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## WELCOME

We are excited to be bringing a major canoe polo competition back to the UK and to host the best domestic teams from across Europe. Our home canoe polo facility in Nottingham marks a significant investment in developing our infrastructure for large scale competitions and we hope you enjoy the pitches.

Nottingham sits in the middle of the UK surrounded by beautiful countryside and historic towns and cities. We hope that you can use this opportunity not only to compete at the highest level against friends old and new but to explore this part of our country.

We look forward to welcoming you in September!  
The Organizing Committee

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## KEY DATES

Saturday 14th July	Preliminary Entry Deadline	8 weeks to go
Friday 4th August	Bulletin 2	5 weeks to go
Saturday 11th August	<b>Final Entry Deadline</b>	4 weeks to go
Monday 13th August	Entries confirmed within 48 hours of receipt	
Saturday 25th August	Programme to be distributed	
Wednesday 5th September	Bulletin 3	48 hours to go

## SITE LOCATION AND FACILITIES



Our recently established home venue sits alongside the regatta lake at the National Watersports Centre in [Holme Pierrepont Country Park](#):

British Canoeing Canoe Polo Pitches,  
Holme Pierrepont,  
Nottingham, NG12 2LD



We have 4 fully surrounded game pitches with entry access under pontoon bridges and a warm up pitch. Spectators will be able to watch from a banked shoreline along the length of the pitches.



Competitor changing and showering facilities will be provided along with food stalls on site. There will be catering packages available for breakfast, lunch and dinner; more information to be released in the next bulletin.

There is a large parking area with additional overflow parking along the entrance road. A boat park will be used to secure competitors' equipment overnight.

## **WEATHER**

September presents a generally sunny climate with an average temperature of 18°C (64°F), highs of around 20°C (67°F) and lows of 10°C (50°F). The average daily relative humidity is around 78%. The average monthly amount of precipitation is 21.4mm. The average daily wind speed in September is 14 km/h. On average visibility is 10km.

## CAMPING/ACCOMMODATION



Camping is available at the National Watersports Centre campsite: a 6 minute drive or 30 minute walk from the venue. This is an excellent campsite with hard standing pitches, electrical hook ups and recently refurbished shower facilities. There will be a free shuttle service between the camping and the pitches.



An area of the campsite will be reserved for our tournament. Pitched camping is available at €30 per person. This includes camping for any of the following nights: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>. Camping is payable alongside entry.

For those looking for a hotel there are a variety of options in the local area, not limited to:

[LAKESIDE ROOMS](#)

Located in the main Lakeside building at the other end of the regatta course, the 54 bedroom accommodation offers onsite rooms.

[THE GAMSTON LOCK LODGE](#)

27 room Lodge located 2 miles from the National Water Sports Centre.

In the wider area:

[CROWNE PLAZA](#)

[BEST WESTERN NOTTINGHAM CITY CENTRE](#)

[PARK PLAZA](#)

[HILTON NOTTINGHAM CITY CENTRE](#)

[MERCURE HOTEL](#)

[ST JAMES HOTEL](#)

[JURYS INN NOTTINGHAM](#)

[HOLIDAY INN NOTTINGHAM](#)

[PARK INN](#)

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### BY AIR

Recommended Airports	Distance	Time
<a href="#">East Midlands</a> EMA	27km	25mins
<a href="#">Birmingham</a> BHX	83km	60mins
<b>Other Airports</b>		
<a href="#">London Luton</a> LTN	160km	100mins
<a href="#">London Stansted</a> STN	185km	135mins
<a href="#">London Heathrow</a> LHR	205km	150mins

Car hire is available at all 5 airports.

Equipment transfer to the venue can be provided for any of these airports at cost. If you plan to fly we suggest finding flights to airports in the following order: 1) East Midlands, 2) Birmingham, 3) Luton, 4) Stansted, 5) Heathrow due to the increasing cost of transit to the venue. Please enquire with the [Competition Organiser](#) with your expected flight details for the most up to date information.

### BY ROAD



Ferry transport from mainland Europe - there are 3 common options:

- Calais to Dover: The busiest and cheapest route, a 1.5 hour crossing. [P&O](#), [DFDS](#)
- Dunkirk to Dover: [DFDS](#)
- Rotterdam to Hull: [P&O](#)



[The Eurotunnel](#) train is slightly faster but more expensive - Calais to Folkestone.

It is a 3.5 hour drive from Dover/Folkestone to the venue. As you approach Nottingham, follow the brown tourist signs for the National Water Sports Centre.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT** to/from Nottingham:

By Train: Nottingham Train station is a 10 minute taxi drive from the National Water Sport Centre.

By Bus: The number [11c](#) bus runs from the station to Nottingham city centre and train station to the National Water Sports Centre.

### **CURRENCY**

The currency used in the UK is the Pound Sterling £ (GBP).

## VISA QUERIES

The United Kingdom is currently still a member-state of European Union. The UK Embassy in your country will provide you with all detailed information about visa cards. You can find more details at [www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa).

Please inform us in advance not later than 15th July 2018 together with the Visa information if any of your team requires an entry visa. If you need an invitation letter, please contact [events@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:events@britishcanoeing.org.uk).

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

All participants are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

**COST:** €150 per team

**LEAGUES:** Men's League and Women's League

Entry form sent alongside this release. Please submit to [events@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:events@britishcanoeing.org.uk)  
Deadline for entry (including declaration of delegation details and team player lists) is **11/08/2018**.

## PAYMENT DETAILS:

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SWIFTBIC: BARCGB22  
IBAN: GB87 BARC 2063 3393 3161 57

Please reference as: POLO CC COUNTRYCODE (e.g POLO CC ITA)

## BRITISH OPEN INVITATION

Teams are welcome to train on the days prior to the competition. The weekend before this European Club Champs the [British Open](#) tournament is being held (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>). This is an international competition open to any entries – we welcome any sides who wish to join us for the full week!

