



Junior Touch Championships 2018 MEMBER NATION EXECUTIVE BRIEF

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Foreword

This is the team executive brief for the Junior Touch Championships 2018 to be delivered in Scotland, during the period 17 - 19 August 2018.

The information is provided to NTAs and squad managers to facilitate early planning for the tournament and provide information prior to expressions of interest.

It must be noted that while the JTC Trust and Tournament Organising Committee (written collectively as TOC) have developed initial agreements with suppliers, this information should be read with an element of caution, given the early stages of delivery.

Junior Touch Championships 2018 in this document may also be written JTC2018.



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Executive Summary

- 1.1 The 2018 Junior Touch Championships will be conducted at the University of Stirling, Scotland during the period 17 - 19 August 2018. The venue and TOC have an initial agreement to host the tournament, but is by no means wholly confirmed.
- 1.2 As in previous years, it is not expected that participants will pay an EFT or FIT levy.
- 1.3 The **4th Edition** FIT Playing Rules will be used at JTC2018. FIT regulations shall apply. However, the JTC Trust reserves the right to alter certain aspects to ensure the best outcome for participants.
- 1.4 Federation Member countries are invited to participate in the tournament with the objective to identify the 2018 Champion Nation in each division.
- 1.5 Both European and non-European Member countries are invited to participate. Nation qualification requirements can be found on the JTC website. Nations must be members of FIT.
- 1.6 Some non-Federation teams have already expressed interest in this tournament, and you are invited to submit an Expression of Interest at this time. The European Federation of Touch will work to resolve matters of affiliation for your squad.

Outline Tournament Timetable

- 2.1 The event is currently proposed to run from the morning of Friday 17 August to Sunday 19 August inclusive. Dates may narrow after expressions of interest have been received.
- 2.2 The organising committee has developed an interim outline timetable for delivery of the tournament as set out below. This is highly provisional, and provides some loose guidance for NTAs during their planning stages.
- 2.3 In 2018, Teams will need to arrive on Thursday evening and you should plan accordingly until such time as the JTC Trust has a better view on levels of likely participation. We expect to finish late afternoon on Sunday, to allow teams to travel home Sunday evening.
- 2.4 The TOC will not provide confirmation to NTAs or teams on when it is safe to purchase flights. This is solely the responsibility of the NTA to provide this. However, the TOC will provide guidance on the level of risk. At the time of writing this brief, there is a high risk of change. This will be reduced to medium risk at the close of team EOI and minimal at Team Entry.

Playing Venue

- 3.1 The playing venue for JTC2018 is planned to be:

University of Stirling
Stirling
Scotland FK9 4LA
<https://www.stir.ac.uk/>
- 3.2 The venue is a safe environment with facilities including catering and accommodation. All participant accommodation is on site, but squads are free to choose otherwise. The organising committee is not able to provide assistance in booking alternatives or provide transport from alternative accommodation locations.
- 3.3 There may be an opportunity for parents to also stay at the university, but the TOC will not make this booking. Further details will be made available in the coming months.
- 3.3 All pool games, semi-finals, seeding games and grand finals will take place at the same venue.

Conditions

- 4.1 The categories offered will be Mixed 18, Boys 18, Girls 18 and Mixed 15.
- 4.2 Eligibility rules are located on our website <http://www.juniortouchchamps.org/policies>.
- 4.3 JTC2018 **is subject** to referee provision rules. The [Referee Provision Policy](#) has been in draft since 2014 and NTAs have had ample time to implement the necessary measures.

Expressions of Interest for Referees opens 01 December, close 24/12 and first round selections will be complete by New Years' Eve. NTA squad contacts will be copied into this email.

Nations are encouraged to identify candidates for the Referee Academy through the European Referee Commission.

Should any NTA not be able to commit to the Policy in 2018, NTA participation will require a written report submitted to the EFT on how the NTA will meet this obligation in 2019.

JTC2019 will not allow further delay in identifying and developing junior referees. Attending NTAs have agreed to this at the JTC Forum 2017.
- 4.4 Squad Managers and coaches must have had experience working with young adults. New Child Protection rules will be in force in 2018.
- 4.5 Members may enter only one National team in each category in the JTC 2018. Any player who is not selected for their nation will have the opportunity to participate in a European Select team.
- 4.6 Each team involved must have 2 responsible adults nominated as a Coach and a Team Manager / Supervisor.

Finances

- 5.1 Participants in the JTC2018 are not subject to an EFT or FIT participant Levy. The total cost is likely to be in the region of £200pp, including ground fees, accommodation and catering.
- 5.2 The tournament will operate using British Pounds £.
- 5.3 Costings will be communicated on a per person basis in 2018.
 - 5.3.1 At this time, accommodation and half board is offered at Stirling University for £50.00 per person per night.
 - 5.3.2 The package will provide participants with full board and accommodation for three nights – refer to section 6.
 - 5.3.3 It is envisaged that a connection will be available for teams from Edinburgh and Glasgow airport to the nearest convenient train station, and vice versa for departing teams.
 - 5.3.4 Coaches and managers are not subject to team entry fees.

Accommodation and Catering

- 6.1 Participants are invited to stay at Stirling University with full board. All accommodation will be on site within walking distance of the fields.
- 6.2 In 2018, it is envisaged that the TOC will not book or organise accommodation for nations. Bookings and payments will need to be done so directly with the university. Further information on this will become available.
- 6.2 Squads are not obliged to take up this accommodation offer, and are free to find and take up their own accommodation and catering. The TOC does not have the resources to book this on your behalf.
- 6.3 Finalised details of accommodation, costs, divisions will only be made once information is received from NTAs. Any individual or group booking earlier than this, do so at their own risk. The JTC, EFT, STA and TOC take no responsibility for flight bookings made prior to the reduction in risk at key milestones. Risks may include: change in venue, change in costs or divisions being withdrawn.

Expressions of Interest

- 8.1 Federation Member countries are invited to return an expression of interest using the Google Docs form. The EOI process finishes on the 2 February 2018.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeupyH6SmARUo6OTSh_0K7X6ZNPOxL0UA28lkYPdVpaIC9wA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please provide an estimate of the likelihood of participation. This will help to provide the organising committee with the data necessary to continue planning.

- 8.2 Only those NTAs who provide an EOI by **02 February 2018** will be communicated with further.

Contact

- 9.1 To contact the organising committee, in the first instance you should email the admin@juniortouchchamps.org

- 9.2 Further information will be provided over the coming months.



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