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PAFDF

PAN AMERICAN FLYING DISC FEDERATION

WELCOME TO SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

San Jose, Costa Rica is the proud host of the 2027 PAFDF Ultimate Pan American Youth Championship (PAYUC).

As president of the Pan American Flying Disc Federation and on behalf of the PAFDF Board of Directors, it is a great pleasure for us to invite you and to encourage youth communities to participate in the 2027 PAFDF Pan American Youth Ultimate Championship (PAYUC). PAYUC will be organized by the Tournament Organizing Committee (TOC) JUF ACTIVANDO VALORES, led by Vanessa Rincones Arana, along with a team of key personnel with extensive experience. PAYUC will be held in San José, Costa Rica, from Thursday, July 22nd to Sunday, July 25th, 2027 (4 days).

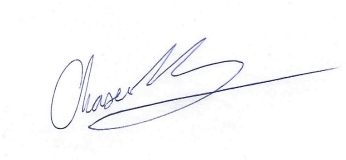
Youth teams from across the Americas will have the opportunity to compete in the U-17, U-20, and U-24 Mixed categories. We expect teams from more than six countries, with approximately 500 athletes participating in PAYUC. This is an incredible opportunity for our Pan-American youth community to compete, learn, and share their cultures. We want to provide our young people with the necessary space to do so.

San José is the vibrant capital and largest city of Costa Rica. Located in the fertile Central Valley at an average altitude of about 3,800 feet (1,158 meters), the city is the country's political, economic, and cultural center. The 2027 PAFDF Pan American Youth Ultimate Championship (PAYUC) is slated to be held at the Los Reyes Polo Club, the same venue that hosted the 2024 and 2026 PAFDF Central American and Caribbean Ultimate Championships, as well as the 2025 PAFDF Pan American Youth Ultimate Championship.

On the following pages you will find the information needed to formalize the registration process of your team in PAYUC. **Pay special attention to the points highlighted in red.** We have also included some preliminary details on transport and accommodation to help you make a decision; however, all teams are strongly reminded NOT to make ANY bookings for flights, visas, or hotels until they have paid the relevant fees and received confirmation of registration.

If you have any urgent questions that affect your ability to register your teams, don't hesitate to Contact the PAFDF or the Organizing Committee (contact details are on the back cover of this newsletter). Teams from all national federations that are members of the Pan American Federation are welcome to participate in the event.

Sincerely,



Chasen Brokaw
President of the PAFDF

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EVENT DATES

PAYUC will be a four (4) day tournament from Thursday, July 22nd to Sunday, July 25th, 2027 inclusive (4 days). If weather conditions cause delays to the matches, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly to ensure that the finals are played as planned on the fourth day or earlier.

A provisional competition format will be announced once team fees have been collected. Schedules will be adjusted to the size of the divisions. **The first day (Thursday, July 22) will include the opening ceremony and matches for all teams.** The fourth day (Sunday, July 25) should be a full day with matches for most teams; the schedule is pending confirmation.

Captains' and spirit captain meetings and coaches and companions meetings will take place on Wednesday night July 21, 2027 before the start of the tournament. At least one (1) representative from each team is preferred for each meeting. Please plan your travel accordingly. Teams without representatives at the venue during meeting times may pre-register their absence to receive meeting minutes via email. In-person registration will take place before the captains' meetings on Wednesday, July 21, once the teams arrive in San Jose. Further information regarding the location of team registration and captains' meetings will be provided later. The tournament rules will use the most up-to-date WFDF rules.

The opening ceremony and the parade of national participants is expected to take place on the morning of Thursday, July 22. All participating teams are requested to wear uniforms.

The first round of matches is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 22 (Day 1). Teams are expected to play up to two matches per day on Days 1-3, with the qualifying matches, semi-finals, and finals, as well as any remaining fixtures, taking place on Days 3 and 4. Please note that if inclement weather necessitates changes to the schedule, we cannot guarantee a fixed number of matches for each team.

Saturday night there will be a social celebration for PAYUC athletes. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. The medal presentation ceremonies and closing ceremony are expected to take place at the conclusion of the final PAYUC tournament.



Raza Jr (Colombia)



Titi's (Panama) vs. Canada West

TOURNAMENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The event will be organized by **JUF ACTIVANDO VALORES**. This Tournament Organizing Committee hosted the 2023 PAFDF Pan Am Junior Tournament and was part of the TOC at the 2025 PAFDF Pan American Youth Ultimate Championships (PAYUC). They will join a select group of event organizers from across the region and of course they will be joined by an experienced team of staff and wonderful volunteers.

Vanessa Rincones Arana has nearly 30 years of experience developing Youth and Women's Ultimate in Latin America. Founder and Director of **JUF Activando Valores LATAM**, she serves on **WFDF's Sport Development and University, School & Youth Sport Commissions**, and the **PAFDF Youth Sport Development Committee (PANJUCO)**.

For the organizer's team, player experience is the most important factor when considering how to organize this event. They want PAYUC to be an unique experience for all who choose to participate. For those experiencing this type of event for the first time, it is our hope that these events will be positive and transformative athletic experiences that create core memories and encourage continued participation and playing of Ultimate Frisbee for the rest of their lives.

The JUF team looks forward to welcoming you to Costa Rica and PAYUC 2027!!

LOCATION AND PLACE

The PAFDF Pan American Youth Ultimate Championships is expected to be played at the Los Reyes Polo Fields, with the main accommodation base within 30 minutes of the fields.

- MAIN VENUE - Los Reyes Polo Club (up to 18 full size fields)

All of the primary fields for the event are expected to be grass. The finals are expected to be played at the same venue.



Aerial image of the Los Reyes Polo Club, San Jose, Costa Rica

CLIMATE

Due to Costa Rica's biodiversity, it's possible to experience four or five microclimates in just a couple of hours by car. Therefore, when planning your trip, keep the following in mind: in July, San José (Costa Rica) has a mild, spring-like climate, with daytime highs ranging from 24°C to 28°C and cool nights that drop to 17°C–18°C. Although July coincides with the rainy season in Costa Rica, the Central Valley experiences a midsummer lull known as the "veranillo," which brings a temporary decrease in rainfall and longer periods of sunshine.

Daily pattern: Mornings are usually bright and sunny, while late afternoon or early evening often bring brief, refreshing showers. In La Guácima, where the venue is located, the weather is generally warmer and windier than in San José itself; expect temperatures a couple of degrees higher than in the rest of the San José area.

Pack your luggage with both conditions in mind. Bring a lightweight waterproof jacket, layers for cooler evenings, and quick-drying shoes.

AIRPORTS

Juan Santamaría International Airport (SJO) is the primary international airport serving San José, the capital of Costa Rica. The airport is located in Alajuela Province, 20 kilometres northwest of downtown San José and 12 kilometres northeast of the venue. The airport offers direct flights to North, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Daniel Oduber Quirós International Airport is located in Liberia, about 4 hours northwest of the venue. This airport could be used to arrive in or leave from if you are choosing to extend your stay and your activities will take you to the north/northwestern part of the country. Otherwise, please use the Juan Santamaria International Airport.

Teams should make enquiries about flights, however **no flights should be booked until after team registration is closed** and PAFDF confirms each team on the bid list. This is expected to happen by the end of 2026.

Teams are expected to make their own transport arrangements from the airport to their accommodations unless their specific package says otherwise. Rideshares (Uber etc.) are a great option if you are not staying at a tournament affiliate hotel or do not have your own vehicle.



San Jose Airport, Costa Rica

TRANSPORT

The sports complex Los Reyes Polo Club is located between 30 and 60 minutes away from the event accommodations; the time is greatly influenced by traffic.

Round-trip transportation to the playing fields will be provided for all participants staying at the tournament hotels. Those not staying at these hotels may choose to rent a vehicle or use services such as Uber.

Teams can arrange their own transportation to arrive at Los Reyes Polo Club. Participants arriving in their own vehicles (cars, vans, SUVs and Bus) will be able to park at the sports facilities for a small fee.





Transportation options offered

FOOD

More information about the tournament's food options will be shared closer to the event date. Options will be available for both players and spectators, offering a variety of choices to suit all tastes and dietary preferences.



"CASADO" Typical Costa Rican food

ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATIONS

Top Travel is the company that is in charge of all reservations and transportation for the event. Official event accommodation will be distributed across several different hotels to better suit each team's budget. All hotels will be located at varying distances from the event venue. If you wish to stay at one of our partner hotels, please book directly with Top Travel, as they will offer better rates.

All packages receive special benefits for being part of the tournament. All accommodation packages are based on 5 nights, with arrival on Wednesday, July 21st and departure on Monday, July 26th, 2027. Rates per person will vary between hotels and will be determined according to the occupancy level of each room: single, double, triple or quadruple. If you wish to extend your stay before and/or after those dates, it is possible, but those nights will be in addition to the official tournament package rates.

Initial hotel deposits are expected to be made by the end of January 2027. **The booking procedures will be made available during the first week of January, along with information on the various accommodation packages available.**

All reservations related to the tournament are primarily intended for players and participants. Once the initial booking period has ended and rooms have become available, the general public will be able to make reservations at these hotels, subject to availability.

All reservations and payments are made directly with Top Travel You can contact Irene via email info@toptravel-costarica.com and adding panjuco@pafdf.sport. If you book directly with the hotel or through any other service, we cannot guarantee you will get the best rates or enjoy the same benefits. **In your initial emails to Top Travel, please include "PAYUC 2027" in the subject line, and in the body of the message, indicate your team name, your country, and the type of accommodation you are interested in.**

MEDICAL ATTENTION

All participants in the event (athletes, coaches and team support staff) are advised to purchase travel insurance before booking their flights, as well as medical insurance before leaving their home country.

The PAFDF and the TOC do not provide coverage to participants beyond basic first aid provided on the playing fields. Playing and traveling for Ultimate carries inherent risks. While PAYUC will have medical staff on site to provide first aid and assess serious injuries, situations may arise—whether injuries or illnesses—that require additional medical attention or emergency visits to local hospitals.

The PAFDF and TOC request that all players and participants in the event be aware of these risks and understand that the PAFDF and TOC assume no responsibility for any risks or costs arising from injuries or health problems during PAYUC 2027. **All participants are advised to mitigate their personal financial responsibility by purchasing their own travel and health insurance, thus ensuring coverage in the event of any medical emergency or cancellation of the event or trip.** Furthermore, it will be mandatory for participants to sign an "Event Participant Agreement," which will be published prior to the event.



PAYUC TEAMS AND DIVISIONS

Teams from all Pan American Member National Federations (MNFs) are invited to participate in PAYUC 2027 in San José, Costa Rica. Pan American MNFs in good standing with the WFDF & PAFDF are eligible to participate.

Based on the interest already received, PAYUC expects to have the divisions U17 Mixed, U20 Mixed and U24 Mixed.

PAYUC is expected to operate divisions following team eligibility rules for club rosters, with a minimum of six teams per division from 3 countries.

MIXTO U-17

- Players who were born between 2011 (maximum age: 16 years) and 2015 (minimum age: 12 years).

MIXTO U-20

- Players who were born between 2008 (maximum age: 19 years) and 2012 (minimum age: 15 years).

MIXTO U-24

- Players who were born between 2004 (maximum age: 23 years) and 2008 (minimum age: 19 years).

The event is open to all players who meet the club's age and eligibility requirements.



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RATES AND DEADLINES

PAYUC deadlines and event fees (USD). They must be paid as follows:

- JUF will send an invoice to each team and will collect all PAYUC fees. Teams will pay their fees according to the instructions provided at the moment the invoice is sent.

PRICE	USE	DEADLINE
Bid awarded by PAFDF	PAFDF will inform the MNFs about the bids submitted.	*Friday, November 20, 2026*
Team fee - payment due	**$1,500**	*Wednesday, December 16, 2026* **+250 surcharge for** *late payment after this date*
Minimum squad (14) players payment due	**14 x $200**	*Friday, March 5, 2027*

Fee for players, staff and guests (NPTS) - Payment deadline (for any remaining additions to the team)	**Player: $200** **Personal (NPTS): $150**	*Friday, May 21, 2027*
Late fee for any additional player or staff member (for each addition) accepted at PAFDF's discretion	**$30 p/p**	*Between Saturday, May 22nd and the 5thFriday, June 18, 2027*
Final list of participants closed		*Friday, June 18, 2027*

- All rates are in **US Dollars $** (Please make sure your payment is made in the correct currency).
- The team registration fee is non-refundable for any team that withdraws after Friday, January 29, 2027.
- Cancellation by teams after having paid the registration fees (for their own reasons) is not covered by the event cancellation policy.
- The player's fee can be transferred to another player, but it is NOT refundable (with certain exceptions and medical restrictions).
- **All bank charges and transfer fees are the responsibility of the payer; if there is any outstanding amount, it will be collected in cash during in-person registration at the event.**

We will have 4 fee categories for participants, as detailed in the table below:

PRICE	COST	AIM	DESCRIPTION
Non-playing team personnel - NPTS rate	**$150**	*Coaches, medical staff, media, administration, support staff, injured players*	*Includes accreditation, access to the playing field, podium, team areas on the exhibition fields and an event gift.* ***All teams should have at least one coach and one chaperone per team.***
Player's share	**$200**	*Competing players*	*It includes all the benefits of the staff fee, plus access to be listed among the participants in order to compete in the event.*
Guests	**To be confirmed**	*Parents, family, friends*	*Includes access to all four days of the tournament, guest credentials*
Media	**To be confirmed**	*Media (photographer, videographer)*	*Includes access to all four days of the tournament, press accreditation, and access to the tournament venue.*

The event will be ticketed, and all others will be classified as **spectators**. Spectators are non-accredited individuals who will not be permitted to interact with the team, participate in any of the event's or the team's activities, or make reservations for **accommodation, transportation or food for the tournament unless there is availability after all teams have had sufficient time to make their own arrangements.** **Daily or 4 days tickets will be available for the tournament.**

BIDS AND ADMINISTRATORS

MNFs, national coordinators, and team administrators are reminded that applications will only be official once the team fee has been paid and a **minimum roster of 14 players, 1 coach, and 1 chaperone per team** has been paid. **Any equipment fee not paid before the deadline of Wednesday December 16, 2026 will result in the revocation of the bid.**

All bids are sent directly to each MNF, and only the official NF representative in each country can accept them. All teams and their rosters must have the full approval of the member national federation. **All invoices for team fees will be issued directly to each team.**

As a result of the change of official headquarters, if any team has changed its intention to participate, we suggest contacting your NF to determine the action to take regarding the previously made bid request. **If your club is still interested, please contact your National Federation to inquire about available spaces.**



Costa Rica vs Fusion (Panama)



Canada East vs Remix (Colombia)

TEAM REGISTRATION

To proceed with the official registration of the teams participating in the tournament, **each NF must share the list of approved teams to** panjuco@pafdf.sport Each NF has the right to present up to five teams in each division. Each NF must provide contact information, the team name, its corresponding division, an email address, and a WhatsApp number for each of the endorsed teams.

Once we receive the information from the NFs, we will contact the teams directly to provide them with the necessary instructions for registering their teams and payment directions. **Once the teams have completed registration on the platform and paid the corresponding fee, their participation in the event will be confirmed**



Turix U20 (Mexico)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Time zone:** UTC -06:00 (Central Standard Time)
- Spanish
- **Currency:** Costa Rican colones (CRC); US dollars are widely accepted
- **Currency for fee payments:** All event fees will be confirmed and charged in US dollars (USD $)
- **Voltage:** 120 V at 60 Hz
- **Plug type:** Type A (two parallel flat pins) and Type B (two flat pins plus one round grounding pin)

FOLLOW US

Stay up to date with the latest news about PAYUC 2027 by following us on:

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/panjuco
- Instagram:https://www.instagram.com/panjuco.pafdf/

And don't forget to share your #PAYUC2027 preparations with us! Remember to tag us :)

TOC CONTACT

Have any questions about The PAFDF Junior Pan American Ultimate Championship 2027?
For any questions related to team offers, registration, billing, PAYUC rules, or competition-related matters, please contact the information below.

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PAFDF INFORMATION

The **Pan American Flying Disc Federation** (PAFDF) is the continental governing body for flying disc sports in the Americas (North, Central, and South), recognized by the **World Flying Disc Federation** (WFDF). The PAFDF is responsible for the governance and promotion of flying disc sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Overall, in the Americas. With members throughout the region, the PAFDF represents thousands of athletes and participants.

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PAFDF is the official host and responsible entity for PAYUC 2027. WFDF is not responsible for **PAYUC** 2027, but endorses the event so that all teams can earn points for their country's world ranking.

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) is the international sports federation responsible for the global governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Individual Events. Founded in 1985, the WFDF is a federation of 131 member associations representing flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 127 countries. The WFDF is an international federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU). It is a member of the International World Games Association (IWGA), the Association of International Sports Federations Recognized by the IOC (ARISF), the International Masters Games Association (IMGA), and the Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA). The WFDF is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code and is a non-profit corporation registered under section 501(c)(3) of the Colorado United States Tax Code.