

ATTN Players, coaches, supporters,
Welcome to your second edition of the Union Cup information booklet!
On the 20th of May we sent you some key information that we hope will help your trip run smoothly. In this edition you will find additional information which is highlighted here.

- Final timings for events (See under SCHEDULE OF EVENTS);
- Registration times for teams (See under SCHEDULE OF EVENTS) and location (see MAP);
- A link for the results of the Tournament Draw (see under TOURNAMENT DRAW);
- Apartments are accessible 24/7 and we ask that you remove your boots when entering residences;
- At check-in you will receive a breakfast voucher. A picture of the voucher is at the end of this booklet. Please treat this as cash, it cannot be replaced;
- At the Closing Party in Opium you will be able to purchase food if you're feeling peckish;
- If you book a team dinner or your kangaroo court with Mercantile Group, you will receive a 10% on your final bill if you let them know you are here for Union Cup (see under KANGAROO COURT);
- Due to interest in the rugby clinics we have extended the hours. Please have your coach or team manager let us know as soon as possible if your team is interested in attending. This is first come first serve. Please send a single list to registration@unioncupdublin.ie;
- Saturday evening social. Many of you may wish to head into the city centre and sample the night life and we hope you enjoy! However, Union Cup are hosting a social event on DCU Campus with DJ's, Drag Queens and a twist on ancient Irish traditions with a gay flair. More details under A Taste of the Outing at the end of the booklet;
- Finally, in keeping with keeping things green, we ask that you download this booklet to your handset as a reference;



NEWS
In April, Union Cup Dublin 2019 launched in the home of Irish rugby, the Aviva Stadium, with our Union Cup Dublin ambassadors, the legendary referee Nigel Owens, Irish international Gordon D'Arcy, and International woman's player Lindsay Peat. We are excited to announce this year, a dedicated women's tournament has been added to the line up, with eight teams playing. Also a first for Union Cup, the Irish national rugby organisation, IRFU, is supporting and officiating the tournament to ensure the highest standard of tournament. Check out our launch [here](#).

PROUD SPONSORS
Union Cup Dublin 2019 is proudly supported by an incredible line up of sponsors who champion diversity & inclusion, including Guinness, Bank of Ireland and Vodafone. We are honoured to be working with these brands. See our website for full list and more info www.unioncupdublin.ie

UNION CUP DUBLIN - HISTORY IN THE MAKING
There has never been a more exciting time to celebrate inclusive rugby in Ireland. 2015 saw Ireland passing the Marriage Equality Act, supporting same-sex marriage; and on the eve of Pride and World Rugby, national pride around Irish rugby is at its peak. Union Cup Dublin 2019 has the opportunity to take centre stage.

We are excited to welcome you to the heart of it. Get ready to be part of history! We've taken the existing model and BOOSTED it to enhance the excitement, experience, and promote diversity and inclusion in rugby. Expect family festival vibes onsite alongside tournament play.

TOURNAMENT DRAW
Union Cup Dublin Live Draw will take place on May 30th, 4.30pm GMT on the [Union Cup Dublin Facebook page](#) with a **very very special guest**. Results of the draw can be accessed [here](#).

ACCOMMODATION
Most of you are staying on campus, at the heart of the action. This is almost booked out! We have alternative options very near DCU. Please contact info@unioncupdublin.ie if you would like to avail. You will check-in at the DCU Sports Complex. Please see the map at the end of this leaflet of accommodation, facilities, and access points. Check-in is 15:00, however if rooms are free they will allocate but in the meantime they are happy to store your luggage. The most convenient entry point to the complex is the **Ballymun Road Entrance** (see map).

FOOD
Breakfast. If you are staying at the DCU complex, you will receive a breakfast voucher for each morning you are staying worth 10 euros which is redeemable at the campus restaurant. Please treat the breakfast voucher as cash, **it cannot be replaced**.

Lunch: Will be available for you at the rugby tournament site.
Dinner: If you booked the full board option, you will get a dinner voucher that is served at the campus restaurant (see map). Dinner is between 18:00 and 20:00.

Dinner Bookings for Saturday and Sunday evening: If you have not booked the full board option, **you will not be able to use the campus restaurant.** You can, however, pre-book dinner (for individuals or groups) at group-sales@dcu.ie. If you wish to avail of this option **please do so before the 3rd of June**. The restaurant will be open between 18:00 and 20:00 on both Saturday and Sunday. Other food facilities for purchase:

On Campus Saturday, 8th June: Londis and Fired Pizza & Deli. Open until 22:00, Foodbox (Zest). Open until 21:00.

On Campus Sunday, 9th June: Londis and Fired Pizza. Open until 19:00, Foodbox (Zest). Open until 21:00.

Pitch Side: There will be a range of food options available for purchase by the rugby pitches until 19:00

LAUNDRY
There are 24/7 facilities available at the DCU site. Your room key card will open all laundry facilities throughout the campus. Machines are activated using a laundry card. **Each team will receive two laundry cards at the captains meeting.** Additional laundry cards can be purchased at the DCU reception desk (where you will check-in).

VOLUNTEERS (Our Pride Tribel)
We have a corp of volunteers as part of our Pride Tribe to help us out during the tournament. Any questions or directions please feel free to ask them. These guys are giving up their free time to welcome you to our fair city and to make sure you don't get lost between the pitches and the washing machine! They will be armed with a smile and information, be nice to them, they are here to help!

TRANSPORT
Dublin International Airport is less than 8 km from DCU.
From Dublin Airport
Taxi: Taxi is the quickest and most efficient way to get to DCU. Ask the driver to bring you to the DCU Sports Complex (not the Sports Campus :-))! Via the Ballymun Road DCU entrance.
Bus: From the Airport, there is an hourly bus (no. 109A) directly to the bus stop in front of the DCU (Ballymun Road). It leaves Dublin Airport 15 minutes past each hour.

From City Centre: Bus routes 4, 11, 13 and 19 stop directly in front of the DCU Ballymun Entrance. It is recommended to download the Dublin Bus app for bus stop information and timetables. Dublin Bus only accept coins and do not offer change so ensure you have small change or purchase a pre-paid Leap Card (see below for more information).

Dublin City Public Transport: The Dublin public transport system includes buses, Luas (Tram), DART (metro) and Dublin Bikes, which can be paid using the Leap Card.

Leap Card: The Leap Card is a smart-card that can be used to pay for all transport options. You can obtain a Leap Card at the DCU convenience store (called Londis), most city convenience stores, the airport, stations, and tourist outlets, see [website for more details](#). Some useful transport apps to download are Dublin Bus, TfI (Transport for Ireland) and Mytaxi.

CLINICS
We are delighted to announce that **Leinster Rugby Development** will be running clinics at DCU on:

- Thursday 6th of June between 16:00 - 17:00.
 - Friday 7th of June between 15:00 - 17:00
- Skills and drills will centre around **Front 5 Tactics (scrummaging)**, **Back Line Tactics**, **Player Support Play**, **Tackling and Evasion**. This is open to both players and coaches. If you are interested in participating please contact registration@unioncupdublin.ie. We ask that each team to send a single list of participants and will be first come first serve.

MATCH DAYS
Matches will be played across the road from DCU (Ballymun Road entrance). This is less than a 10-minute walk.

Tournament Rules
We encourage all players to review the [Tournament Rules on this link](#)

Boots
Most pitches are natural grass, however, please bring boots/studs that are also Astro friendly.

Union Cup Final on Sunday, June 9th will be officiated by International Rugby Union referee **Nigel Owens**.

MERCHANDISE
There will be a merchandising stand at the Tournament Site where you can purchase a wide range of Kukri and Union Cup branded products. In addition, you can also purchase online where deliveries are made directly to your home. When you click on the desired product, the **Union Cup brand will appear**. [Click for online shop](#).

YOUR TEAMS' KANGAROO COURT
Should you wish to book a venue for your Kangaroo Court or other gathering whilst in Dublin please e-mail hollypryor@mercantilegroup.ie (if booking made up to the 30th of May) or laveryrooney@mercantilegroup.ie (if booking made after the 30th of May).

LOGOS AND UNION CUP BRANDING
For clubs looking to include the Union Cup Dublin 2019 logos on their web and print materials, we have prepared a logo pack with approved designs that can be [accessed here](#).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Registration will be available at the rugby tournament site on Saturday morning.

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/6	16:00 - 17:00	Rugby Clinics	DCU Complex
	12:00 - 20:00	Registration	DCU Complex
7/6	15:30 - 17:00	Rugby Clinics	DCU Complex
	10:00 - 17:00	Registration	DCU - Complex
	17:30 - 18:30	Captains Meeting	DCU Complex
	18:30 - 20:00	Buffet Style Dinner	DCU - Restaurant
	21:30 - 22:30	Opening Ceremony	DCU - The Helix
	22:00 - 00:00	Drinks Reception	DCU - The Helix
8/6	08:00 - 19:00	Matches (Day Time)	DCU Sports Campus
	30 min after last match	Union Cup 2021 Bid Meeting	DCU Sports Campus
9/6	21:00 - 23:00	Evening Social - A Taste of the West	DCU - The Venue
	08:00 - 19:00	Matches	DCU Sports Campus
9/6	20:00 - 21:00	Awards Ceremony	DCU - The Venue
	21:00 - 02:00	Transport to Closing Party	City Centre - Opium

DCU Sports Complex Entrance: Through these doors, turn right and you will check-in for accommodation and tournament registration!

MORE QUESTIONS?
Please e-mail info@unioncupdublin.ie

GET INVOLVED
We want to build excitement ahead of the tournament and we want you to be involved! We are inviting everyone taking part to tell us how

you will **#TryWithPride**. Tag [@unioncupdublin](#) and we'll aim to feature on our social, to introduce your team and explain to our supporters the importance of LGBT+ inclusive rugby.

Please encourage your team to share their own message on their personal Instagram stories or Twitter.

Alternatively, your team can document their training and pre-tournament preparations ahead of Union Cup Dublin using the hashtag **#RoadToUnion** also using the [@unioncupdublin](#) handle so we can share it.

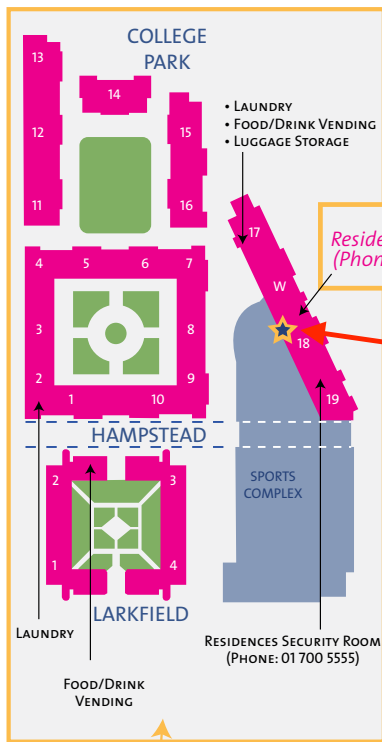
A "Taste of The Outing Festival" at Union Cup Dublin
On Saturday evening at The Venue at the DCU Campus we are proud to present **"An Evening with The Outing Festival"**. You will take in the sights and sounds of "The Outing Festival", a twist on ancient traditions of the West of Ireland with a touch of flair. From *Gáili (Irish Céilí)* to Blind Date to special drag performances to DJ Ruth (*Club Tease, Club GASS & The George*). Hosted by Eddie McGuinness Ireland's only Gay Matchmaker of The Outing Festival to Ring Master of Love.

The Outing Festival, the "World's First EVER LGBT Matchmaking & Music Festival" is being held this year on the 27th & 28th September and the 25th & 26th September in 2020.

Find out more here www.TheOutingFestival.com for Weekend Hotel Packages and more.



DCU SUMMER ROOMS



Residences Reception
(Phone: 01 700 5736)

Union Cup Registration Desk
Thursday: 12:00 - 20:00
Friday: 10:00 - 17:00

- TAXI PICK UP/DROP OFF POINT.
- ACCOMMODATION ENTRY

BUSES TO THE CITY CENTRE



(PLEASE ALLOW A 20 MINUTE WALK FROM THE ACCOMMODATION TO THE BUS STOP)



Breakfast voucher - please do not loose these.
Treat them as cash!