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WFDF 2014 World Junior Ultimate Championships to be held in Lecco, Italy

The World Flying Disc Federation is pleased to announce that the WFDF 2014 World Junior Ultimate Championships (WJUC) 2014 will be hosted in the city of Lecco, Lombardy (Italy). The event will be held from July 20-26, 2014 at the facilities at the Nuova Poncia Polo & Country Club in Lecco, and the finals will be staged in the Stadio Rigamonti-Ceppi, the main stadium of the city of Lecco on July 26, 2014.

The successful bid came from the Ultimateevents s.r.l. group headed by Max Vitali. Ultimateevents is also hosting the WFDF 2014 World Ultimate Club Championships (WUCC), which is being held two weeks later at the same venues. The bid was supported and endorsed by the Federazione Italiana Flying Disc (FIFD), led by President Francesco Franceschetti.

"WFDF carefully considered its decision to award two events in three weeks to the same host. We grew comfortable with the potential challenges and risks due to the experience of the tournament organizing committee under Max Vitali and his staff and the fact that the same infrastructure is going to be used for both events," stated WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "With 40 teams and some 1,000 athletes expected for WJUC, and 160 teams and 3,600 athletes for WUCC, it will be an exciting summer of Ultimate in the Lake Como region of Italy and the local community has pledged its strong support to make this a memorable experience for all our athletes. By hosting these two events in the same venue, we view this as potential role model for a sustainable use of resources for mega sport events, and WFDF is dedicating additional resources to support and oversee the host."

"Hosting the next WUCC is a huge privilege, and at the same time a massive responsibility for us," commented Max Vitali, CEO of Ultimateevents. "We want the juniors championship event next year to boast the same quality of services and infrastructure as any elite world championship in order to seize this opportunity to help these young players in their path to be the future of our sport. We deeply thank WFDF, especially President Nob Rauch, Executive Director Volker Bernardi, and Ultimate Committee chair Simon Hill, along with the entire WFDF board of directors, for the confidence and trust they have placed in us in awarding us the right and the honor to host the WFDF 2014 WJUC."

The last WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships were held in the city of Dublin, Ireland, in 2012.

About WFDF:

The World Flying Disc Federation ("WFDF") serves as the international governing body of all flying disc sports. WFDF is made up of the National Associations ("Members") that govern their respective disc sports. There are currently Members representing athletes in 56 countries. WFDF is an International Federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), an ARISF member and a member of SportAccord and the International World Games Association. WFDF is recognized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) registered corporation in the State of Colorado, USA, and it is a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Agency code.

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