

Essential Info for Winter League 2010/2011

1. Dates and Venue

Where: Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields.

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

Mixed:	Open/Women's:
Sunday November 21st	Sunday November 28th
Sunday December 12th	Sunday December 19th
Sunday January 9th	Sunday January 16th
Sunday February 6th	Sunday February 13th

Final's Day: Saturday 5th March.

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.

Please use the online entry form to let us know which events you want to enter. You can use the form multiple times if you want to enter events as we go along.

http://www.ukultimate.com/entry_form_london_winter_league_201011

If you have problems with the online form, you can send an Email to london@ukultimate.com but please try to use the online form.

Please also note (see below) that we have created a payment deadline for each event, and will only treat teams as having entered once we have the money!

Contact Details:

Email: london@ukultimate.com (emails are read by Nathan and Si).

Nathan Fowler (London Development Officer) – 07581 128811

Alternatively you can contact Si Hill on 07802 311 298, or for questions about Women's division you can also email Kaleigh: [kaleigh\[dot\]maietta\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:kaleigh[dot]maietta[at]gmail.com)

Women's Division

The format of the Women's division will change this year to a Hat format. Kaleigh Maietta and Mara Alperin will have been in contact about this and have set up the London Womens Winter League Google group to assist in the implementation and organisation

<http://groups.google.com/group/womens-ultimate>

2. Team Fees:

The cost will be £50 per event if paid at least a week before the event. Any payments made later than one week before the event will be subject to a £25 late payment fee (increasing the cost to £75). Remember that refunds for cancelled events will be £50 only.

Please transfer the money to:

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

Please put some sort of reference identifying the payment and do please send an email to london@ukultimate.com 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 last year we 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.
- 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 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 - Saturday 5th March

Competition details are yet to be finalised, but we plan to use the fields at Balham to enable us to run semis and finals in all divisions and maybe some sort of hat/pickup event too. We will retire to The Bedford...

Christmas Hat:

We are looking to run a Christmas Hat on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th December. This will largely be focused as a social event, encouraging the London community to come together, run off the Christmas dinner 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... more info to follow.

Tidying up:

The Winter League requires the work of a few hardy volunteers who brave the icy fields to set up and take down your pitches at each event. If your team picks up the rubbish at its pitch at the end of the day, you save one of these generous individuals the trauma of plodding round the freezing cold pitches in near dark. Little bits of effort like this go a massive way to helping these events take place.

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

London Ultimate Committee