



2022-23 University Touch Championships Event Guide



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ROUND 3

General Information

DATE

Saturday 25th March 2023

LOCATION

Riverside Sports Complex, Nottingham

ADDRESS

Nottingham, NG7 2TG

MAP HYPERLINK

<https://goo.gl/maps/sfRwKLeojas7UpT68>

PLAYING SURFACE

All games shall be played on grass.

ACCEPTED ENTRIES & DRAW

The below teams are accepted as entrants for this competition. Teams are listed in alphabetical order.

1. University of Bath - Bath 1 - Hawks
2. University of Bath - Bath 2 - Sparrows
3. University of Birmingham - Birmingham 1 - Lions
4. University of Bristol - Bristol 1 - Cobras
5. University of Cambridge - Cambridge 1
6. University of Cardiff - Cardiff 1 - Dragons
7. University of Cardiff - Cardiff 2 - Sheep
8. Durham University - Durham 1 - Knights
9. Durham University - Durham 2 - Archers
10. University of Edinburgh - Edinburgh 1 - Lions
11. University of Edinburgh - Edinburgh 2 - Panthers
12. University of Exeter - Exeter 1 - Hurricanes
13. University of Exeter - Exeter 2 - Monsoon
14. University of Exeter - Exeter 3 - Typhoon





15. University of Exeter - Exeter 4 - Storm
16. Falmouth University & Exeter Cornwall Campus - Falmouth 1 - Raiders
17. University of Leeds - Leeds 1 - Headrow
18. University of Leeds - Leeds 2 - Belgrave
19. Loughborough University - Loughborough 1
20. Loughborough University - Loughborough 2
21. University of Manchester - Manchester 1
22. University of Nottingham - Nottingham 1
23. Nottingham Trent University - Nottingham Trent 1 - Timberwolves
24. Nottingham Trent University - Nottingham Trent 2 - Army
25. University of Oxford - Oxford 1
26. Oxford Brookes University - Oxford Brookes 1
27. Royal Veterinary College - RVC 1
28. University of Southampton - Southampton 1
29. University of Surrey - Surrey 1 - Stags
30. University of Surrey - Surrey 2 - Bucks
31. (SPACE)
32. (SPACE)

Teams are seeded into competition tiers and pools based on their Round 1&2 performance. See the UTC Sport Specific Regulations for more details.

CUP	
POOL A	POOL B
Exeter 1 - Hurricanes	Loughborough 1
NTU 1 - Timberwolves	Surrey 1 - Stags
Bath 1 - Hawks	Durham 1 - Knights
Exeter 3 - Typhoon	Exeter 2 - Monsoon

PLATE	
POOL C	POOL D
Cambridge 1	Cardiff 1 - Dragons
Bristol 1 - Cobras	Loughborough 2
Birmingham 1 - Lions	Edinburgh 1 - Lions
Bath 2 - Sparrows	Manchester 1





BOWL	
POOL E	POOL F
Oxford 1	Leeds 1 - Headrow
Southampton 1	Exeter 4 - Storm
Nottingham 1	Nottingham-Trent 2 - Army
Durham 2 - Archers	Edinburgh 2 - Panthers

SHIELD
POOL G
Cardiff 2 - Sheep
Surrey 2 - Bucks
Leeds 2 - Belgrave
Oxford Brookes 1
RVC 1
Falmouth 1 - Raiders

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, RULES & REGULATIONS

The UTC Season Information Pack can be found [here](#). (Including Sport Specific Regulations)
FIT 5th Edition International Playing Rules can be found [here](#).

SCHEDULE & FORMAT

📅 2022-23 UTC Round 3 (Finals)

- The 3 teams are split into 3 tiers of 8 teams (Cup, Pool & Bowl) and 1 tier of 6 teams (Shield). The Cup, Plate & Bowl tiers follow the same format below:
- The 8 teams are split evenly into 2 Pools of 4 Teams
- Teams will play all teams in their Pool during the morning games
- Teams are then placed into Quarterfinals based on their Pool position. E.g. 1st in Pool A plays 4th in Pool B, 2nd in Pool A plays 3rd in Pool B etc.
- Winners of the Quarter Finals qualify for the Semi Finals, losers qualify for the Play-Off Semi Finals
- All teams will play 6 games



Shield Format

- The 6 teams compete in a single pool
- Teams will play all other teams in the Pool for most of the day
- Teams are then placed into the final games based on their pool performance with the 1st and 2nd placed teams competing for the Shield in the final.
- This guarantees all teams will play 6 games
- The day will end with a definitive ranking of all 30 teams

CURRENT STANDINGS

Teams have received competition points depending on their finishing positions in Rounds 1 & 2. This ranking has been used to determine the draw for Round 3. Current Standings can be viewed here:

[📄 2022-23 Statistics](#)

BUCS POINTS AVAILABLE

BUCS Points will be awarded to the top 8 ‘first teams’ within the overall standings, once Round 3 is complete.

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
BUCS Points	50	35	24	16	14	12	10	8

WITHDRAWALS

As of publishing this document, any withdrawals from the event will not be refunded. The schedule and format will not be revised and all the games relating to the withdrawn team will be recorded as ‘Byes’.

REFEREEING

Player Referee slots will be allocated as per the Sport Specific Regulations. Due to the number of Full-Time Referees attending, it is likely that Player Referees will be required to facilitate the tournament.

Teams should ensure that their Player-Referees come prepared with a whistle. At event registration, teams will be required to mark who their Player Referees are on their team sheet.

Player Referee Allocations will be completed nearer the time of the event.





On the Day Timings

REGISTRATION & ARRIVAL TIME

08:45

Teams are required to have arrived, registered and handed in a completed team sheet by this time. The team sheet must include shirt numbers and Player Referee nominations.

CAPTAIN'S BRIEFING TIME

09:30

Team Captains are required to attend at Event Control for a briefing at this time.

FIRST GAME KICK OFF TIME

10:00

LAST GAME KICK OFF TIME

17:00

PRESENTATION CEREMONY - END OF SEASON AWARDS

21:00 - 22:00

Presentations will take place as part of the End of Season Awards Ceremony on Saturday Evening. A separate Info Document will be supplied with full details and how to purchase tickets.

Nominating MVPs

After each game, team captains will be asked to nominate a female and male player from the opposition. These will be tallied up through the course of the event with the most nominated players receiving an award. This is part of the community we create in Touch Rugby and we think it is very important that this is celebrated.

EVENT CLOSING TIME

19:00



Venue Information

VENUE & PITCH MAP



Exact Pitch location is yet to be determined.

PARKING

Parking at the venue, Riverside, is free for all users.

Coaches can remain onsite

All vehicles must park in the purple highlighted carpark. Only event control and emergency vehicles will be allowed beyond the barrier located at the red line.

FURTHER TRAVEL LINKS

For additional information on travel to or from the venue, please visit the University of Nottingham [website](#).

WEATHER, CLOTHING & KIT

Weather

Please attend the event with the appropriate items of kit that you will need to stay warm and dry throughout the day. All players are permitted to wear any clothing item underneath their playing shirt, that keeps them warm, provided there are no rigid elements to it and it does not cover the shirt number.

Kit & Playing Attires

Please see Rule 4 of the FIT 5th Edition Playing Rules [here](#) for a full breakdown of permitted attire.



No jewellery must be worn and it is strongly advised that watches are not worn either. If a participant desperately wishes to wear a watch, this must be covered by a soft wristband, sweatband or medical tape.

Boots with screw-in studs are not permitted.

CHANGING FACILITIES

Full changing facilities, toilets and showers are available at the grounds (green on map). Note that all items are left at the owner's risk. Team are allocated to the following changing rooms:

Ref 1	D	Junior, Gender Diverse & Inclusive Single Occupancy for anyone to use
Ref 2	F	Female Referees
1	M	Male Referees
2	F	Bath, Bristol & Oxford Brookes
3	F	Edinburgh, Durham & Southampton
4	F	Leeds, Loughborough & Manchester
5	F	Cambridge, Cardiff & Surrey
6	F	Oxford & Nottingham Trent
7	F	Birmingham, Falmouth, Nottingham & RVC
8	F	Exeter
9	M	Exeter
10	M	Bath & Falmouth
11	M	Edinburgh & Southampton
12	M	Durham & Manchester
13	M	Bristol & Leeds
14	M	Loughborough & Nottingham
15	M	Oxford & Surrey
16	M	Cardiff & RVC
17	M	Cambridge & Nottingham Trent
18	M	Birmingham & Oxford Brookes

Allocations have been made so that roughly 30 people are allocated to each changing room.



EVENT CONTROL

Event Control will be located in the main common room of the clubhouse (green on the map). This will also be home to the referees. As a result, players are advised not to use the common room.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Medical support will be located in the complex treatment room and at Event Control.

As part of our commitment to quality and making the day a competitive but safe event, we have secured expert physio/sports therapy cover for the duration of the event and the season. Please note that there will be a £5.00 charge for taping (free if you supply your own).

In the case of needing medical assistance during a game, please notify your nearest events assistant or attend event control.

WATER REFILL

Water refill is located in each changing room and on the exterior of the clubhouse building.

FOOD & DRINK

Catering units will be on site throughout the day who will provide food and hot drinks. Exact details tbc.

Live Streaming

As part of the ETA's commitment to growing the sport, Pitch 1 will be Live Streamed to YouTube & BUCS Live throughout the day. As a result, the schedule may change at short notice to ensure that as many clubs as possible have a chance to appear on the stream.

Cup & Plate games will take priority and the schedule has been amended so the Bowl Final can also be included.

Event organisers will do their best to ensure as many clubs as possible appear on the Live Stream but depending on the draw of positions into the afternoon, this may not always be possible. 'First' teams will be prioritised over 'Second' or 'Third' teams etc.

It is of paramount importance that team behaviour is appropriate on the Live Stream, clubs may be removed from appearing if they do not follow the ETA's Code of Conduct. All players are ambassadors for our sport and a key goal of having the Live Stream is to attract more players and competition.

It is of further importance that clubs fill out their teamsheets accurately for commentators to use; more information will follow.



Code of Behaviour

All participants must comply with the ETA and BUCS Code of Conduct while taking part and supporting at UTC events, the full details can be found at

<http://www.EnglandTouch.org.uk/play/code-of-behaviour/>

The ETA Code of Behaviour applies to all participants including players, coaches, referees, administrators and supporters and sanctions can be applied to individuals, teams and clubs as necessary. Participant enjoyment should not be compromised at any point and necessary actions will be taken should they be needed to ensure this. The decision will be made by the tournament control. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sponsors & Social Media

SOCIAL MEDIA

Ensure your players are following @universitytouchuk on Instagram for all the latest updates, inside stories and behind the scenes competition.

Please tag:

@bucssport

@englandtouch

@universitytouchuk

In your instagram stories, also use the hashtags:

#touchrugby

#bucssport

#universitytouchchampionships

Further Questions & Support

If you have any issues, or need further questions answering, please contact:

BUCS - issues regarding BUCS Play, team sheets or deadlines

ETA - Jack Harris on university@englandtouch.org.uk for event details or clarifications.

