

TORONTO ULTIMATE CLUB



May 1, 2008

Dear TUC Member,

A BIG WELCOME TO YOUR CLUB in 2008! You are part of the tradition, passion, and Spirit that makes us Toronto's premier spot for Ultimate in the GTA. Every year we seek to enhance your 'TUC Experience' and this year is no exception. We're bringing you more events, more clinics and more leagues, and we're doing so with the level of professionalism and organization that makes TUC so unique. We have improved summer league divisions and our field locations continue to steadily improve. Field prices have increased this year, but we have budgeted so that your league fees will not! We hope that you enjoy a memorable season with us in 2008.

Your new TUC membership runs from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009, and it includes:

- receiving the TUC Membership package including an authentic 2008 membership disc, an instructional 'Ultimate 101' DVD, a TUC sticker and magnet, and rulebooks for new Intro members;
- FREE TUC events - skills & theory clinics, hat tournaments, PARTIES, midseason and playoffs;
- participants accidental liability coverage for all TUC members;
- receiving TUC communications such as our LAYOUT e-newsletter and updates;
- receiving TUC partner discounts on team meals, discs, apparel, health items, etc;
- receiving the Pie Plate, our annual souvenir magazine;
- Spirit prizing for top Summer and Fall teams, courtesy of Steam Whistle Pilsner;
- attending & voting at the annual general meeting;
- opportunity to volunteer or serve on the Board of Directors, and earn free gear from the TUC Shop;
- free membership with the Ontario Disc Sports Association, allowing you to receive the ODSA newsletter and take advantage of their partner discounts.

How Do I Get My Membership Disc/Package?

Initiated in 2007, membership packages are available by PICKUP ONLY (due to high costs and administration of mailings). Here's how you can retrieve your TUC membership package in '08:

Captain's Meetings, May 12-15: The Captain for each team attends a MANDATORY meeting on the weeknight that his/her team plays, during the week of May 12-15. Each Captain will be required to grab a package for each of his/her rostered players on the team list (on the list by May 9), and then distribute those packages at your next team social or game.

TUC Office, Regular Business Hours: visit our headquarters (office & TUC Shop) from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday (closed on holidays). If you are planning on swinging by near or around 5pm, call in advance to make sure someone will be there to let you in! Office details on reverse side.

TUC Spirit Tournament & Summer Kickoff Party: On Saturday, May 31, we are hosting a new fun and social tournament as well as a big party to celebrate the start of our summer season. Visit the TUC tent at the tourney or find our leaders at the party to pickup your membership package.

Summer Experience Tournament, June 14-15: The 2nd Annual event at Sunnybrook Park. This tournament will feature a mixed touring team division as well as a TUC Summer Team division.

Mid-Season Tournament, July 19-20: This weekend tournament at Sunnybrook is free to TUC teams and is an absolute blast! Visit the TUC tent to obtain your membership package.

What happens if you don't pick up your package? Packages will be made available to the end of the summer season. For any packages that are not picked up at that point, we will donate them to school programs. The exceptions are late summer registrants and Fall League players.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFO!

Spirit of the Game – Above All Else!

PLAY WITH SPIRIT IN 2008. We'll be paying attention! Poor spirited teams will be addressed and high spirited teams will be rewarded. *Teams are responsible for the actions of their players.* Remember it's not winning the game that makes the day, but rather HOW you play! Visit our Spirit pages on the web site, or contact spirit@tuc.org for more information.

TUC Office Moving in July

Our current office location is 1185 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 703 – near Don Mills & Eglinton in the Sport Alliance Building. In July 2008 the SAO (and TUC office) is moving to 1 Concorde Gate which is several blocks northeast near Wynford Drive. Please check our website for updates.

New in Summer 2008

- Ratings ladder implemented on all weeknights to improve balance of play and allow teams to excel in the standings more rapidly
- 3 SEPARATE LADDER DIVISIONS PER NIGHT: Competitive, West, and East. The competitive division will contain the top teams and game locations will be across the City. West and East divisions will contain intermediate and recreational teams (sub-divisions) with all games being played in their named division (west or east of Yonge Street). **Premier fields (ie. Sunnybrook, BMO) will be made available to all divisions where possible.**
- New Member 5 Week Clinic Leagues; weekly program for beginners that will include technique instruction and then pickup games. We will offer 3 groups of 5-week clinics (1 in the West end, 1 in the East end) throughout the summer season. Recommended for newer players and teams. Cost is \$25 per TUC member for a 5-week session.
- New Spirit Hat tournament on May 31; we ask all teams to send at least one representative for this Spirit-focused event, or as many players as you like!
- Even more emphasis on Spirit of the Game, including SPIRIT TEAM PRIZING courtesy of our friends from Steam Whistle Brewery! (visit 'Playing with Spirit' for more details)
- New Summer Playoff format: Summer Playoffs will change from a full-weekend format to a 3-game, 1-day format (held on two Saturdays). Mon/Tues playoffs on Sept 6 and Wed/Thurs playoffs on Sept 13. TUC All-Star game and AGM on Sept 14.

TUC Partners in 2008 – Take Advantage of the Discounts and Support Our Sponsors!

GAIA – Preferred Ultimate Apparel of the Toronto Ultimate Club

All TUC members receive GAIA member pricing discounts, as well as SPECIAL CUSTOM TEAM DEALS with GAIA. Visit the GAIA page under 'TUC Shop' for more details.

Daredevil Discs – Preferred Disc of the Toronto Ultimate Club

All TUC members receive a \$5 GIFT CERTIFICATE that they can use for online purchases. For more information visit the "Daredevil Discs" section of the TUC Shop on our website.

AMCARE – Sport Brace Partner

All TUC members receive a 15% discount on off-the-shelf braces, as well as supplements and vitamins in AMCARE's adjoining compounding pharmacy. Visit the 'Health Check' section.

Steam Whistle Pilsner – Spirit Partner

Did someone say FREE BEER?!?!?!? That's right, free cases of beer to top spirited and championship teams this summer and fall, as well as prizing for tournament events!
(only applicable to members who are 19+)

Sallywags Bar & Restaurant – Events Partner

TUC teams get a 50% discount on all food menu items! Valid only with TUC team 'Sally's' card. Phone early to book a table. Sallywags also sponsors our Volunteer of the Month.



HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

