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Language

ULTIMATE

WHAT IS ULTIMATE?

The Game

The Rules

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How to get involved

Ultimate in 10 simple rules

1. **The Field** -- A rectangular shape with endzones at each end. A regulation field is 64m by 37m, with endzones 18m deep.
2. **Initiate Play** -- Each point begins with both teams lining up on the front of their respective endzone line. The defense throws ("pulls") the disc to the offense. A regulation game has seven players per team.
3. **Scoring** -- Each time the offense completes a pass in the defense's endzone, the offense scores a point. Play is initiated after each score.
4. **Movement of the Disc** -- The disc may be advanced in any direction by completing a pass to a teammate. Players may not run with the disc. The person with the disc ("thrower") has ten seconds to throw the disc. The defender guarding the thrower ("marker") counts out the stall count.
5. **Change of possession** -- When a pass is not completed (e.g. out of bounds, drop, block, interception), the defense immediately takes possession of the disc and becomes the offense.
6. **Substitutions** -- Players not in the game may replace players in the game after a score and during an injury timeout.
7. **Non-contact** -- No physical contact is allowed between players. Picks and screens are also prohibited. A foul occurs when contact is made.
8. **Fouls** -- When a player initiates contact on another player a foul occurs. When a foul disrupts possession, the play resumes as if the possession was retained. If the player



committing the foul disagrees with the foul call, the play is redone.

9. **Self-Refereeing** -- Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.
10. **Spirit of the Game** -- Ultimate stresses sportsmanship and fair play. Competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of respect between players, adherence to the rules, and the basic joy of play.

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For a slightly more detailed look at the rules check out the [Rules Insights](#).

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