

Universities Pool Council

CAPTAIN'S INFORMATION SHEET

- **Please respect the venue.** They have provided the UPC these tables for free during the course of event, make sure you provide them the business they require so we can come here again in later seasons! This includes not bringing outside food and drink into the venue. Any individuals not respecting the venue will be taken very seriously and may be banned from the venue.
- **Team captains are the contact point between each team and the tournament staff.** Other players should not approach the competition desk other than when called for an individual match or reporting an individual result. Team captains are responsible for ensuring that their team know the contents of this briefing and the information contained on this sheet.
- **We are playing the 'World Rules' ruleset at this seasons' event,** as was consistent with the ruleset that was being used at the beginning of the academic season, and which will be in use for the Student Home Internationals later this season. The ruleset for future seasons is still to be determined.
- Players should maintain a respectful level of quietness at all times when matches are in progress, respecting the players, officials, equipment and the venue.
- Ensure matches start **promptly** after the cueball/matchsheet has been given out and that each frame follows the preceding one **without delay** in line with regulations. Furthermore, **report any results immediately after the conclusion of the match.**
- Matchsheets for team matches must have the **full names** of each player in the appropriate place. Each frame will be scored "W" and "L" or "1" and "0" with the final total entered at the bottom.
- During an individual match, each player is entitled to a five minute timeout. This can only be taken immediately after the completion of a frame - not before the first frame and not during a frame. No timeouts can be taken during team matches.
- The order of breaks shall be determined by a lag between the two players named first on their respective team lists on the matchsheet, and then alternate through to the end of the match, including playoffs in knockout matches.
- **If a team reaches six frames the match is over.** Remaining frames will not be played and any frames in progress shall cease immediately.
- As matches conclude and tables become free, matches still in progress may be expanded to a maximum of three tables until the match is concluded.
- You will referee your own matches but there will be one or two roaming referees on duty. Should there be any disputes refer them to the closest referee. A referee or official cannot rule on something they have not seen. If you are unhappy with the decision you may appeal to the Tournament Director whose decision will be final and any disputation will be treated as dissent and dealt with severely.
- Only players involved in a frame should approach the tables and must be dressed in accordance with the dress code whilst playing. Players found playing not in dress code shall forfeit the current frame, and lose further frames for every 5 minutes they are not in dress code and ready to play.
- No free practice will be allowed on free tables while any matches are still in play in the venue. Persistent disregard to this rule will be treated as dissent and dealt with accordingly.

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SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Times indicate **earliest expected** start time and are **subject to change**. Please ensure you and your players join and check the UPC Ireland Facebook group for the latest updates on any timetable changes: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/312912415558108>.

Friday 7th April (Individual matches: see published schedules for match times, followed by the first two team group matches per team)
10:15 Open registration – Players can register from this time by presenting their student ID or equivalent proof to the tournament desk. Alternatively, they can register as allocated on the individual schedule. Any players not registering by the allocated time on the schedule will be scratched. 10:30 Captains' briefing – Teams failing to attend this briefing will be fined £10, payable before play in the tournament. We also encourage unattached individuals without a team to attend if possible. All teams are required to pay outstanding entry fees at this time before entry into the event. 11:00 Individual Trophy, preliminary and last 16 rounds 12:00 Individual Championship, qualifying and last 32 rounds 14:30 (approximate time) Team Championship/Trophy group stage begins: First two matches per team in the groups
Saturday 8th April (Team group stage continues with two games per team, followed by the completion of the individual matches)
10:00 Team Championship/Trophy group stage continues: Third and fourth matches per team in the groups 13:00 (approximate time) Individual Trophy, to completion Individual Championship, to completion Followed by individual presentation
Sunday 9th April (Team final group matches and knockout stages)
10:00 Team Championship/Trophy group stage concludes: Final match per team in the groups 12:00 (approximate time) Team Championship and Trophy semi-finals Team Trophy bronze medal match and final Team Championship bronze medal match and final Followed by team presentation (estimated time for conclusion: 17:30)

Tournament spreadsheets can be accessed via our website – www.upc-pool.org.uk

Venue Details:

30 Crosskennan Road, Antrim, BT41 2QJ, Northern Ireland (11 tables)

Note: There may flyers run on Friday and/or Saturday depending on staff availability and club providing these tables. More information on flyers will be given during the event.