



2027 Australian U24 Ultimate Teams – Information pack

The Australian Flying Disc Association (**AFDA**) is excited to call for expressions of interest (**EOI**) for the Australian U24 Ultimate Teams as we begin the journey towards the 2027 World U24 Ultimate Championships (**WU24**) taking place in Kamisu, Japan from 19-26th June 2027.

This is a fantastic opportunity for eligible athletes and a chance to compete alongside some of the best athletes in the country. We warmly welcome all eligible players to engage with the selection process, showcase their abilities, and be part of what promises to be an exciting and rewarding experience.

WU24 Athlete Eligibility

In order to nominate for the WU24 campaign an athlete must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. have past experience playing Ultimate;
2. not be subject to a domestic or international playing sanction;
3. not have any outstanding debts owing to AFDA or any State Member Organisation;
4. be born on or after January 1, 2004 and on or before January 1, 2009;
5. be 18 years of age or older before participating in any WU24 international travel, unless otherwise approved by AFDA and;
6. meet WFDF eligibility requirements to represent Australia, by qualifying under one of the following WFDF eligibility categories:
 - a. D2.3.1. Legal Citizen - Players are deemed to be "Legal citizens" if they own a passport or equivalent legal document issued by the country's government
 - b. D2.3.2. WFDF Citizen - Players are also deemed to be "WFDF citizens" if they have moved to the country at least forty (40) months prior to January 1st of the year of the event and spent more than 75% of those forty (40) months in the country.

- c. D2.3.3. Resident Non-Citizen - Players are deemed to be "Resident non-citizens" if they own a legal certificate of permanent residency issued by the country's government; or if they have moved to the country at least twelve (12) months prior to January 1st of the year of the event and spent more than 75% of those twelve (12) months in the country.

AFDA will only accept EOI's from athletes that meet the eligibility criteria above and who submit the [2027 WU24 Athlete EOI Form](#), and email high.performance@afda.com.au by **11.59pm Monday 27 July 2026** with the **email subject line "2027 WU24 EOI - [Full name]"** and attaching the following:

1. a head shot photograph of the athlete;
2. WFDF certificate evidencing WFDF Advanced Rules Accreditation;
3. SIA certificate evidencing completion of the following free online integrity courses:
 - a. Anti-doping Fundamentals;
 - b. Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling;
 - c. Illicit Drugs; and
 - d. Annual Update 2026.

The 2027 WU24 EOI Form and email attaching the above conditional documents must be submitted by 11.59pm Monday 27 July 2026. Your EOI is not complete until both the online form and required documents have been received by AFDA.

WU24 Campaign Plan

The WU24 campaign will run from late 2026 through to June 2027, culminating at the WU24 tournament in Kamisu, Japan. It is anticipated that we will have three WU24 Team Australia teams. The following are rough plans for the broader campaign (noting that these may subject to change):

Open Team (Goannas)

- Training Camp 1 (Adventure Camp): 12/13 December 2026 – Sydney
- U24 Invite Tournament: Feb 2027 – TBC
- New Zealand Nationals: 2–4 April 2027 – Wellington
- Training Camp 2: May 2027 – TBC
- Pre-tour: June 2027 – Japan

- WU24 Championships: 19-26 June 2027 – Kamisu, Japan

Women's Team (Stingrays)

- Training Camp 1: Nov/Dec 2026 or Feb 2027 (combined with Team Japan) – TBC
- U24 Invite Tournament: Feb 2027 – TBC
- Training Camp 2: May 2027 – TBC
- Training Camp 3: Early June 2027 – TBC
- Pre-tour (with Japanese Team): June 2027 – Japan
- WU24 Championships: 19-26 June 2027 – Kamisu, Japan

Mixed Team (Bluebottles)

- Training Camp 1: January 2027 – TBC
- U24 Invite Tournament: Feb 2027 – TBC
- Canberra Cup: March 2027 – Canberra
- Training Camp 2: Early April 2027 – TBC
- Training Camp 3 / Invite Tournament: Mid-Late May 2027 – TBC
- Pre-tour: June 2027 (5–7 days) – Japan
- WU24 Championships: 19-26 June 2027 – Kamisu, Japan

Note: Events and dates will be refined based on logistics and final team planning.

Optional online information session(s) will be held in August following the closure of the EOI period. This session(s) will provide an overview of the selection process, campaign expectations, and an opportunity for athletes to ask questions. Further details regarding the session, including timing and access information, will be communicated via email.

Campaign Budget

While an approximate at this stage only, the cost per athlete for the entire WU24 campaign is expected to be a **maximum of \$5,500**.

This includes:

- Attendance at training camps (accommodation, food, field hire etc.)

- Training Camp flight cost share expenses
- Tournament expenses
- WFDF fees
- Strength & conditioning support
- Medical and physio services
- Team personnel expenses

Athletes should note that their total personal cost may exceed the campaign fee once selection camp attendance, uniforms, international flights, passports, travel insurance, personal equipment and incidental travel costs are included.

Note: A refined version of team budget with line items will be available via the Team Manager once the teams have been finalised.

Selection Process & Format

The 2026/27 Australian WU24 teams will be selected through a two-stage selection camp process, supported by additional selector discretion.

Key Dates & Timeline

- *EOI closing date:*
 - 27 July 2026
- *Selection Camp 1 (Open to all):*
 - Dates: 5–6 September 2026
 - Location: Melbourne
- *Selection Camp 2 (Invite Only):*
 - Dates: 17–18 October 2026
 - Location: Sydney

Camp Structure

Selection Camp 1 (SC1) – Open Camp

- Open to athletes born between 1/1/2004 and 1/1/2009 who submit a valid EOI and meet all other eligibility criteria
- No team preference required at this stage
- Purpose:
 - Broad athlete identification
 - Initial skill and athletic benchmarking
 - Opportunity for new and less known players to be assessed

Selection Camp 2 (SC2) – Invite Only

- Athletes will be selected and invited following SC1
- Invitations will be sent shortly after SC1
- Athletes invited to SC2 will be asked to complete a team preference form (~1 week prior)

Direct Invitations to SC2

Selectors may invite athletes directly to SC2 from the EOIs, including:

- Returning WU24 athletes
- Athletes with strong 2026 WUCC or WJUC performances
- Exceptional cases (e.g. unavailable for SC1 but approved via references)

These athletes will receive an email notification for a Camp 2 direct invite **from** 3-4 days after the EOI closed.

Note: Additional direct invitations to Camp 2 may be sent after the initial 3-4 days period, before August 23, 2026. Direct invitation to SC2 does not guarantee team selection.

Selection criteria

A Selection Criteria will be provided to players prior to commencing Selection Camp 1 (and Selection Camp 2 if further criteria are to be included).

A reserve/training member system may be used by the teams. The number of reserve/training members selected is based on the Head Coach's discretion.

Reserve/training members will only participate in the domestic part of the campaign. However, they may be eligible to be offered a spot in the squads in case of injury or other

situations where a replacement is needed. Reserves/training members may be selected from the initial pool of EOIs and are not subject to the inclusion in Selection Camp 2.

Further details can be accessed during the selection process.

Selection Camp Fees

The selection camps will be organised by AFDA, and invoices (or a payment link) will be sent out approximately 1 week after the EOI has closed (for SC1) and approximately 2 weeks after SC1 (for SC2). Players who received direct invitations to SC2 will receive an invoice for SC2 at the same time as other players receiving their invoices for SC1.

Payment of Selection Camp Fees is mandatory and non-refundable (except for the flight cost share refunds explained below) and is a precondition to Selection Camp attendance. Anyone who has not paid their applicable Selection Camp will not be eligible for selection, or for participation in the relevant Selection Camp (even if they turn up on the day).

Selection Camp 1 cost per athlete- \$400

Selection Camp 2 cost per athlete - \$380

Selection camp fees cover:

- Field hire
- Flights and Accommodation of selectors and other campaign personnel
- Food and meals (lunch catering)
- Physio services
- Cost-share flight support (refer below)

Note: If there are surplus funds remaining from the selection camps, a portion will be refunded equally to athletes who were not selected, with the remaining balance allocated to support the respective team's campaigns.

Athlete Travel Cost Sharing

To promote equity and support the cost of flights for athletes attending from interstate or far regional areas, the Selection Camp fees also cover flight cost sharing support arrangements. The following table sets out the cost-share to be received (by way of post camp attendance reimbursement) by athletes based on state of residence.

<i>Camp 1</i>	<i>Melbourne Metro</i>	<i>Country VIC</i>	<i>NSW (Sydney)</i>	<i>Country NSW</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>TAS</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>\$280</i>	<i>\$330</i>	<i>\$350</i>	<i>\$230</i>	<i>\$250</i>	<i>\$350</i>	<i>\$650</i>

<i>Camp 2 (Invite only)</i>	<i>Melbourne Metro</i>	<i>Country VIC</i>	<i>Sydney Metro</i>	<i>Country NSW</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>TAS</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>Sydney</i>	<i>\$270</i>	<i>\$300</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>\$200</i>	<i>\$450</i>	<i>\$330</i>	<i>\$300</i>	<i>\$650</i>

For example, an athlete travelling from ACT who intends to attend both selection camps will be invoiced \$400 for Selection Camp 1 and \$380 for Selection Camp 2. Following attendance at both camps, the athlete will receive a refund of \$550 (comprising \$350 for Camp 1 and \$200 for Camp 2).

Similarly, an athlete travelling from Melbourne who intends to attend both selection camps will be invoiced \$400 for Selection Camp 1 and \$380 for Selection Camp 2. Following attendance at both camps, the athlete will receive a refund of \$270 (comprising \$0 for Camp 1 and \$270 for Camp 2).

An athlete from QLD who is directly invited to Selection Camp 2 will be invoiced for \$380 ONLY. Following attendance at Selection Camp 2, the athlete will receive a refund of \$300.

Refunds are only issued after the athlete has attended the relevant selection camp(s). All athletes are required to pay the full invoiced amount upfront, regardless of intended attendance.

Integrity Compliance Requirements

By completing the 2027 WU24 EOI Form all athletes agree to be bound by the [AFDA National Integrity Framework policies and Code of Conduct](#).

AFDA takes integrity matters seriously and will provide further information and education to athletes selected to a 2027 WU24 Team Australia team as part of the campaign preparation. In the meantime, completion of the following free online training is a condition to both Selection Camp attendance and eligibility for selection in a WU24 team:

1. Anti-doping Fundamentals;
2. Competition Manipulation and Sports Gambling;
3. Illicit Drugs; and
4. Annual Update 2026.

To complete the above courses, please register (or log in) to the [Sport Integrity Australia elearning platform](#) and ensure you have “flying disc” ticked as your sport.

Please note:

- The Annual Update 2027 course will be released in 2027 and all athletes will be required to complete this in a timely manner upon its release.
- The World Flying Disc Federation accepts the SIA Anti-doping Fundamentals Certificate in lieu of the WADA ADEL Online learning certificate – therefore you are not required to complete both, but the SIA Anti-doping Fundamentals course is mandatory for Australian athletes.

Please take the time to read about integrity in the sport of Ultimate in the [AFDA Integrity Hub](#). You are also encouraged to download the [Sport Integrity Australia App](#) on your phone.

If you have any questions about integrity, or the expectations regarding behaviour and integrity at the Selection Camps, please email integrity@afda.com.au.

EOI Submission

The completed 2027 WU24 EOI Form and email attaching pre-requisite documents are due by 11:59pm Monday 27th July 2026.

- EOI Form Link: [2026-2027 Australian U24 Ultimate Campaign - Athlete Expression of Interest – Fill out form](#)
- Upon completed the EOI form, please email high.performance@afda.com.au with the email subject heading "2027 WU24 EOI - [Full Name]" and attaching the following:
 - head shot photograph of the athlete;
 - [WFDF certificate evidencing WFDF Advanced Rules Accreditation](#);
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 - i. Anti-doping Fundamentals;
 - ii. Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling;
 - iii. Illicit Drugs; and
 - iv. Annual Update 2026.

If you have any questions, please email high.performance@afda.com.au.

Terms and Conditions

Submission of the WU24 EOI and attendance at any 2027 WU24 Selection Camp is subject to the following terms and conditions. Where a WU24 EOI Form has been completed and submitted by a parent or guardian on behalf of an under 18 athlete, the reference to “athlete” includes the named parent or legal guardian of the under 18 participant, and the under 18 participant themselves, as applicable.

1. All athletes must conduct themselves according to the Spirit of the Game, both on and off the field
2. All athletes are bound and must comply with all [AFDA policies and procedures](#) and all directions of AFDA staff or other WU24 “team personnel” AFDA staff that are issued as part of the selection process.
3. Failure to comply with relevant policies, procedures and/or directions may result in expulsion from the tournament, issuing of fines and/or conditions imposed on participation without refund of any costs already incurred.
4. By submitting the 2027 WU24 EOI and/or attending a 2027 WU24 selection camp, athletes (and the parent or guardian named in the 2027 WU24 EOI Form) agree and consent to AFDA (represented by its staff, contractors, team personnel or volunteers) taking photograph or video footage of them during the selection camps for:
 - a. use in promotional and/or educational purposes (whether in print or digital form, and whether during or after the event) relating to flying disc sports, including making public posts on social media, websites and other relevant publicly accessible platforms;
 - b. the administration of flying disc sports in Australia, including to assist in identifying and/or investigating prohibited conduct under the national integrity framework and these terms and conditions, or for use in disciplinary proceedings, including tribunal hearings; and
 - c. retention for future use and/or provision to third party partners (such as AFDA sponsors, state member flying disc organisations and Australian Government sporting agencies) for them to use for promotional and/or educational purposes also.

Without limiting the above, permission is given to AFDA, its staff, broadcasters, event service providers permission for the free use of the athlete’s name, voice, picture, likeness and biographical information in the broadcast, telecast, recording advertising or promotion of AFDA’s Team Australia campaigns.

Athletes can contact integrity@afda.com.au with any concerns, questions, requests, complaints or feedback about the collection, use or storage of the abovementioned footage.

5. By submitting the 2027 WU24 EOI and/or attending a 2027 WU24 selection camp, athletes (and the parent or guardian named in the 2027 WU24 EOI Form) agree that they understand the rules and physical requirements of ultimate, including understanding and agreeing as follows:
 - a. ultimate is self-refereed so athletes must take on all responsibilities that might otherwise be associated with a referee. All athletes will take responsibility to ensure that ultimate is played within the rules, that athlete safety is maintained and that problems are addressed as they occur;
 - b. athletes must be medically and physically fit and able to participate in the event. If an athlete is pregnant or have a pre-existing medical condition that could be exacerbated by participation in a selection camp, the athlete must have consulted a medical practitioner about participation in the selection camp and completed the relevant information in the 2027 WU24 EOI Form with sufficient information;
 - c. although ultimate is termed a non-contact sport, contact may occur, including as a result of players failing to perceive a potentially dangerous situation, evaluating risk poorly, lacking coordination or intentionally causing contact. Athletes agree to take all reasonable steps to avoid collisions, particularly collisions that could be expected to harm yourself or another player;
 - d. by participating in the sport of ultimate and attending selection camps athletes risk serious injury, including chronic pain, permanent incapacitation, paralysis and death, particularly through contact with the ground, other players and objects, on or outside the playing field. By submitting the 2027 WU24 EOI Form, athletes (and the parent or guardian named in the 2027 WU24 EOI Form) acknowledge there have historically been deaths associated with participation in ultimate events due to lightning strikes, heart attacks and road accidents. Athletes are required to remove themselves from active play/training at the selection camp if they believe it is unsafe to continue to participate including, without limitation due to extreme weather, temperature or medical need.
6. Although registered athletes become entitled to some level of insurance protection through AFDA's insurance program (further information available at <https://www.afda.com/insurance>) this coverage is limited and does not include all potential risks. AFDA is not able and does not provide any insurance advice and each athlete is responsible for reviewing their own personal insurance needs to ensure comprehensive protection, including consideration of whether private medical or travel insurance may be necessary. AFDA is not liable for injuries sustained during a selection

camp (or from travel to and from the selection camp) and athletes acknowledge that injuries may result in significant financial loss through hospitalisation, longer-term medical bills or being unable to work or study.

7. Athletes are responsible for their own transport to and from the selection camps. Athletes must exercise prudence and planning for their journeys to and from the selection camps, including consideration of tiredness.
8. Athletes are responsible for any property brought to a selection camp. AFDA is not liable for any loss, theft or damage to any athlete property.
9. With respect to submission of the 2027 WU24 EOI form in respect of an athlete that is under 18, the named parent/guardian in the form:
 - a. consents to the child's entry EOI submission and confirms that the athlete is choosing and willing to participate is invited to the selection camps;
 - b. expressly agrees to be responsible for the athlete's behaviour and accepts these terms and conditions on behalf of themselves and the athlete, including agreeing to ensure that the athlete is aware of the terms of registration and the obligation to comply;
 - c. has discussed consent to video and photography footage of the athlete's image and/or voice being collected, stored, used and shared as outlined in these terms and obtained their informed consent also;
 - d. understands that Ultimate is a physically demanding sport that can involve ground and body contact, and as such injury is possible even in controlled conditions. Although AFDA and its representatives attempt to minimise risk of personal injury, accidents can still happen and physical and mental injury may be a consequence;
 - e. understands that there is increased mental and physical risk for athletes under the age of 18 that participating in open age sporting competitions.
 - f. authorises AFDA or its representative, where it is impracticable to communicate with the athlete's parent/guardian in the case of an emergency, to arrange for the athlete to receive such medical or surgical treatment as may be considered necessary, and undertakes to pay or reimburse any costs incurred for medical attention, ambulance transport and medication while the athlete is participating in a selection camp, to the extent that such costs are not covered by Medicare; and
 - g. understands that the Sports Integrity Australia website has accessible resources to support the safety of children in sport, such as the [SIA Guide to managing high risk activities](#) for under 18s in sport.