



2022-23 University Touch Championships Event Guide



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ROUND 1

General Information

DATE

Saturday 11th February 2023

LOCATION

Riverside Sports Complex, Nottingham

ADDRESS

Nottingham, NG7 2TG

MAP HYPERLINK

<https://goo.gl/maps/sfRwKLeo7UpT68>

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





15. University of Exeter - Exeter 2 - Monsoon
16. University of Exeter - Exeter 3 - Typhoon
17. University of Exeter - Exeter 4 - Storm
18. Falmouth University - Falmouth 1
19. University of Leeds - Leeds 1 - Headrow
20. University of Leeds - Leeds 2 - Belgrave
21. Loughborough University - Loughborough 1
22. Loughborough University - Loughborough 2
23. University of Manchester - Manchester 1
24. University of Nottingham - Nottingham 1
25. Nottingham Trent University - Nottingham Trent 1 - Timberwolves
26. Nottingham Trent University - Nottingham Trent 2 - Army
27. University of Oxford - Oxford 1
28. Oxford Brookes University - Oxford Brookes 1
29. Royal Veterinary College - RVC 1
30. University of Southampton - Southampton 1
31. University of Surrey - Surrey 1 - Stags
32. University of Surrey - Surrey 2 - Bucks

Teams are seeded into competition tiers and pools based on their regional qualifying performance and region. See the UTC Sport Specific Regulations for more details.

CUP	
POOL A	POOL B
Loughborough 1	Exeter 1 - Hurricanes
Surrey 1 - Stags	Nottingham-Trent 1 - Timberwolves
Bath 1 - Hawks	Durham 1 - Knights
Cambridge 1	Exeter 2 - Monsoon

PLATE	
POOL C	POOL D
Edinburgh 1 - Lions	Cardiff 1 - Dragons
Bristol 1 - Cobras	Manchester 1
Exeter 3 - Typhoon	Loughborough 2
Birmingham 1 - Lions	Bath 2 - Sparrows





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

SHIELD	
POOL G	POOL H
Birmingham 2 - Pumas	Bath 3 - Chickens
Oxford-Brookes 1	Leeds 2 - Belgrave
RVC 1	Falmouth 1
Cardiff 2 - Sheep	Nottingham 1

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

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- The 32 teams are split into 4 tiers of 8 teams, each tier follows the same format
- 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
- The day will end with a definitive ranking of all 32 teams



CURRENT STANDINGS

The competition points received in regional rounds has decided the qualifying positions for National Championships Round 1. All competition points have subsequently been reset to zero.

After Round 1, teams will receive competition points depending on their finishing position. This ranking will be used to determine the draw for Round 2. However, the winners of the Plate, Bowl and Shield tiers in Round 1 shall be promoted into the tier above, and the 8th placed teams in the Cup, Plate and Bowl tiers will be demoted to the tier below.

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 forms part of the National Championships, performance over all National Championship events will determine the number of BUCS points that are awarded to each team.

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

16:25

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

17:30 - 17:45

Presentations will take place by the clubhouse where the following trophies will be awarded:

- Cup - 1st Place
- Plate - 9th Place
- Bowl - 17th Place
- Shield - 25th 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

18:00



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	Falmouth, Oxford & Nottingham Trent
7	F	Birmingham, Nottingham & RVC
8	F	Exeter
9	M	Exeter
10	M	Bath & Bristol
11	M	Edinburgh & Southampton
12	M	Durham & Manchester
13	M	Falmouth & 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.



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.

