

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 'International Rules' ruleset at this seasons' event.** A referee will be present at the event for any queries.
- 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 a roaming referee 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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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 14th February (Individual matches: see published schedules for match times, followed by the first two team group matches per team)

9:30 Doors Open – Players are welcome to enter the club and get their team organised for registration, can also have free practice if tables are available.

09:45-10:15 Open registration – Players can register from this time by presenting their student ID or equivalent proof to the tournament desk. Alternatively, they can register on the time shown on the left-hand side of the [Google Docs tournament sheet for the Individual Championship/Trophy](#). Any players not registering by the allocated time on the [sheets](#) will be scratched.

10:15 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.**

10:45

Individual Trophy: Preliminary, last 32, and last 16 rounds

Individual Championship: Qualifying rounds, and first round (Last 16)

(there will be eight players left in both tiers, the individual competitions will finish on Saturday)

14:15 (approximate time)

Team Championship/Trophy group stage begins: First two matches per team in the groups

17:00 (approximate time)

Open flyer(s) may be run when all team matches have finished: This is a non-UPC official event with open entries where entries and prize money are paid in cash. We will announce more this earlier in the day.

Saturday 15th February (Team group stage concludes, followed by the completion of the individual matches)

09:30 Doors open for free practice if tables are available.

10:00

Team Championship/Trophy group stage continues: Remaining three/four matches per team

15:30 (approximate time)

Individual Trophy, to completion

Individual Championship, to completion

Followed by individual presentation

Sunday 16th February (Team knockout stages)

09:30 Doors open for free practice if tables are available.

10:00

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: 13:00)

Live 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)