



## **The History of Ultimate, and other Frisbee games**

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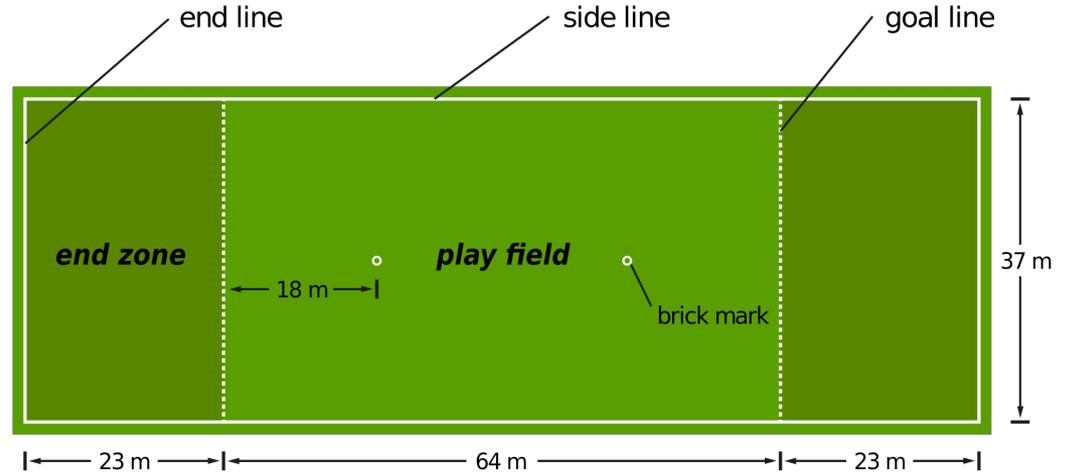
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# How To Play

# Ultimate in 10 Simple Rules\*

1. The Field
2. Initiate Play
3. Scoring
4. Movement of the Disc.
5. Change of Possession
6. Substitutions
7. Non-contact
8. Fouls
9. Self-Officiating
10. Spirit of the Game



\*Actual 11th Edition Rulebook is 40 pages long and contains 100+ rules



# History

# Flying Disc (Frisbee) Origins

**1871** - William Frisbie opens “Frisbie Pie Company” in Bransford, CT

**1938** - Walter Morrison sells pan lids in Santa Monica, CA; Yale students do the same

**1948** - Morrison creates plastic model, Flyin-Saucer; **1955** Pluto Platter

**1957** - Morrison sells rights to Wham-O



1926/1969 - Disc Golf



# 1954/1958 - Guts



# 1960s/1974 - Freestyle



# 1970s/1978 - Double disc court (DDC)



# 1965/1968 - Ultimate



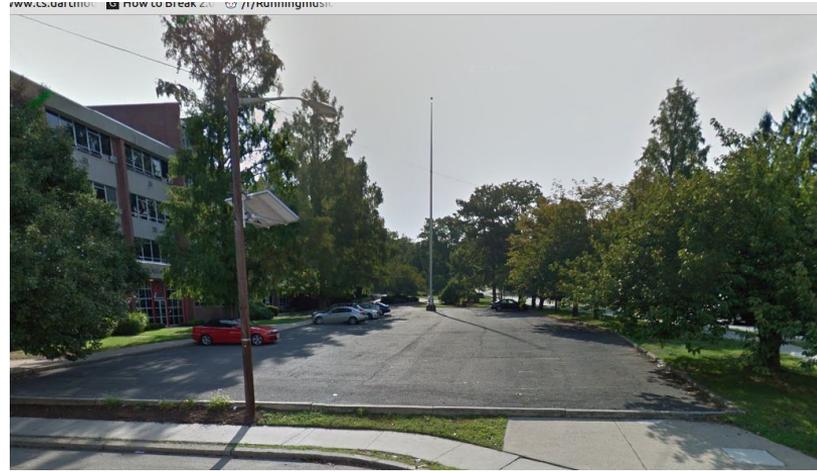
# 1967/1968 - Invention

**Founders:** Joel Silver, Jonny Hines, Buzzy Hellring

**Location:** Student Parking Lot at Columbia High School, Maplewood, NJ

**First game:** Student Council v. Newspaper Staff, 1968 (7-11)

**First interscholastic game:** CHS v. Milburn High, 1970 (43-10)



# 1970s - Expansion

**First collegiate game:** Rutgers vs. Princeton,  
November 6, 1972 (29-27)

**First National tournament:** 8-team event held in  
Princeton, NJ, 1975

**UPA:** 1979

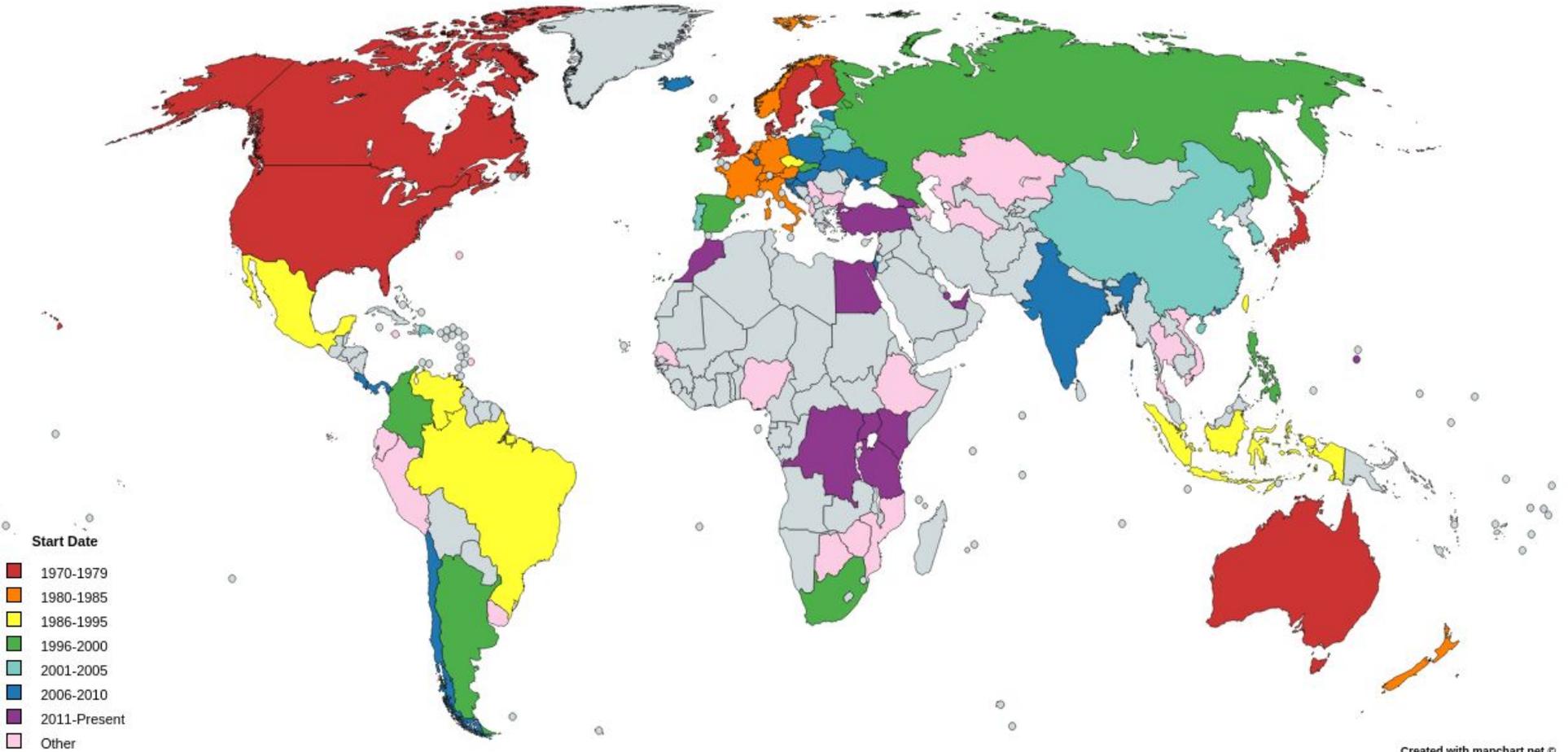
**CUPA:** 1980



# 1975 World Frisbee Championships at Rose Bowl



# Worldwide expansion, 1970s+





Club

# Season Structure

Tournament play, 6-8 games over a weekend.

Regular season results -> ranking algorithm -> bid allocation for regionals/nationals



## 2016 Triple Crown Tour





Revolver

San Francisco,  
CA

2015 Finish:  
1st

Sockeye

Seattle,  
WA

2015 Finish:  
2nd

Ironside

Boston,  
MA

2015 Finish:  
T-3rd

Machine

Chicago,  
IL

2015 Finish:  
T-3rd

Doublewide

Austin,  
TX

2015 Finish:  
5th

Ring of Fire

Raleigh,  
NC

2015 Finish:  
6th

Truck Stop

Washington,  
DC

2015 Finish:  
T-7th

Prairie Fire

Kansas City,  
KS

2014 Finish:  
T-7th

**PRO  
FLIGHT**



Madison Club

Madison,  
WI

2015 Finish:  
T-9th

Sub Zero

Minneapolis,  
MN

2015 Finish:  
T-9th

Patrol

Philadelphia,  
PA

2015 Finish:  
11th

GOAT

Toronto,  
ON

2015 Finish:  
12th

High Five

Ann Arbor,  
MI

2015 Finish:  
13th

Johnny Bravo

Denver,  
CO

2015 Finish:  
14th

Rhino

Portland,  
OR

2015 Finish:  
T-15th

Florida United

Gainesville,  
FL

2015 Finish:  
T-15th

**ELITE  
FLIGHT**



Black Market

Lombard,  
IL

Temper

Pittsburgh,  
PA

MKE

Milwaukee,  
WI

PoNY

New York,  
NY

Furious George

Vancouver,  
BC

Inception

Denver,  
CO

Turbine

Durham,  
NC

Streetgang

San Diego,  
CA

**SELECT  
FLIGHT**



**PRO**  
FLIGHT



Brute Squad

Boston,  
MA

2015 Finish:  
1st



Riot

Seattle,  
WA

2015 Finish:  
2nd



Fury

San Francisco,  
CA

2015 Finish:  
T-3rd



Molly Brown

Denver,  
CO

2015 Finish:  
T-3rd



Traffic

Vancouver,  
BC

2015 Finish:  
5th



Scandal

Washington,  
DC

2015 Finish:  
6th



Nightlock

San Francisco,  
CA

2015 Finish:  
T-7th



Phoenix

Raleigh,  
NC

2015 Finish:  
T-7th



**ELITE**  
FLIGHT



Ozone

Atlanta,  
GA

2015 Finish:  
T-9th



Heist

Madison,  
WI

2015 Finish:  
T-9th



Schwa

Portland,  
OR

2015 Finish:  
11th



Iris

Montreal,  
QC

2015 Finish:  
12th



Capitals

Toronto,  
ON

2015 Finish:  
13th



Bent

New York,  
NY

2015 Finish:  
14th



Showdown

Austin,  
TX

2015 Finish:  
15th



Nemesis

Chicago,  
IL

2015 Finish:  
16th



**SELECT**  
FLIGHT



Rival

Columbus,  
OH



Green Means Go

Philadelphia,  
PA



Pop

Minneapolis,  
MN



Siege

Boston,  
MA



Underground

Seattle,  
WA



Small Batch

Denver,  
CO



Tabby Rosa

Gainesville,  
FL



Wildfire

San Diego,  
CA





AVAYA  
STADIUM



# Pro Leagues

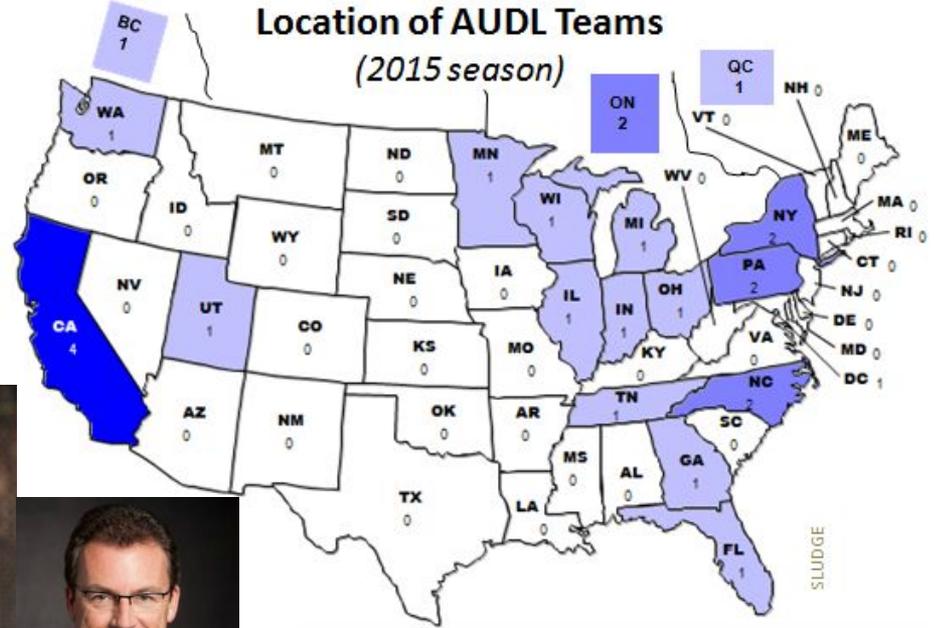
# Pro Timeline

2012 - American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL) founded

2013 - Major League Ultimate (MLU) founded

2014 - AUDL West Division

2015 - AUDL South Division





International



# World Championships



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# Party Tournaments



VANCOUVER  
ULTIMATE LEAGUE



# Rec Leagues





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