



2022-23 University Touch Championships Event Guide

REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENT - ROUND 2 - NORTH



General Information

DATE

Saturday 19th November 2022

LOCATION

Sheffield Hallam University Sports Park

ADDRESS

Bawtry Rd, Tinsley, Sheffield, S9 1UA

MAP HYPERLINK

<https://goo.gl/maps/U98eDLZ2NMMdCC5j7>

PLAYING SURFACE

All games will be played on artificial rubber crumb surfaces.

ACCEPTED ENTRIES & DRAW

The below teams are accepted as entrants for this competition. Teams are listed in the order in which they are ranked for the pool draw (see Sport Specific Regulations for method.)

1. Loughborough 1
2. Nottingham Trent 1 - Timberwolves
3. Durham 1 - Knights
4. Cambridge 1
5. Birmingham 1 - Lions
6. Manchester 1
7. Loughborough 2
8. Edinburgh 1 - Lions
9. Leeds 1 - Headrow
10. Durham 2 - Archers
11. Nottingham Trent 2 - Army
12. Leeds 2 - Belgrave
13. Birmingham 2
14. Edinburgh 2 - Panthers





POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Loughborough 1	Nottingham Trent 1 - Timberwolves	Durham 1 - Knights	Cambridge
Birmingham 1 - Lions	Manchester 1	Loughborough 2	Edinburgh 1 - Lions
Leeds 1 - Headrow	Durham 2 - Archers	Nottingham Trent 2 - Army	Leeds 2 - Belgrave
Edinburgh 2 - Panthers	BYE	BYE	Birmingham 2

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, RULES & REGULATIONS

The UTC Season Information Pack can be found [here](#).

Sport Specific Regulations can be found [here](#).

Sport Specific Affiliations can be found [here](#).

FIT 5th Edition International Playing Rules can be found [here](#).

SCHEDULE & FORMAT

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- The 14 Teams are split into 4 Pools: 2 of 4 Teams, and 2 of 3 Teams including a BYE.
- Teams will play all teams in their Pool during the morning games
- The 1st and 2nd place teams in each pool will qualify for the Cup Quarter Finals
- The 3rd and 4th place teams in each pool will qualify into one of two Bowl Pools
- Winners of the Cup Quarter Finals qualify for the Cup Semi Finals, losers qualify for the Plate Semi Finals
- The winners of each Bowl Pool play in the Bowl Final
- All teams will play 5 or 6 games.

CURRENT STANDINGS

	Team	Points
1st	Loughborough 1	24
2nd	Nottingham-Trent 1 - Timberwolves	22
3rd	Durham 1 - Knights	20
4th	Cambridge 1	18
5th	Edinburgh 1 - Lions	16
6th	Loughborough 2	14



7th	Manchester 1	12
8th	Birmingham 1 - Lions	10
9th	Leeds 1 - Headrow	8
10th	Durham 2 - Archers	6
11th	Nottingham-Trent 2 - Army	4
12th	Leeds 2 - Belgrave	2

BUCS POINTS AVAILABLE

BUCS Points are not directly available at this singular event. Please see the UTC Season Information Pack for further information.

This event is a qualifying event for the National Championships. Performance in the event and the other respective regional qualifier will determine rankings for the National Championship events.

BUCS Points will be awarded after all National Championship events have taken place.

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

08:30

Teams are required to arrive, register and hand in a completed team sheet at this time. The team sheet must include player shirt numbers and Player Referee nominations.

CAPTAIN'S BRIEFING TIME

09:00

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

FIRST GAME KICK OFF TIME

09:30

LAST GAME KICK OFF TIME

15:55

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

17:00 - 17:15

Presentations will take place in the Club Room off of the bar where the following trophies will be awarded:

- Cup - 1st Place
- Plate - 5th Place
- Bowl - 9th Place
- Most Valuable Players (Female & Male) (as voted for by opposition teams)
- Most Valuable Referee

The ETA would be very grateful if as many teams as possible stayed for the presentations as this adds to the atmosphere and allows teams to celebrate together.

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

The bar will be closing at 18:00 and the venue will be closed at 18:30.



Venue Information

VENUE & PITCH MAP



PARKING

Parking for cars, minibuses and coaches is available on site.

Coaches and minibuses may stay on site throughout the event but must remain in the upper car park at the main entrance.

FURTHER TRAVEL LINKS

Bus

The Sports Park is located on the routes of Services 208 & 608

Train

The nearest train station is Meadowhall (30min Walk)

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. Note that all items are left at the owner's risk. Team are allocated to the following changing rooms:

Referee Changing 1 - Gender Diverse & Inclusive, single occupancy for anyone to use

Referee Changing 2 - Female Referees

Changing Room 1 - Male Referees

Changing Room 2 - Loughborough & NTU Male

Changing Room 3 - Edinburgh & Durham Male

Changing Room 4 - Leeds & Manchester Male

Changing Room 5 - Birmingham & Cambridge Male

Changing Room 6 - Loughborough & NTU Female

Changing Room 7 - Edinburgh, Durham & Manchester Female

Changing Room 8 - Leeds, Birmingham & Cambridge Female

EVENT CONTROL

Event Control will be located on the main pavilion balcony as shown on the site map. The event briefing will happen here.

Small tents and gazebos will also be erected pitchside for game support, 4th Officials and First Aiders.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Medical support will be located in the main pavilion physio room as shown on the site map.

As part of our commitment to quality and making the day a competitive but safe event, we have secured expert physio, sports therapy and first aid 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 available in all changing rooms and externally on the pavilion building.

FOOD & DRINK

Full food and beverage options will be available throughout the event. We would recommend bringing light snacks as a minimum but lunch and after event meals will be available.

Please note the venue is cashless.



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

EVENT SPONSORS

The event is being held in partnership with Sheffield Hallam Sport, they are kindly providing their high performance facilities for the day, please treat the site with respect and make use of the food and drink on offer.

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.

