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## ***International Ultimate Frisbee Competition comes to Boston***

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For those who thought “Ultimate Frisbee” only involved sun-soaked, barefoot hippies tossing around a plastic disc, the [The Ultimate Showcase Series \(USS\)](#) is coming to Boston in June to prove you wrong.

Sponsored by the [Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance \(BUDA\)](#), the Ultimate Showcase is a series of games intended to promote the relatively new, competitive brand of Ultimate, an athletic sport which combines the flow of soccer and basketball with the aerial passing skills of football. Goals are scored by completing a pass with the disc (Frisbee) in the opponent’s endzone.

On Thursday, June 4, some of the best Ultimate players in the country will be taking on international opponents -- the national team of Chinese Taipei. The game will be held at 8 p.m. at Saunders Stadium in Moakley Park in South Boston, and is free for spectators. The USS will be providing commentary, free prize giveaways, and half-time competitions for attendees.

The Chinese Taipei National Team will play Slow White, an American club team based in Boston. Since its formation in 2004, Slow White has placed 2<sup>nd</sup> twice at the United States Club Championships.

“If you are a fan of any sport, then there is a good chance that you will enjoy Ultimate,” said Mike Miller, team captain of Slow White, who has been playing Ultimate since 1996. “It is fast-paced, has a good deal of action, and there is a lot of scoring. And if Ultimate ever makes it into the Olympics, this is basically the exact kind of game you would see,” he said about the upcoming showcase game.

Miller said that although he has never played the Chinese Taipei national team before, he has seen many different styles of play from Canadian, British, Japanese, Australian and German teams. Slow White competed at the World Ultimate Club Championships in 2006, where they placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

“The American style – and our team – will probably play a bigger, riskier, flashier style, while I anticipate they will play more fundamentally,” Miller added.

The Chinese Taipei National Team is using the game to prepare for the [World Games of 2009](#), the premiere international competition for sports not included in the Olympics. The World Games will be held from July 16 to July 26, 2009 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

### **About Ultimate**

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."

In addition to men’s and women’s divisions, Ultimate is also one of the only sports to also include co-ed competition, called “Mixed.” The Ultimate Showcase game between Slow White and the Chinese Taipei National Team is a mixed game. For more information on the Ultimate Showcase Series, please visit [www.TheUltimateShowcase.com](http://www.TheUltimateShowcase.com).

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