



INFORMATION PACK:

**British Student Korfball Association
National Student Championships 2014
8th & 9th March 2014
UEA Sportspark, Norwich**

This is your preliminary Information Pack concerning BSKA Korfball National Championships at the UEA Sportspark, Norwich on the 8th and 9th of March 2014.

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Actions for clubs to complete (full information in the pack):

1. Sign up to Korfball National Championships via BUCScore, here is a link to the information:
http://www.bucs.org.uk/calendar_popup.asp?section=10§ionTitle=Events&itemid=12943&surround=true
2. Email ueakorfball@gmail.com to confirm you have signed up, we will double check this
3. Book your accommodation asap
4. Book your travel asap
5. Pay your tournament entry
6. Email ueakorfball@gmail.com with a team photo and team list (a team registration list will be attached)
7. Remember Student IDs on the day

Tournament Entry & Fees

The cost for the event, which includes hall hire and referees fees is **£125 per team**. The following 16 teams qualified for National Championships and as such will be taking part in the event. Teams are listed in their pools as drawn by the BSKA for day one of the event. The draw took place on Tuesday 18th Feb, officiated by BSKA Chair Rob Bloomer.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
UEA	Nottingham	Southampton	Birmingham
Cardiff	Cambridge	Sheffield Hallam	Edinburgh
Lancaster	Bristol	Leeds	Exeter
Oxford	Manchester	Kent	St Andrews

In order to register for the tournament, players must bring valid student ID, to comply with BSKA and BUCS regulations. All teams must wear matching kit and bring an alternate strip in order to avoid clashes in kit colour. Squads are up to 12 players and up to 2 of these can play at club championships in Cardiff the following weekend. These players should not be considered to be in a club's 'starting 8' players, and if necessary will be tested by the handed in fixture sheets.

In order to pay your entry fees, please enter via BUCSSCORE and pay through your Athletic Union or Sports Association (Details have already been released).

Location

All games will take place at the UEA Sportspark, NR4 7TJ. The Sportspark is on University Campus and has parking facilities (main University carpark is free on weekends and easier to park in than the Sportspark Carpark). It also has a café and changing/shower facilities. It does not have a cash point, so please remind your players that bringing some cash would be advisable. (The café accepts card for purchases over £5).

Nearest other shops/cafes are in Union House which is in the centre of campus, 5-10 minutes' walk from the Sportspark, and there is also a small Tesco approx. 15 minutes' walk away.

On day one the event will be played across 4 halls with one hall spare for warm ups/game changes if injuries occur or other issues arise. Day one will comprise of the pool stage games and the quarter final stage games. Day two will comprise of the semi-final and final stages of the competition for all levels, ie. Each team will have four fixtures on Saturday and 2 fixtures on Sunday. On day two we will also be moving to full size courts for the 3rd/4th place fixture and the final.

Timetable

Day 1, Saturday:

8:30am registration

8:45am captain's and coach's meeting (Sportspark Café)

9:00am games begin

5:00pm games end for day 1

Day 2, Sunday:

9:00am games begin

4:00pm final

5:00pm games end and presentation

All game slots are one hour long. Within this the format will comprise a game of forty minutes length, with 15 minutes for warm up and a two minute half time, leaving space for one time out per team.

Referees will begin and end the game. Clubs will be expected to hand in fixture sheets at the end of each day with starting players and substitutes, and goals scored, to help with organisation for club championships and tournament top scorers.

Full fixtures will be released closer to the date.

Travel and Accommodation

Below is a list of travel inns/lodges or other types of accommodation that are relatively close to the University campus and have parking facilities in case you have a minibus on the day. There is also an on campus hotel, the Broadview Lodge, but this is likely to be much more expensive. If any teams would prefer accommodation with one of our club members then please let us know the size of your group asap and what days you would need accommodation for and we'll do our best to provide you with a comfortable bed.

Travel Inn List:

<http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/288/Norwich-Central-hotel/hotel-details>

<http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/416/Norwich-Central-Riverside-hotel/hotel-details>

<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/NORNEL/norwich-nelson-city-centre>

<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/NORBRO/norwich-broadlands-business-park>

<http://www.mjbhotels.com/> (a variety of rooms/apartment style things etc)

<http://www.broadviewlodge.co.uk/>

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/norwich/nwinf/hoteldetail>

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/norwich/nwiap/hoteldetail>

There are also a big range of Bed and Breakfasts in Norwich which can be pretty easily found online.

Please be aware that Norwich City Football Club have a home game against Stoke on Saturday the 8th. Please take this into consideration and book your accommodation early/ make sensible plans for your travel- the football ground is very close to the train station so may cause delays in bus or train services.

Travel from the City Centre to University by public transport is easiest via the 25 or 25A bus route which runs from the train station right through the city to the University (takes approx. half an hour and runs every 15 minutes, but is likely to be less frequent on Sundays). A single ticket from the station costs £2.80. Alternatively pre booked taxis are usually between £5.50 and £9.00 per car depending on the time of day and amount of people travelling.

Taxi company numbers:

ABC Taxis 01603 666333

Courtesy Cars 01603 446644

Loyal Taxis 01603 619619

Canary Cars 01603 414243

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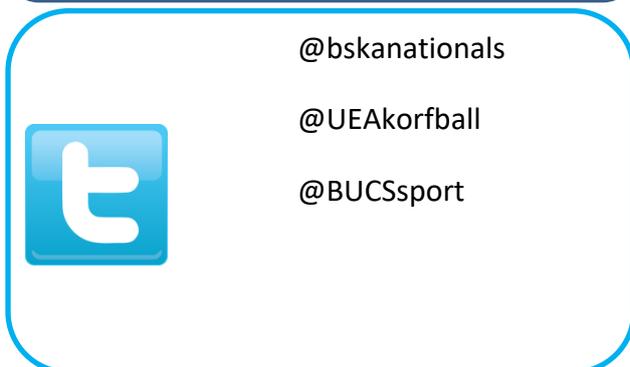


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Media

Full results will be published on the hour on both days on facebook and Twitter, to follow the event in full hook in to the following feeds:



#bskanationals

#korfball

All photos and videos taken by UEA students will be released through the UEA Korfball Club page on facebook when the team of photographers has uploaded them. Team photos will also be taken on day one on the warm up court. Please come to the tournament desk in order to contact a photographer.

Other Important Notes

Social: there will be a social organised for Saturday evening, please feel free to attend. It will be free as we don't expect that many teams will attend, but the rest of our club and no doubt spectators will be up for a drink or two! More details on this will follow.

Alcohol: Please be aware that the Sportspark Café is a licensed premises. This means alcohol is strictly prohibited by the Sportspark management in other areas of the facility. Please also note that the Sportspark is a public facility and will have members of the public using the gym, pool, gymnastics centre etc which surround the main halls- so please make sure that behaviour is appropriate in the corridors/public areas.

Players' room: Players and coaches will have access to a large conference room to store kit/relax in etc. Please make sure kit and rubbish is kept well away from pitch side and hallways at all times- this makes the changeover from small to large halls much easier at the

end of the day, and also reduces the chance of your players losing anything. There are also lockers for high value items in the changing rooms, but please make sure you bring a padlock with you to use them!

Sportspark entry: entry to the Sportspark will be free but you will be required to be in possession of a competitor pass (or coach/referee etc) to enter. Otherwise the Sportspark will attempt to charge you 60p entry- to make the day easy, keep your pass on you if you leave the Sportspark.

Helpful Links

UEA Sportspark: <http://sportspark.co.uk/>

BSKA: <http://www.britishstudentkorfball.co.uk/>

BUCS Rules and Regulations: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/1d6b0be6#/1d6b0be6/1>

UEA Campus Map: <http://www.uea.ac.uk/about/gettinghere/campusmap>