

## Essential Info for Winter League 2009/2010

### 1. Dates and Venue

**Where:** Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields. (Roehampton Vale, London, SW15 3PQ)

**When:** We have booked the following dates in for the respective divisions.

<b>Mixed:</b>	<b>Open/Women's:</b>
Sunday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday November 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday December 13 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday January 10 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday February 7 <sup>th</sup>

**Final's Day:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

You will notice we are intending to run a Women's division alongside Open this year. This will depend on demand so please support this if you have been clamouring for more women's Ultimate.

We have tried to give each division 4 events as the weather can cause cancellations. So by hosting 4, we hope to get at least 3 events through the wind and the rain. If we end up with 4 then it's a bonus! As usual we will refund teams for cancelled events, but to simplify and speed this up we will be refunding a flat fee of £50 per cancelled event.

To enter please email [dan.berry@ukultimate.com](mailto:dan.berry@ukultimate.com) with the following information:

**Club/Team Name(s)**

**Contact details: Name, Email, Mobile number, backup contact emails**

**Confirm whether you need an invoice and/or receipt**

**Refund Information (for cancelled events), either:**

**Account name, sort-code and account number for transfers, or**

**Account name, contact name and address for us to send cheque.**

**Particular LWL match-days your team(s) wants to enter**

**Additional info that might be useful (strength of team, preferred division, etc)**

### 2. Team Fees:

The cost will be £200 to enter all events or £60 per event.

Please transfer the money to:

Acct Name: "UK Ultimate", Acct Number: 62135787, Sort Code: 400919

And if possible please put some sort of reference identifying the payment. Otherwise send an email to confirm payment has been sent.

Alternatively please send a cheque made payable to "UK Ultimate" to  
LWL, c/o S Hill, 2-B Wellesley Road, TWICKENHAM TW2 5RS

### 3. London Winter League and *UK Ultimate*

As you can see the fees are now payable to *UK Ultimate* because we have moved the London Leagues under the *UKU*. Why?

- Time had come to put these events under a formal organisation – this is, in particular, financially safer for the organisers, but also somewhat better for the players in the long run. Doing this outside the *UKU* would have led to quite a bit of duplication of effort and cost. Income from the London competitions will primarily go back into London development activities.
- It allows us to easily extend the *UKU*'s existing insurance arrangements to cover the London League events/matches.
- By combining income from various streams – including, but not only, LWL and LSL – the *UKU* has been able to take the step of employing a part-time London Development Officer. (That would be me) We believe this step will lead to additional development

activities that were not possible before – such as capitalising on the increased interest in West London following XEUCF.

- Bringing all the London League players under *UKU* membership helps us to better keep track of and report on the numbers of people that play ultimate regularly in the UK: this has various potential benefits such as improving our chances of attracting sponsorship and grants-income. Perhaps less obviously this sort of information has an impact on the number of places UK teams are awarded at international ultimate events.
- Bluntly it means that any surplus raised from the leagues will now be re-invested in other ultimate projects: additional tournaments, working to improve venue-access, schools-coaching, etc.

### **UKU Membership**

As a result of the change mentioned above, all London Winter League players will need to have UKU membership. Most of you already have this in place so it will not affect you. For those players who do not have membership already, you only need Basic Membership to play in the London Leagues. There are more details here: <http://www.ukultimate.com/join>.

### **UKU Basic Membership:**

For £5 this makes you a basic member of the *UKU* for one year and allows you to play in a range of *UKU* events including the Winter and Summer Leagues and future plans we have for other events like our Christmas Hat tournament. New players can play for the first time without this membership as a trial and still be covered, but we do require that teams identify those players to us by name before they play.

### **Final's Day:**

This is yet to be fully nailed down but expect both divisions to have semis, a final and a hat tournament running alongside it on Saturday, March 6th. After the event is over we will have a party at a venue like The Bedford to celebrate another hard winter's work. If you were involved in the Summer League Cup Final, I am sure you will agree it was a great way to round off the season.

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### **Christmas Hat:**

We are looking to run a Christmas Hat on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. This will largely be focused as a social event, encouraging the London community to come together, avoid the last minute shopping rush and have some festive cheer. It will be a fantastic time to introduce newer players to the game so we hope you will encourage people to get involved. There will obviously be some sort of party attached and hopefully raise money to promote the sport in schools and youth groups. More info to follow.

On a similar note, Flaming Galahs will be helping me to run some beginner sessions through October and November to build up to the hat event. If there is a good take up we will also run them into January. They are not linked to the Galahs for recruitment purposes so please send any new players your team has along. We'll have UKU coaches and GB players helping out so your newer players can get a fantastic introduction to the sport for no charge at all. It's also a good opportunity to introduce friends, family, colleagues and partners to the sport.

If you have any other questions then please drop me a line. We'll send out more information about formats and seeding later on, but expect a similar set up to the previous years.

Dan Berry.