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Ultimate Showcase Series Championships feature Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston

The [Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance \(BUDA\)](#) presents the 2009 [Ultimate Showcase Series \(USS\)](#) Championships, featuring some of the best Ultimate Frisbee players in the world, on Sunday, June 21st at Dilboy Stadium, Somerville. At 1:00pm, Somerville hosts Cambridge in the Men's Championship. At 3:00pm, Boston will take on either Cambridge or local national contending club squad Slow White for the Mixed title depending on a game on 6/18.

In the men's division, Somerville has emerged as the favorite, receiving strong play from Williams College alumni #26 Owen Westbrook and #12 Nipmuc Regional High School star Tyler Kenney. Somerville will be challenged by two-time USS champion Cambridge, led by #88 Jim Parinella, who won seven National and four World Ultimate titles with local legendary team [Death or Glory](#).

In the mixed division, Boston has emerged as the championship and fan favorite, with Amherst College alumna #11 Jess Blanton and Dartmouth alumni #12 Adam Sigelman's crowd-pleasing layout blocks. Ultimate is one of the only sports in which men and women compete in mixed world championships.

[About Ultimate](#)

More than one million people play Ultimate in the United States. In Massachusetts, the number of middle and high school programs has grown from a dozen teams in 2003 to over seventy this year.

Ultimate is played on a large field, about the size of a soccer field, with seven people per team on the field at one time. Game play is most similar to football, with teams aiming to advance the disc ("Frisbee") from one side of the field into their opponent's end zone. However, players are not allowed to run while in possession of the disc – it must be passed from player to player. The sport combines the flow and athleticism of soccer and basketball with the aerial passing skills of football.

Ultimate is unique because it is a "self-officiating sport," meaning that there are no referees. Instead, players govern the sport themselves, making their own foul and travel calls, a phenomenon known as "Spirit of the Game."

Ultimate is one of the fastest growing sports, especially at the youth level. Seventy high school teams compete in Massachusetts, and more than 750 college teams compete in the U.S. 42 countries compete internationally. "Young players are attracted to this sport because everyone on the field is a potential quarterback and receiver," said Erik Sebesta, director of the USS. "They love the constant action, diving catches and long, high arcing throws."

[About the Ultimate Showcase Series \(USS\)](#)

The Ultimate Showcase Series (USS) was developed so local fans can watch the sport played at the highest level. Admission is free although a tax-deductible donation to BUDA of \$5 to support the development of youth ultimate is suggested. For more information on the Ultimate Showcase Series, please visit www.TheUltimateShowcase.com.

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