

WFDF Board of Directors Elections (2016-2017 term)

Candidate Statement Josh Seamon



I dream of a time when Ultimate is played everywhere. Regardless of where I find myself on the globe, I want to be able to look out and see Ultimate being played in every park, field, stadium, and open area by a ridiculous diversity of people. I have a deep belief in the power of Ultimate to change lives and a long, well-proven track record of getting things done inside the world of Ultimate.

My priority is to make this vision a reality by helping WFDF continue to build a spirited, comprehensive, diverse, and equitable world Ultimate community.

Over the past 23 years I have played, coached, and administrated Ultimate at the local, regional, national, and international levels. As a child growing up in Amherst, MA, I was lucky enough to gain exposure to Ultimate at an early age, and from the first moment I was handed a disc, I have never let go. My lifetime of Ultimate and range of experience means that I understand Ultimate from many angles.

On the local level I have founded youth programs and events, as well as a non-profit dedicated to growing Ultimate in surrounding towns. On the regional level I spent 4 years overseeing Youth Development for the Northeast United States, home to several hundred teams and thousands of players. For the past 10 years I have run coaching clinics across the east coast of the US and Canada. I have a strong belief in the power of grassroots Ultimate and how it should seamlessly interface with larger regional, national, and international structures.

On the national level I currently serve on the USA Ultimate Board of Directors where I am the Board secretary, chair the Governance and Development Committee, as well as serve as a member of the Equity Task Force and the Nominating Committee. In my years on the Board I have also helped build and implement strategic plans, as well as chair the World Games Committee. I have deep experience and insight into one of the largest Ultimate organization on Earth.

On the international level I have been working as the Director of Coaching and Development for Ultimate Peace, a non-profit organization devoted to building bridges of friendship, understanding and fun for youth from different social and cultural backgrounds around the world, with a focus on Arab and Jewish Israeli and Palestinian teenagers. I could not believe more in the power of Ultimate to change lives, specifically through the ethics of Spirit of the Game.

I look forward to applying my diverse and deep Ultimate experience towards fueling the the '15-'18 WFDF strategic plan and guiding the organization as it travels further down the Olympic path. I have already spent much of my life on projects relating to each of the six points outlined in the strategic plan, and would be honored to continue to serve the Ultimate community as a member of the WFDF Board of Directors.

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