



BRITISH COLUMBIA ULTIMATE SOCIETY

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BC Ultimate Commitment to Fair Play

BC Ultimate exists to promote the growth and enjoyment of the sport of ultimate in many different forms, programs, and contexts. All of these share in common a commitment by all participants (players, coaches, officials, and spectators) to uphold a standard of sportsmanship, integrity, and goodwill. All Persons in attendance of a BC Ultimate-sanctioned event are expected to:

- exhibit respect for the rules of the competition, program or site, and never to knowingly contravene or to assist in contravening those rules;
- exhibit respect for others, and a respect for difference of custom and opinion of others;
- exhibit respect for public and private property

All Athletes are expected to:

- learn and play within the rules of the game;
- show respect for their teammates and their opposition;
- avoid dangerous actions on the field.

All Coaches and Organizers are expected to:

- give support within their abilities;
- abide by the ethical codes of the provincial and national governing bodies [BC Ultimate & Ultimate Canada].

Further to these expectations, the rules of ultimate customarily require participants to self-officiate in accordance with prescriptions contained in the rules. This special requirement is itself a skill of the game, requiring knowledge of the rules, self-awareness, and self-control. Just as critically, it also demands understanding and forgiveness of others and their mistakes, when they arise. It is the responsibility of all participants of a game to respect the processes dictated by the rules in resolving infractions or disputes, and to vigilantly control the temptation to judge one's opponents unfairly or maliciously for their perceptions or applications of the rules.

Excerpts from Select Rules of Ultimate



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USAU Ultimate Official Rules of Ultimate: 11th Edition

From the Preface: *"The integrity of Ultimate depends on each player's responsibility to uphold the Spirit of the Game, and this responsibility should remain paramount."*

From Section 1. Introduction, item B. *"Spirit of the Game. Ultimate relies upon a spirit of sportsmanship that places the responsibility for fair play on the player. Highly competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of mutual respect among competitors, adherence to the agreed upon rules, or the basic joy of play. Protection of these vital elements serves to eliminate unsportsmanlike conduct from the Ultimate field. Such actions as taunting opposing players, dangerous aggression, belligerent intimidation, intentional infractions, or other 'win-at-all-costs' behavior are contrary to the Spirit of the Game and must be avoided by all players."*

WFDF Official Rules of Ultimate: Article 1 General 102

"102 Spirit of the Rules: Flying disc sports have traditionally relied upon a spirit of sportsmanship which places the responsibility of fair play on the players themselves. Highly competitive and committed play is encouraged, but never at the expense of the bond of mutual respect between players, adherence to the agreed upon rules of any event, nor the basic enjoyment of play. Protection of these vital elements serves to eliminate adverse conduct from the playing field. The responsibility for the maintenance of this spirit rests on each player's shoulders."