

# DUFFA Hat 2013



## PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

This pack should contain all the information you need ahead of the tournament.

If you have any questions not covered by the information in this pack, please contact  
Tournament Director Rich Harrison on 07800 646396 or at [hat@duffa.org](mailto:hat@duffa.org)

See you there!

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# DUFFA HAT 2013 RULES\*

We'll be following the World Flying Disc Federation Rules 2013, with some additional rules of our own to make the tournament as fun and friendly as it can be. All players are responsible for understanding the WFDF 2013 rules and following them to the best of their abilities. Copies of the WFDF 2013 Rules will be available at DUFFA Hat HQ.

## **GAMES TO 13 WITH A 55 MINUTE HARD CAP**

The first team to score 13 points wins. If you are still playing when the horn sounds, finish the point. If the horn sounds in between points, play one more point. If the score is then tied, play one more point to break the tie. There will be a short half-time break after the leading team scores their 7th point. One time-out per team per half will be allowed.

## **CHOOSE YOUR TEAM CAPTAIN**

The only official responsibilities of the Team Captains are to report the game and Spirit scores to DUFFA Hat HQ and to represent their teams to the Tournament Director if necessary. Teams may assign additional responsibilities to their Captains (such as coaching beginners or calling plays) if they wish, however these responsibilities are entirely unofficial.

## **DO YOUR FUN AND FRIENDLY CALLS OFF THE PITCH**

We'll be running a tight schedule and a new game will be starting right away on the pitch. You'll have plenty of time between your games for your fun and friendly calls!

## **YOU WILL HAVE BEGINNERS ON YOUR TEAM**

Make them welcome! For some players, Saturday morning will be their first ever game of Ultimate. Please make sure they have a positive introduction to the sport by being friendly and helpful. Make sure they get plenty of field time and plenty of opportunities to handle the disc. If you are the sort of person to yell at beginners in your club or uni teams, please don't do that at DUFFA Hat! The teams that have won previous DUFFA Hats are the teams who supported their beginners.

## **BE INCLUSIVE**

It's good spirit and in the ethos of DUFFA Hat to try to always have TWO 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 probably lose spirit points and won't have any drinks bought for them!

## **DON'T ARGUE ABOUT THE RULES TOO MUCH**

Fouls or infractions should be sorted out at once on the pitch by the players involved or by those who had the best view of the event. If by disputing the rules you have held up the game for longer than 30 seconds, you've been doing it too long. Please don't escalate rules disputes unless absolutely necessary. It is better to get on with the game and ask for the rule clarifications later for next time. The Tournament Director's decision on rules escalation is final, even if he is mistaken (but he will try very hard to be right!)

\*Yeah it does!

# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Our UKU Level 1 Coaches will be running a session for beginners to cover the basic skills and rules of the game at 7.30pm. Experienced players are welcome to attend to support their beginner friends.

There will be a social in the clubhouse bar to welcome you all to DUFFA Hat. You will find out who's on your team when the teamsheets are pinned up in the bar at 8pm!



## SATURDAY

Registration will open at 8.30am for you to sign in and receive your team jerseys, disc (if you've ordered and paid for one) and meal token. Do not lose your token as you'll need it for the Saturday evening meal! Please plan to have registered no later than 9.00am to make sure you have enough time to meet your team and warm up.

Each team will play in a pool of four teams, and play a round-robin schedule within those pools. After the round-robin, the second and third place teams in each pool will play cross-overs to determine their ranking for Sunday.

There will be an England vs The Rest Of The World exhibition game at 5.30pm. Please put your name down on the list at DUFFA Hat HQ if you want to play.

The Saturday night meal will be served from 5pm - 7pm. The party will kick off in the marquee from 7.30pm.

## SUNDAY

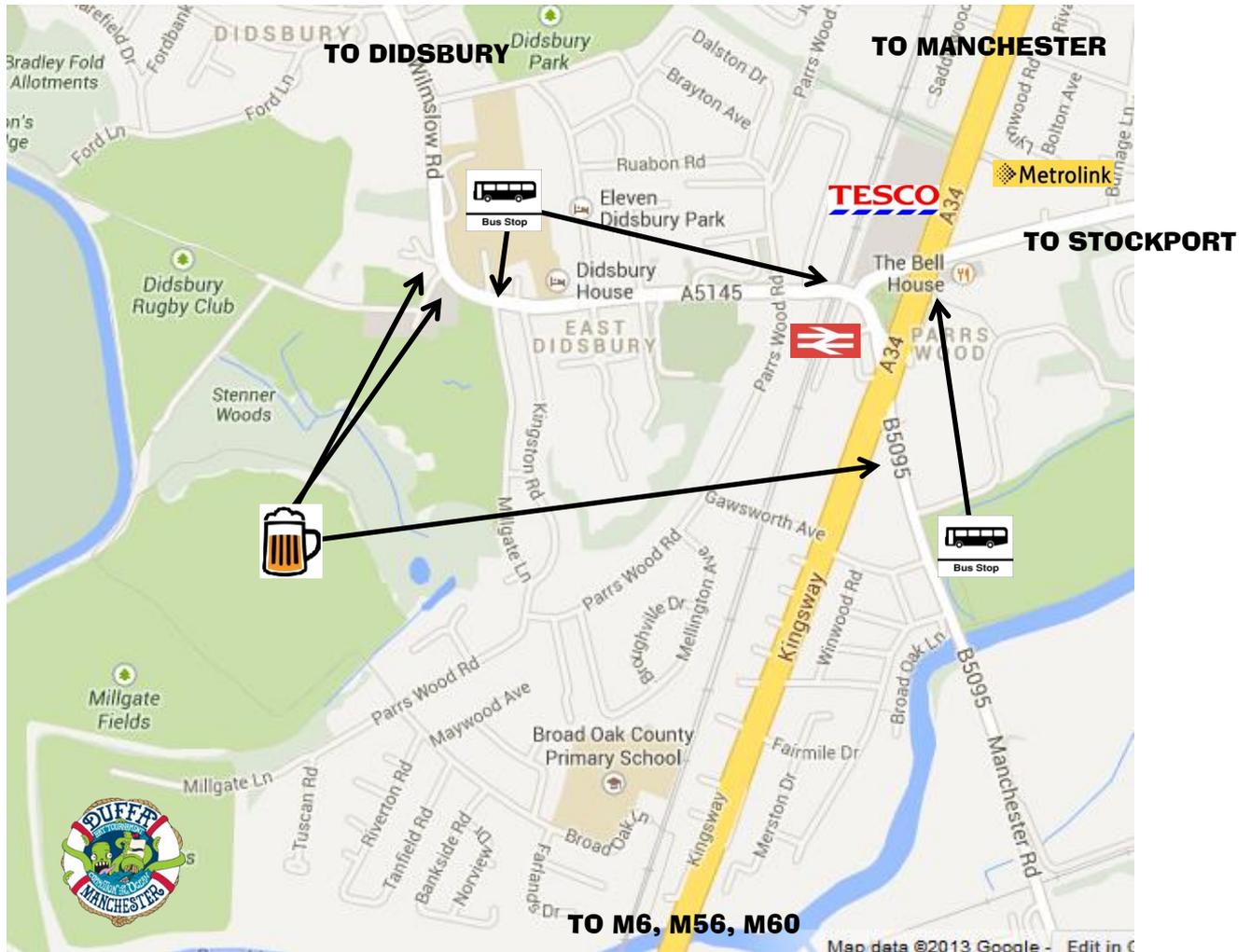
Games start at 9.00am.

The teams will be placed in upper, mid and lower tiers based on results from Saturday, and play a simple elimination tournament. Each team will play three games on Sunday to determine their final ranking. The final will be played after all the other games have finished so you can all watch.

The award ceremony (with amazing prizes!) will commence at 5.00pm and should be done and dusted for 5.30pm.

# HOW TO GET HERE

The venue is Old Bedians RUFC, Millgate Lane, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 5QX.



## ARRIVING BY CAR

### PARKING

Old Bedians has a car park, but has only 100 places so please carpool if you can. Please follow any parking instructions you are given from DUFFA volunteers or from signs in the car park or we'll never get everyone in! Please park sensibly and consider others. Don't block the entrances to the field as access will be needed in the case of emergencies.

### FROM THE SOUTH (M6/M56)

From the M6, take the A556 exit to Manchester/M56 at J19. At the roundabout, take the third exit and stay on the A556 heading towards Manchester/M56. You will reach a roundabout after about four and a half miles. Take the third exit and stay on the A556 (Manchester/M56) which leads onto the M56.

At J1, exit onto the A34 (Kingsway). Stay in the A34 for about a quarter of a mile, and turn left onto Gawsorth Avenue to cut through to Parrs Wood Road. Turn left onto Parrs Wood Road and head down towards the venue. Gawsorth Avenue is a small turning, just before a big green road sign and a white foot bridge. You might miss it but don't panic if you do...

If you go under the white foot bridge and can see a large leisure complex on your right (containing a casino, 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, head under the railway bridge and take the first left at the lights onto Parrs Wood Road. See "FROM PARRS WOOD ROAD".

### **FROM THE NORTH / OTHER (M60)**

Exit at J1 (A5145 exit to Stockport [West]). At the large roundabout near the blue pyramid (yes, you read that right!), take the third exit onto the A5145/Didsbury Road (signposted Didsbury).

Stay on Didsbury Road up the hill and down the other side for about 2 and a half miles. At the bottom of the hill you'll come to a junction with a large leisure complex on the left and Tesco on the right. Go straight over the junction, turn right at the next lights to go under the railway bridge and take the first left at the lights onto Parrs Wood Road. See "FROM PARRS WOOD ROAD".

### **FROM MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE**

Take the A34 (Starts off as Upper Brook Street, then Anson Road, then Birchfields Road) from the city centre. When you get to the roundabout by the Burger King take the first exit left. You'll go under a railway bridge to find a second roundabout. Take the second exit right. You're still on the A34 but it's now called Kingsway.

After about 2 miles you'll come to a junction with Tesco on your right and a large leisure complex on the left. Turn right at the junction, right at the next lights to go under the railway bridge and take the first left at the lights onto Parrs Wood Road. See "FROM PARRS WOOD ROAD".

### **FROM PARRS WOOD ROAD**

Driving down Parrs Wood Road, you'll come to a triangular junction by the Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club. Turn left here. At the end of Parrs Wood Road, the road splits left into Tuscan Road and right into Millgate Lane. Take the right turning into Millgate Lane, it's a narrow lane, tree-lined with a flood warning sign and a sign for the rugby club.

## **ARRIVING BY AIR**

### **FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

Take the train from the airport train station to East Didsbury station. The fare is under £3 for a single journey. Travel time is less than 10 minutes and the service runs approx. every half hour. See "WALKING FROM PARRSWOOD / EAST DIDSBUURY TRAIN STATION".

Alternatively, a taxi would cost around £10 to £15. Kingsway Private Hire are cheaper than a black Hackney taxi. Call them on +44 (0) 161 442 0642. The driver may not know where the rugby club is, so tell him it's Millgate Lane, Didsbury, at the very bottom of Parrs Wood Road.

### **FROM LIVERPOOL AIRPORT**

Take the Terravision Coach Service to Manchester Centre Sackville. The fare is £12 for a return ticket. Travel time is less than 1 hour. Book online at [www.terravision.eu](http://www.terravision.eu) When you arrive in Manchester, you have a number of travel options to get you to Didsbury. See "FROM MANCHESTER CHORLTON STREET COACH STATION".

Alternatively, a taxi from Liverpool airport would cost around £50 to £70.

## **ARRIVING BY TRAIN**

### **FROM MANCHESTER PICCADILLY**

Take a train to East Didsbury. Trains depart every 20 to 30 minutes. It's a 20 minute walk to the rugby club. See "WALKING FROM PARRSWOOD / EAST DIDSBURY TRAIN STATION".

You can also take the Metrolink tram to East Didsbury. Trams run every 10 to 20 minutes depending on the time of day. It's a 25 minute walk to the rugby club. See "WALKING FROM EAST DIDSBURY METROLINK". Note that due to engineering works, there are no trams running between Manchester Piccadilly and East Didsbury on Sunday 28th July so you will have to consider one of the other transport options.

Alternatively, a taxi from Manchester Piccadilly should cost around £15 to £20.

### **FROM MANCHESTER VICTORIA**

Take the Metrolink tram to East Didsbury. Trams run every 10 to 20 minutes depending on the time of day. It's a 25 minute walk to the rugby club. See "WALKING FROM EAST DIDSBURY METROLINK". Note that due to engineering works, there are no trams running between Manchester Victoria and East Didsbury on Sunday 28th July so you will have to consider one of the other transport options.

Alternatively, a taxi from Manchester Victoria should cost around £20 to £25.

## **ARRIVING BY COACH**

### **FROM STOCKPORT COACH STATION**

Take the 142, 42, 42A, 23 or 23A bus to Parrs Wood. It's a 20 minute walk to the rugby club. See "WALKING FROM EAST DIDSBURY METROLINK".

Alternatively, a taxi from Stockport Coach Station should cost around £10 to £15.

## **FROM MANCHESTER CHORLTON STREET COACH STATION**

You have a number of options for getting to Didsbury. Piccadilly train station (see “ARRIVING BY TRAIN”) and Piccadilly Gardens for a bus (see “ARRIVING BY BUS”) or a tram (see “ARRIVING BY TRAM”) are just a short walk away.

Alternatively, a taxi should cost around £15 to £20.

## **ARRIVING BY BUS**

The 142, 42 or 42A buses from Manchester Piccadilly Gardens will take you to East Didsbury train station. It’s a 20 minute walk to the rugby club. See “WALKING FROM PARRSWOOD / EAST DIDSBURY TRAIN STATION”.

Buses depart every 5 to 20 minutes depending on the time of day and the journey can be anything from 35 minutes to an hour depending on traffic. You have a choice of three bus operators. Finglands and Magic Bus are the cheapest, Stagecoach is the most expensive.

## **ARRIVING ON FOOT**

### **WALKING FROM EAST DIDSBURY METROLINK**

You’ll see a staircase next to the bridge the tram came under just before you got off. Walk up the stairs to the main road. Turn left at the top of the stairs. Turn right across the road at the traffic lights towards East Didsbury train station. See “WALKING FROM PARRSWOOD / EAST DIDSBURY TRAIN STATION”.

### **WALKING FROM PARRSWOOD / EAST DIDSBURY TRAIN STATION**

It’s about a 20 minute walk to the rugby club from the train station. Walk down Parrs Wood Road (see the map above) to the very end. Just as the road curves left onto Tuscan Road, you’ll see a narrow lane on the right. This is Millgate Lane. Walk over the bridge and into the rugby club car park.

# AMENITIES & THINGS TO BRING

## DUFFA HAT 2013 ATTENDEES WILL HAVE ACCESS TO...

- A clubhouse with licensed bar. Please don't consume any drinks not bought at the clubhouse bar or the bar in the marquee. Last year we had folk drinking their own alcohol in the clubhouse bar, which is just plain cheeky.
- Free Saturday evening meal (non-players pay £10 to camp, party and eat at the Saturday evening meal).
- Plenty of camping space (non-players pay £10 to camp, party and eat at the Saturday evening meal) with 24hour access to toilets (real toilets most of the time, port-a-loos overnight).
- 'Club Shop' selling DUFFA Hat discs, hoodies, jerseys and t-shirts.
- Food and drink for sale on site.
- Free water refills on the pitch.
- All the pubs and bars of Didsbury within a mile of the venue.
- Nearby TESCO (with cash machine and pharmacy), cinema, petrol stations etc.

## YOU SHOULD PLAN TO BRING...

- Frisbee clothes (we'll give you the jersey but the shorts are all down to you!)
- Trainers or football boots to play in.
- A water bottle.
- Toiletries.
- Spare socks! You can never have too many pairs of socks!
- Pocket money for alcohol, snacks and merchandise!
- Food if you want, but no disposable BBQs will be allowed.
- Sun protection – cap, sun block, sunglasses.
- Rain protection – a waterproof jacket is essential. Bring some bin liners to keep your rucksack dry.
- Camping equipment. Don't forget your torch!
- Your old discs to donate to DISCS FOR KIDS.
- This information pack.
- Your COMMOTION IN THE OCEAN fancy dress costume!

# THE PARTY

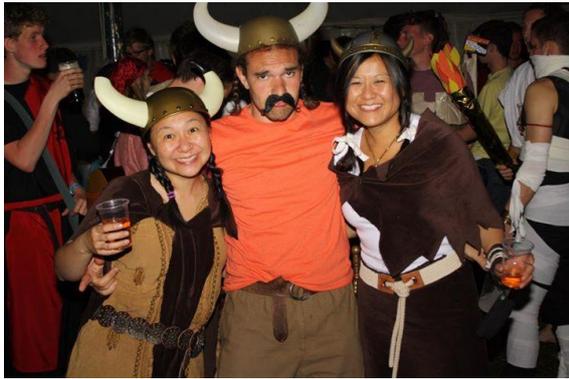
Saturday night is going to rock your socks!

## THE FOOD

Paella (with fish, meat, vegetable options) will be served from 5pm to 7pm on Saturday. Bring your meal tickets and your appetite!

## FREE 3 PINT CHALLENGES

2013 sees the return of our famous Top Gear-style leader board. The first £100 of beer for the challenges is on us! Get your name down early!



## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Plan to arrive at the party in your best COMMOTION IN THE OCEAN-themed costumes! Virgin Trains are again our fancy dress sponsors so you know the prize will be worth it!

## DJ SCOUSE PHIL

The Captain Nemo of the DJ Decks has plunged to unfathomable depths to find the best party tunes for you all to boogie on down to. Special requests may be accommodated (if you ask nicely!)

## THE BAR

Drinks will be served from the clubhouse bar and there'll be a bottle/can bar in the marquee. Don't bring your own booze to the party. Old Bedians really go all out for us every year, the least we can do is buy drinks from them!

The party shuts down at 1am. Yes, we know you could keep going, but it's for your own good; games start at 9am on Sunday. We'd like Old Bedians to invite us back next year, so please help us by keeping noise to a minimum after closing time so as not to disturb the rugby club's neighbours!

# DISCS FOR KIDS

Help kids learn about Ultimate by bringing an old disc to donate!

DUFFA supports local schools, youth groups and even overseas charities by volunteering to run outreach sessions teaching the basics of Ultimate. We like to give away discs to the kids we teach and we need YOU to help!

Please bring an old disc to put in the donation box. Worn out discs are fine as long as they still fly! 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!)

DUFFA's very own Beth Saunders will be selling some of her delicious cakes at DUFFA Hat HQ to raise some money towards a trip to Uganda this summer. She'll be taking some of your donated discs to give to under-privileged children. Help her spread the love in Africa!

**DON'T FORGET YOUR OLD DISCS!**

# SPONSORS

Without our sponsors, it would be very difficult to bring you the UK's biggest, best and most spirited Hat Tournament.

Everyone connected with DUFFA Hat 2013 would like to thank our sponsors for their kind and generous support!



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