

DUFFA Hat 2011

Player Information Pack



This pack should contain all the information you need ahead of the tournament. If it doesn't, please call Tournament Coordinator Alan Heckman on 07779 301 137 or Steve Morgan on 07968 694 745. You can also reach us at info@duffa.org.

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DUFFA Hat 2011 Rules

We'll be following the [World Flying Disc Federation Rules](#), 2009 version, with some additional rules to make the tournament as fun and friendly as it can be. All players are responsible for understanding the rules and following them to the best of their abilities. Copies of the WFDF rules will be available at the tournament.

1. **Games to 13 with a 55-minute hard cap.** There is no requirement to win by two points. If you are still playing when the horn sounds, finish the active point. If the score is tied, play one more point to break the tie. One time-out per half will be allowed, with a short (3 or 4 minute) half-time break after the leading team scores their 7th point.
2. **Choose your own captain.** The Captains' only official responsibilities are to report the game and spirit scores to the tournament desk at the end of each game and to represent their teams to the tournament coordinators if necessary. Teams may assign additional responsibilities to their captains if they wish (such as coaching beginners or calling plays) but these roles are entirely unofficial and up to each individual team. Captains, don't be jerks.
3. **Fun and friendly calls, off the pitch.** We have a tight schedule and a new game will be starting right away on the pitch. Each team always has at least 30 minutes between games, usually more, so there should be plenty of time for calls.
4. **There will be beginners on your team. Make them welcome.** Please make sure they have a positive introduction to Ultimate by being friendly and helpful, and by making sure that they get plenty of field time and plenty of opportunities to handle the disc, even if they aren't very good at Ultimate yet or can't remember all the rules. If you are a person who yells at beginners on your club or Uni team, please don't do it at DUFFA Hat! Teams who support their beginners have tended to win previous DUFFA Hats.
5. **Be inclusive** - It's good spirit and in the ethos of the tournament to always try to have women on the line - obviously this is relaxed in the event of injuries. Teams that bring on a team of men or expert players to win vital points will lose spirit points and not get drinks bought for them!
6. **Don't argue about the rules too much.** As always with Ultimate, fouls or other infractions should be sorted out at once on the pitch by the players involved or with the best view of the event. If you have been disputing the rules with the game stopped on the pitch for more than 30 seconds, you have been doing it too long. Please don't escalate rules disputes unless *absolutely* necessary, it is better to just get on with the game and ask for the rule clarifications for next time. Alan Heckman is the Tournament Coordinator and as such his decision on rules must be final, even if it is wrong - he will try very hard to be right.



DUFFA Hat 2011 Schedule

Friday Night - Beginners Training and Drinks!

On Friday at 1930hrs we'll be running a session for total beginners to cover the basic skills and rules of the game. Training will be on one of our pitches outside the club. For everyone else we'll be having drinks at the club to meet arrivals and get the livers warmed up. Find out who is on your team after 7:30 pm in the club bar!

Saturday Schedule

On Saturday, registration will open at 8:30 am. **Please plan to arrive no later than 9:00 am** to make sure you have time to register and meet your team.

Each team will be in a pool of 4 teams, and play a round-robin schedule within the pool. After the round-robin, and the 2nd and 3rd place teams in each pool will play crossovers to determine their final ranking for Sunday.

Saturday night meal is free if you paid your tournament fee, and will be served at 7:00 pm. The party will kick off at 8:00 pm with free 3-pint challenges. **See the Party section for more information!**

Sunday Schedule

Sunday games start at 9:00 am. On Sunday the teams will be placed in upper, mid, and lower tiers based on their record from Saturday, and play a simple single-elimination tournament. All places will be played out to determine each team's final ranking, so every team will play three games on Sunday. The final will be after all the other games so that everyone can watch.

Prize presentation will take place at 5:00 pm (with the normal amazing DUFFA prizes!) Finished by 5:45 pm, so plan your transportation back to the real world accordingly.

The full game schedule will be provided on the day!



DUFFA Hat 2011 Map and Directions

We think these are pretty good directions for getting there, but if you need help, give us a call.

Location:

Old Bedians Sport Centre is situated in East Didsbury, in South Manchester.

Old Bedians Sport Centre
Millgate Lane
Didsbury
Manchester
M20 5QX



Link to location on Google maps:

<http://tiny.cc/duffahat>

Arriving by Car

Parking

We have a car park, but it only has about 100 spaces and we have about 300 people coming... so please carpool if you can. Please follow any parking instructions from DUFFA volunteers or signs, or we will never get everyone in!

From the South (M6):

Take the A556 exit to Manchester / M56 at junction 19. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit and stay on the A556 heading toward Manchester / M56. You will reach a roundabout after ~4.5 miles. Take

the 3rd exit and stay on the A556 (Manchester/M56) which leads onto the M56. At junction 1, exit onto the A34 (Kingsway). Remain on the A34 for about quarter of a mile, and turn left onto Gawsorth Avenue (it's a small turning, just before a big green road sign and a white foot bridge - you might miss it - don't panic if you do...!) and then left onto Parrs Wood Road. See "From Parrs Wood Road".

If you go under the white foot bridge and can see a large leisure complex on your right (containing a bingo hall, gym, cinema and bowling alley) you've missed the turning but just turn left at the set of traffic lights just before the major junction onto Wilmslow Road, header under the railway bridge and take the first immediate left - and you're on Parrs Wood Road. See "From Parrs Wood Road".

From the North / Other (M60):

Exit at junction 1 (A5145 exit to Stockport [West]). At the large roundabout (near the pyramid - this will make sense when you get there!), take the third exit onto the A5145 / Didsbury Road (signposted Didsbury). Stay on Didsbury Road for ~2.5 miles (you will go past a row of shops, including a CO-OP, on your right). Follow the road and you'll eventually see a Tesco on your left. Go under the railway bridge and take the first left onto Parrs Wood Road. See "From Parrs Wood Road".

From Manchester City Centre:

Take the A34 (Upper Brook Street) from the City Centre. When you get to the roundabout by the Burger King head left then right and the A34 becomes the Kingsway. At the bottom of the Kingsway, on the junction with Tesco and the Parrswood complex, take a right onto Wilmslow Road, go under the railway bridge and take a left onto Parrs Wood Road. See "From Parrs Wood Road".

From Parrs Wood Road:

This road is a little strange as it seemingly can't decide if it's called Parrs Wood Road or Millgate Lane - though there are spurs called both! At the triangle junction, by the Didsbury Lawn Tennis club, you'll need to turn left. Close to the end of the road you'll see a turning on the right down a narrow lane before the road turns into Tuscan Road. The turning is tree lined with a flooding warning sign and a sign to the rugby club.

Arriving by Air

Manchester Airport:

Take the train from the Airport train station to East Didsbury station. The fare is £1.80 for a single journey (if arriving the Saturday morning you can get a weekend return to save some money). It takes nine minutes and runs approximately every half hour. Then follow the "Arriving by Train" directions.

Alternatively a taxi should cost around £10-15, Kingsway Private Hire (+44 (0) 161 4420642) are cheaper than a black, Hackney taxi. The driver may not know the Rugby Club so ask for Millgate Lane, Didsbury (tell them it's at the far end of Parrs Wood Road).

Liverpool Airport:

Take the Terravision Coach Service to Manchester Centre - Sackville Street ([book online](#)). This costs £10 return and takes 50 minutes. The Piccadilly train station is a few minutes walk away (ask the driver to point you!) or you can get the 142, 42 or 42A bus as described below (this may be a better option at night when there are fewer trains).

Estimated total length of journey would be 2-2.5 hours.

Alternatively, a taxi from Liverpool Airport would cost around £50 - £70 Kingsway Taxis (+44 (0) 161 4420642) have agreed a £55 fixed price for up to 4 people but this must be booked in advance (have your flight details to hand!).

Arriving by Train

Arriving at Manchester Piccadilly:

Take a train to East Didsbury station (trains depart every 20-30 minutes). From here, it's a 20 minute walk to the venue (see walking directions below). Alternatively you may wish to take a Black Cab from Piccadilly - the cab fare should be £15 to £20 (surcharges apply late at night).

Arriving at Manchester Victoria:

Take the Metro tram to Manchester Piccadilly train station, and then follow the directions above or take a taxi.

Arriving by Coach

Arriving at Stockport coach station:

Take either the 142, 42 or 42A to Didsbury. The 42A actually turns down Parrs Wood Road - alight when the bus turns around and goes back on itself (you'll see what we mean!). Head left at the junction with the Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club.

Arriving at Manchester Chorlton Street:

Walk from the coach station up Chorlton Street to Portland Street. To your left (on the same side of the road), you should be able to see a bus stop, where the 142 / 42 and 42A stop at. From here, follow the bus directions below (from Manchester Piccadilly bus station).

Arriving by Bus

From Manchester Piccadilly Gardens bus station:

Catch either the 42, 42A or 142 - the 42A is the best as it takes you closer to the ground (ask for Parrs Wood Road) but is infrequent, the 142 or 42 will drop you at the East Didsbury Train Station. (http://www.gmpete.com/upload/routemaps/42_142_27487.pdf). It is a roughly 35-60 minute bus ride (traffic dependent), and buses depart every 5-10 minutes. The 142 and 42 follow the same route but the cost depends on the operator - Stagecoach are the most expensive, Magic Bus are cheapest.

Walking from Parrswood / East Didsbury Train Station

Once you have left the train station, turn left onto Wilmslow Road (if you've got the bus and are facing the station entrance, cross the road and head right). Take the first left at the lights onto Parrs Wood Road, follow the road until the end when it becomes Millgate Lane and the road continues as Tuscan Road on the left - look for a right hand turn (very narrow!) and a sign post for Old Bedians Rugby Club and a flood warning, walk down the lane over a bridge and you'll find us.



Amenities and Things to Bring

Tournament players will have access to:

- A licensed clubhouse with a bar and a party room (until 1 am) – **We suggest buying your alcohol from the clubhouse!** It isn't too expensive.
- Plenty of camping space (non-players pay £10 for access to camping and Saturday dinner)
- Free water refills on the pitch
- Food for sale on site, plus free dinner on Saturday night. (non-players pay £10 for meal & camping)
- All the pubs and clubs of Didsbury less than 1 mile away
- 24-hour access to toilets (real toilets most of the time, port-a-loos overnight)
- Showers
- Nearby cinema, Tesco, cash machines, petrol station etc etc.

You should plan to bring:

- **Worn out, old discs to donate to our kids outreach programme, Discs for Kids**
- Frisbee clothes (We will give you a breathable athletic shirt to play in. If you are lucky, it might even fit!)
- Clothes to not play Frisbee in
- Camping equipment if you are planning to camp, including a torch.
- Trainers or boots for running around the pitch. If it rains, studs would be helpful. Don't play barefoot, you will hurt yourself.
- Sun protection – cap, sun cream, sunglasses
- Rain protection – waterproof jacket, umbrella, plastic bin liners
- A water bottle
- Shower stuff and toiletries
- Spare socks
- Money for food and drink
- Food, if you want - please don't use disposable BBQs - it *really* annoys the Rugby Club when people burn holes in their lawn! Plenty of delicious food will be available on site.
- This information pack
- Your best Circus themed costume - be inventive - the prize is worth it!



THE PARTY

Saturday night is going to rock.

The food – Loads of free hot food from 7 pm on Saturday. Vegetarian option provided. Bring your appetite.

The 3-pint challenge – 2011 sees the return of our famous Top Gear style leader board. The first £100 of beer for 3-pint challenges is on us.

DJ Scouse Phil – As usual, our hero will be spinning funk, soul and dance 45s to get you on the dance floor. Special requests *may* be accommodated, if he likes you. Probably better not to ask if you are dressed as a clown though... Phil isn't fond of clowns.

The Costumes – Plan to arrive at the party in your best circus-themed costume to compete in our costume contest. We promise the prize will be amazing.

The Band – Phil is joined this year by The Mouse Outfit, the rising Manchester groovy funk and hip-hop band playing their own tunes and a few favourites. Visit TheMouseOutfit.com to get a preview.

The Bar – The stalwarts of Old Bedians are bringing in an outdoor bar this year, meaning that the party can spread out from our marquee and onto the lawn. Please **don't BYOB** to the party... our friends at Old Bedians are really going all out for us, the least we can do is buy their reasonably priced drinks.

The party shuts down at 1:00 am... Yes, we know you could keep going, but it is for your own good; games start at 9:00 am on Sunday. Also, we would like to be invited back next year, so please help us by not disturbing the neighbours after closing time.



Discs for Kids

Help kids learn about Ultimate by bringing a disc to donate

DUFFA supports local schools and youth groups by volunteering to run outreach sessions teaching ultimate. We like to be able to give away discs to the kids we teach and we need YOU to help!

Last time we did this, we raised 19 discs and £84 for the programme without really trying, so we are sure we can do better. This year, our goal is to double that total, but we can only do it with your help.

Please bring a disc to put in the donation box.

Old and worn out is fine, as long as it still flies! Money donations are also welcome... £6 buys a new disc for a kid that would otherwise be throwing something purchased at ASDA. (You know you wouldn't wish that on anyone.) Remember, you can get a shiny new disc for yourself at the tournament!

See you there!