



INFORMATION PACK:

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

This is your Information Pack concerning the BSKA and BUCS Regional 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 Regional competition you are entered into.

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 - Michael Garbutt (Scotland and North)
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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. 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 (maximum 6 players of any one gender). 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. As such, any player named as part of a squad at the Regional stage of competition is prohibited from 'moving down a team' for the National stage of competition. A player may move down a team at Nationals provided they ARE NOT named as a squad member of a side at regionals.***

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.

Should a player receive a red card, the attending competitions committee will review the incident based on the referee's report and issue a suspension of one or more games as they see fit in line with BUCS regulation KOR 4.1

KOR 4.1 The Competitions Committee (as defined above) shall be empowered to suspend a player from one or more games during the tournament, following the giving of either a straight red card, or two yellow cards

The player in question will be prohibited from participating further in the competition until the competitions committee has reached a final decision. Suspensions may also carry over to Nationals. Should a team wish to protest a referee's decision, they may do so in line with BUCS regulation KOR 5

KOR 5.1 The tournament desk must be notified of any protest connected with the playing of a match within 5 minutes of the match concerned. The referee must be advised by the team captain, immediately after the match concerned, of the intention to protest.

KOR 5.2 The Competition Committee shall have the power to make decisions on any matter not specifically covered in the rules and to vary the rules concerning the conditions of play should this be necessary for the smooth running of the competition

Players and clubs may be subject to further penalty from BUCS should their actions be considered to have 'brought BUCS into disrepute' as outlined in BUCS REG 17 (<http://bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17300§ionTitle=REG+17+%09Misconduct%2FBringing+BUCS+into+disrepute>)

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, including the result of any appeal against the awarding of yellow/red cards.

Non-attendance

Not attending a competition for which you are entered without fair reason is considered unacceptable by both the BSKA and BUCS. Universities whose teams do so may be issued with a fine of £200 from BUCS for non-attendance at their regional. Teams will be offered the chance to submit their reasons for not attending to the BSKA who will review the decision and pass a recommendation on whether the team should be fined or not onto BUCS.

Scotland and North Regional: 30th January 2016

Tournament Manager: Michael Garbutt (Edinburgh University)

Participating teams:

University of Edinburgh 1

University of Edinburgh 2

University of St Andrews 1

Northumbria University

Lancaster University 1

Lancaster University 2

Manchester University 1

Manchester University 2

Venue:

Lancaster University Sports Centre

Lancaster University

Bigforth Drive

Lancaster

LA1 4YW

Progression:

Top 4 placed first teams progress to the Northern Championships in March, provisionally in Norwich.

All other teams progress to National Trophy in March, provisionally held in Sheffield.

South East Regional: 30th January 2016

Tournament Manager: Joe Skeet (UEA)

Participating Teams:

University of East Anglia 1

University of East Anglia 2

University of Essex 1

University of Kent 1

Cambridge University 1

Cambridge University 2

Bedford University 1

De Montfort University 1

Venue:

The University of Kent

Sports Centre Road

Canterbury

Kent

CT2 7NL

Progression:

Top 4 placed first teams progress to the Northern Championships in March, provisionally in Norwich.

All other teams progress to National Trophy in March, provisionally held in Sheffield.

South West Regional: 24th January 2016

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

Participating Teams:

Oxford University 1

University of Brighton 1

University of Southampton 1

University of Southampton 2

University of Cardiff 1

University of Cardiff 2

University of Bristol 1

University of Exeter 1

Venue:

Cardiff City House of Sport

Clos Parc Morgannwg

Cardiff

CF11 8AW

Progression:

Top 4 placed first teams progress to the Northern Championships in March, provisionally in Norwich.

All other teams progress to National Trophy in March, provisionally held in Sheffield.

Yorkshire and Midlands Regional: 6th February 2016

Tournament Manager: Lizzie McCloud (Nottingham University)

Participating Teams:

Leeds Beckett 1

Leeds University 1

Sheffield Hallam 1

Sheffield University 1

Nottingham University 1

Birmingham University 1

Birmingham University 2

Birmingham University 3

Venue:

Concord Sports Centre (University of Sheffield)

Shiregreen Lane

Sheffield

S5 6AE

Progression:

Top 4 placed first teams progress to the Northern Championships in March, provisionally in Norwich.

All other teams progress to National Trophy in March, provisionally held in Sheffield.

Your competition managers should be in touch shortly with all the further information you need including a timetable for the day. If you have not received this information a week before your Regional 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!

Nationals

This year National Championships will take place on March 5th/6th 2016 at UEA Sports Park, Norwich. ***The AGM will also take place following the first day's games at the same venue. All clubs who have paid an affiliation to the BSKA are entitled to attend and are permitted two votes on any matters arising. We will request that all clubs partaking in National Championships send at least two representatives to the meeting.***

National Trophy will take place on the weekend on March 26th/27th at All Saints Sports Centre, Sheffield.

National Plate (for all teams who did not qualify for Regionals) will take place on March 19th/20th. The first day's competition will take place at the Sugden Sports Centre, Manchester and the second day's play will take place at Armitage Sports Centre, Manchester.



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Media

Full results will be published on facebook and Twitter and reports will follow on studentkorfball.co.uk, to follow the event in full hook in to the following feeds:



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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>