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UPA Club Series Hits Full Stride

Forty-two Sectional Championships Scheduled for this Weekend

BOULDER, Colo. – The Ultimate Players Association (UPA) Club Championship Series, the largest Ultimate series of its kind in the world, kicked off last weekend with seven sectional championships and hits full stride this weekend with forty-two sectional championships played throughout the U.S. The sectional championships are the first step towards qualifying for the UPA Club Championships held October 25-28 in Sarasota, Florida.

Over 600 teams take part in the annual series, now in its 29th year. UPA Championships Director Will Deaver says this is one of the most exciting times of the year not only for the players, but for the staff and volunteers that put in countless hours to pull off the Series.

“Each year teams from across North America look forward to the UPA Club Series,” Deaver said. “Not only are they interested because their teams are competing, but they continue to follow the Series online even after they are eliminated because they are a part of it.”

Sectional Championships are only the beginning of the UPA Club Series. The next step is UPA Regional Championships that take place September 29-30 and October 6-7. Only the top 16 teams in Mixed, Open and Women, along with the top 12 teams in Masters, will then qualify for the UPA Club Championships October 25-28 in Sarasota, Florida.

While the Masters Series begins with Regionals, each of the other three Club champions begin their title defenses this weekend. Mixed champions Mischief (Sunnyvale, Calif.), Open champions Sockeye (Seattle, Wash.) and Women’s champions Fury (Bay Area, Calif.) all take their first step in what they hope is a return trip to Sarasota starting Saturday.

As Deaver mentioned in his quote above, the UPA Club Series can be followed online. Simply go to the UPA website (www.upa.org) and follow the links on the right-hand side of the page for results as well as other important information as it becomes available.

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