Murdoch University

Ruckus

Subliminal

Sunset Coast

University of Western Australia

10.1.2 PUL 28

Date

Wednesday nights from 23 May to 1 August 2007

League Champions

Flux Ultimate Club

League Runners-up

Subliminal

Spirit Prize Winners

Sunset Coast

Most Valuable Player – Female

Sandy Castleden (Sunset Coast)

Most Valuable Player – Male

John Damiani (Subliminal)

Competing Teams

FEAR Ultimate Club

Flux Ultimate Club

Murdoch University

Ruckus

Subliminal

Sunset Coast

University of Western Australia

10.1.3 PUL 29

Date

Wednesday nights from 5 September to 21 November 2007

In progress

Competing Teams

FEAR Ultimate Club

Flux Ultimate Club

Murdoch University

Ruckus

Subliminal

Sunset Coast

University of Western Australia

10.2 Social Ultimate League (SUL)

The WAFDA has recognised the need to provide a pathway for new Ultimate players to become involved in an organised Ultimate league as

- It was a difficult to attract and/or retain new players into an established Perth Ultimate League
- There was an increased influx of players from Come 'n' Try clinics

The Social Ultimate League (SUL) was started in 2007 as a way of introducing new players to the game without having to face teams of experienced players.

SUL teams require up to two experienced players to act as player-coaches on the team for the new players in a team.

SUL has been a resounding success in 2007, introducing many new players to the game of Ultimate.

The league provides a friendly competition in which players can learn and develop their skills and knowledge of the game with similarly experienced peers. Social Ultimate League also provides a new pathway into Perth Ultimate League and further elite competitions including State and National competitions.

SUL will continue into 2007 with the aim of increasing numbers and to possibly run a second SUL at a location south of the Swan River.

10.2.1 SUL 01

Date

Wednesday nights from 7 February to 28 February 2007

League Champions

All Stars

Most Valuable Player – Female

Stephanie Hancock (Reservoir Dogs)

League Runners-up

Rojo

Most Valuable Player – Male

Lachlan Gregory (Exposure)

Spirit Prize Winners

Rojo

Competing Teams

All Stars

Exposure

Rojo

Reservoir Dogs

10.2.2 SUL 02

Date

Wednesday nights from 14 March to 18 April 2007

League Champions

Reservoir Dogs

League Runners-up

Rojo

Spirit Prize Winners

All Stars

Most Valuable Player – Female

Natalie Kippin (Exposure)

Most Valuable Player – Male

Luke Tasker (Rojo)

Competing Teams

All Stars
Rojo
Exposure
Reservoir Dogs
Raiders
Yellow Ninjas

Figure 1 - SUL 02 Champions 'Reservoir Dogs' celebrate their victory

10.2.3 SUL 03

Date

Wednesday nights from 23 May to 1 August 2007

League Champions

Exposure

League Runners-up

Reservoir Dogs

Spirit Prize Winners

Disco Heads

Most Valuable Player – Female

Katherine Kloeden (Disco Heads)

Most Valuable Player – Male

Dale Miller (Primitive)

Matthew Beer (Reservoir Dogs)

Competing Teams

Exposure
Reservoir Dogs
Yellow Ninjas
Primitive
Rojo
Disco Heads

10.2.4 SUL 04

Date

Wednesday nights from 5 September to 21 November 2007

In progress

Competing Teams

Disc-o Inferno
Team Foosball
Yellow Ninjas
Reservoir Dogs
Rojo
Exposure
The Ultymatums
Disco Heads

11. Juniors & Beginners

Junior and beginner development has expanded significantly in 2007. Steve Baker continues to lead the charge into primary schools and high schools to improve general exposure of Ultimate as a sport.

In 2007, the 'Youth' section of the WAFDA website (www.waultimate.com) has been updated and extended with new information about coaching and schools programs.

Steve has developed an 8-week training program for use by high school teachers.

Junior and Beginner development focus for 2007 has been through 6 key avenues:

- Ultimate demonstration sessions in primary and high schools
- Active After School Communities (AASC) program with primary schools and Outside Schools Hours Care (OSHC) centres
- School holiday programs
- Healthway school sessions
- High Schools Gala Day
- Come and Try (CAT) clinics

11.1 High Schools Gala Day

- One difficulty in 2007 has been the organisation of a high school 'Gala Day' or 'Lightning Carnival'. This event was intended to provide a day long carnival for high school students to learn and play Ultimate. Unfortunately a number of issues, primarily timing, has meant the organisation for 2007 has been unsuccessful.
- We hope to have more luck in 2008 by notifying schools of the event prior to the end of the 2007 school year, giving schools enough time to include Ultimate intheir calendar.
- Steve has also initiated contact with School Sports WA attempting to get Ultimate as an approved sport to be run in schools as part of their Physical Education program for 2008.

11.2 Come and Try (CAT) Clinics

- WAFDA instigated its first Come And Try (CAT) clinics following the World Ultimate Club Championships held in Perth in November 2006.

- Two clinics were held in North Perth and Melville. These proved incredibly successful clinics that WAFDA has continued to provide with reasonable success.
- The Come And Try clinics provide a means to introduce new players to the rules, ethos and skills of Ultimate over a four to five week period.

11.3 Participation

Participation in the organized Ultimate session has been excellent with thousands of Western Australian students exposed to Ultimate in 2006 and 2007.

A large part of this exposure was through the Healthway schools sessions organised in 2006 to coincide with the 2006 World Ultimate Club Championships held in Perth. An estimated 1500 students from 24 schools participated in these sessions learning the basic skills of Ultimate and how the game is played.

In addition to this, 6 school and community programs have already been booked for Term 4, 2007.

	July 2006 - December 2006 (6 months)		January 2007 - June 2007 (6 months)		July 2007 - September 2007 (3 months)	
	No. Of Schools	No. Of Participants	No. Of Schools	No. Of Participants	No. Of Schools	No. Of Participants
School Demonstrations						
High Schools	4	168	4	300	3	56
Primary Schools	3	224	3	90	1	28
AASC						
Primary Schools & OSHC centres	12	312	27	98	27	98
School Holiday Programmes						
Primary School aged		232		22		93
Healthway Schools Project						
All (for WUCC 2006)	24	1500				

Note: AASC - Active After School Communities, OSHC - Outside School Hours Care, WUCC - World Ultimate Club Championships

Table 10- Participation in Junior and Beginner programmes

12. Disc Golf

12.1 Perth Disc Golf Open 2007

Date

10 - 11 March 2007

Venue

Day 1 - Rob Hancock Memorial Reserve, Greenwood

Day 2 - The Maze, Wanneroo

Divisions

Open, Advanced, Beginner, Ladies, Masters

Figure 2 - Competitors at the Perth Disc Golf Open 2007

Open Winner

Corey Bandy

Open Runner-up

John Damiani

Advanced Winner

John Monamy

Advanced Runner-up

Callum Holmes

Beginner Winner

Ross Macbeth

Beginner Runner-up

Tim Delane

Ladies Winner

Anna Haynes

Ladies Runner-up

Isobel MacAulay

Masters Winner

Dennis Barden

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