

Venues for Ulster Hockey Schools and Club Cup Events 2018/19.

Ulster Hockey is seeking expressions of interest from organisations keen to host any key Ulster Hockey events during the season. The pages below outline the proposed dates of these events (which may be subject to change) and what (at this stage) is considered to be required. If your organisation wishes to express an interest in hosting one or more of these events please complete the Expression of Interest Form attached outlining the cost of venue hire, the type of pitch(es) that can be offered, how you can meet the requirements outlined below, the suitability of the venue to host a large crowd of spectators and offer a quality viewing experience and any additional information that you believe is relevant to this Expression of Interest.

In making decisions on the venues to be used, Ulster Hockey will take into consideration the following:

- the number and type of pitch(es), floodlighting etc, spectator facilities that can be offered by the venue;
- the cost of the pitch hire and the hire of any ancillary facilities that are required;
- the facilities and services that can be provided in addition to the pitch(es) and the impact on spectator experience;
- the opinion of sponsors in relation to the venue including venue location and the nature of the competition;
- feedback from the relevant Committees on the venue;
- A desire by Ulster Hockey to use a range of venues for its events in 2018/19.

Expressions of Interest must be received by the Ulster Hockey Office by 4.00pm on Monday 5th November 2018. Responses can be made by email to admin@ulsterhockey.com or by post/hand delivery to:

Ulster Hockey Union,
Unit 5G
Stirling House
Castlereagh Road Business Park
478 Castlereagh Road
Belfast BT5 6BQ

Club Competitions

Event	Proposed date and time (these may be subject due to change)	Venue Requirements (these may be subject to alteration)
Kirk Cup Semi-Finals	18 th November /25 th November - two matches back to back Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms; - PA system (desirable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Adequate car parking close to the pitch.
Denman Ulster Shield Semi finals	18 th December 2018 - two matches back to back Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms; - PA system (desirable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Adequate car parking close to the pitch.
Kirk Cup and Denman Ulster Shield Finals	26 th December – two matches back to back Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms; - PA system (desirable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Adequate car parking close to the pitch. - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.

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Senior Cup Semi – finals	18 th November 2018 Two matches back to back Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water/sand based pitch with floodlights, dug outs and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities close to or at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms. - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch.
Linden Cup Semi-finals	TBC (potentially two matches back to back) Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water/sand based pitch with floodlights, dug outs and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities close to or at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms. - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch.
Senior Cup and Linden Cup Finals	1st January 2019 Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water/sand based pitch with floodlights, dug outs and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities close to or at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms. - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch. - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.

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Junior League Cup Finals	27 th December 2018 – all day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two pitches sand/water based astroturf at same venue with floodlights, dug outs and technical tables; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms. - PA system (desirable). - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential) - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch. - Car parking close to the pitch - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.
Anderson Cup Semi-finals	TBC - two matches back to back Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities at the venue – to include neutral changing rooms; - PA system (desirable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Adequate car parking close to the pitch.

School Events

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McCullough Cup Final (Boys)	5 th /12 th December 2019 (possibly 17 th December for back up).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities at the venue; - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch – to be managed by venue owner; - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.
Belfast Telegraph Senior Schools Cup Semi Finals (Girls)	13 th February 2019 Two matches – staggered Timings 2.00pm and 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two pitches Water/sand based pitches with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table. - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - 4 Changing rooms at the venue; - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitches; - Car parking close to the pitch – to be managed by venue owner; - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.

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Belfast Telegraph Senior Schools Cup Final	6 th March 2019 2.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities at the venue; - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch; - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.
Girls Finals Week	11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 14 th March 2019 Matches usually take place at 1.00pm and 2.30pm on all days. Probably 3 out of the 4 days will be sufficient for all finals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two pitches sand/water astroturf with floodlights, dug outs and technical tables; - spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - changing facilities close to or at the venue; - PA system (preferable); - entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch; - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.
John Minnis Estate Agent Burney Cup Semi-Finals	TBC March 2019 (final scheduled for 21 st March) usually midweek two matches back to back 1.30pm and 3.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One water based astroturf pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - 4 Changing rooms at the venue; - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch – to be managed by venue owner; - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.

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John Minnis Estate Agent Burney Cup Final	Thursday 21 st March 2018 7.30pm match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water-based pitch with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard and technical table; - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing facilities close to or at the venue; - PA system (preferable); - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch; - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise; - Ability to host a dinner prior to the Final.
Boys' Cup Finals Day	27 th March 2019 - 4-6 finals to take place during the day – all day event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two pitches sand/water astroturf with floodlights, dug outs and technical tables; - spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - changing facilities close at the venue; - PA system (preferable); - entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential); - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch; - Car parking close to the pitch; - Covered area for Ulster Hockey to sell merchandise.
John Waring Tournament	10 th April 2019 – all day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two pitches Water/sand based astroturf with floodlights, dug outs, scoreboard. - Spectator facilities, including toilets and catering; - Changing rooms close at the venue for 6 teams. - PA system. - Entrance suitable for running a gate (some form of covering would be welcome but not essential) - Ability to put up Ulster Hockey banners on perimeter of pitch. - Car parking close to the pitch – to be managed by venue owner.