



UNIVERSITY COMPETITION

2019

WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

PHOENIX SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

PAVILION LN, BRINSWORTH, ROTHERHAM S60 5PA



University Competition



Welcome to the first ever Rounders England University Competition!

As well as your team, we look forward to welcoming other university teams from across the country and hope for a great day of high-quality Rounders. Rounders England will provide one mentoring Umpire per pitch and require one volunteer Umpire per team to Umpire throughout the event. This will be the first university competition delivered within Rounders England's new competition programme and we can't wait to welcome you on the day!

Please find enclosed event details and should you have any questions beforehand please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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In the event of adverse weather, Rounders England will make a call 3 working days prior to the event and get in touch directly with the Team Captain/Secretary. Please note, it is advised that players wear suitable footwear i.e. football boots or astro turf boots in adverse weather. Due to health and safety, if the weather becomes adverse during the event, unless all players have the appropriate footwear the event will be cancelled. [Please find our refund policy here.](#)

Venue

[Phoenix Sports and Social Club, Pavilion Ln, Brinsworth, Rotherham S60 5PA](#)

- On site and on street parking available
- Changing facilities available
- Social Club open for refreshments – recommended to bring own lunch



Event Order of the Day

Wednesday 20th February 2019

11.30am	Registration
11.45am	Umpire and Team Captain brief
12pm	Game
12.45pm	Game
1.30pm	Game
2.15pm	Game
3pm	Game
3.45pm	Closing Ceremony

Rules

1. All rules to be played in accordance with [Rounders England Rules](#)
2. One Umpire per team to be provided for the duration of the event
3. Mentoring Umpires will be provided by Rounders England
4. Round Robin Tournament
5. 1 Innings of 30 good balls
6. 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw
7. In case of a draw, Rounders difference will apply
8. Players to wear suitable footwear i.e. football boots or astro turf boots in bad weather
9. Equipment will be provided

The very basic rules are:

- Teams can be a minimum of six players and a maximum of 15 players. Nine players are on the field for each team at any one time.
- If a mixed team – there should be no more than five male players.
- One team bats while the other team fields and bowls.
- The bowler bowls the ball to the batter who hits the ball forward on the **Rounders Pitch**. The batter then runs to as many posts as possible before the fielders return the ball to touch the post the batter is heading for.
- If the batter reaches the 2nd or 3rd post in one hit, the batting team scores ½ Rounder. If the batter reaches 4th post in one hit, the batting team scores a Rounder.
- A batter can be out if the fielding team catch the ball hit by the batter before it touches the ground or by touching the post the batter is heading to with the ball before the batter reaches it.



Code of Practice

The integrity of Rounders is embodied in the Umpire in whom trust is placed to ensure the game is played by the rules. This Code of Practice is a reminder to Umpires of their obligation to maintain fair play and to give both teams the chance to win on merit, by applying the rules in a fair and consistent manner. All Rounders England Umpires should work towards the following Code of Practice and the Rounders England Safeguarding and Equity policy and procedures.

Umpires should:

- Always have regard for the health and safety of all participants
- Realise that, as an Umpire, you have a position of trust, particularly when working with young people, therefore you should always be a positive role model, promote ethical principles and fair play
- Be the third team on the field and shall remain neutral working together
- Always have regard for the best interests of the game and shall not circulate by any means (verbal comment, written and published articles, internet forums, blogs, social networking sites) material which may be detrimental to the Governing Body or its members
- Present a professional image at all times such as appropriate dress, timekeeping etc.
- Not use inappropriate behaviour whilst on duty such as smoking, drinking, and use of recreational drugs, inappropriate language or unsporting conduct
- Make a clear warning to players when they use abusive or inappropriate language or behaviour
- Only use the unsporting conduct rule if you have already warned the player or the team - the exception to this is gross misconduct e.g. violence
- Not show any favour towards any team or player and adhere to the Rounders England Bribery policy
- Not pass comment on the quality of play or make coaching comments
- Have access to a telephone for immediate contact to emergency services if required
- Be aware that Rounders England takes its commitment to safeguarding children and young people very seriously. As your position may involve substantial contact with young people, you are asked to pay particular attention to the Safeguarding and Equality Policies.
- Ensure that all participants and players are treated with respect and as equals regardless of race, gender, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, social background or culture

This Code is in place to ensure the safety of both the individual signing up to the code and anyone they come in to contact with. If at any time you have any concerns regarding the safety of any individual, in particular children and young people you should contact your Club Welfare Officer whose details can be accessed via the club notice board or website. Alternatively you can contact the Lead Safeguarding Officer at Rounders England, whose details are available at www.roundersengland.co.uk

Players participating in Rounders should:

- Show a friendly and welcoming attitude and be respectful toward all other participants, coaches and officials
- Respect the decisions made by the Umpire at all times
- Listen to the coach at all times and respect the rules they put in place



- Act in a way that is safe for yourself and others around you, follow any safety rules as directed by your coach
- Always respect the equipment that you use and use it in a safe and controlled manner
- Never use rude or abusive language and never fight or show abusive behaviour
- Never abuse any other individual in any way, and do not act disagreeably towards anyone or make any comments concerning an individual's race, gender, age, religion, disability sexual orientation, social background and/or culture
- Report any bullying or unacceptable behaviour to the coach if witnessed
- Wear suitable kit as indicated by the weather and your coach and wear correct footwear in accordance with the Rounders England rules
- Ensure that you keep up to date with the rules of Rounders
- Smoking, drinking or drug use is not allowed
- Show team spirit and try to lift your team's moral if you are losing, stay positive throughout matches and training sessions
- Use team work and communicate with your team during matches and praise other players when they do well
- Players are encouraged to shake hands at the end of a match with the opposing team and be gracious in success and defeat
- Play fair and follow the rules, do not cheat
- Ensure that you are familiar with the social media guidance policy
- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Always have fun!

Club or Team members have the right to:

- Enjoy Rounders without the fear of being discriminated against or mistreated
- Enjoy Rounders without undue pressure
- Be included in sessions and regarded as equals by coach/organisers and players
- Seek advice and speak to coach or organisers if they feel they have a problem of any nature

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