

CRAIG'S BACKGROUND:

Craig has a long history of serving Ottawa Ultimate and has played in the summer league since its inception. He is a member of OCUA's Hall of Fame.

Craig wrote the bylaws and incorporated OCUA in 1993. He was summer league coordinator, general manager, and president (now called Executive Director) from 1987-1998. During that time the summer league grew over four-thousand percent, from 5 to 216 teams. Craig led the effort to purchase UPI. He introduced time caps based on sunset, ranking your opponent's spirit after each game, and not playing when playing would trash the fields.

After stepping down from those roles he served two years on OCUA's inaugural Board of Directors. Then he worked on the three-member committee that managed our property at UPI. Most recently, Craig has been the Wed night summer coordinator since 2017.

Craig's historical knowledge of OCUA is second to none and he can bring an unique perspective to the Board.

CRAIG'S THOUGHTS ON SOME CURRENT ISSUES:

1) Captain's New Deal (CND)

To make things easier for existing captains and especially easier for novice captains, Craig is proposing a Captains New Deal (CND). Under the CND, you register your team without a deposit and your team fee isn't due until the end of May. The first two weeks of play are on OCUA. However, if you don't pay after that, we won't schedule any more games for your team.

The CND enables the collection of player fees at the first game, after your roster is finalized. No more having to guess at your numbers or fronting approx \$1600 to float your team in late April. The CND shifts the financial risk and the cash-flow burden of entering a team from the captain back to OCUA and OCUA can afford it easier than many captains can. The CND makes it easier for more players to become captains.

If we get more captains we get more teams. More teams brings in more revenue but it also increases the playing options we're able to offer as a league. More playing options is important, and particularly so at this time in our history because it can ease the transition into GE play.

2) GE Play

Craig was a member of the grassroots committee that called for the review of ratio O this spring. While that plan moved too fast, Craig is disappointed there is no ratio O play planned for this summer. We need to offer ratio 0 choices to teams and it should be set up so teams can choose ratio 0 or 4/3 for themselves. To bring about GE play in a positive way we need to find new ways to reach out to women athletes and attract more of them into Ultimate. To bring this about need we need to create the inclusion committee proposed by the grassroots and research and implement how to get our overall ratio closer to 50/50.

3) Covid-19

There is little we can do except ride it out. When it's safe to play we'll be back playing and hopefully that's sooner rather than later. However, we do need to consider the effect on OCUA's financial health in the contingency that leagues need to be cancelled for an extended period.