



INFORMATION PACK:

**British Student Korfball Association
BUCS Preliminary Round of Competition
Information Pack**

This is your Information Pack concerning the BSKA and BUCS Preliminary Round of Competition. Please ensure you read the information that has been included carefully, as it includes confirmation of your entry to BUCS, how many teams are entered, and the preliminary competition you are entered into.

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- BSKA Chairman, Alan Piper;
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- BSKA Treasurer, Charlie Saunders;
- BSKA Media & PR Officer, Joe Hubbert;
- BSKA National Competitions Manager: John Bagnall
- BSKA Regional Competition Managers:
 - Michael Garbutt (Scotland and North)
 - Lizzie McCloud (Yorkshire and the Midlands)
 - Joe Skeet (East and South Midlands)
 - Niamh Sully and Lizzie Tighe (South and South West)

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

1. Book your accommodation asap if planning to stay or contact your host club for more details;
2. Book your travel asap;
3. Pay your Affiliation to the BSKA (you should have already received this information)
4. Bring a printed and signed team sheet for each entered team to your preliminary.
Also Remember Student IDs on the day.

Tournament Registration

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, numbered kit and bring an alternate strip in order to avoid clashes in kit colour. Squads are up to 12 players. The minimum legal team size is 6 players with at least 2 players of each gender. No individual player can be registered for or play for more than one team in the preliminary stage. **Clubs found to be doing this will have all teams the player in question has participated for disqualified.** If you have any questions about this, get in touch- don't get it wrong on the day.

Please see BUCS General Regulations for full rules on player eligibility. Please read these carefully as this is a significant change to eligibility rules from last season.

The key rule on "playing down" (as previously expected in Club Championships) is included below:

REG 6.5.4 Individuals may not play or be a substitute (playing or non-playing) for different teams on the same date, but may play for a different team in a different sport on the same day.

For the purposes of BUCS competition, each stage of the competition (preliminary, regional and national) counts as one day. For example, all preliminary competitions are "day 1" of the events, meaning that no player can play for more than one team in preliminaries.

Additionally, please see the below rules on Team selection prior to each tournament:

REG 6.5 Team Selection

REG 6.5 In team sports which incorporate competition below First Team level, each team should be selected as though the other teams would be playing in a match of equal importance at the same time.

REG 6.5.1 It would be expected that the first team would always be the strongest team available to represent that institution with consideration to REG 6.5.2 - establishing 'normally'.

REG 6.5.2 Teams must be selected as if all teams are playing on a given day, for example, if the first team does not have a match but the second team do, no players who would normally* represent the first team are eligible to play for the second team.

**Normally is defined by establishing the individuals frequency and majority of fixtures played; e.g. a player having played 7 games, 5 of which were for the 1st team would be deemed as 'normally' being a first team member and could not therefore be selected for teams below first team level. Consideration is also given to periods within which any variation from normal occurs for an individual.*

This applies to tournament korfbal in the sense that 1st team players play for the 1st team, 2nd team players play for the 2nd team and so on.

Additionally, following the notes on Regulation 6.5.2, if a player is considered to be in the first team of a club, then they may not be selected for the second team for the next tournament.

In real terms this means that players must participate in less than 50% of the available games for a team in a tournament, to be able to be selected for a lower team in the next tournament. ***Please note that this is based on games participated in, not the amount of game time. If a player is named as an unused substitute for a game they are deemed to have also participated in that game. Therefore any player named as part of a team squad at the start of the day has de facto participated in 100% of games for that team in that tournament and is therefore prohibited from moving down a team in the next stage of competition.***

Queries about this can be made in writing to the BSKA executive by emailing studentkorfball@gmail.com. All queries will be adjudicated by the BSKA and BUCS to ensure accurate interpretation of the rules.

Important Rule Changes

Please note that as the bulletin released in July 2015 stated, in the event of a penalty shoot-out the old format of 'sudden death' is now replaced with a scenario where each team will be given the chance to take 3 penalties each, in the event of a tie a 'sudden death' format will then take place.

In addition, 3 points will now be awarded for a win in any group stage match.

General Timetable

8:30am registration

8:45am captain's and coach's meeting

9:00am games begin

5:00pm games end

Referees will begin and end the game. Clubs will be expected to hand in fixture sheets at the end of each fixture to the tournament desk with starting players and substitutes, and goals scored, to help with organisation and record keeping.

Full fixtures and timings will be released closer to each event.

Competitions Committee

The competitions committee for each event will be the tournament manager, lead referee and BSKA National Competitions Manager, John. The group will make final decisions on any breaches of the rules, and decide on an appropriate course of action.

Scotland and North East Preliminary: 29st November 2015

Tournament Manager: Michael Garbutt (Edinburgh University)

Participating teams:

University of Edinburgh 1

University of Edinburgh 2

University of Edinburgh 3

University of St Andrews 1

University of St Andrews 2

University of Strathclyde

Northumbria University

Venue:

St Leonard's Land

Edinburgh

EH8 8AQ

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the Northern Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Lancaster.

Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

East Preliminary: 21st November 2015

Tournament Manager: Joe Skeet (UEA)

Participating Teams:

University of East Anglia 1

University of East Anglia 2

University of East Anglia 3

University of Essex 1

University of Kent 1

University of Kent 2

University of Kent 3

Venue:

UEA Sportspark

Norwich

NR4 7TJ

Registration: 8 30am

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the South East Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Kent.

Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

South Preliminary: 28th November 2015

Tournament Manager: Niamh Sully (Cardiff University) and Lizzie Tighe (Bristol University)

Participating Teams:

University of Reading 1

Oxford University 1

Oxford University 2

University of Brighton 1

University of Brighton 2

University of Southampton 1

University of Southampton 2

Venue:

Iffley Road Sports Centre

Iffley Road

Oxford

OX4 1EQ

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the South West Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Cardiff.

Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

Yorkshire Preliminary: 21st November 2015

Tournament Manager: Lizzie McCloud (Nottingham University)

Participating Teams:

Leeds Beckett 1

Leeds University 1

Leeds University 2

Sheffield Hallam 1

Sheffield Hallam 2

Sheffield University 1

Sheffield University 2

Sheffield University 3

Venue:

Gryphon Sports Centre

University of Leeds

Woodsley Road

Leeds

LS2 9LZ

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the Midlands Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Sheffield.

Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

South Midlands Preliminary: 22nd November 2015

Tournament Manager: Joe Skeet (UEA)

Participating Teams:

De Montfort University 1

Cambridge University 1

Cambridge University 2

University of Bedfordshire 1

University of Westminster

Venue:

Cambridge Sports Centre

University of Cambridge

Philippa Fawcett Drive

Cambridge

CB3 0AS

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the South East Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Kent.

Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

North Preliminary: 5th December 2015

Tournament Manager: Michael Garbutt (Edinburgh University)

Participating Teams:

Manchester University 1

Manchester University 2

Manchester University 3

Lancaster University 1

Lancaster University 2

Lancaster University 3

Venue:

Armitage Sports Centre

University of Manchester

Moseley Road

Manchester

M14 6HE

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the Northern Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Lancaster.

Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

South West Preliminary: 28th November 2015

Tournament Manager: Niamh Sully (Cardiff University) and Lizzie Tighe (Bristol University)

Participating Teams:

Bristol University 1

Bristol University 2

Bristol University 3

Cardiff University 1

Cardiff University 2

Exeter University 1

Exeter University 2

Venue:

Coombe Dingle Sports Centre

University of Bristol

Coombe Lane

Bristol

BS9 2BJ

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the South West Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Cardiff.

Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

Midlands Preliminary: 28th November 2015

Tournament Manager: Lizzie McCloud (University of Nottingham)

Participating Teams:

Keele University 1

University of Birmingham 1

University of Birmingham 2

University of Birmingham 3

University of Birmingham 4

University of Nottingham 1

University of Nottingham 2

University of Nottingham 3

University of Nottingham 4

Venue:

Jubilee Campus Sports Centre

University of Nottingham

Innovation Park

Triumph Road

Nottingham

NG7 2TU

Progression:

Top 4 teams progress to the Midlands Regional Competition in January, provisionally in Sheffield.

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Teams outside the top four progress to the National Shield Competition in March, provisionally in Manchester.

Your competition managers should now have been in touch with all the further information you need including a timetable for the day. If you have not yet received this information please email studentkorfball@gmail.com as soon as possible.

On behalf of BUCS and the BSKA, I would like to wish all teams participating in Korfball BUCS this year the best of luck and a great tournament!



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Media

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#korfball



Other Important Notes

Social: Socials will be organised on an ad hoc basis by host clubs. Please refer to the tournament managers for this information.

Alcohol: Please be aware that many of our venues are licensed premises or alcohol free premises. This means alcohol is strictly prohibited. Please also note that venues may be public facilities and will have members of the public present- so please make sure that behaviour is appropriate in the corridors/public areas, and continue the good reputation of University Korfball.

Helpful Links

British Student Korfball Association:

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

BUCS Rules and Regulations:

<http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17124§ionTitle=Rules+and+Regulations>