

UKU Tournament Rules - Event Specific Rule Appendices

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8.1.1 University

1. Overview

- 1.1 In addition to the rules outlined in the [UKU Tournament Rules](#), these rules apply at all UKU & BUCS University Events.

2. Membership & Eligibility

- 2.1 Eligible Participants; For a Player to be eligible to compete in official University Tournaments, and to represent his/her University at such an event, he/she shall:**
- 2.1.1 Be an internally registered student at an institute of Higher Education
 - 2.1.2 Be registered on a credit rated course (e.g. Degree or HND); and
 - 2.1.3 Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to at least 60 credits per year, or in the case of a postgraduate student be undertaking a study programme of no less than 50% of the full time student programme. In other words, the participant's primary occupation must be as a student; and
 - 2.1.4 Have paid the appropriate Union or Athletic Union subscription and have support of the Athletic Union or Sports Office.
- 2.2 Special Cases for Participation; The following persons are classified as eligible to participate in official University Tournaments, and to represent his/her University at such an event:**
- 2.2.1 A student who is fully registered as an internal student at more than one institution (and is by these regulations eligible to compete for each of those institutions) may choose, annually, from among the institutions which they are eligible, which of those member institutions to represent.
 - 2.2.2 A sabbatical officer of either a Students' Union or an Athletic Union who has paid the appropriate Union or Athletic Union subscription.
 - 2.2.3 A student satisfactorily finishing his/her course of study in December, March or later, until the end of the academic year, provided his/her Union or Athletic Union subscription has been paid;
 - 2.2.4 A student embarking on a Sandwich Course and/or Year Abroad course provided all of the following:
 - 2.2.4.1 The appropriate fee has been paid to their Athletic Union; and
 - 2.2.4.2 The duration of the course in industry/abroad covers no more than one scholastic year.
 - 2.2.5 Any cases in doubt should be referred to the Committee.
- 2.3 Ineligible Participants; The following Players are ineligible to participate in official University Tournaments:**
- 2.3.1 Students at 'franchised' colleges unless recognised as fully registered internal students of the institutions they wish to represent;
 - 2.3.2 Students undertaking less than 60 credits (or equivalent) in the academic year concerned;
 - 2.3.3 Externally registered students, as determined by the University's registrar;
 - 2.3.4 UKU Members not permitted by UK Ultimate to participate in the sport, for whatever reason.
- 2.4 Eligibility checks may be carried out at any official University Tournament to ensure that all Players are eligible to play.**
- 2.5 To enable eligibility checks to be carried out, all Players are required to;**
- 2.5.1 Be rostered to the Team that they are competing with on the UK Ultimate Membership & Events, which was also entered into the relevant Event on the system, prior to the Tournament taking place.
 - 2.5.2 Have their photo student ID card at the Event.
 - 2.5.2.1 Where a student ID card is present but does not include a photo of the individual, additional photo ID is required.
 - 2.5.2.2 Where no student ID card can be provided for an Eligible Participant, alternative documentation clearly stating the individual's acceptance to their current academic course and the start/end date(s) of the course, is required along with additional photo ID.
 - 2.5.2.3 Where no student ID card can be provided for a Special Case for Participation, alternative documentation clearly outlining how the individual meets the eligibility criteria is required, along with additional photo ID.
- 2.6 To ensure that there are no breaches of eligibility, all Players are required to;**
- 2.6.1 Present their photo student ID card (or otherwise as per section 2.5.2) to the Tournament Director (TD) when requested.
 - 2.6.1.1 When a Player does not have their evidence available to present at the Event as requested, they have up until midnight of the Tuesday after the Event to send a scan through of the evidence to events@ukultimate.com to prove their eligibility.
 - 2.6.1.1.1 Players are able to continue playing whilst evidence is waiting to be received, however if no such evidence is sent through by the deadline, or if the evidence is received but it proves a breach of eligibility, appropriate action will be taken.

- 2.6.1.2 The TD may take a photograph of the individual to ensure that the evidence sent through via email is definitely for the Player that was not able to present their evidence as requested at the event.
- 2.6.1.2.1 If the Player refuses to allow their photograph to be taken, appropriate action will be taken.

3. Entering Events

- 3.1 Due to most Universities making payment for the Team entry fee via invoice, if any Team is entered into a University event as of the Entry Closing Date, the Team is liable to pay the full entry fee even if the Team subsequently drops out.
- 3.2 Entries into all Ultimate BUCS Events will be managed through the BUCS Entry System and will not be handed by UKU.
- 3.2.1 Generally University Teams will be required to enter all Ultimate BUCS Events through their Athletic/Sports Union.
- 3.2.2 If you are unsure whether the event you are competing in is a BUCS event, please contact the [UKU University Coordinator](#).

4. UKU University Regions

- 4.1 For the Mixed (Indoor & Outdoor) and Men's (Indoor) divisions, we use the following regions (7):
- 4.1.1 **Region 1 (Scotland & Northern Ireland):** Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Heriot-Watt, St Andrews, Stirling, and Strathclyde.
- 4.1.2 **Region 2 (North East & North West):** Central Lancaster, Chester, Durham, Lancaster, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Northumbria, Salford, and Sunderland.
- 4.1.3 **Region 3 (Yorkshire & East Midlands):** Bradford, De Montford, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Leeds Beckett, Leeds Met, Leicester, Lincoln, Loughborough, Northampton, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam, York, York St Johns.
- 4.1.4 **Region 4 (East & London):** Anglia Ruskin, Bedfordshire, Brunel, Cambridge, City, Cranfield, Essex, Goldsmiths, Hertfordshire, Imperial, KCL, LSE, Open University, Queen Mary's, Roehampton, SOAS, St Marys, UAL, UCL and UEA.
- 4.1.5 **Region 5 (South East):** Arts, Brighton, Chichester, Holloway, Kent, Oxford, Oxford Brookes, Portsmouth, Reading, Surrey, and Sussex.
- 4.1.6 **Region 6 (West Midlands & Wales):** Aberystwyth, Bangor, Birmingham, Cardiff, Coventry, Gloucestershire, Keele, Staffordshire, Swansea, USW, Warwick, Wolverhampton, and Worcester.
- 4.1.7 **Region 7 (South West):** Bath, Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, FXU, Plymouth, Southampton, UWE, and Winchester.
- 4.2 For the Women's (Indoor) division, some of the regions are joined to create a total of 4 regions:
- 4.2.1 **Region A (Scotland & Northern Ireland):** Includes Region 1.
- 4.2.2 **Region B (North):** Includes Regions 2 and 3.
- 4.2.3 **Region C (East):** Includes Regions 4 and 5.
- 4.2.4 **Region D (West):** Includes Regions 6 and 7.
- 4.3 For the Men's & Women's divisions (Outdoor BUCS League), the regions will be as follows (5):
- 4.3.1 **Scotland:** Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt, Strathclyde, Stirling, St Andrews
- 4.3.2 **North:** Manchester, Durham, Newcastle, Liverpool, York, Sheffield, Bangor, Leeds, Leeds Met, Keele, Chester, UCLan, Sheffield Hallam, Lancaster
- 4.3.3 **Midlands:** Nottingham, Loughborough, Lincoln, Warwick, Oxford, Birmingham, Cambridge, UEA, Leicester, Coventry, Nottingham Trent, Oxford Brooke, Cranfield, Anglia Ruskin
- 4.3.4 **West:** Bristol, Bath, Exeter, Cardiff, Southampton, Swansea, Bournemouth, Plymouth, Winchester
- 4.3.5 **South East:** Sussex, Imperial, Surrey, Kent, LSE, Portsmouth, Brunel, Chichester, KCL, Brighton, UCL, Hertfordshire, Essex, Roehampton, Holloway, Arts
- 4.4 If your University is missing, please contact unicoordinator@ukultimate.com to confirm which region your institution should compete in.

5. **Rosters**

- 5.1 Ultimate BUCS League Teams are not required to adhere to the roster requirements outlined [Section 4](#) of the UKU Tournament Rules.

6. **BUCS Events**

- 6.1 When competing in any BUCS Ultimate event, in addition to the rules outlined in this UKU event-specific appendix, all Players must comply with the [BUCS Rules and Regulations](#), as well as the Sport Specific Regulations for [Ultimate](#).
- 6.1.1 If you are unsure whether the event you are competing in is a BUCS event, please contact the [UKU University Coordinator](#).

8.1.2 Youth

1. Overview

1.1 In addition to the rules outlined in the [UKU Tournament Rules](#), these rules apply at all UKU Youth Events.

2. Membership & Eligibility

2.1 Eligible Participants; For an athlete to be eligible to compete in official Youth tournaments;

2.1.1 For Under-20 Tournaments, must not have turned 19 as of January 1st in the year of the Tournament.

2.1.2 For Under-17 Tournaments, to be in Year 11 or below.

2.1.2.1 Note that this is different to the international age range U17 which states you must not turn 17 in the year of the Tournament.

2.1.3 For Under-14 Tournaments, to be in Year 8 or below.

2.1.4 There is no minimum standard that your team must meet to enter any Youth Event.

2.2 Team Participation; A Team is eligible to participate in official Youth Tournaments provided all of the following:

2.2.1 The Team is made up of players from the same education establishment, or live within 30 minutes commuting time of the place of regular practice.

2.2.2 The Team has at least 7 players (indoors) or 10 players (outdoors).

2.2.3 Youths that have moved away to University may only play for their old Youth team.

2.2.4 A team may apply to the Youth Coordinator in advance to pick-up an ineligible Player, but then be classed as a pick-up Team and so will not be eligible to play for a medal position.

2.3 Relaxation of the eligibility rules for developing divisions; At the discretion of the UKU Youth Coordinator, for events that are deemed to be for a developing division, players that have no local Youth Team to play for may pick-up for another Team.

2.3.1 The creation of an 'uber-team' such as grouping all the GB Players without a team into a single Team is not in the developmental interests of any division and will not be allowed.

3. Entering Events

3.1 Due to most institutions making payment for the Team entry fee via invoice, if any Team is entered into a Youth Event as of the entry Closing Date, the Team is liable to pay the full entry fee even if the Team subsequently drops out.

3.2 We recommend that each Team has at least one non-playing adult in attendance, in case they need to accompany injured players to hospital or similar.

3.3 If a Youth Tournament is oversubscribed at the time of the Entry Closing Date, places will be allocated as follows;

3.3.1 First teams from each institution, followed by second teams, followed by third, and so on.

3.3.2 If the cut-off happens to fall between Teams at the same level, random draw will be carried out between those teams to award the spaces at the Event.

3.4 Once the Entry Closing Date has passed, newly available places will be awarded to Teams on the waitlist, then on a first-come-first-served basis.

4. Rosters

4.1 Teams representing an institution that has UKU Schools Affiliation are not required to submit a roster for Youth Tournaments, on the basis that they are covered by the personal liability insurance of that institution.

4.2 Any Team not registered under UKU Schools Affiliation is required to submit a roster for the Youth Event as per the UKU Tournament Rules.

5. Squad Sizes

5.1 Each Team must have at least 7 Players (indoors) or 10 Players (outdoors) to be eligible to play.

8.1.3 Club (General)

1. Overview

1.1 In addition to the rules outlined in the [UKU Tournament Rules](#), these rules apply at all UKU Club Events.

2. Rosters

2.1 For any Qualifier/National Club Competitions outside of the UKU National Championship Series (e.g. as of 2019, Indoor Nationals in Women's and Open divisions);

2.1.1 Any player that competes for a Team at a Qualifier Event is deemed to be on that Team's roster.

2.1.1.1 Players that do not compete at Qualifiers are considered to be "unrostered" and are free to join any Team prior to the relevant Nationals Event.

2.1.1.2 If a Team advances to Nationals, all Players rostered to that Team are locked into that roster and may not play for another team at that Nationals Event in any division.

2.1.1.3 A Team that does not advance to Nationals either by failure to qualify or by declining their spot - loses its roster.

2.1.1.3.1 Players from such a Team may be added to the rosters of other Teams in any division.

2.1.1.4 A Team who does not initially qualify but subsequently receives and accepts a place (for example, due to a last minute drop out) retains the roster from Qualifiers and all Players on the roster must not play for another Team at Nationals.

8.1.4 Club (UKU Ranking Events)

1. Overview

- 1.1 In addition to the rules outlined in the [UKU Tournament Rules](#), these rules apply at all UKU Ranking Events.
 - 1.1.1 For UKU National Championship Series Events that are also UKU Ranking Events, the UKU National Championship Series & European Ultimate Championship Series (EUCS) rules appendix also applies.
 - 1.1.2 Where the UKU National Championship Series & European Ultimate Championship Series (EUCS) and Club (UKU Ranking Events) rules appendices conflict, the former will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

2. Membership & Eligibility

2.1 Special Cases for Participation; The following exceptions are allowed in official UKU Ranking Events, he/she shall:

- 2.1.1 Guest Players;
 - 2.1.1.1 In the Open & Women's divisions, any Team is allowed to pick up one Guest Player, outside of the normal rostering requirements at UKU Ranking Events.
 - 2.1.1.1.1 In the Mixed division, each Team may pick up one male and one female Guest.
 - 2.1.1.2 All Guest Players must be registered with UKU via the UKU Membership & Events Portal and rostered to the Team for the Event.
 - 2.1.1.2.1 There is a temporary Membership option available for Players that do not wish to take out full annual Memberships.
- 2.1.2 Foreign Teams intending to play at multiple UKU Ranking Events throughout the season.
 - 2.1.2.1 Any foreign Team whose Players register as UKU Members will be given the same rights as other Teams for the season, but may not play as a UK Club in the EUCS and may not qualify for representation at World or European Club Events.
 - 2.1.2.1.1 At the discretion of the UKU Board, the visiting Team's Players may not be required to join UKU, but in this case they will all be members of their home Ultimate or Flying Disc Federation. Please contact admin@ukultimate.com for more details.
- 2.1.3 GB Teams;
 - 2.1.3.1 In order to provide an opportunity for GB Teams to have competitive training, the roster rules will allow GB Players to play for GB at UKU Ranking Events even if they are rostered to another Club.
 - 2.1.3.2 GB Team's participation will be at the discretion of the UKU Competitions Committee.
 - 2.1.3.3 GB Players that intend to play with their Club Team at some Events and GB at other Events should roster with their Club. They will be free to play with GB at no penalty to either themselves or their Club. Players that only intend to play for GB should roster with GB.
 - 2.1.3.3.1 This exception does not extend to players playing for BOTH GB and their Club at the same Event.

3. Entering Events

- 3.1 Dependent on the Tier of UKU Ranking Event, the bid allocation procedure will be followed as outlined on the [NEW Club Outdoor Event Entry Procedure](#) page on the UKU Website, unless otherwise stated.
- 3.2 Teams may drop out of the any UKU Ranking Event but the penalties as outlined on the [NEW Club Outdoor Event Entry Procedure](#) page on the UKU Website may be enforced, or as a minimum, the penalties as listed in the [UKU Terms & Conditions of Tournament Entry](#).

4. Rosters

- 4.1 Club rosters are fixed for the whole season's (calendar year) UKU Ranking Events.
 - 4.1.1 Players may be added to the Club roster at any time so long as they comply with Eligibility rules.
 - 4.1.2 Removals or transfers must be approved by the Competitions Committee.
 - 4.1.2.1 This may include, but is not limited to, Players being "dropped" from a Club's roster for the remainder of the season; or moving house and being nearer to a different Team; and where the goal is to support the development of new teams/players and enable participation for players who would otherwise be unable to play.
- 4.2 For Clubs with more than one Team:
 - 4.2.1 A Club with multiple Teams may select those Teams on whatever basis they prefer.
 - 4.2.2 Where a Team decides to enter two evenly-matched Teams and/or change to/from that into clearly defined 1st and 2nd Teams, the Team is required to inform the [UKU Events Coordinator](#) and UKU Director of Competitions prior to the affected Competition.

8.1.5 UKU National Championship Series & European Ultimate Championship Series (EUCS)

1. Overview

- 1.1 In addition to the rules outlined in the [UKU Tournament Rules](#), these rules apply at all UKU National Championship Series Events (for example, Regionals and/or Nationals) and EUCS Events.
 - 1.1.1 For UKU National Championship Series Events that are also UKU Ranking Events, the Club (UKU Ranking Events) rules appendix also applies.
 - 1.1.2 Where the UKU National Championship Series & European Ultimate Championship Series (EUCS) and Club (UKU Ranking Events) rules appendices conflict, the former will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

2. Entering Events

- 2.1 There will be no Early Bird Deadline for any UKU National Championship Series or EUCQ/EUCR Events.
 - 2.1.1 UKU will endeavour to accommodate all Teams that enter Regionals by the Closing Date.
 - 2.1.1.1 Regionals is open to all teams, including those that do not expect or intend to qualify for Nationals.
 - 2.1.2 Only Teams that qualify for Nationals at Regionals, by finishing in a qualification position as determined by the [EUCR Bid Allocation System](#), can enter into the Nationals Event.
 - 2.1.3 Where EUCQ or EUCR are not part of the UKU National Championship Series, the entry process will be explicitly stated on the UKU Event Page.
 - 2.1.4 Entries into EUCF are managed by EUF.
- 2.2 Teams at Regionals who do not intend to advance to Nationals (even if they attain a qualifying position), must inform the UKU Director of Competitions and the UKU Events Coordinator no later than the Wednesday after the Event, in order that the schedule can be adjusted to ensure fair qualification for other teams and/or to award the qualifying spot to the next eligible Team.
- 2.3 Teams at EUCR who do not intend to advance to EUCF (even if they attain a qualifying position), must inform the UKU Director of Competitions and the UKU Events Coordinator no later than the Wednesday after the Event, in order that the qualifying spot can be offered to the next eligible Team.
- 2.4 Teams entering the Regionals and/or EUCQ Events must enter their correct region to be eligible to play.
 - 2.4.1 Each UK Club will be required to specify the region in which they are based; North or South.
 - 2.4.1.1 NORTH is made up of Scotland (Sc), Northern Ireland (NI), North-East (NE), North-West (NW), Yorkshire & Humberside (Y&H), West-Midlands (WM), East-Midlands (EM) and East-England (EE).
 - 2.4.1.2 SOUTH is made up of South-West (SW), Wales (Wa), South-East (SE), Greater London (GL)
 - 2.4.1.2.1 Link to map with the ENGLAND regions: <https://www.ukultimate.com/system/files/National.pdf>
 - 2.4.2 Clubs are expected to specify their region based on the home addresses of their Players and/or their primary practice location.
 - 2.4.3 In cases where it is not clear which region your Club is in, the final decision will be with the UKU Competitions Committee.
 - 2.4.4 Clubs will not be able to change their region from year to year.
 - 2.4.4.1 Clubs have the option of applying to the UKU Competitions Committee to change region, but there will need to be a reasonable explanation, and the request may not be granted.
 - 2.4.5 Exceptions; Teams with a ranking outside of the top 24 teams in the Mixed & Open divisions, and top 12 in the Women's division, at the time of Regionals entries being opened will be free to apply to attend their preferred event by contacting the UKU Competitions Committee.
 - 2.4.5.1 The UKU Competitions Committee reserves the right to refuse this request.

3. Rosters

- 3.1 All UKU Members are free to play with any Team at the start of the EUCS, regardless of their affiliation at other UKU Ranking Events.
- 3.2 Between EUCQ and EUCF, Teams are bound only by the [EUCS eligibility rules](#).
- 3.3 Any player that competes for a Team at Regionals and/or EUCQ is deemed to be on that Team's roster.
 - 3.3.1 Players that do not compete at Regionals and/or EUCQ are considered to be "unrostered" and are free to join any Team prior to Nationals and/or EUCR.
 - 3.3.2 If a Team advances to Nationals and/or EUCR, all Players rostered to that Team are locked into that roster and may not play for another team at Nationals and/or EUCR in any division.
 - 3.3.3 A Team that does not advance to Nationals and/or EUCR- either by failure to qualify or by declining their spot - loses its roster.

- 3.3.3.1 Players from such a Team may be added to the rosters of other Teams in any division, subject to the limited in the EUCS rules.
- 3.3.4 A Team who does not initially qualify but subsequently receives and accepts a place (for example, due to a last minute drop out) retains the roster from Regionals and/or EUCQ and all Players on the roster must not play for another Team at Nationals and/or EUCR.
- 3.3.5 For Players in a multi-Team Club whose Team did not advance from Regionals and/or EUCQ to Nationals and/or EUCR, all Players are free to roster with another of the Club's Team(s) that will be attending Nationals and/or EUCR, not subject to the limit on roster additions outlined in the EUCS rules.
- 3.3.5.1 This DOES NOT apply between Nationals and/or EUCR and EUCF. If a Club sends 2 Teams to Nationals and/or EUCR and only one advances to EUCF, they have no additional right to move Players between squads.

4. Seeding

- 4.1 Seeding for Nationals is based on the Nationals results of the previous year combined with the results from Regionals.
 - 4.1.1 National results earn a particular seeding position for a specific finishing position at each Regionals, then the results of the Regionals determine which teams takes that seeding position.
 - 4.1.2 New region bids will be seeded last in the order they are added by the algorithm.
- 4.2 In previous years there was a rule that required the UKU Competitions Committee to consider eliminating regional rematches in Rounds 1 and 2. This rule has been removed.

5. Kit

- 5.1 For Nationals;
 - 5.1.1 Teams will be required to provide all Team members with matching, individually numbered shirts in both a light and dark strip. These shirts can be of any reasonable (e.g. non-offensive) design.
 - 5.1.2 Teams are required to wear matching shorts.
 - 5.1.3 There is no restriction on the number of layers and clothing worn under the Team strip.
- 5.2 Failure to comply with the regulations outlined in 5.1 may result in a fine, payable by the Club, for each Player breaching the regulations.
 - 5.2.1 The fine will be £20 per Player.
 - 5.2.2 UKU Does not undertake to examine every Player's kit and will not accept mitigation that Players on other Teams went unpunished.