

University Open Nationals 2010

1. Event Details

Most information is available on the *UK Ultimate* event webpage:

http://www.ukultimate.com/2010/03/13/bucs_uku_university_open_outdoor_nationals

1.1 Date and Times

Sat 13th March 09:00 – approx 17:00

Sun 14th March 09:00 – approx 16:30

Full schedule is available on the website. Teams should also take note that ACCREDITATION will be time-consuming and likely to create a bottleneck during arrival on Saturday morning.

There will be a brief captain's meeting at 9am inside or in front of the pavilion.

1.2 Venue

Mount St Mary's, Spinkhill, Sheffield, S21 3YL. Driving directions, and a pitch map are available on the website. Note that you need to use the entrance on Station Road rather than the entrances that are in the village.

1.2.1 Parking

There is fairly limited parking at Mt St Marys college. Given that some teams will be transported by tournament buses, and many others are coming by minibus we are expecting that there will be plenty of space for cars and team minibuses. Competitors should park in the car park at the top of the hill around the school buildings, the very limited parking next to the fields/pavilion is reserved for organisation/emergencies/etc. Please follow the directions on site.

1.2.2 Buses

There will be two double-decker buses travelling between the city centre and venue at the beginning and end of both days. It is a 30 minute journey from the city centre to the venue – do not miss the bus!

The buses will depart from (and return to) the Bus Station (Interchange) which is a short and well-signposted walk from the train station.

The buses will be at STANDS E5 and E6. BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 07:30am ON BOTH DAYS.

The return journeys will be at the end of play on both days – allowing time for players to move from the fields to the bus stop of course. You are advised NOT to book tight train departure times, but if it is unavoidable, please contact Si Hill (admin@ukultimate.com) so that we can do our best to plan for one of the buses making a quick getaway.

Edd will be at the bus stands each morning (mobile number at top of p2).

1.3 Registration/Accreditation

All teams have to register at the accreditation desk prior to playing. All teams will need to accredit before being allowed to enter restricted zones.

Upon arrival all players on the team sheet will receive an accreditation pass.

Update 9th March: there seems to have been a change of plan between BUCS and Nike about t-shirts. At this stage it is not clear how many (if any) ultimate players will receive a free t-shirt. Sorry – we have no visibility or control over this.

YOUR TEAM CAPTAIN MUST PRESENT STUDENT IDENTIFICATION. IF A TEAM MEMBER DOES NOT HAVE HIS/HER STUDENT IDENTIFICATION THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PLAY. NUS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. It will only be possible to get accreditation for players that are on the team sheet. On-the-day replacements are NOT allowed.

The Accreditation area is well-marked and will be located near the car park at the entrance to the site. Accreditation will start from 8am which should give teams enough time to complete the task and have time to prepare for their first match.

2. Contact Information

Tournament Director: Si Hill 07802 311298. Uni Coordinator: Edd Carmichael 07800 638124

3. Competition Info and Spirit of the Game

Game lengths, etc are all on the schedule. Note that we will be using the new WFDF SOTG system – this means you give each of your opponents a score out of 20. Please complete these scores as we go along. We have a PC at the event, and will be trying to capture all the categories as we go along – so it is helpful if your team captain can bring your SOTG score-sheet to the information desk a couple of times each day.

4. Facilities

4.1 Changing Rooms

There are four sets of changing rooms at the pavilion by the fields. There are additional blocks next to the AstroTurf pitch in the main school buildings area (see map). One of the rooms in the pavilion will be reserved for women.

4.2 Medical

There will be 1st aid and physios on site throughout the event.

4.3 Catering

Teams will receive vouchers for their packed lunches at accreditation. The lunches are boxed up for each team in advance. Team captains should note that the lunches are NOT individually packed inside your team's box. So making sure each player gets their allocation may require a bit of management at the point the box gets opened...!

There will also be additional food on sale at the pavilion.

4.4 Water

We do not expect to have the facility to distribute water to pitch-side. We will have the usual water containers and will be re-filling them at the pavilion. Teams will need to take some responsibility for helping to bring empties back to the pavilion, or take full containers out to the pitches. Of course we do not expect anyone to be doing this during a game!

4.5 Rubbish

Of course it goes without saying that everyone will do their best to keep the fields tidy. There will be rubbish bins around the site and we will distribute some black bags towards the end of each day to help teams clear up the pitch they are on (if required).

5. University Club Committee Event

UKU is looking at the feasibility of organising an exciting new event with the aim of trying to provide additional help to University Ultimate clubs.

We would expect to invite one male and female committee member of each Uni club to attend the event – probably in early September each year. We would expect to

- include presentations or coaching sessions from top players and coaches
- provide ideas and information about how to help your club members train for ultimate – and avoid injuries
- give you a chance to share success stories – hear from (uni and non-uni) clubs that pretty much turn people away every year, and always seem to be successful
- host some sort of party – maybe even re-instate some annual awards (uni player of the year, etc?)
- share information about the coming calendar – and highlight events where we still need organisers
- provide a forum for asking and resolving questions about the rules!
- provide various resources (e.g. posters or leaflets) to help with recruitment, or for running small events
- play some Ultimate!

Our intention would be to find a means to make attendance free, and offer a camping option. There are still various questions/issues to resolve before we can definitively announce that this will go ahead. One of those questions is to get some feedback from the clubs themselves. Please have a think about this, and let Edd or I have any feedback/suggestions. If we did do something like this – what would you like to see included?