



Dear Team Captain

VIALEX EDINBURGH TOUCH LEAGUE

INVERLEITH PARK, EDINBURGH

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY - WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2017

It's that time of year again and the Touch season is quickly approaching and it's time to register for this year's league! We have attached an entry form for you to return to us no later than **FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017**.

Please read carefully below the guidelines for registration in the Vialex Edinburgh Touch league ("League") this season. To prevent people team-swapping it is imperative to your team's registration that you fill in details of all players registered to your team.

Player/Team Registration

You will find below a team entry form which you as captain can fill in on behalf of your team. However, there is also a section to be completed by each Team Member where they can fill in their details (MAX 14). It is vital to the growth of Touch communication that we have the correct information to grow our membership information and that all players are registered with us.

Therefore, we insist that each Team Member or you as captain take the time and small effort to fill out this form with basic details. If this information is not provided then your team will not be registered to play in the League. The information gained shall be used for the purposes of administering the League and for Touch communication from Big Blue PR Sponsorship & Event Management t/a Touch Scotland ("the Organiser") and its official partners/sponsors. You may register up to a maximum of 14 per team.

Should we feel that you have entered your team in the wrong category, we reserve the right to move your team up or down grades.

Due to the popularity of the mixed league on Wednesday nights, entries will be taken on a **first come, first served basis**. Therefore, if you are not one of the first teams entered, you run the risk of losing out.

If for some reason your team is unable to play at specific times between 18.30 and 20.30 (due to work commitments or team clashes), please put a note on your entry form.

League Standards

Your Team can enter into the following categories:

Mixed Beginners - If your team has never played in the leagues or Touch before and has no players with any Touch or Rugby Union experience.

Mixed Intermediate Grade 1 - One season's Touch experience/my team has players with some Rugby Union experience

Mixed Intermediate Grade 2 - Two seasons' experience and or club rugby players

Mixed Intermediate Grade 3 - Three seasons' + experience

Men's & Ladies Beginners - If your team has never played in the leagues or Touch before and has no players with any Touch or Rugby Union experience.

Men's Intermediate Grade 1 - One/Two season's Touch experience

Men's/Women's Open - Three years + experience

* NOTE: We will only run men's/ladies' leagues if there are a minimum of 4 + teams entered and all teams are happy with league numbers etc

Individual Entries

Please do enter even if you do not have a team. We shall be creating teams of individuals to make up 'Barbarian' teams. Depending on entry levels and mixtures of male/female we hope to make up mixed, men's and women's teams. Again, this will depend on entries.

Please just fill in your info below with your details, point of contacts etc and we will be in touch!

We wish to create a meaningful competition where every team can enjoy the Touch experience, and we expect teams to be honest when entering their team into a league. If you won or were in the top four of your league last year, we expect you to enter your team automatically into the next grade up. There were too many teams that simply stayed in the same league last year so they could give other teams a thrashing and win – this is not the spirit of the game and at the end of the day, does not do the participants any favours. As organiser we maintain the right to move teams between leagues should we deem it necessary and within the spirit of the League.

If you are unsure about which league your team should be entered – call us to discuss your entry before submitting your application.

Referees

Edinburgh Touch is constantly recruiting referees! Although it might seem daunting at first, refereeing is really very enjoyable and rewarding. It's a great way to learn more about the game – rules and game tips you can pass on to your team-mates, see and meet players at different levels and across different divisions. Many players use it as a way of giving something back to the game. After all, one of the jobs of a referee is to help new players learn and enjoy the game.

Teams must help out with refereeing this year. Each team must nominate one person to referee matches during the season and attend the L1 training course information in relation to which was sent last week.

Weather

In the event of postponed weeks due to the weather, the league calendar will continue as normal. There will be no refund on weeks missed.

Team Wear

All teams must be correctly attired during the season with properly numbered t-shirts i.e. 1-14 (either front or back) plus the team name on the front middle of the shirt. Please do not choose **yellow** or **gold** as your team colours as this clashes with the referees' shirts!

We would also advise that players should wear moulded sole boots and NOT trainers as at times the surfaces can be slippery if it has been raining. Studs/studded boots are not allowed.

Please note any team not correctly attired after week two of the League may be subject to disqualification.

Cost

Team entry for your squad is £330 OR £45 for individual entry.

Please note that payment can *ONLY* be made by bank transfer. The account details are: Touch Scotland Sort 832002 Acct No: 00178683. YOU MUST USE YOUR TEAM NAME AS A REFERENCE. If you do not it will be extremely difficult to keep track of who has paid. Any payment which does not have a reference is likely to be refunded immediately which means your entry will not be processed and you will have to apply again.

Please email back your entry form to : wiki@bigbluepr.co.uk

Insurance

It is up to each player to acquire personal accident insurance and is at the discretion of the player to compete in the League. The Organiser has no liability for any injury sustained whilst playing in the League and excludes liability to the fullest extent permitted by law. Please read the waiver below and ensure that all Team Members have read and understand the terms of entry in the League set out in this letter and entry form.

Note:

1. Team Captains are responsible for communicating the terms of entry to Team Members.
2. Team Captains must register all Team Members' details.
3. In submitting this entry form the Team Captain confirms to the Organiser that:
 - (a) he/she has authority from each Team Member to include his/her name on the registration forms and application form; and
 - (b) he/she has provided each Team Member with a copy of the terms and conditions of the League as set out in this letter and the entry form and each Team Member is aware of and agrees to observe and be bound by the conditions of entry as set out in this letter and the entry form.

By entering and playing in the League, each player accepts the following Waiver, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement:

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the League (the "Activities") I hereby acknowledge and agree as follows, and do so on my own behalf and on behalf of all Team Members included in the entry form submitted by me:

1. I understand the nature of the Activities and acknowledge my experience.
2. I fully understand that: (a) the Activities involve risks and dangers of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, blindness, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b) these Risks may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activities or the conditions in which the Activities take place; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and (d) I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibilities for losses, costs, and damages incurred as a result of my participation in the Activities.
3. I agree that the Organiser, its employees, agents and sub-contractors, any sponsor or partner of the League and, if applicable, any owners and lessors of premises on which the Activities take place (each considered to be one of the "Releasees") will have no liability for any death, personal injury or illness occurring as a result of or in connection with the Activities, except to the extent that such death, personal injury or illness arises from any negligent act or omission of any such Releasee.
4. I agree that without prejudice to paragraph 3 above, it is each Team Member's responsibility to ensure that his or her physical condition is appropriate for participating in the Activities. Each Team Member warrants and represents on the date of submitting this entry and on each occasion that they participate in the Activities that the Team Member is in an appropriate physical condition to participate in the Activities. Team members are advised not to undertake any physical activities without first seeking medical advice if they have concerns over their physical condition. The Organiser reserves the right to refuse to allow any Team

Member to participate in the Activities at any time if the Organiser, in its absolute discretion, considers that the health of the individual concerned may be endangered by such participation.

5. I hereby release, discharge, and undertake not to sue, and agree to hold harmless and each Team Member named in this entry also hereby releases, discharges, and undertakes not to sue, and agrees to hold harmless the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the Activities or otherwise, including rescue operations, to the fullest extent permitted by law and further agree that if, despite this release, I, or any Team Member or anyone on my or their behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I and each Team Member will indemnify, save and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, legal fees, loss, liability, damages or costs any Releasees may incur as the result of any such claim.

By completing registration, I acknowledge that I have read this letter and the conditions of entry set out in it, fully understand its terms have agreed to it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the fullest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of it is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

This letter and the terms of entry set out in it are governed by the laws of Scotland and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish courts.

Signed by

..... Name of Team Captain

..... Date

Deadline for Entry

Once we have received your team payment and registered your entry you will receive further detailed information.

ENTRY FORM - EDINBURGH

DEADLINE : FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017

Following payment by bank transfer for team please find details for entry into the following division (circle/mark as appropriate)

Mixed Beginners

Mixed Intermediate Grade 1

Mixed Intermediate Grade 2

Mixed Intermediate Grade 3

Men's Beginners

Men's Intermediate Grade 1

Men's Open

Ladies Beginners

Ladies Open

Please note that we will only run any Men's & Ladies leagues if there are more than 4 team entries per league

Following payment by bank transfer for team name :

Please find details for entry into the (name league category you wish entry into ie Mixed 1) :

Team Name:

Captain's name:

Address:

Email:

Tel Day:

Tel Evening:

Mobile:

Vice Captain's name:

Address:

Email:

Tel Day:

Tel Evening:

Mobile:

Nominated Referee:

Nominated Referee's email:

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As soon as payment has been made please send or email completed registration forms and application form as soon as possible to:

Touch Co-ordinator, Big Blue, 11 Stanley Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4SE. Email: wiki@bigbluepr.co.uk.

This will help us to match your payment with your application in order for your team entry to be processed. You will not receive a written confirmation of your entry until after the closing deadline.

Team Registration Form (must be completed and returned via email or post with application)

This data will be used for the purposes of the Touch League and players will only receive information re the League and from its Official Partners. If you do not wish to receive information please inform your Team Captain and state below which players do not wish to receive offers etc :

Player Name:

Email:

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