

UKU National Indoor Championships 2009 – Info Pack

1. Location and Timings

Main venue is Alan Higgs Centre, Allard Way, Coventry CV3 1HW.

Women Division games on SATURDAY 24th JAN ONLY will be played at XCEL Leisure Centre, Mitchell Avenue, Canley, Coventry, CV4 8DY.

There is plenty of parking in both venues.

2. Points of Contact

TD: Si Hill (07802 311298)

Alan Higgs Centre: Benji Heywood (07870 641180) will be an additional point of contact at Alan Higgs Centre and will be timing, etc when I'm not there.

Xcel Centre: Dan Berry (07834 209262) will be main point of contact at XCel Centre. Nicky Thomas and other members from Leamington Lemmings will also be helping – esp. with timing/whistles/etc. Thanks in advance to Lemmings for their help!

3. Party

There is a party – hosted by Blockstack – on Saturday night in the Gallery at Alan Higgs Centre. The bar will be open from approx 8pm-midnight.

4. Format

Please see schedule for details.

5. Game Rules

ALL GAMES ARE 22 MINUTES LONG - there is a very short turnaround – please shake hands / do after-game calls, etc off the pitch. The next game can start as soon as both teams are ready. Otherwise the clock will start after 1 minute anyway.

We are using the latest UKU Indoor Rules. Do not expect TD or Scorers to help you with these or to know them on your behalf. There will be a printed copy at organiser's desk in each hall. It is NOT intended that these be used to resolve issues that occur during a game.

TIMEOUTS: 1 per team per game. Cannot be called in the last 3 minutes.

END OF GAME

- The game ends when the final whistle (or maybe hooter) is blown.
- If the disc is in the air, the play may be completed. I.e. if a scoring catch is made, then the point stands. If there is a foul (contested or otherwise) the disc does NOT go back.
- If the scores are level:
 - DRAWS ARE PERMITTED in pool play (pools A-D)
 - In all later rounds (including the Women 9-13 pool) draws are not permitted so continue playing to determine a winner.
 - There is no stoppage of play, and NO CHECK at the final whistle

6. Sports Halls

Please remember to take care near the walls! It seems very unlikely that it is worth slamming yourself into a wall to get the disc. It is DEFINITELY TRUE that there is NO SITUATION where it will be worth making a play that causes SOMEONE ELSE to be slammed into a wall!

6.1 Pitches 1 & 2

The main sports hall is 60m x 40m. The two courts will be approx 36m x 18m which leaves a reasonable amount of space around the pitch. The surface of these pitches is 3G artificial grass / rubber crumb.

Footwear:

- You can definitely wear trainers but they are probably not the best option when turning sharply. Nonetheless the sports centre's experience of the surface has led them to recommend that people can and do wear trainers.
- I advise that you wear shoes with small rubber pimples/grip (e.g. "Astroturf boots") or football boots with moulded studs.
- Do NOT wear blades or long – especially screw-in – studs. There is a danger with either type of doing damage to your ankle and/or the carpet. Players with such boots will be required to change their footwear.

The courts will be marked with a "port-a-pitch" approach (like beach ultimate). It is being set up to keep the movement of the lines to a minimum. We will play to the lines – i.e. "touching the tape" is out of bounds. The old beach rule of "dragging the tape" will not be allowed – the player is out of bounds whether the foot is above or below the line.

6.2 Pitches A,B and 3

The other pitches are all normal sports halls – the lines will be a combination of the existing lines in the sports hall (probably netball and badminton lines) together with some additional tape to identify the front of the endzone.

OPEN TEAMS: please be aware that teams in the 9-16 playoff games will have two games on PITCH 3 on Sunday afternoon. You will need trainers for these games. So - either bring trainers – or make sure you finish top 4 in the pool.

6.3 Between Games

Alan Higgs: There is plenty of room in the main hall – but it is not heated. There is a gallery overlooking both sports halls but only through a glass window that cannot be opened. We have access to the Gallery throughout the weekend. There is very little room for standing in Pitch 3.

Xcel:

Pitch A – again there is plenty of room around the pitch inside this hall. We might also have access to an additional room immediately off that hall, but I'm waiting for confirmation on that.

Pitch B is the smallest of the halls – we are expecting to have access to a balcony overlooking that pitch.

There is a swimming pool at this one if you like that sort of thing.

Both Sports Centres have cafes that are open all day.

7. First Aid & Hospital

Both sports centres can provide first aid.

The nearest Accident and Emergency department is University Hospital, Clifford Bridge Road, Walsgrave, Coventry, CV2 2DX.

<http://www.uhcv.nhs.uk/patients/emergency>

Tel: 02476 966602.

8. Spirit of the Game

We are using the WFDF SOTG system. Each team is required to fill in the details for each of their opponents. We are doing this as part of an increasing focus on SOTG and determining the kind of support and education that we need to put in place in this area as the game continues to grow in popularity. We intend to start publishing average SOTG scores.

For the purposes of the SOTG award at the event itself, we'll use a simple voting system where the team receiving the highest score from you gets one vote. Team with the most votes wins.

9. Lookfly

I'd like to thank Lookfly for their support with this tournament, and remind you that they have a shop at the Alan Higgs centre this weekend. They will either be based in the gallery – or perhaps in the main sports hall.