LACROSSE

SEASON'S INFORMATION 2011-12

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This pack contains an overview of the Lacrosse season 2011-12. You are advised to keep this pack with you throughout the season to refer to when you have queries.

Information Sources & Communication Lines

If you require further information throughout the year you must first contact your Athletic Union/Sports Office.

The BUCS Essentials is available at www.bucs.org.uk on the second working day of each week and will be sent to all BUCS members. The Essentials contains all the important information regarding BUCS Events and should be used in conjunction with Sports Specific Homepages.

The Lacrosse webpage will also provide you further information and news and can be found at www.bucs.org.uk/lacrosse.

Calendar of Events

Fixtures commence: *Wednesday 19 October 2011*
Fixtures finish: **Premier League and Tier 1** – *18 March 2012*
Tier 2 and below – *25 March 2012*

Knockouts

Date	Event	Venue
9 Nov 2011	**Trophy** – *Last 32* **Conference Cup** – Last 64	At venue of first drawn side At venue of first drawn side
30 Nov 2011	**Championship** – *Last 16* **Trophy** – *Last 16* **Conference Cup** – *Last 32*	At venue of first drawn side At venue of first drawn side At venue of first drawn side
1 Feb 2012	**Championship** – Quarter Final **Trophy** – *Quarter Final* **Conference Cup** – *Last 16*	At venue of first drawn side At venue of first drawn side At venue of first drawn side
22 Feb 2012	**Trophy –** *Semi Final* **Conference Cup** – Quarter Final	At venue of first drawn side At venue of first drawn side
22 Feb 2012	**Championship** – *Semi Final*	Warwick University
7 Mar 2012	**Conference Cup** – *Semi Final*	At venue of first drawn side
17 Mar 2011	**Championship** – *Final* **Trophy** – *Final*	TBC (at The BUCS Championships)
21 Mar 2012	**Conference Cup** – *Final*	At venue of first drawn side

Premier League Playoffs *28 March 2012*
2 May 2012
9 May 2012

Playoffs will take place, as required, to determine promotion and relegation for the following season. Should a team be scheduled to take part in a playoff on the same date as a knockout fixture, the knockout fixture will take precedence. In this instance, the BUCS Office will determine the date of the playoff fixture.

Championship Information

The Lacrosse league structure is attached in Appendices 1 and 2. Not all withdrawals will be evident on this document, so please check the leagues on the website.

In 2011-12 all teams qualify for a knockout competition. The qualification details will be listed at the bottom of your league on www.bucs.org.uk. The following knockout competitions are being offered:

Championship & Trophy (Premier & Tier 1), Conference Cup (Tier 2 where applicable)

BUCS Championships 2012

Sheffield, 14-18 March 2012

The largest annual multi sport event in the UK returns to Sheffield for its fifth year and will attract up to 5,000 competitors participating in a variety of sports. The Lacrosse Championship and Trophy Finals for both Men and Women will be part of this event.

Insurance

It is the responsibility of either the individual or institution to ensure that all entrants have appropriate insurance in order to compete. BUCS **DOES NOT** insure any competitor for any of its events.

Rules & Regulations

When participating in BUCS Competitions you must ensure you are aware of the Rules and Regulations to which you are competing. There may have been changes to the regulations since last season so please read them carefully. You should be aware of the following regulations:

BUCS General Regulations – these relate to all sports.
BUCS Sports Specific Regulations – these relate to Lacrosse only and are attached to this pack in Appendix 3. Please note that new regulations for the 2011-12 season are detailed in this appendix.
NGB's Laws of the Sport – you should be aware of the NGB Laws of the Sport. Please contact your relevant Governing Body for more information:

www.englishlacrosse.co.uk
www.lacrossescotland.com
www.laxwales.com

Results

Results are input directly onto the website by the competing institutions. It is the responsibility of the HOME institution to enter the result by 6pm on the day of the fixture for Premier League teams, or 10am on the working day following the fixture for all other teams.

If a result has not been entered please contact your Athletic Union/Sports Office. If it is a result of an away fixture, ask your Athletic Union/Sports Office to contact your opposition.

Any disputes with results must be made immediately and NOT at the end of the league programme. It is therefore IMPERATIVE that you regularly check your league to ensure that it is correct and up to date.

Your performances in BUCS Competitions will contribute to your institution's points tally in the BUCS Overall Championships. You can view the Overall Table throughout the year at www.bucs.org.uk/overallpoints

Travel and Accommodation

BUCS Travel will arrange accommodation for your BUCS Events and sports travel. To secure accommodation for you and your team with no hassle and at the most competitive prices either call **0208 939 5284** or go to www.bucs.org.uk/travel and follow 'BUCS events'. There is also a selection of fantastic travel deals specifically for BUCS members.

Merchandise

BUCS official merchandise will be available at events and online via the BUCS online shop. Check out www.bucs.org.uk/shop where there will be a range of exclusive merchandise available to purchase.

Sports Advisory Groups (SAG)

Each BUCS Sport has a specific group established to advise BUCS on the technical and strategic direction necessary to enhance and run the sports programme.

BUCS is currently recruiting for the position of Chairperson for all of the sports within the BUCS programme. Applications close on 30 September 2011 and those interested can download the information by clicking here.

Once chair's have been appointed the chair and Sports Manager will work together to recruit the other members of the group. All updates will appear at http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=15605&sectionTitle=Sports+Management+Group

If you have any comments on how university Lacrosse can be developed and improved or any issues you would like to raise please email tom.gee@bucs.org.uk (Sports Manager) and your message will be forwarded onto the relevant SAG contact.

Appendices

1. BUCS Men's Lacrosse League Structure 2011-12
2. BUCS Women's Lacrosse League Structure 2011-12
3. Lacrosse Regulations 2011-12