

# **World Flying Disc Federation**

## **2019 Disc Sports Community Survey**



**1.What is the primary disc sport in which you are involved or the one in which you have participated at the highest competitive level?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Disc Golf	2.9%	56
Field Events (Overall)	0.2%	4
Freestyle	2.3%	45
Guts	0.3%	5
Ultimate (more than one type)	49.3%	958
Ultimate (primarily on grass)	39.8%	773
Ultimate (primarily Beach)	1.5%	29
Ultimate (primarily Indoor)	1.0%	20
I am active in several or all disc sports	2.0%	38
Other (please specify)	0.8%	15
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1943</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**2. What disc sports have you been involved in actively (check all that apply)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Disc Golf	27.8%	541
Field Events (Overall)	6.4%	125
Freestyle	6.0%	117
Guts	5.2%	100
Ultimate (on grass)	93.2%	1811
Ultimate (Beach)	63.2%	1227
Ultimate (Indoor)	66.2%	1286
Other (please specify)	4.4%	85
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1943</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**3. What is the highest level of competition in which you have competed?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
WFDF World Championship/World Games event	35.4%	687
WFDF Continental Championship event	10.5%	204
Other World Championship (not WFDF-sanctioned)	2.8%	55
National Championship Club Event	31.5%	611
National Championship University/ School Event	4.7%	91
Regional Championship event	7.2%	140
Local Tournaments	6.2%	121
Organized Local Leagues	0.8%	15
Recreation/Pickup/School	1.0%	19
Other (please specify)		38
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1943</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**4. In what division of play are you currently involved in your primary competitive events (as a player/coach/administrator)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Men's	30.5%	593
Women's	10.6%	205
Mixed	41.3%	802
Juniors	3.7%	72
Masters	4.2%	81
Grandmasters	3.4%	65
Retired athlete	2.3%	45
General administrator	1.7%	32
Not applicable	2.5%	48
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>1943</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>0</b>

**5. Are you a member of any disc sports organizations?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
National Disc Sports Association	80.4%	1195
Regional disc sports association	26.6%	395
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)	6.4%	95
Freestyle Players Association	4.1%	61
Other	7.4%	110
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>1486</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>457</b>

**6. In your primary competitive event, what is your role?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Athlete (team captain)	11.1%	215
Athlete (spirit captain)	5.6%	108
Athlete	55.8%	1084
Athlete and coach/manager/administrator	17.2%	334
Coach or manager (had been an elite athlete)	2.6%	51
Coach or manager (had previously played disc sports)	1.2%	23
Coach or manager (had not played disc sports)	0.1%	1
Administrator or event organizer (had been an elite athlete)	1.6%	31
Administrator or event organizer (had previously played disc sports)	1.3%	25
Administrator or event organizer (had not played disc sports)	0.2%	4
Retired from active participation	3.5%	67
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>1943</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>0</b>

**7. At what age did you first begin playing organized disc sports (beyond just casual throw/catch)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Age 10 or younger	0.9%	17
Age 11-13	5.7%	110
Age 14-16	13.4%	260
Age 17-19	27.6%	536
Age 20-23	27.0%	524
Age 24-27	14.4%	279
Age 28-32	6.2%	121
Age 33 or older	4.9%	96
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1943</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**8. Recently, how many times per year on average do you travel outside of your local city in connection with disc**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I do not travel outside my community	5.8%	113
1x - 3x a year	22.7%	441
4x - 6x a year	23.5%	456
7x - 9x a year	16.2%	315
10x-12x a year	12.5%	242
More than 12x a year	19.4%	376
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1943</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**9. How much money (in US\$) do you typically spend per year on disc sport activities (travel, lodging, equipment, etc.)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
US\$0 to US\$500	25.9%	497
US\$501 to US\$1,000	28.2%	541
US\$1,001 to US\$2,000	25.1%	481
US\$2001 to US\$5,000	15.7%	301
Over US\$5,000	5.2%	100
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1920</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>23</b>

**10. How do you identify yourself for the purpose of disc sports competition?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	26.0%	487
Male	73.7%	1380
Other	0.3%	5
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1872</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>71</b>

### 11. What is your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Age 10 or younger	0.0%	0
Age 11-13	0.1%	2
Age 14-16	2.5%	46
Age 17-19	7.4%	139
Age 20-23	15.7%	294
Age 24-27	18.3%	343
Age 28-32	22.8%	427
Age 33-39	16.3%	305
Age 40-49	9.1%	170
Age 50-59	5.1%	96
Age 60 or above	2.7%	50
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1872</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>71</b>

### 12. In what country do you currently reside (or consider your primary residence)?

Answer Options	Response Percentage	Response Count	Answer Options	Response Percentage	Response Count
DE - Germany	20.16%	378	LT - Lithuania	0.37%	7
US - United States	10.72%	202	MY - Malaysia	0.37%	7
GB - United Kingdom	9.10%	171	AR - Argentina	0.32%	6
AT - Austria	4.47%	84	CN - China	0.32%	6
CA - Canada	3.83%	71	HK - Hong Kong	0.32%	6
CO - Colombia	3.67%	68	VE - Venezuela	0.32%	6
AU - Australia	3.14%	59	BR - Brazil	0.27%	5
PL - Poland	3.13%	59	PA - Panama	0.32%	5
SG - Singapore	2.97%	56	PT - Portugal	0.32%	5
RU - Russia	2.81%	53	TR - Turkey	0.27%	5
FI - Finland	2.50%	46	EG - Egypt	0.21%	4
DK - Denmark	2.18%	41	TH - Thailand	0.21%	4
BE - Belgium	2.02%	38	BG - Bulgaria	0.16%	3
IN - India	2.02%	38	BY - Belarus	0.16%	3
MX - Mexico	1.96%	36	FX - France, Metropolitan	0.16%	3
FR - France	1.86%	35	LV - Latvia	0.16%	3
IT - Italy	1.75%	33	UA - Ukraine	0.16%	3
NZ - New Zealand	1.65%	31	AE - United Arab Emirates	0.11%	2
SE - Sweden	1.49%	28	LU - Luxembourg	0.11%	2
IE - Ireland	1.22%	23	SI - Slovenia	0.11%	2
CH - Switzerland	1.06%	20	UY - Uruguay	0.11%	2
CL - Chile	1.01%	19	AF - Afghanistan	0.05%	1
NL - Netherlands	0.96%	18	AG - Antigua and Barbuda	0.05%	1
CZ - Czech Republic	0.90%	17	AI - Anguilla	0.05%	1
NO - Norway	0.90%	17	AL - Albania	0.05%	1
ES - Spain	0.80%	15	AM - Armenia	0.05%	1
DO - Dominican Republic	0.74%	14	BI - Burundi	0.05%	1
IL - Israel	0.74%	14	EC - Ecuador	0.05%	1
SK - Slovakia	0.74%	14	EE - Estonia	0.05%	1
PH - Philippines	0.69%	13	GU - Guam	0.05%	1
JP - Japan	0.64%	12	RW - Rwanda	0.05%	1
ZA - South Africa	0.48%	9	UG - Uganda	0.05%	1
BO - Bolivia	0.43%	8	UM - US Minor Islands	0.05%	1
KR - Korea, South	0.48%	8	VN - Vietnam	0.05%	1
RO - Romania	0.42%	8	<i>answered question</i>		<b>1884</b>
HU - Hungary	0.37%	7	<i>skipped question</i>		<b>71</b>

**13. Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Married	22.2%	415
Widowed	0.3%	6
Divorced/Separated	2.2%	42
In a domestic partnership or civil union	15.4%	289
Single, but cohabiting with a significant other	14.5%	272
Single, never married	45.3%	848
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1872</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>71</b>

**14. Which of the following best describes your current occupation?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Currently a student	29.7%	556
Business/Financial/Management	8.2%	154
Computers/Science/Engineering	22.2%	416
Professional (medical/law/architecture, etc)	9.4%	176
Community and Social Service	3.4%	64
Education/Training/Library	7.8%	146
Arts/Design/Entertainment/Media	3.9%	72
Sports/Sports Event Planning/Sports Administration	3.7%	69
Retail/Service Businesses	1.8%	34
Sales	1.9%	36
Office and Administrative Support	2.1%	40
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0.7%	13
Construction/Production/Transportation/Materials	1.9%	35
Running a household	0.2%	4
Unemployed or not seeking employment	3.0%	57
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1872</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>71</b>

**15. What is your approximate average household income (in US dollars equivalent)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a student	27.2%	510
\$0-\$24,999	18.8%	352
\$25,000-\$49,999	18.6%	348
\$50,000-\$74,999	14.3%	268
\$75,000-\$99,999	8.6%	160
\$100,000-\$149,999	7.7%	144
\$150,000-\$199,999	2.4%	45
\$200,000 and up	2.4%	45
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1872</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>71</b>

**16. In which type of housing do you currently live?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I live with my parents	21.6%	405
I live in student housing	7.5%	141
I rent an apartment/house	45.1%	844
I own an apartment/house	25.8%	482
Other (please specify)		46
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1872</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>71</b>

**17. What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Still a student	14.7%	276
Less than high school	0,85%	16
High school graduate or equivalency	7.8%	146
Some college, no degree	8.9%	167
Associate's degree	2.1%	40
Bachelor's degree	26.0%	487
Graduate or professional degree	33.5%	627
Ph.D. / advanced degree	6.0%	113
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1872</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>71</b>

**18. WFDF Report Card. Please grade WFDF on its performance according to the following scale: give a 1 for excellent, 2 for good, 3 for fair, 4 for poor, 5 for horrible, or N/A for "don't know."**

Answer Options	1 - excellent	2 - good	3 - fair	4 - poor	5 - horrible	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
a. World Ultimate and Guts Championships (eg London 2016)	186	398	99	14	4	935	1.93	1636
b. World Team Disc Golf Championships (eg Colchester 2017)	24	75	37	4	4	1492	2.23	1636
c. World Juniors Ultimate championships (eg Waterloo 2018)	99	223	53	5	1	1255	1.91	1636
d. World Overall Championships (eg Basingstoke 2017)	40	99	55	8	6	1428	2.24	1636
e. World Under-24/-23 Ultimate Championships (eg Perth 2018)	176	287	63	7	2	1101	1.83	1636
f. World Championships of Beach Ultimate (eg Royan 2017)	203	288	61	7	3	1074	1.79	1636
g. World Ultimate Club Championships (eg Cinsinnati 2018))	250	386	74	8	6	912	1.80	1636
h. Continental Championships (eg European, PanAm, All.African, Asian - Oceanic)	88	299	124	43	7	1075	2.25	1636
i. Overall Communication	100	592	498	96	9	341	2.48	1636
j. Web site	78	479	544	198	30	307	2.72	1636
k. Live streaming/broadcast of disc sports events	218	618	421	162	17	200	2.40	1636
l. Facebook page/social media	100	535	488	114	9	390	2.52	1636
m. Marketing of flying disc sports	53	361	588	243	24	367	2.86	1636
n. Growth of flying disc sports	128	601	475	123	22	287	2.49	1636
o. Support of Member Associations	58	284	398	125	19	752	2.73	1636
p. Development of disc sports in new countries	83	346	299	126	20	762	2.60	1636
q. Development of disc sports in Member countries	48	364	399	213	21	591	2.80	1636
r. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	182	364	381	100	26	268	2.45	1636
s. Promotion of gender equality	260	679	335	71	20	302	2.20	1636
t. Advancement within the Olympic movement (World Games, GAISF, IOC, etc.)	172	547	374	98	24	421	2.39	1636
u. Anti - Doping Education	150	430	378	154	39	485	2.57	1636
v. Management of business activities	51	248	320	65	12	940	2.63	1636
<b>answered question</b>								<b>1636</b>
<b>skipped question</b>								<b>307</b>

19. WFDF Priorities. Although we realize such rankings are subjective and difficult, please provide the priority rank you believe WFDF should give to the following activities (1 is most important, 3 is least important).

Answer Options	1-Most important	2-Neutral	3-Least important	Rating Average	Response Count
a. World Championships	768	138	11	1.17	1625
b. Regional/Continental Championships	273	246	16	1.52	1615
c. World Games	421	287	24	1.46	1608
d. Communications	432	297	8	1.42	1604
e. Web site	194	373	19	1.70	1603
f. Live-streaming/broadcast of disc sports events	586	158	12	1.24	1624
g. Facebook page/social media	190	396	58	1.80	1614
h. Marketing of flying disc sports	351	320	28	1.54	1618
i. Growth of flying disc sports	654	180	11	1.24	1622
j. Support of Member Associations	294	386	14	1.60	1616
k. Development of disc sports in new countries	429	272	14	1.42	1619
l. Development of disc sports in Member countries	316	308	24	1.55	1613
m. Enhanced understanding of Spirit of the Game	604	235	20	1.32	1621
n. Promotion of gender equality	502	263	64	1.47	1616
o. Advancement within the Olympic Movement (World Games, Sport Accord, IOC)	577	239	83	1.45	1621
p. Anti-Doping Education	218	439	118	1.87	1617
q. Management of business activities	111	611	80	1.96	1610
<i>answered question</i>					<b>1636</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>307</b>

20. WFDF and other organizing bodies have greatly expanded the live-streaming and broadcast of disc sports events in the last 3-5 years. With which comments do you agree (check as many as apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I like to watch as much as I can in real time	68.6%	1112
I like to watch as much as I can on a delayed basis	49.9%	809
I rarely know when there are live broadcasts	32.0%	519
I don't know how to access archived video	16.9%	274
I don't really care to watch disc sports as I would rather be playing	8.4%	136
I don't really watch disc sports as it is not that interesting	1.2%	20
I would like to see more disc sports video	45.7%	740
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1620</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>323</b>

21. Olympic and International Sports Movement Involvement. Currently, WFDF is associated with the "Olympic Movement" -- broadly defined -- through its membership in SportAccord (formerly known as GAISF) and the International World Games Association (IWGA), and as a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. To be included in the program of the Olympic Games, an Olympic sport must be widely practiced by men in at least seventy-five countries and on four continents, and by women in at least forty countries and on three continents. The final line-up of sports is decided by the IOC seven years before any given Olympic Games, requiring a majority vote of vote by all IOC members, most of whom are federations of sports currently in the Games. Also, an important distinction of which to be aware is that a sport and its International Federation may be "recognized" by the IOC (with a minimum of 50 countries) but still not be admitted into the Olympic Games program. Moreover, there is recognition at the national level by National Olympic Committees (which usually first requires international recognition). In all cases, compliance with WADA's anti-doping standards is a prerequisite. WFDF received provision International Olympic Committee recognition on 31 May 2013 and permanent recognition on 2 August 2015, but acceptance in the Olympic program may take a generation. International and National Olympic Committee recognition would likely have significant benefits for WFDF and its Member associations, although it will require time and resources to maintain. With this background, how important a priority for WFDF should the pursuit of participation in the Olympic games be?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Olympic games participation should be the highest priority for WFDF.	22.3%	333
b. Olympic games participation should be an extremely high priority for WFDF.	31.1%	464
c. Olympic games participation should be pursued by WFDF but not to the exclusion of other priorities.	36.2%	541
d. Olympic games participation should not be a high priority but WFDF should keep open the possibility in the future.	7.4%	110
e. Olympic games participation should not be pursued by WFDF.	3.0%	45
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1493</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>450</b>



**22. As stated above, compliance with the WADA code is required if WFDF is to continue to participate in the Olympic Movement at any level. What this means is that flying disc athletes may be subject to anti-doping testing when they participate in a WFDF event (typically, the targets will be the elite athletes from the top teams). WFDF is currently considered compliant with the WADA anti-doping code, and we started testing in 2011, with no issues to date. What do you think about WFDF's participation in anti-doping activities?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. If flying disc sports are to be taken seriously, I realize we need to fully embrace anti-doping.	60.4%	901
b. I recognize that anti-doping programs need to be maintained in flying disc sports, but hope that the impact can be minimized.	30.5%	456
c. I am uncomfortable with the idea of a WFDF anti-doping programs, but are willing to let WFDF continue with the program and see how it impacts athletes and our association.	7.8%	116
d. I am opposed to anti-doping programs in WFDF events in any form.	1.3%	20
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1493</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>450</b>

**23. It is possible that, in the future, anti-doping programs may be required for all Member Associations of WFDF on a national basis (and there may be costs that get passed on to players). What do you think about anti-doping programs at a national level?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. I understand that my Association already has an anti-doping program and that is fine with me.	26.8%	400
b. I understand that my Association is already considering the introduction of an anti-doping program as it is required for us in order to gain/maintain recognition by our nationals sports association which can lead to certain benefits/resources, and that is fine with me.	23.4%	350
c. I have never considered the issue.	35.2%	525
d. I am uncomfortable with the introduction of an anti-doping program for my Association, but I am willing to consider the issue and see how it impacts me and my Association.	10.8%	161
e. I am opposed to anti-doping programs being introduced into my National Association in any form.	3.8%	57
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1493</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>450</b>

**24. Have you or anyone you have personally known ever taken performance enhancing drugs or PEDs (substances such as steroids, human growth hormone, amphetamines, etc. - but not cannabis or caffeine) in training or competitions for disc sports? As mentioned at the beginning of the survey, we only report aggregate answers so please be honest.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, with regular and regimented usage.	2.4%	36
Yes, have experimented with them.	1.0%	15
No	90.8%	1355
I have no direct knowledge but have heard of some athletes using PEDs.	5.8%	87d
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1493</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>450</b>

25. Have you or anyone you have known personally ever bet on a disc sports competition or been involved in match fixing? As mentioned at the beginning of the survey, all answers are anonymous so please be honest.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Yes, on a regular basis	1.7%	25
b. Yes, but only rarely or on occasion	2.6%	38
c. No	92.9%	1379
d. I do not have direct knowledge but have heard of some betting or match-fixing in disc sports.	2.8%	42
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1484</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>459</b>

26. For Disc Golf, WFDF introduced a world championship national team competition (World Team Disc Golf championship, WTDGC) back in 2016 as a new format for play. This has been established to complement existing tournament formats focused on individual play, and to establish a track record for country by country competition in keeping with the Olympic Movement model. With which of the following comments do you most agree?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Adjusted Percent	Response Count
a. I think that the World Championship national team competition format is a good idea and would like to see more opportunities for similarly formatted competitions.	14.9%	51.8%	219
b. I think that the World Championship national team competition format is a good idea but feel that the WTDGC is sufficient for now.	8.3%	28.8%	122
c. I am not sure it is necessary to feature national team based Disc golf competition.	4.9%	17.0%	72
d. I think that the World Championship national team format is a bad idea.	0.7%	2.4%	10
e. I don't know enough about the WTDGC to have an opinion.	30.2%	-	445
f. Not applicable to me.	41.1%	-	605
<b>answered question</b>		<b>423</b>	<b>1473</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>470</b>

27. For Ultimate, do you think that some form of Continental championship should be introduced as a qualifying round and/or for establishing seeding for WUGC in the future?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Adjusted Percent	Response Count
a. Uncategorically yes.	20.3%	23.1%	303
b. We would be willing to see a well-designed program introduced in the future but our region is not ready for that yet.	25.0%	28.5%	373
c. Although we recognize space limitations, we think it is best to still let all nations compete in the WUGC.	38.6%	44.0%	576
d. We think Continental Qualifiers is a bad idea.	3.9%	4.4%	58
e. Not applicable.	12.3%	-	183
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1310</b>	<b>1493</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>450</b>

28. For Ultimate, do you think that some form of National Championship should be conducted by a National association before that country/Member would qualify to send teams to the WUGC or WUCC?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Yes, a national association must host a national championship with no fewer than 3-4 club teams in a respective division before it should be eligible to participate.	25.6%	382
b. A national association must either run a national championship event with at least 3-4 club teams in a division (see choice a) OR must attend a regional (Continental) championship in order to be eligible to participate in the WUGC or WUCC.	37.5%	560
c. All Regular Members of WFDF should be entitled to send at least one team to World Championship events without any qualification	24.8%	370
d. Not applicable.	12.1%	181
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1493</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>450</b>

29. For Ultimate players, have you ever played in a game with Game Advisors, Observers, or referees? In case you aren't sure, WFDF introduced Game Advisors at world championships a few years ago to provide support and advice to players on the field regarding calls and for monitoring the time in between points or for discussions on disputed calls; all calls remain the responsibility of the players on the field. Observers were introduced 35 years ago in North America and play a more active role in governance of on-field play; while players still make most of their own calls, Observers make active line and time calls and rulings on contested fouls if needed. Referees were introduced by the North American semi-professional leagues and are officials who actively make all calls on the field.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have not played in games with either Game Advisors, Observers, or referees.	45.6%	681
I have played in games with Game Advisors but not Observers or referees.	19.9%	297
I have played in games with Observers but not Game Advisors or referees.	9.2%	138
I have played in games with referees but not Game Advisors or Observers.	0.4%	6
I have played in games with Game Advisors and Observers but not referees.	11.1%	165
I have played in games with Observers and referees but not Game Advisors.	1.3%	19
I have played in games using Game Advisors, Observers, and referees.	2.1%	32
Not applicable.	10.4%	155
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1493</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>450</b>

30. For Ultimate players, under which governance mechanism do you believe that top level competition (eg World Championships, National Championships, etc) should be played?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. Pure self-officiating by players, with no third-party officials.	17.7%	262
b. Self-officiating supported by WFDF-style Game Advisors (no active calls, non-binding advice on calls)	50.5%	746
c. Self-officiating supported by North American-style Observers (active line and time calls, rulings on contested fouls if needed)	20.5%	303
d. Referees making all calls, with the option for a player to overrule in favor of his opponent.	2.8%	41
e. Referees making all calls, with no player input.	0.8%	12
f. Not applicable/no opinion.	7.7%	114
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1478</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>465</b>

31. Regarding "spirit of the game," please rate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements as they relate to the "self-refereeing" aspect of Ultimate.

Answer Options	1 - Strongly agree	2 - Mildly agree	3 - Neutral	4 - Mildly disagree	5 - Strongly disagree	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
a. Ultimate is not "Ultimate" without self-refereeing, it is a different sport.	832	356	90	98	75	42	1.78	1493
b. Referees are positive for the sport because they speed up the action.	108	281	268	360	424	52	3.49	1493
c. Being self-officiated is a great branding opportunity for Ultimate.	912	335	131	40	24	51	1.56	1493
d. Ultimate will never be credible in the world of sport unless there are referees.	78	222	218	338	589	48	3.79	1493
e. I have a clear understanding of what Spirit of the Game is.	1140	280	32	7	6	28	1.27	1493
f. The use of Game Advisors or Observers to assist players preserves the best aspects of spirit of the game.	338	531	315	184	70	55	2.39	1493
g. Self-officiating only works as long as there is no significant benefit (eg financial/fame) to winning	166	377	316	364	199	71	3.04	1493
h. Introduction of referees will result in more cheating and "win at all cost" behavior.	425	491	243	173	96	65	2.32	1493
i. The use of referees would likely trickle down to other levels of competition if it were used at the highest levels.	293	593	306	138	36	127	2.29	1493
j. More youth programs are likely to adopt Ultimate if there were referees	35	108	250	416	579	105	4.01	1493
k. Ultimate in its best form emphasizes Spirit of the Game as a key element, including at the highest level.	1058	277	85	16	11	46	1.37	1493
l. The current WFDF Spirit of the Game scoring system is in need of significant change.	118	280	515	288	119	173	3.01	1493
<b>answered question</b>								<b>1493</b>
<b>skipped question</b>								<b>450</b>

**32. WFDF introduced Game Advisors in 2014, who provide guidance to players on the field but do not determine calls; they only provide guidance to players in cases of disputes, assist in moving the game along, and add a perspective when players disagree on a call.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
a. I have not played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and do not think WFDF should continue to experiment with Game Advisors.	13.0%	194
b. I have not played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors but I do think WFDF should continue to experiment with Game Advisors.	37.2%	555
c. I have played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and think that Referees are preferable.	1.4%	21
d. I have played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and think that Observers are preferable.	11.0%	164
e. I have played with Referees, Observers, or Game Advisors and think that Game Advisors are preferable.	21.0%	314
f. I have not played with Game Advisors, but have played with Observers or referees, but think Game Advisors may be preferable.	2.6%	38
No opinion/not applicable.	13.9%	207
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1493</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>450</b>

**33. For Ultimate Players, if Ultimate were to continue to be played with Game Advisors at WFDF World Championships, which of the following roles should be undertaken (check as many as applicable):**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Providing advice on Time limits	77.2%	1153
Enforcing time limit penalties, whether the players call it or not	23.8%	356
Providing advice on Offside calls	63.2%	944
Enforcing offside penalties, whether the players call it or not	16.2%	242
Providing advice on in/out calls	71.6%	1069
Making active in/out line calls	26.4%	394
Providing advice on foul calls	66.5%	993
Making the final determination on foul calls, when asked	27.2%	406
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1493</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>450</b>