

WFDF 2023 WU24 Post Event Report

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1. Introduction

The aim of this document is to provide UKU and WFDF with all the data and pertinent information about the event. The event is WFDF 2023 World Under-24 Ultimate Championships which took place from 2nd to 8th July 2023 at Highfields Sports Complex, Beeston, Nottingham NG7 2PS.

The Event Website is a source of much of the key information about the event:
2023.wu24.sport

A number of our partners are hosting some of the media generated for the event on their own or other websites.

All financial information will be submitted in a separate report.

2. Event Summary

The tournament was a great success. Athletes, spectators, volunteers, staff & VIP's praised the professional nature of the event organisation and staff, along with the high quality of the fields and associated infrastructure at University of Nottingham.

The tournament accommodation and food at University of Nottingham College Lane Campus were well received and of good quality and quantity to provide players with the nutrition required to excel.

The LOC continued to have all teams play a game on the opening day, and host the party on the Friday – which continues to be a popular choice to keep the event days as compact and cost effective as possible.

The recruitment, organization and training of the volunteers went well and allowed the LOC to recruit 65 volunteers and 10 members of staff. 40 of the volunteers were local which helped to reduce volunteer costs significantly.

The competition ran smoothly from start to finish with no delays to the schedule.

The weather was mild and pleasant and caused no issues for the event.

3. Statistics

6 continents

22 countries

45 Ultimate Teams

16 Mixed teams

15 Open teams

14 Women's teams

1,016 Athletes

364 Mixed Division

349 Mixed Division

303 Women's Division

197 Team Support Staff

142 Tournament Staff & Volunteers

Team fee	\$1600
Player fee	\$385
Non-player fee	\$200
Accommodation (Half-Board)	£67.20 pppn

Tickets sold		
Week tickets	(£40)	534
Sunday	(£10)	388
Monday	(£5)	269
Tuesday	(£5)	229
Wednesday	(£5)	284
Thursday	(£5)	293
Friday	(£10)	422
Saturday	(£25)	146

Approx. Daily Spectator Attendance

Sunday	922
Monday	803
Tuesday	763
Wednesday	818
Thursday	827
Friday	956
Saturday	1619*

*The participants not competing in the finals on Saturday are all classed as spectators for this day.

4. Results

Final placing positions with Spirit of the Game (SOTG) scores.

Mixed		Open		Women	
USA	11.1	USA	10.33	USA	10.11
SGP	9.78	BEL	9.8	JPN	9.56
JPN	10.5	GER	10	GER	10.56
CAN	9.67	ITA	10.22	CAN	10.67
SUI	10.2	JPN	11.4	AUS	10.33
GBR	9.44	CAN	10.5	GBR	10.56
NZL	10.3	GBR	9.67	ITA	9.78
TPE	9.8	AUS	9.6	COL	10.22
SWE	9.9	COL	10.4	PHI	9.44
GER	11	NZL	11	SGP	10
AUS	9.6	SGP	11.2	AUT	10.56
HKG	10.22	AUT	11.4	NZL	11.78
CHN	10.67	NED	10	IRL	10.56
RSA	11	IRL	11	CHN	9
FIN	10.4	CHN	9.9		
COL	10.11				

5. Team Attendance by Federation

	Mixed	Open	Women's
AUS	x	x	x
AUT		x	x
BEL		x	
CAN	x	x	x
CHN	x	x	x
COL	x	x	x
FIN	x		
GBR	x	x	x
GER	x	x	x
HKG	x		
IRL		x	x
ITA		x	x
JPN	x	x	x
NED		x	
NZL	x	x	x
PHI			x
RSA	x		
SGP	x	x	x
SUI	x		
SWE	x		
TPE	x		
USA	x	x	x
Total	16	15	14

6. Registration

The registration process was handled by WFDF utilising UltiOrganizer with some volunteer support as requested.

7. Venue

There were 9 fields at Highfields Sports Complex, with 1 additional artificial turf field nearby at the David Ross Sports Village.

The main venue is quite compact, whilst retaining adequate space for teams to warm-up, and for spectators to move around and watch games.

Player lines (3m) and spectator lines (5m) were in place on all fields, with the showcase field having slightly larger distances to facilitate filming and improve spectator sight-lines for the busiest games.

Inevitably a satellite field creates some additional fixed overheads in terms of volunteering, communications and medical cover, but the position next to the main sports centre meant this worked relatively smoothly on this occasion. Players using this field had excellent facilities.



8. Competition Formats

The competition schedule and formats can be viewed here:

<https://results.wfdf.sport/wu24/?view=games&filter=tournaments&group=all>.

The schedules were designed so that teams mostly played 9 or 10 games across the week.

The LOC scheduling team aimed for an average of approx 3-3.5 games per day per field. The weather was benign before and during the event, so in fact the groundstaff at UoN were comfortable with some fields being used somewhat more frequently.

Continuous communications between the LOC scheduling team, WFDF TTD and broadcast allowed for appropriate changes to the schedule on a daily basis to support and facilitate the broadcast. The LOC developed a strict process for communicating changes to the schedule arising from this process so that all staff, players and spectators could be kept up to date efficiently and accurately.

9. Transport

The proximity of the accommodation to the competition venues meant that no competition-transport was required at all. This is obviously a highly desirable outcome where venue and accommodation locations allow. The event put on transport to transport players from the accommodation to the event party on Friday night.

10. Accommodation

Accommodation was provided in mostly single rooms within flats of 4-6 people across the UoN halls of residences on campus. In general bathrooms were shared at a ratio of 1:2, with a small number of ensuite rooms.

11. Food

Food was provided within the accommodation package to include breakfast and evening meal. On the UoN campus, each hall of residence has its own kitchen and dining room, so players generally had their meals in the dining room connected to their hall.

Concessions provided by UoN sold food to participants and spectators on site at Highfields Sports Complex during the day. Whilst this provision was generally OK, LOC would seek to work with independent providers if/when we return to this venue in the future as we believe a better service could be provided.

12. Staff

The UKU LOC has an experienced lead staff team, including permanent UKU staff and a number of other individuals that joined the WU24s team once the bid was awarded.

Rob Henderson led the volunteering team, and did an excellent job recruiting volunteers for this event. We provided extra incentives / thank-yous for volunteers that were able to accommodate themselves (mostly students resident in Nottingham), in order to reduce volunteering costs.

13. Medical

The LOC engaged the skills of Ambulance Response Services Ltd. after employing their skills at a number of large UKU tournaments in the preceding years. UKU has been working with ARSL since running World Under-23s in 2015..

UKU CMO Kenny Duffy coordinated with ARSL and the event CMO Dr Lisa Hyland.

The medical care was an expensive part of the tournament, but the LOC considers this to be an essential expense. A separate detailed medical report has been provided with information about staffing and injury statistics.

14. Broadcast

Broadcast was provided by ultiworld.com working directly with WFDF. LOC's role at this event was to support (but not fund) the infrastructure required for broadcast (internet, power, shelter, scaffolds, etc).

15. Photos

The LOC worked with a number of independent photographers based in the UK to provide photos through the week. UKU works with this group of photographers across all of our events, and throughout the year.

International photographers and videographers attended either independently or as part of a National Federation delegation.

16. Contact details

All request to UK Ultimate for information regarding WU24 should be directed to:
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