

Bulletin One

WFDF 2023 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships

Nottingham, UK Sunday 2nd July - Saturday 8th July 2023

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WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM

Welcome to Nottingham, home of Robin Hood and the WFDF 2023 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships!

The WFDF 2023 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships (WU24) will be hosted by Local Organising Committee (LOC) UK Ultimate, led by Si Hill and Luke Tobiasiewicz alongside a team of experienced key staff. WU24 will be held in Nottingham, UK from Sunday 2nd July - Saturday 8th July 2023 inclusive (7 days).

The world's best national teams for under-24 players will compete in the women's, open, and mixed divisions. We expect teams from over 30 nations comprising approximately 1000 athletes to take part in WU24. Players born in 2000 through 2009 are eligible to compete.

With a large student population, Nottingham is one of the most vibrant cities in the UK. The WFDF 2023 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships (WU24) are taking place at the University of Nottingham (UoN), across their Highfields and Riverside Sports Complex, home to UKU Nationals and UKU Windfarm (one of the largest annual club events in Europe) respectively.

On the following pages you will find the details you need to formalise your team's WU24 registration process. Please pay attention to action points highlighted in red. We've also included some preliminary extra details on transport and accommodation to help you with your decision planning, however all teams are reminded strongly that NO BOOKINGS for flights, visas, hotels should be made until we close the team REGISTRATION (collect fees) for the event once we are sure it is viable with critical mass.

Should you have any immediate questions that affect your ability to pre-register your teams, please feel free to reach out to WFDF or the LOC (contact details on the back page of this bulletin). Teams from all WFDF member National Federations are welcome to participate in the Event.

We look forward to hosting you in Nottingham UK, in July 2023.

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EVENT DATES

WU24 will be a seven (7) day tournament from Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th July, 2023 inclusive. Should weather cause delays to play, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly to ensure the finals are played as scheduled on day 7 or prior.

A provisional competition format will be shared after team fees are collected when schedules will be tailored to the division sizes. Day 1 (Sun 2nd July) will include a single game for most, ideally all teams. Day 7 (Sat 8th July) will be a short day with limited play for some teams only - schedule pending.

On-site registration will take place in the lead up to the Tournament after teams arrive in Nottingham. You will be informed of your booking time and location for team registration at a later date.

Coaches & Captains' Meeting & the Spirit Captains' Meetings will take place on Saturday 1st July, late afternoon/evening BEFORE the tournament starts. Attendance by at least one (1) representative from EACH TEAM is preferred to attend each meeting. For capacity reasons the limit will be two (2) people per team per meeting. Please plan your travel accordingly. For teams who have no representatives at the venue during the meeting times, you can pre-register your absence to receive the meeting minutes via email.

The Parade of Nations and Opening Ceremony will take place in the morning of Sunday 2nd July and all teams are requested to participate in uniform.

The first round of games will take place on Sunday 2nd July (Day 1). It is anticipated that teams will play up to 2 games per day on days 2-6 with placement, semis and finals games as well as games needed to round out the schedule played on days 6 and 7. There is a possibility that teams/divisions will be granted a rest day within the schedule. Note that if bad weather creates a need for schedule changes, we can not promise a set number of games for teams.

The official Athlete Party for WU24 will be hosted on Friday night. Medal Ceremonies will take place immediately after each final. The Closing Ceremony will take place at the end of the last final of the WU24 Tournament.



LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The event will be headed up by Si Hill (CEO) and Luke Tobiasiewicz (Major Events Manager) of UK Ultimate, the National Governing Body in the UK. UKU manages or runs over 50 Ultimate events every year, and in particular hosted the WFDF 2015 World Under-23 Ultimate Championships, and the WFDF 2016 World Ultimate & Guts Championships, in London UK. Si and Luke will be joined by an experienced team of staff and volunteers.

UKU has also been partnering with the University of Nottingham to host Ultimate competitions for more than 10 years, and will be running University National Championships, Club National Championships and UKU Windfarm (the UK's largest club event) in Nottingham in 2023.

LOCATION & VENUE MAPS

The World Under-24 Ultimate Championships will be played at the University of Nottingham across two outdoor sports complexes, with the main accommodation base on the university campus (near Highfields).

- Highfields Sports Complex, NG7 2PS, (approx 8-9 full size fields) and
- Riverside Sports Complex, NG7 2SA. (approx 7-8 full size fields with space for 20 more as required)

All of the primary fields for the event will be grass. The finals will also be played at UoN.



Aerial image of the Highfields Sports Complex, Nottingham



Aerial image of the Riverside Sports Complex, Nottingham



Satellite image showing the placement of the campus and two playing venues; Highfields and Riverside

University of Nottingham Sport

(Riverside Sports Complex and Highfields Sports Complex)

The LOC will provide limited transport between the campus and Riverside. We expect that most players will move to and from Riverside <u>without cars or buses</u> as there is a pedestrian (45 min) / scooter-bike (15 min) route. Teams will not be expected to play at both sites on the same day.



Nottingham City Centre



University of Nottingham campus

CLIMATE

The climate of Nottingham in July normally has daytime temperatures around 20°C (67°F). At this time of year it is reasonably likely that there will be some rain from time to time. High temperatures are possible, but relatively unusual. Players may want to be aware that the Riverside sports complex can be quite windy.

AIRPORTS

Nottingham is well placed in the UK, being close to a major access route - the M1 - and EMA (East Midlands Airport) which is well connected to Europe. The closest international airport is BHX (Birmingham Airport), which can easily be reached via public transport from Nottingham City Centre and the venue/accommodation at University of Nottingham (UoN). The London and Manchester airports are further away, but still easily reached by public transport within approx 3 hours.

Teams should make enquiries about flights, however no flights should be booked until after team registration is closed and after WFDF confirms each team on the bid list. This will happen after the 30th of January and before the 6th February.

Teams are expected to make their own transport arrangements from the airport to the UoN.

TRANSPORT

The main Highfields Sports Complex playing site is next to the university campus, where the event accommodation is based. It is also served by one of the tram lines from the city centre for teams who decide to organise their own accommodation. The Riverside Sports Complex playing site is located on the banks of the River Trent, 2 miles southeast of the university campus. It is served by relatively limited public transport (buses).

In our commitment to the environment and sustainability, we expect that all event participants will walk/bike/scoot or find their own way to the Riverside Sports Complex (approx 45 minute walk or 15 minute scooter/bike ride). Limited Bus transport will be arranged between the campus and the Riverside sports complex.

Social events will be planned on or around the playing venues or University Campus within walking distance of the fields.

Teams within Europe may choose to arrange your own transport and drive to Nottingham. Participants that are residents at the University accommodation will be able to park on campus free of charge. Non-residents may be able to park on campus (subject to charge) but this is still in discussion with the University. There is plenty of parking space at Riverside Sports Complex, but only limited space at Highfields.

FOOD

The event accommodation package includes breakfast and the evening meal. There are no plans for a lunch package as there will be a selection of food providers onsite selling lunch and snacks.



River Trent, Nottingham



Nottingham city tram system (trams run between the centre and the University campus)

ACCOMMODATION & BOOKINGS





Official event accommodation is on the University of Nottingham campus, in some of the University's catered halls of residence. The campus is right next to the Highfields Sports Complex, where we plan to hold the Opening Ceremony, Finals Day, and where teams will play the majority of their games. The LOC strongly recommends teams to book here to experience the atmosphere of the UoN. Campus accommodation includes:

- Bed in a single study bedroom with shared bathroom facilities (approx 5 beds per bathroom)
- Three course evening dinner via the servery counters for each night
- Full English breakfast for each morning
- Coffee and tea supplies in bedrooms
- Toiletry pack, bed linen and towels
- Complimentary car parking and Wi-Fi
- £68.40 per person per night, including breakfast and dinner

Teams will book directly with the University of Nottingham. Contact details and the booking procedures will follow later this month. The University is holding rooms until 1st March, after which time bookings will be subject to availability.

Every room comes equipped with a bed, wardrobe, desk, chair, bookshelves, noticeboard, desk lamp, personal door lock, coat hooks, mirror, and power sockets. Rooms also have Wi-Fi. Additional services on campus include laundry (user pays), lots of outside space and other campus facilities. Only one (1) person is permitted to stay in each room booked.

The LOC may provide some local information or contacts for teams who are looking for cheaper alternatives (hall sleeping on floor), but the LOC highly recommends staying on the university campus for the best experience at WU24 2023 with an all inclusive on-site package at a great inclusive rate.



The images below show examples of bedrooms, dining room, common room and outdoor space:











HEALTH & MEDICAL

All event participants (athletes, coaches and team support) are recommended to obtain travel insurance prior to booking flights and health insurance before leaving your home country. WFDF and the LOC do not provide coverage for participants outside of the general first aid administered at the fields. There are always risks associated with playing Ultimate and travelling. Although WU24 will have medical staff on site to deal with first aid and assess critical injuries, there may be injuries or illness in which players need follow up medical attention or emergency visits to local hospitals. There is general information about medical treatment and costs for visitors to the UK here.

WFDF and the LOC kindly request that all players and event participants acknowledge these risks and understand that WFDF and the LOC cannot be held liable for any risk or cost associated with injury or bad health at WU24. All event participants should alleviate some personal financial liability by purchasing your own travel and health insurance to make sure you are covered for any medical issues or event/travel cancellations that could arise. Participants will be required to sign an Event Participant Agreement published in advance of the event.

VISAS

Once the event bid list is published and your team is registered, we encourage each team and player to make specific and timely enquiries about obtaining a visa to enter the United Kingdom. Teams and Players are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit the UK to compete at the WFDF 2023 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships.

We cannot provide specific advice on the process, however we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible. WFDF can provide your team manager/administrator with a letter confirming your team's registration at the event. WFDF can provide players with a letter confirming your participation as a player at the event after the players fees are paid and after the NF has supplied a roster endorsement letter with your name on it. Please make specific requests for such letter by filling out this online form

Specific player letters for visa appointments can only be done after players have registered and paid their fees) we require confirmation from the National Federation that they endorse the player on the roster. The following details for all the members of your team are required:

- Full name (as shown on passport);
- Passport number;
- Date of birth;
- Role on team (i.e. player, coach, manager, etc.)

Please fill out the required fields on the online form. Make sure you leave us some time to produce this document: do not assume that we can send it back the same day. Please note: we cannot and will not provide a formal "invitation" to attend the event and non-ability to enter the UK is not grounds to request a refund for a team and/or player fees.

We recommend EVERY TEAM makes specific enquiries to fully understand visa and travel requirements.

For all proof of participation letters (team or individual) please fill out the form here

WU24 TEAMS & DIVISIONS

Teams from all WFDF National Federation (NF) members are invited to participate at WU24 in Nottingham. WFDF member NF's in good standing will be entitled to participate. WFDF has already collected pre-registration for all divisions from countries that want to send a team. If you have not already pre-registered and wish to send a team/s to WU24, please fill out this pre-registration form urgently. We are unable to accept any new team sign ups after the end of January.

Based on the interest already received, the WFDF Ultimate Committee has allocated bids accordingly. A provisional bid list has been published via email alongside this bulletin. Changes will be permitted through until the end of January 2023 for additions for countries who might have missed the pre-registration deadline or to make changes to existing bids offered.

WU24 will operate divisions following the team eligibility rules for team rosters (Section D) with a minimum of six teams per division:

- Under-24 Mixed (U24X)
 - Female <u>and</u> Male identifying players who are at least 14 years old and not twenty-four (24) years old in 2023 (anyone born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2009 is eligible)
- Under-24 Open (U24O)
 - Female or Male identifying players who are at least 14 years old and not twenty-four (24) years old in 2023 (anyone born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2009 is eligible)
- Under-24 Women (U24W)
 - Female identifying players who are at least 14 years old and not twenty-four (24) years old in 2023 (Female identifying players between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2009 are eligible)

The event is open to all players who meet the age and eligibility criteria and must not be twenty-four (24) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.

WFDF strives to protect transgender athletes and to recognise the importance of autonomy of gender identity in sport and has created clear guidelines with minimally invasive requirements for TUE submissions. The guidelines were developed by the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee. WU24 will abide by timelines and requirements as outlined in the WFDF Transgender Athlete and Differences in Sex Development (DSD) Athlete Policy. Please note that there are different timelines for transgender athletes under age 20 than for transgender athletes age 20 or older. Please be sure to read through this document with your athletes when assessing eligibility.





FEES & EVENT DEADLINES

The WU24 deadlines and event fees are due as follows:

FEE	NOTE	DEADLINE
Online TEAM Pre-registration (obligation free)	Late registrations accepted if division still have room	Completed (2022) Still accepting late entries through <u>end</u> JAN 2023
Provisional Bid Allocation	Email to NF's	Wed. 11 JAN 2023
Team Fee & Minimum Roster (14) Invoices sent via email		Monday 16th JAN 2023
Team Fee - payment due	USD \$1600	Monday 30th JAN 2023
Minimum roster (14) Players Fees payment due	USD \$5390 (14 x PF)	Monday 30th JAN 2023
Player & Guest Fee - Payment Due (for any remaining additions to team)	Player - USD \$385 Guest - USD \$200	Friday 31st MAR 2023
LATE fee surcharge for any addition in number of players or guests (per addition) accepted at WFDF's discretion	USD \$50	From Friday 31st MAR until Friday 28 APRIL 2023
Final Roster LOCK		Friday 28 APRIL 2023

- WFDF will invoice and collect all fees for WU24. All fees are in US Dollars \$ (please ensure your payment is made in the right currency).
- The team fee is NOT reimbursable for any team that withdraws after Monday 30th January 2023. Teams withdrawing after paying the team fees (for your own reasons) does not fall into the Cancellation policy for event cancellation. The player fee can be transferred to another player but is NOT reimbursable (subject to certain exceptions and medical restrictions).
- All bank fees and transfer charges are at the cost of the payer if there are any outstanding monies they will be collected in cash during on-site event registration.

Player Fees will include event accreditation, field and roster access for play, access to all player zones and meetings, access to the party and also the event gift and can access the podium to receive medals.

Non-playing Team Support fees are for people travelling and associated with the team (coaches, medics, support, admin and guests) but are not taking the field to play. They will receive the same benefits as a player but will not be on any roster and are not entitled to play.

Spectators are non-accredited individuals who will not be able to participate with the team or take part in any of the event or team functions and will be treated as spectators.

CANCELLATION POLICY

WFDF and the LOC recognise that situations outside the control of the organisers could occur that might have possible impacts on the ability to host the event.

We will continue to monitor the impact and effects of the Pandemic and any geopolitical factors that might affect travel. We will follow the advice and recommendations from International health, safety and travel authorities for travel to and from the UK.

If any new information presents itself that would warrant an event cancellation we will report back immediately to teams. Countries should continue to make their own assessment, and should remain in contact with the organisers with up to date information if any concerns arise.

WFDF also reminds all teams that team fee and minimum roster invoice payments are the only formal registration for a team. Any bids not paid on time will be revoked. Only once payments are received will WFDF confirm critical mass for the event to proceed (after 30 January and before 7 FEB 2023) Teams should not make firm flight or hotel bookings until that time.

At the discretion of WFDF and the LOC, should the event need to be cancelled, the following cancellation terms will apply to all event fee payments;

- Cancellation announced before 6 FEB (+1W after team fee payment deadline) 100% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 7 FEB 28 FEB 50% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 1 MAR 31 MAR 40% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 1 APR 31 APR 30% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 1 MAY 31 MAY 20% of Fees collected will be returned.
- Cancellation announced 1 JUN 28 JUN 10% of Fees collected will be returned.

BIDS & TEAM ADMINISTRATORS

Country Coordinators and team administrators are reminded that bids will become official only upon receipt of team fee payment and the payment of a minimum roster of 14 players fees. Any bids not paid for by the deadline of Monday 30th of January will be revoked.

All bids offered are issued to each member National Federation directly and only WFDF's official member representative for each country can accept bids. All teams and rosters must have full endorsement by the member NF. All invoices will be issued directly to the member NF.

Should you wish to nominate a separate person per team as the team administrator for administrative pre-event duties/ receiving emails, booking hotels etc, please fill out this <u>form</u>. Country coordinators may choose to continue to represent multiple teams if you wish.

LATE REGISTRATION (click here)

Last chance to register for team bids to attend WU24. WFDF member National Federations are encouraged to click here if you have not already been offered bids through the pre-registration process. No new bids will be offered after the deadline of Monday 30th January. Team and roster fees will be due in January in line with the deadline for payments for all teams. Late registrations will still be accepted in all three divisions for WU24 this month.

If you have already been offered bids through the pre-registration allocation system and wish to make a change or add more bids, please reach out to WFDF immediately via <a href="mailto:email.com/email.com/emailto:email.com/em

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Time zone (at time of the event): UTC +01:00 (GMT+1)
- Language: English
- Currency: UK Sterling pound (GBP £)
- Currency for fees: All event fees will be advertised and collected in US Dollars (USD \$)
- Voltage: 230 volts AC, 50Hz , Plug type: Type G (3 pins, grounded)

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And don't forget to share your preparation for WU24 with us!

LOC CONTACTS

Do you have any questions about the WFDF 2023 World Under 24 Ultimate Championships? Please contact us via the details below, **but note that the website will not be live until later in January 2023.**

Email: <u>info@wu24.sport</u>Website: <u>www.wu24.sport</u>



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WFDF CONTACTS

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