

WFDF 2017 elections

Candidate: Travis Smith (CAN)

Position: Ultimate SOTG Sub-Committee chair



Candidate Statement:

"I've been passionate about Spirit of the Game since I started to play Ultimate. I think that Spirit is an ethos that can guide us in many ways -- as players on the field, as organizers off the field, and as humans going about our daily lives.

I believe that Spirit and self-officiation are deeply intertwined as the life-blood of the sport of Ultimate, and I'd like to see Spirit of the Game grow and encompass all disc sports, and some day to other sports as well.

As Ultimate becomes more popular, more profitable and more scrutinized, I'd like to help ensure that Spirit grows with it, and that as Ultimate and other disc sports spread into new territories, we develop Spirit of the Game resources to go along with that growth. I want to make sure that the commercialization of the sport doesn't lose the spark that makes Ultimate a magical experience for so many, and I think that teaching and celebrating Spirit is a critical part of protecting that joy.

As for why I think I'd be good in this role? Well, I...

- *Am the National Spirit Director for Ultimate Canada*
- *Speak English, French and some German*
- *Have a background in journalism and extensive experience with written communication*
- *Was the president of the world's largest recreational Ultimate league*
- *Own and run a Web development business*
- *Am a member of the WFDF Spirit Committee*
- *Care a lot of Spirit*
- *Answer emails quickly"*