



PLAYER'S HANDBOOK

10TH FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear friends,

Welcome to Birmingham, where you will join some of the best student athletes in the world in celebrating the FISU 2018 World University Squash Championship.



The International University Sports Federation (FISU) recognises that just to be here has required many victories, some big and some small. Many of these victories will have brought results that are easy to recognise, like a winning score in a race or in a game. Others are less tangible, like finding the right balance between training and studying. All are equally important.

Our work at FISU is focused on providing opportunities for students - the leaders of tomorrow - to be positively influenced by their experiences of international university sport. Whether a student emerges as a champion, is helping to organise the competitions, or attending in support of a team, we know that they can all learn essential life lessons that cannot be taught in a lecture hall or classroom.

The best athletes are those who bring single-minded determination to what they do. But before, throughout and after the competitions, FISU urges you all to take full advantage of this opportunity - to go home with memories that will last a lifetime, and perhaps even some new friends from faraway places.

By taking part in the FISU World University Squash Championship, you will be contributing to a record-equalling programme of events across 34 different sports, some of them new to FISU.

None of these events would be possible without the gracious generosity of the hosts, and I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the British Universities & Colleges Sport and the University of Birmingham for their excellent efforts.

FISU is also grateful for the ongoing support of the International Sports Federations. Together, we aim to provide the highest level of technical excellence, both on and off the field of play. We remain convinced that the best student athletes deserve nothing less.

I am confident that the World University Championship in Birmingham will provide you every opportunity to shine, and I wish you a fair and exciting competition!

Oleg Matytsin - FISU President

ORGANISING COMMITTEE ADDRESS

Welcome to Birmingham, and to the University of Birmingham. We're really excited about your arrival, and being able to share our lovely campus and new facilities with you during your stay. Birmingham is also a fantastic city to visit; and we do hope you find time to do some exploring beyond the University.

The University of Birmingham's vision is of a global university at the heart of an ambitious city. It is also an ambitious sporting university with an illustrious sporting heritage. We have recently invested in an impressive range of world class sports facilities, which we want you to enjoy during your stay. Maybe some of you will return for the Commonwealth Games in 2022, when the University will be the venues for Squash and (Field) Hockey.

Accommodation during your stay is the new Bournbrook residences, located right next to the Commonwealth Games venues, so can stroll between your room and the squash venue. Please make use of the many coffee shops on campus, the sports bar attached to your accommodation, and our 50m pool and 200 station gym in the Sport & Fitness Club (same venue as the squash courts).

The city of Birmingham was at the heart of the industrial revolution in the 18th Century, and you'll see that heritage celebrated in its character. Today is it one of the most transformed cities in Europe and is England's second city in terms of population, commerce and retail. It has thriving cultural, entertainment and sporting venues and events, and is close to some amazing international visitor attractions such as Stratford-upon-Avon, the Cotswolds, Ironbridge Gorge Museum (world heritage site) and the Black Country Museum (recommended local visit). The University is also just a couple of miles from Bournville, and the original Cadbury's Chocolate Factory (which you can also visit).

Of course, we are here mainly for squash, and this year's World University Squash Championship promises to offer very high quality competitions between the best student players from across all 5 continents. We are really looking forward to it, and we hope you have a memorable time in Birmingham, play some great squash, meet up with old friends, and make some new ones.

With best wishes,



Professor Kathy Armour
Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Education)
Steering Committee



Zena Wooldridge OBE
Director of Sport
Event Director

ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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- Championship Director (Technical/Squash) – Chris Ryder
- Championship Referee – Wendy Danzey
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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



Date	Match Schedule	Other Schedule
02/09		Early Arrivals. Practice time available
03/09		Early arrivals for participants. CISCA arrival. Practice 8:30am to 8:30pm
04/09	Registration and Practice	Arrivals. Orientation Day for CISCA. CISCA Meeting 2pm (Sport & Fitness)
05/09	Registration closes 12noon Practice	2pm - Draws for Individual Championship 4pm - Team Managers / Heads of Delegation Meeting (Dojo, Sport & Fitness floor 2) 7pm - Opening Ceremony (Sport & Fitness, main arena) 8pm - Evening Meal ~ Noble Room (Staff House 2 nd floor)
Individual Championship		
06/09	Men's Round 1- 64 Men's 1 - 32 & Women's 1 – 32	Men's & women's plate draws
07/09	Men's & Women's 1-16 and play-offs Men's & Women's quarter-finals and play-offs	
08/09	Play-off matches am and pm Men's & Women's semi-finals	1pm - Team Managers' meeting ~ Team event (Dojo, Sport & Fitness floor 2)
09/09	Final play-off matches for rankings (am) 4 - 6pm Women's & Men's Finals	Possibility of R1 team pool matches (depending on number of teams) 6pm - Medal Ceremony for Individual Championship
Team Championship		
10/09	Team pool matches from 10am - 8pm	
11/09	4pm & 6.15pm - team semi-finals and play-offs	Morning free
12/09	From 1.15pm - Final team play-off matches 4.30pm - Team Final	6:30/7:00pm - Medal Ceremony for Team Championship + Closing Ceremony. Players' party follows
13/09		Departure

The summary schedule for the 2018 World University Championship can be found at www.wucsquash2018.com.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the Community Living Hub on the ground floor in the Bournbrook accommodation. Team managers are responsible for registering all players. Proof of ID for each player must be provided.

OPENING CEREMONY

The organisers will officially welcome all participants and officials at an opening ceremony on Wednesday 5 September at 7pm. This will take place at the all glass court at the venue; University of Birmingham Sport & Fitness. Team uniform or team tracksuits to be worn and attendance is mandatory for all teams participating.

MEDAL AWARD CEREMONIES

There will be a prize presentation ceremony for the individual event immediately after the individual finals on Sunday 9 September at 6pm. The team prize presentation ceremony will be held immediately after the team finals on Wednesday 12 September at 7pm. Medallists must attend wearing national team tracksuits.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony is a formal occasion and will take place immediately after the team medal ceremony; on the glass court on Monday 12 September at 7pm. All relevant participants are expected to take part in their team uniforms.

CLOSING PLAYER'S DINNER

The closing party for players, team officials, sponsors and supporters will be held in the Noble Room. Dress: Casual.

COMPETING NATIONS



Argentina



Australia



Austria



Canada



**China (People's
Republic of)**



Croatia



Czech Republic



Finland



France



Hong Kong (China)



Malaysia



New Zealand



Singapore



Slovenia



South Africa



Spain



Switzerland



Uganda



**United Kingdom
(Great Britain and
Northern Ireland)**

The competitions will be organised in accordance with the most recent World Championship Regulations of the World Squash Federation (WSF) unless otherwise stated. In any dispute, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

All delegations are accommodated at the University of Birmingham Bournbrook residences which are a 5-minute walk from the squash venue. The accommodation is made up of units of flats comprising between 4-7 private rooms, with a shared social lounge and kitchen area. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and free Wi-Fi internet access.

Bournbrook residences are part of the same complex as the new University of Birmingham sports bar and function room, which sits above a Starbucks café.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation centre

The accreditation centre will be at the Community Living Hub in the Bournbrook Pavilion (adjacent to the accommodation), and will be open Tuesday 4 September, and Wednesday 5 September. All players and officials need to be registered before 1pm on Wednesday 5 September and each nation will be allocated a time to attend the accreditation centre.

The Head of Delegation should be the only person to enter the accreditation centre, and will be required to produce the necessary documentation and make financial payments on behalf of the whole delegation. Other members of the delegation should wait in the designated area.

Information check and Finances

Participation fee: €70 each participant per day.

A full financial breakdown including the participation fee, referee contribution, and any other relevant charges will be sent by email prior to the event, based on the pre-event information submitted. Payments can be made in advance by Bank Transfer.

Upon arrival in the accreditation centre, the HoD will be required to check and confirm all information for their delegation, including officials, competitors, any remaining arrivals, sports entries and departures. Any missing or amended information must be updated at this time. If necessary, a revised financial breakdown will be prepared.

Please note that any outstanding payments must be settled in full by debit/ credit card or by cash. Cash will only be accepted in Pounds Sterling or in Euros and payments made in Euros must be given in exact change. If the correct change is not available, they will be rounded up to the nearest €5. The exchange rate of that day will be used.

Accreditation procedure

Once all payments have been settled in full, the HoD will present eligibility documentation to the FISU CIC (accreditation) representative. The information for each individual must include:

Officials

- A current passport

Competitor

- A current passport or proof of national citizenship of the country the competitor is representing, indicating a date of birth between 01 January 1993 and 31 December 2000
- A fully-completed FISU Certificate of Academic Eligibility (or suitably dated and validated document containing the same required information)

OR

- Evidence that the competitor successfully graduated (completed) an eligible course of study in the Academic Year 2016-17

When the accreditation documentation is agreed by the CIC representative, the HoD will be required to sign paperwork in order for the FISU entry fee to be invoiced to the relevant NUSF at a later date. The accreditation cards for the delegation will then be issued to the HoD.

For the avoidance of doubt: any delegation member who does not evidence their eligibility to the satisfaction of the CIC will not be accredited, and will be unable to take part in the Championship.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Anti-Doping tests will be carried out in accordance with WSF regulations. All players will be required to sign a declaration as part of the registration/accreditation process, and complete a form acknowledging the Anti-Doping Rules prior to competing in the Championship. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring this is done.

CHAMPIONSHIP ADJUDICATION PANEL (CAP)

The CAP is chaired by the Championship Director (Chris Ryder), and includes the Championship Referee (Wendy Danzey), and three national representatives from three different regions. The panel will consider any objections or appeals lodged with the Championship Director, and may amend squad orders in the light of appropriate evidence. The panel will be responsible for adjudicating on all-site Individual and Team Championship matters. The decision of the CAP will be final.

CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICE

The Championship Office will be situated at University of Birmingham Sport & Fitness. It will be open one hour before the start of play, to the end of play each day.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Birmingham is a rich and diverse city, with a multitude of activities and places to explore during your stay. Visit the website at www.wucsquash2018.com/the-city-birmingham to discover things to do and see when you're not playing or watching squash. Here you can also find further information about public transport.

DRINKING WATER & ICE

Fresh drinking water fountains are located on the ground floor outside the women's changing rooms, and on the first floor opposite the squash courts. Ice is available from a vending unit on the ground floor outside the men's changing rooms.

EMAIL & INTERNET SERVICE

There will be wireless internet access for players, coaches and officials

at both the venue and accommodation. The network is 'WifiGuest'.

LAUNDRY

There is a laundry facility in the Bournbrook accommodation. Each kitchen will have a welcome pack in it, in which there will be full instructions for this service.

MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided to all players and officials from 4 – 12 September. Meals will be served from Brook's Bar in the Bournbrook Pavilion, adjacent to accommodation. Accreditation passes must be shown.

- Breakfast: 7.30am – 10am
- Lunch: 12noon – 2.00pm
- Dinner: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

University of Birmingham Sport & Fitness has a Costa outlet open throughout the day, for hot and cold drinks and food. Brook's bar serves hot and cold drinks alongside hot meals from 12noon until late.

NOMINATIONS FOR TEAMS EVENT

Final squad orders must be submitted by 10am on Saturday 8 September. The Championship Director will announce all nominations at the HoD meeting at 1pm on Saturday 8 September. Team Managers then have one hour in which to lodge any objections, which must be in writing, stating reasons and justification with evidence such as results or rankings. The Championship Director will announce the final decision on at 4pm on Saturday 8 September.

PLAYERS ON COURT

It is the responsibility of each team to be ready to play at the advertised start time of a tie. Every nominated player must be present.

PRACTICE COURTS

Practice Courts (free) are available from Saturday 1 September.

Jon Tate is responsible for all practice court bookings. Please email your number/contact details to **j.tate@bham.ac.uk** to be added onto a Whatsapp group for practice court bookings. If you book courts and no longer need them, please cancel them in order to give other players/teams the opportunity, otherwise you risk being charged for unused courts.

PRESS OFFICE

The media office will be based in the first floor meeting room of University of Birmingham Sport & Fitness, adjacent to the Tournament Office. There will be access to free wireless internet here. Access will only be granted to those with accreditation passes.

PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

Under WSF World Championship Regulations, Juniors (defined as under 19 years of age on the last scheduled day of the championship) playing in any WSF Championship must wear appropriate protective eyewear – currently the brands listed on the WSF website <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/eyewear/certified-eyewear> are WSF Certified for 2018 and so permitted for use in World, Regional and for National Championships where WSF Certification is required.

RACKET STRINGING

A full stringing and re-gripping service will be available onsite every day of the Championship. Overnight stringing can also be arranged if needed. Rackets can be turned around in 15 – 20 minutes and payment can be made directly to the stringing company by cash, card or PayPal. The service will be available in the main reception of Sport & Fitness.

REFEREE'S MEETING

A referees briefing meeting will be held as follows:

- Date: Wednesday 5 September
- Time: 5.30pm
- Venue: Dojo on the 2nd floor of Sport & Fitness (above the squash courts)

RESULTS

All results will be made available on the Championship website. This will be updated daily: www.wucsquash2018.com.

SQUASH BAGS

All bags should be kept under your own supervision at all times. No responsibility can be accepted for loss or damage to personal items. Please do not leave bags blocking corridors or they will be removed.

TRANSPORT

Transport will be provided between Birmingham International airport or Birmingham New Street train station, and the designated accommodation. This will only be provided if accurate details of arrival and departure have been provided sufficiently in advance. If participants arrive at other airports in the UK, it is their own responsibility to get to Birmingham. On arrival at the airport/station, players and officials will be met outside the arrival gate by a volunteer. Return transport will be provided to Birmingham departure points.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Electricity: Type G 3 pin plug
- Language: English
- Time zone: GMT (GMT+1)
- Phone code: +44 calling code (calls from abroad), 00/+ exit code (calls to homeland)
- Medical Emergency phone number: 999
- Police phone number: 999
- Running/tap water is drinkable in all facilities. Bottled mineral water is available for purchase
- Shops are usually open from 10am to 9pm (credit cards are accepted in most of them)
- Currency: Pound Sterling

VENUE

All matches will be played at University of Birmingham Sport & Fitness.

MEDICAL SERVICES

MEDICAL

First Aid cover is provided throughout the Championship at both the accommodation and competition venue. Overnight first-aid cover (7pm – 7am) is provided at the Bournbrook Residences and will be located within the officials flat. A doctor will be on site at the competition venue on match days (6 – 12 September), and at all other times, cover is provided by first aiders. In the case of a medical emergency and/or accident please report to the Championship Office. They will make sure that the emergency services are notified, if required.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Physiotherapy is available within the Sport & Fitness Performance Centre at certain times during the Championship (Monday – Friday), which are bookable. Further information can be found at the Championship Office. Rates are £42 per 45-minute session. Cash and card payments can be taken for the service.

SPORTS MASSAGE

Sports Massage is available within the Sport & Fitness Performance Centre and can be booked directly with the practitioner. Further information can be found at the Championship Office. Rates are £30 for 60-minute.

PHARMACY

The following pharmacies are located within a 15-minute walk of the accommodation and competition venue:

MediPharma (0.7mile) 29 Oak Tree Lane, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6JE
Open: Mon – Fri 9am – 7pm, Saturday 9am – 6pm and Sunday Closed

Lloyds Pharmacy (0.5mile) 2480 Bristol Road, Birmingham
Open: Mon – Fri 9am – 6.30pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm and Sunday Closed.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS



The Championship will be run in accordance with the World Championship Regulations and the WSF Code of Conduct. See the full regulations at www.wucsquash2018.com/squash-regulations.

GENERAL TERMS

The Squash Championship shall be organised in accordance with the relevant World Squash Federation (WSF) Championship regulations, unless otherwise stated. All participating players and coaches will require a SPIN as a condition of entry. The programme and duration of competitions will be determined by the FISU Executive Committee in agreement with the Organising Committee and the CTI. Each country may enter a maximum of thirteen (13) persons, comprising a maximum of 8 competitors and a maximum of 5 officials.

DURATION & FORMAT

The maximum duration of the Championship (individual and team) shall be seven (7) days, and include:

Individual Championship (men & women)

These Championship shall comprise separate men's and women's singles Championship, and permit a maximum of 3 male and 2 female entries per nation. The duration of the event may vary, but usually last 3-4 days. The Championship will be played to a knock-out format, and where possible, a monrad format will be adopted. There will be no bronze medal play-offs.

Team Championship (mixed teams)

This Championship shall comprise a mixed team, and permit a maximum of 3 male and 2 female entries per nation (the squad). Each tie shall comprise 2 male and 1 female player selected from the squad. The duration of the team championship shall usually be 3 days. The event will be played to monrad format. There will be no bronze medal play-offs. Squad submission and team nomination shall follow WSF Regulations unless otherwise specified.

NB. Nations may enter up to 8 players in total, so may choose to nominate different players for individual and team events, or they may nominate the same 3 male and 2 female players to compete in both individual & team events.

Tournament Software

The event will use the “Tournament Planner Software”.

Tin Heights

All men’s and women’s matches (individual & teams championship) will be played with 17” tin.

PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 25% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries. Seeding and draw arrangements for the Individual Championship shall follow WSF World Championship Regulations. Nations will be asked to provide relevant information on each player’s recent form at time of entry to assist the Seeding Committee. The seeding and draw for the Team Championship shall take place the day before the start of the event. The seeding will be informed by the seeding for and results of the Individual Championship.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (NOMINATION & COSTS)

The host shall provide 18 referees to cover individual and team Championship, comprising the following qualifications:

- At least 2 WSF (world) referees, to be appointed by the WSF. At least one from a nation other than the host nation;
- At least 2 regional referees, to be appointed in conjunction with the WSF &/or WSF region. At least one from a nation other than the host nation;
- Up to 12 additional referees should be at least current national grade (this number to be agreed by the TD according to numbers of participants).

All costs for the two world/regional referees from outside the host nation shall be shared by the participating delegations.

All costs for referees from the host nation shall be borne by the Organising Committee. If the host nation does not have sufficient referees of at least National grade, they must import them at the cost of the OC.

A participating nation may request to bring a referee as part of its delegation of officials (at its own cost), but the request will be subject to approval by the TD & OC, must be made at least four months prior to the event, and accompanied by certification of the referee's current level of qualification (at least National).

VIDEO REFEREE

There will be a video referee for the semi-finals and finals.

CLOTHING

The full WSF clothing regulation can be found here:

www.wucsquash2018.com/squash-regulations. The following clothing regulations shall apply without exception:

- Playing clothing for men shall consist of a sleeveless shirt, short-sleeved shirt with attached collar or non-cotton t-shirt, shorts, socks and playing shoes. Compression shorts above the knee are allowed to be worn under playing shorts. Compression socks up to below the knee are also permitted.
- Playing clothing for women shall consist of a polo shirt with attached collar or non-cotton t-shirt, or a sleeveless non cotton vest top, worn with a skirt, shorts or dress, socks and playing shoes. Compression shorts above the knee are allowed to be worn under playing skirts, shorts or dresses. Compression socks up to below the knee are also permitted.
- Other garments, such as part or all of a tracksuit, may be worn during play for cultural/religious reasons with the prior permission of the Championship Referee.



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