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Subject: European Youth Ultimate Championship 2024 (EYUC) Participation & Schedule update.

EUF and EFDF deeply regrets to inform the Ultimate community and participating teams that a major change to participating teams in the Open and Mixed Division and to the overall schedule for all divisions has come into effect due to directive from the Ghent public authorities that given the current local and international unrest, threats and recent incidents. Decisions were based on Authorities holding concerns of high risk disturbance of public order, a significant threat and the inability to guarantee safety at the event if all teams were to participate as planned.

Following evaluation of the above the city of Ghent has issued the following decree;

- o **Article 1:** Prohibits the participation of the Israeli delegation in the U17 European Championship Frisbee Tournament organized by the European Ultimate Federation, taking place from August 6 to 10, 2024, at Blaarmeersen in Ghent.
- o **Article 2:** Prohibits the presence of the Israeli delegation at the U17 European Championship Frisbee Tournament, also held from August 6 to 10, 2024, at Blaarmeersen in Ghent.
- o **Article 3:** Prohibits any references related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (such as flags, clothing, inscriptions, pamphlets, etc.) during the tournament due to safety risks, aiming to prevent potential escalation.
- o **Article 4:** The organizer, European Ultimate Federation, is strictly required to comply with the provisions of this order. Local police will oversee compliance.
- o **Article 5:** This decision will be communicated to the organizer, European Ultimate Federation, and published on the City of Ghent's website.
- o **Article 6:** Violations of the provisions in this decision may be sanctioned in accordance with Article 38 of the Police Regulations on public peace and safety.

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Despite our numerous attempts to make EYUC possible for all countries to participate, we are disappointed to have to make this sad announcement and for the overall outcome for all teams who have worked so hard to train and get to the event. We must however respect and follow the instructions given by the authorities and we must ensure that safety for all our participants, players, volunteers and spectators is our number one priority.

The tournament will resume with a modified schedule on Wednesday August 7th at 12:00 in Blaarmeersen in Ghent. The schedule will be made available at 09:00am at the latest via What'sApp. All teams should make themselves available and ready to play the first round at 12noon in case you are scheduled to play.

EUJ and EFDF recognises this situation is sad, disappointing and unfortunate and we know that all players have come to Ghent to focus on playing Ultimate, to make new friends and to create memories to last a lifetime. We ask each and every participant, our Ultimate Community and all supporters to respect this decision and to show good Spirit both on and off the field to continue to promote Youth development within our sport.

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