



The world's Ultimate are coming to Vancouver!

Over 1600 athletes from 21 countries will converge in Vancouver for the World Ultimate & Guts Championships from August 2-9, 2008.

Teams from as far as Australia, Columbia, Japan and Switzerland have been selected and training for over a year to compete at an elite, international level that can only be dreamed by beach Frisbee throwers and their pets.

Ultimate Frisbee is a fast paced, exhilarating team sport that combines elements of soccer, American football and netball. Teams must advance the disc with aerodynamic throws down the field to score a point in the end zone. Athletes must possess an incredible combination of endurance, speed, agility, technique and teamwork, combined with a strong commitment to fair play in a sport that is self governed without referees, even at this elite level.

Guts is a test of courage. Teams stand 15 meters apart and throw the disc over 100km/h in an attempt to make their opponent unable to catch it. Points are scored every time the disc is not caught and games are to 21. Players must possess the ability to throw with great speed and pinpoint accuracy as well as intense concentration, fast hand-eye coordination and teamwork for defense.

The Pacific Northwest could be considered the home of flying disc sports, and Vancouver in particular has an Ultimate community of over 5,000 players which surpasses many other sports played in the region. Games will be played at the University of British Columbia who were recently crowned 2008 College Champions in the women's division.

"Having worlds here is very exciting. This is about as home field as it can get for me. I played high school ultimate on these fields, 5 years of college, and numerous club tournaments. I grew up on these fields. It is going to be a battle for sure!" says Morgan Hibbert from Open Team Canada.

The finals over the six divisions, Open, Women's, Mixed, Masters, Junior Open and Junior Women will be held over the 8th and 9th of August where gold will be distributed to the team that has laid everything on the line.

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For more information:

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