



# EQUESTRIAN

## SEASON'S INFORMATION 2008-09

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This pack contains an overview of the Equestrian season 2008-09. You are advised to keep this pack with you throughout the season to refer to when you have queries.

### Information Sources & Communication Lines

If you require further information throughout the year you must first contact your Athletic Union/Sports Office.

The BUCS Essentials is available at [www.bucs.org.uk](http://www.bucs.org.uk) on the second working day of each week and contains all important information regarding BUCS Events

The Equestrian webpage will also provide you with further information and news and can be found at [www.bucs.org.uk/equestrian](http://www.bucs.org.uk/equestrian)

Team Contact Details (Appendix 3) are required from each institution. Please ensure that the Team Contact Form has been completed in full and returned to the following people by no later than **23 October 2008**.

1. Caroline Chase - Sports Programme Manager – [caroline.chase@bucs.org.uk](mailto:caroline.chase@bucs.org.uk)
2. Each Athletic Union at the institutions that your team will be competing against.
3. Central information email – [0809@britishuniversityequestriansport.co.uk](mailto:0809@britishuniversityequestriansport.co.uk)

### Leagues

The Championship and Trophy leagues can be found within the Seasons Information Pack – Appendix 1 and 2. As a worst case scenario, those leagues that have only three teams in each league may be subject to change in the event of withdrawal of a team which would then leave a league with only two contesting teams.

### Regional Organisers

The 2008-2009 leagues have been split into six regions. Each region will have a Regional Organiser designated to it. This may or may not be the same person for the Championship and Trophy Leagues and may or may not be the same person as the previous year. The role of the Regional Organiser is to organise the Regional Round on the day of the competition only for both the Championship and Trophy qualifiers. You will be notified who your Regional Organiser is when you receive final information about the Regional Round.

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event & Venue
Deadline for completion 1 March 2009	Mini Leagues
Deadline for completion 1 January 2009	First Mini League Match
18 March 2009	Championship Regional Rounds
25 March 2009	Trophy Regional Rounds
15-17 April 2009	Team Trophy – Arena UK
15-17 April 2009	Team & Individual Championship – Arena UK

### Mini Leagues

All leagues for both the Championship and Trophy competitions must be completed by **Sunday 1 March 2009**. Any match that takes place after this date will be void. Each Institution must complete one match by **1 January 2009**

Further information on how your matches should run is available on the BUCS website at [www.bucs.org.uk/equestrian](http://www.bucs.org.uk/equestrian)

### All Regional Rounds

The dates for Regional Rounds will be as follows:

19 March 2009 – Championship

26 March 2009 – Trophy

### Qualification to Regional and National rounds

Championships – the team with the most points from the league, plus the best two other individuals (i.e. not on the qualifying team) will advance to the Regional round. The winning team plus the best three other individuals at the regional round will advance to the National Championship Final. In addition, up to three extra individuals will qualify directly to the National Championship Final from the individual regional round.

Trophy Finals – the team with the most points from the league matches will qualify directly to the National Trophy Final.

### Rules & Regulations

When participating in BUCS Competitions you must ensure you are aware of the Rules and Regulations to which you are competing, there may have been a number of changes to the regulation since last season. You should be aware of the following regulations:

BUCS General Regulations – these relate to all sports.

BUCS Sports Specific Regulations – these relate to Equestrian only and are attached to this pack.

## Results

To comply with regulations all results must be forwarded within one week of the fixture to [caroline.chase@bucs.org.uk](mailto:caroline.chase@bucs.org.uk) and the central results service at [results@britishuniversityequestriansport.co.uk](mailto:results@britishuniversityequestriansport.co.uk)

ALL results will be checked in the same week that they have been sent and you will be notified whether they are correct or not. ALL results will remain provisional, including regional results, until they have been confirmed as correct. Results will not be checked unless the score sheet is completed correctly. A copy of the League and Regional Scoresheets are included in Appendix 5.

Results from BUCS Equestrian Championships will be circulated within the BUCS Essentials and posted on [www.bucs.org.uk/equestrian](http://www.bucs.org.uk/equestrian)

Your performances in BUCS Competitions will contribute to your institutions points tally in the BUCS Overall Championships. You can view the Overall Table throughout the year at [www.bucs.org.uk/overallpoints](http://www.bucs.org.uk/overallpoints)

The way in which these points are allocated can be viewed on the BUCS website.

## Sports Management Group (SMG)

The SMG is responsible for the development of Equestrian and offers technical advice to the BUCS Sports Programme Manager throughout the season. The SMG members for the 2008-2009 season are:

Hannah Westropp	SMG Chair
Christine Wright	Performance Manager
Victoria Underwood	NGB Representative
Katie Stephens	AIEC National Responsible
Caroline Chase	BUCS Sports Programme Manager

## Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) is a government funded scheme to help talented athletes who wish to progress with a formal academic programme but maintain an involvement in performance sport.

Please note that Equestrian is a TASS sport and as a result all TASS funded scholar athletes are encouraged to compete for their institution in the BUCS programme if the event is identified as part of their individual competition programme. All TASS athletes are expected to apply for selection for the Great Britain Team at the World University Equestrian Championships.

For further information go to: [www.tass.gov.uk](http://www.tass.gov.uk)

## Appendices

1. Championship Leagues
2. Trophy Leagues
3. Team Contact details
4. Rules & Regulations
5. League and Regional Scoring Sheets – *Coming Soon*
6. League Dressage Test
7. Regional Dressage Test
8. Labels – Print off to use as identification for Horse and Rider instead of names.