Updates and Highlights

- Youth Competition Task Force
- Youth Rules Recommendations
- 2019-2020 Fall Cups and Youth Club Warm-Ups
Youth Competition Task Force

- Plan for future structure of Youth Ultimate at national, state, and local levels
  - Continue work of 2014 Youth Club Task Force
  - USAU Strategic Plan - Pull Together
    - Establish an attractive, accessible and clear framework for youth competition across seasons, levels of play and geography.
    - Continue to build out the regional and local infrastructure of our sport’s organization through ongoing investment in and support of state-based organizations and local affiliates.
    - Expand competition opportunities for middle-school-aged and elementary-school-aged players across the nation.
    - Create a structure where rules can be adapted across disciplines, skill levels and playing environments, while maintaining consistency and clarity in core philosophies.
Youth Competition Task Force

• Spring 2019 Meeting
  • State Orgs (CA, CO, MN, NY)
  • USAU Staff (Joy, Sarah, Dan, Will)
• Future Task Force Meetings (8/6 and two in 2020)
• Broader Community Feedback
Youth Competition Task Force

- Youth Roadmap Guiding Assumptions (starting point for conversation)
  - Complementary school-based and non-school-based seasons are important in the fall and spring (YCTF)
  - Some states will eventually make ultimate varsity sport
  - Summer not ideal to build robust state and local level youth programs (summer plans, unstable schedules; good for camps, summer travel teams)
  - Spring works best in most states for a school-based season (weather, other sports, etc.).
  - YCC (US Open) works best in summer (weather, size, length, pre-event travel)
  - More youth events needed – USAU, state, local
  - Youth “annual calendar” should start in fall, with academic year, and end in the summer with YCC
Youth Competition Task Force

- School Based Season
- Youth Club Season
- Younger Age Groups

Diagram:
- Chemical energy (high-energy electrons)
- Cytosol
- Cristae
- Mitochondrion
- Growing Youth Ultimate
School Season

• Continued flexibility in timing
  • Spring or Fall
• Limits to season length
  • make space for a true club season
• Align with Varsity sports model
  • If school associations adopt it on their own
    • VT
  • If we push to make it happen
    • potential for growth: subsidized by schools
    • EDI
    • reach underserved/low socio-economic goups
Club Season

• Present:
  • Provides opportunities for kids without school teams

• Future:
  • Compliments school season
  • Allows for competitive travel teams
  • Gives SBOs / Affiliates a niche if school teams become varsity

• Could look very different than current “Club season”
  • Regionals events
  • National Championship
  • YCC
a few Club Season possibilities...

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Younger kids playing Ultimate

- Different needs & abilities
  - Recreational structure
    - Fun!
    - Learning fundamentals
  - Work with Outreach & Education
    - Community based
    - Parent involvement
- Different equipment and Different rules (?)
  - Lacrosse, Soccer, Hockey, etc.
2020-21 Youth Rules Recommendations

• Rules Process
  • New Policy - 2 year cycle, community feedback, variations, experimentation
  • Youth Recommendations - Youth Task Force; RYD’s; research from local communities
  • Feedback - June-July
  • Approval and Implementation - Fall 2019 for Winter 2020
2020-21 Youth Rules Recommendations

• Content
  • Field size, Player #’s, Equipment, Relaxed/Flexible Rules
  • Safety, Development, Participation, Fun
• Feedback Comparison
  • Player v Coach v Local Organizer v Parent
• Recommendations
• Additional Feedback - will@hq.usaultimate.org
• New Playing Opportunities for Younger Divisions -
2018-2019-2020 Youth Fall Cups

Everyone welcome!

2018
• Central
  • ? G drive
• Western: Portland, OR
  • 3 divisions, 12 teams, 200 players
  • U15 division

2019
• Bid window extended until mid-August
• Currently have 2 bids for events
• Bid document found on Champ Events Page

2020
• Would like to have at least one per region
• Start of Club season?
2019-2020 Summer Warm-Ups

2018: 2 scheduled, NC occurred

**Indiana Warm-Up (Indiana Ultimate)**
U20 Mixed Teams
Sunday June 23, 2019
World Sports Park, Indianapolis
No tournament fee
Contact: drjohn@healthzonechiro.net

**Youthquake Warm-Up (Utah Ultimate Disc Association)**
June 28-29, 2019
Timberline Middle School - Highland, UT
Contact: utahswarm17@gmail.com

**North Carolina Warm-Up (Charlotte Ultimate and NC Ultimate)**
July 13-14, 2019
Ramblewood Soccer Complex, Charlotte
Contact: ken@northcarolinaultimate.org, olson.ec@gmail.com

**New Jersey Warm-Up (Delaware Valley Youth Ultimate)**
U20 Boys, Girls & Mixed Teams. U-17 Boys (Girls if there is interest)
July 20-21, 2019
Tamaques Reservation Park, Westfield
Contact: rbeline@gmail.com, atustudio@gmail.com

2019
- Indiana
  - 7 teams, 120 players
- Utah
  - 13 teams, 100 players
  - U-15 division
- North Carolina
  - 6 teams, 100 players
- New Jersey
  - 7 teams, 160 players

2020
- Hoping more SBOs & Affiliates will run these