



# Atlantic Youth Touch Cup 2023

## Conditions of Entry

To be read in conjunction with the General Conditions document.

All monetary amounts are to be paid in Pound sterling (GBP).

Times mentioned throughout this document are in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) unless noted otherwise.

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# Classification

This is a **Tier 2B Federation Event** as defined in the [FIT Event Classification Policy](#).

# Dates

There will be a briefing for all team managers at the venue on **Thursday, 20 July 2023**.

The opening ceremony will occur on **Thursday, 20 July 2023**.

The tournament will take place at the venue between 20-23 July 2023 (Thursday-Saturday) inclusive. Teams may not have fixtures scheduled on Thursday, depending on the tournament structure.

The Event Manager will provide specific details in event memoranda distributed to participating Member Nations.

# Host Nation

The Host Nation for the Atlantic Youth Touch Cup 2023 is **England Touch Association**, the National Touch Organisation Member for **England**.

# Venue

The venue for the European Championships 2022 is the **University of Nottingham, Highfields Sports Complex**.



## Highfields Sports Complex

- University Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2PS
- [Official Website](#)
- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Google Map](#) of the event precinct
- [Travel to the University](#)

## City of Nottingham

The city of Nottingham is located in the county of Nottinghamshire in the East Midlands region of England, situated some 200 kilometres or 2 hours north of London. Nottingham is serviced locally by [East Midlands Airport](#) (approximately 13 miles away) and can be accessed easily via train from London ([East Midlands Rail](#)), coach ([National Express](#) and other operators) and car (via the M1 and A1).

Perhaps most well known for the legendary Robin Hood, Nottinghamshire is also home to Raleigh Bikes, lace-making, MRI scanners, the clothes designer Sir Paul Smith, Boots the Chemist - the founders of Ibuprofen, some of the oldest and quirkiest pubs in the country and is a city of sporting heritage with Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest, the oldest football league club in the world - Notts County, Nottingham Panthers Ice Hockey, Nottingham Rugby, the Tennis Centre, the National Water Sports Centre, the National Ice Arena and the world-famous Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.

For further details, check out [Visit Nottinghamshire](#).

# Fees

The cost to enter a team in the Atlantic Youth Touch Cup 2023 is £2,750 and is inclusive of a contribution towards referee expenses.

Members must ensure that all transaction fees are covered when transferring funds internationally, as short payments may jeopardise their financial standing and acceptance into the event.

The Event Manager will only consider alternate payment arrangements in exceptional circumstances.

## Payment Schedule

There are significant costs involved in putting on this event. Each Member Nation must adhere to the minimum payment schedule below, or FIT will impose fines and may withdraw teams from the tournament.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host Nation fee (% due per team)</b>		<b>Late Penalty (per team)</b>	
15 February 2023	20%	£550	-	-
29 March 2023	20%	£550	3%	£82.50
<b>5 April 2023</b>	<b>deadline for late payment + fine</b>		<b>removal from tournament</b>	
10 May 2023	30%	£825	5%	£137.50
<b>17 May 2023</b>	<b>deadline for late payment + fine</b>		<b>removal from tournament</b>	
21 June 2023	30%	£825	5%	£137.50
<b>28 June 2023</b>	<b>deadline for late payment + fine</b>		<b>removal from tournament</b>	

# Eligibility

## Player Eligibility

See the [FIT Player Eligibility Policy](#) for complete details.

Instructions on how players and nations will comply with the policy are being developed and will be provided separately.

## Team Eligibility

In addition to the requirements in the General Conditions document, each Member Nation must be a financial Member of the Federation for the calendar years of 2022 and 2023, regarding

- Payment of 2022 affiliation fees;
- Payment of 2023 affiliation fees; and
- Free of other financial encumbrance related to the Federation.

## Coach Eligibility

In addition to the requirements in the General Conditions document, all coaches (including assistant coaches) must be non-playing at this event.

## Divisions

The following recognised divisions are offered at Atlantic Youth Touch Cup 2023.

- Mixed Under 15 (X15) (players born 1 January 2008 – 19 July 2011)
- Boys Under 18 (B18) (players born 1 January 2005 – 19 July 2008)
- Girls Under 18 (G18) (players born 1 January 2005 – 19 July 2008)
- Mixed Under 18 (X18) (players born 1 January 2005 – 19 July 2008)
- Men's Under 20 (M20) (players born 1 January 2003 – 19 July 2006)
- Women's Under 20 (W20) (players born 1 January 2003 – 19 July 2006)
- Mixed Under 20 (X20) (players born 1 January 2003 – 19 July 2006)

Players and team officials may only participate in one division.

# Accommodation

[Nottingham Conferences](#) (the University's own conferencing agency) is holding approximately 1400 single occupancy and twin rooms in halls of residence located on the main campus. These are located a short walk from the fields of play.

Rooms are being held on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis and include use of the fantastic sports facility at the [David Ross Sports Village](#) located on-site. Rooms can now be booked by contacting Corinne Cassidy at Nottingham Conferences by emailing [Corinne.Cassidy@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Corinne.Cassidy@nottingham.ac.uk).

For those wishing to stay elsewhere, Nottingham has an abundance of budget and luxury hotel accommodation, AirBNB facilities, lodges, camping and other accommodation options. There is currently no central booking agency, although [Visit Nottinghamshire](#) does have several options. We are working on a local agent to assist us, further details will be advised as they become available.

# Team space

Each team will be allocated either an indoor or outdoor space of at least 9 square metres (minimum), the cost of which is included in the entry fee. Outdoor spaces will be tents situated on the site.

Any Member wishing to have additional space allocated must enquire with the Host Nation to determine availability and additional cost.

The Host Nation will allocate the position of tents / team space which will be placed around the venue. Payment for additional space must be paid for upfront and is non-refundable.

# Associated Equipment

All associated equipment is deemed the property of the Member hiring the equipment and any unauthorised use or abuse of this equipment will not be tolerated.

Any large infrastructure you wish to bring onto the venue site requires prior authorisation from the Host Nation and venue management.

Members will be responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of all equipment they bring to the venue.

# Loss or Damage

Member Nations are responsible for any lost or damaged equipment supplied by the Host Nation.

Any costs for replacement or repairs are a liability of the Member Nation responsible for the equipment. Member Nations should insure themselves for property damage.

# Timeline

- Entries are now open.
- Entries close at 11:59 PM UTC on 15 February 2023 and must include the first payment.
- Team acceptances will be issued by 1 March 2022.

The new eligibility policy, adopted in late 2022, requires that

- Tier One Nations must declare any dual-qualified players who are in their squads at least three months before the entries close; and
- Tier One Nations must further notify which dual-qualified players are in final teams two weeks before entries close; and
- Players that qualify for a Tier One Nation and a Tier Two Nation must make a declaration as to which country they will play for before entries close.

On this schedule, that would require the initial notification to have already taken place and the latter two in mid-February. We do not yet have the facility to receive and manage these declarations, but we are in the process of building them.

The Event Manager will advise instructions and provide a reasonable timeframe for nations and individuals to comply with the spirit of the policy once the systems are ready.