

Cork Open Ultimate Frisbee Tournament 2011 Invitation

Dear European Ultimate Community,

Cork Open, Ireland's premier ultimate frisbee club event, is back. The tournament has a new venue and as such, we are limited in our places for teams. Therefore it will be a 16 team tournament as it was last year. However, this will result in higher standard of Ultimate with the top clubs and universities of Ireland competing against some of the top clubs of Europe, as we have had in previous years. Cork Open will be held in the month of October.

We understand that the new dates for the tournament may clash with some other events, but are confident that we can still attract the same selection of high standard Irish and European teams and produce another sensational event.

Tournament

The two day Cork Open 2011 tournament will be held on the weekend of Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th October at Nemo Rangers GAA club grounds, Douglas, Cork.

Teams

The tournament will feature 16 teams including Ireland's top club and university teams as well as a mixture of foreign teams from all over Europe. In the past the tournament has attracted teams from all over Europe including teams from the UK, Belgium, Luxemburg, Italy and others. There will also be a pickup team which will most likely feature players from even further afield.

Schedule

Because we must keep the number of teams to 16 this year, we will continue with an unorthodox pooling system with 4 pool groups with 4 teams in each. The standard of teams will be of a high enough standard to ensure that all of these games will be competitive. After the pool stages there will be crossovers to establish the top 8 and bottom 8 tiers. Sunday will then see the quarters, semis and final of each tier.

The aim of Cork Open maintains to be offering a very high standard of ultimate with Irelands best clubs and universities facing off against the best of Europe. Each team will be guaranteed at least 6 games with the possibility of a 7th game depending on your teams ranking after the pool stages. The specifics of game time etc will be confirmed closer to the date.

Player fee

The player fee for the tournament is €20 per person (for team players and pickup players) which includes a guaranteed 6 games, catered lunch on both days and entry into the parties both nights. Teams will have to confirm the number of players they will be bringing before the tournament to ensure

we have sufficient time to order the food etc.

Food

Lunch will consist of a lunch pack including a sandwich, drink, fruit, chocolate bar and crisps and will be provided through a catering company as part of the player fee. Water will also be available at the pitches for free and there is also a water tap on site.

Dietary requirements

If any player has specific dietary requirements (vegetarian, vegan, lactose intolerant, celiac etc) please let us know in advance of the tournament so we can try our best to accommodate for this.

Parties

There will be a welcoming party held in Cork city centre on the Friday night (venue to be confirmed) and a party held on the Saturday night in Cyprus Avenue (bar/nightclub) in Cork city centre.

Accommodation

UCC players will provide floor space in their houses for as many players as possible, with preference going to teams that are travelling a long distance. There is only a limited amount of floor space so others will have to stay in hostels/hotels. Anyone who is planning on staying in a hostel/hotel can ask us for a list of places.

If you have a team that are interested in coming to Cork for the tournament, or if you are yourself interested in coming over to play with the pickup team in the tournament, send an email to corkopen@gmail.com expressing your interest. In this email include a bit of information about your team (ie, where your team are from, what level of experience your players have, whether you will be requesting free floor space etc).

The closing date for applications will be Friday 12th of August.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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