



INVITATION FOR THE
UEC BMX EUROPEAN CUP

MANCHESTER

BMX



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Introduction

Manchester, an international city with a global sporting, music and cultural reputation, looks forward to welcoming the European BMX family to the National Cycling Centre at Sportcity for the city's first ever UEC BMX European Cup.

The event is being staged by Manchester City Council (MCC) in co-operation with the British Cycling Federation (BCF) who are headquartered at the National Cycling Centre. MCC has retained Sport Event Solutions Ltd., a vastly experienced sport event management company, to deliver the event on their behalf.

A favourite European tourism destination Manchester is easily reached by air, sea and road and for more information about how to make the most of your visit to the city please go to:

www.visitmanchester.com

The Sportcity complex is located in East Manchester, just 3km (2 miles) from the city centre and the mainline railway station at Manchester Piccadilly and includes:

- Manchester City FC's Etihad Stadium and Academy
- National Cycling Centre
- National Squash Centre
- Regional Athletics Centre (including indoor athletics facility)
- English Institute of Sport
- Indoor Tennis Centre.

Originally opened in 1995, the National Cycling Centre comprised the UK's first permanent indoor velodrome and has subsequently hosted the UCI World Track Cycling Championships on three occasions.

In 2011 the NCC was extended to include a new £20 million (€28 million) indoor BMX facility. The 2,000 seat indoor BMX Centre has quickly established an enviable international reputation and now hosts an annual UCI SuperX World Cup Series event.

For more event information go to www.eurobmx.eu

Contact Information

Venue:

National Cycling Centre, Stuart Street, Sportcity, Manchester M11 4DQ

Contact for local organisation:

Peter KNOWLES, Event Director E: peter@sporteventsolutions.com

Event website:

www.eurobmx.eu

UEC Technical Delegate:

Jolanda POLKAMP E: jolandapolkamp@gmail.com

UEC Registration:

Rene NICOLAS E: bmx.europe@orange.fr

Travel to Manchester

The city is easily reached by air, train, ferry and road as follows:

By Air

One of the world's busiest international airports Manchester has direct flights to over 200 destinations worldwide.

The airport is served by a number of European low cost carriers e.g. Easyjet, Jet2, Flybe and Monarch and is situated just 15km from the city centre and 18km from the venue. There is a direct public transport link from the railway station at the airport to the venue by the city's Metrolink rapid transit system (one change of trains required). Journey time: 45mins.

By Train from Europe

Take direct Eurostar train from Paris, Lille or Brussels to London. Travel time: Approx 2hrs.

The Eurostar arrives at London St Pancras station and this is only a short walk from London Euston station (800m) which is the departure station for inter-city trains from London to Manchester Piccadilly.

The travel time from London to Manchester is approx. 2hrs and upon arrival in Manchester Piccadilly, there is a direct Metrolink tram service from Manchester Piccadilly to the venue (look for station 'Velopark' on the Ashton line). Travel time: 10 minutes.

This means European visitors can travel direct from Paris, Lille or Brussels to the venue in Manchester with just one change of stations in London.

By Ferry and Road from Europe

Cross Channel Ferries from Calais arriving at Dover

Manchester is 480km (300 miles) from Dover. The best motorway route to Manchester city centre is M20, M23, M25, M40, M6, M62, M621 and the travel time will generally be 4-6hrs dependent upon time of day.

P&O Ferries (overnight) from Rotterdam and Zeebrugge arriving at Hull

Manchester is 160km (100 miles) from Hull via the M62, M60 and M621 and the travel time is approx. 2hrs dependent upon time of day.

Upon arrival in Manchester follow signs for 'Sportcity'.

By Ferry and Road from Ireland

There are a number of routes from Ireland giving easy access to Manchester as follows:

<u>Ferry Company</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Distance to Manchester</u>
Irish Ferries	Dublin to Holyhead, Anglesey	200km (125 miles)
P&O Ferries	Dublin to Liverpool	56km (35 miles)
P&O Ferries	Larne to Stranraer	370km (230 miles)
StenaLine	Belfast to Stranraer	370km (230 miles)

Pre-event Race Information:

Classes

Championship	Elite Men, Elite Women Junior Men (17 & 18yrs), Junior Women (17 & 18yrs)
Challenge	Girls: 8yrs & under, 9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13/14yrs, 15/16yrs Women: 17yrs+ Boys: 8yrs & under, 9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13/14yrs, 15/16yrs Men: 17/24yrs and 25yrs+
	<u>Cruisers</u>
	Men: 17/29yrs, 30/39yrs, 40/44yrs, 45yrs+ Women: 17yrs+ (combined class)

Registration and Entries

All registrations & payments take place through each National BMX Federation (NF) and registrations should be sent before the deadline fixed by each NF using the entry form attached.

National Federations should email their registrations to:

Rene NICOLAS: bmxeurope@orange.fr

It is possible for a National Federation to enter after the closing date and until the 14th October with the agreement of the UEC Technical Delegate and upon payment of double the relevant entry fee. These entry fees to be paid at the Registration Desk upon arrival at the venue.

Please note that any fees due for payment at the event must be paid in cash – either € or GBP (£). No other currency will be accepted.

Entry Fees

Registration / entry fees are as follows:

Note: 1 entry fee provides entry for 1 day's competition, 2 entry fees per rider are required for entry into both days of competition.

Championship Classes:

Elite: €59.00 per entry

Juniors: €37.00 per entry

Challenge Classes:

All €29.00 per entry

Payment of Entry Fees

National BMX Federations should transfer payment of their entries to:

Account Name: Sport Event Solutions Ltd
IBAN Number: GB57 BARC 2011 8883 6396 22
Swift Code: BARCGB22
Sort Code: 20 – 11 – 88

Account Number: 83 63 96 22
Bank: Barclays, Brook Street, ILKLEY, UK
REFERENCE: 'UEC BMX Entry' + Country Code e.g 'GBR'

Closing date for payment: 05 October 2015

Chefs d'Equipe should bring confirmation of their payment with them when they pick up their riders packages on Friday 16th October.

Please note that any fees due for payment at the event must be paid in cash – either € or GBP (£). No other currency will be accepted.

At Event Race Information:

Team Registration

On arrival at the National Cycling Centre on Friday 16th October all Chefs d'Equipe should go directly to Registration Control in the Harris Suite. This will be clearly signposted.

At Registration Control Chefs d'Equipe will be provided with:

- Wristbands for their riders to provide access to the track, first call room and UEC Team Area (UEC Registered Teams only);
- **Latest competition update e.g. competition schedule, cancellations, late entries.**

UEC Registered Teams will also receive:

- Vehicle Pass for entry to UEC Team Area;
- Two (2) entry passes for the track area.

Rider Registration

On arrival at the National Cycling Centre riders should check-in with their own Chef d'Equipe who will provide them with their wristbands for entry to the track.

Number plates and side (lateral) plates

The organisation will NOT provide either number plates or side (lateral) plates. Riders should bring their own plates in accordance with the rules.

Bike Storage

This will be provided inside the UEC Team Area for UEC Registered Teams. For all other riders covered bike storage will be provided within the First Call tented area.

Riders should bring a lock to have their BMX bike secured safely.

Jerseys

ALL RIDERS (both Championship and Challenge) MUST WEAR **either** a clearly visible national flag of their country on both shoulders **or** the national jersey of their country, otherwise they will not be allowed to start.

The Rules

The provisions of the latest version of the UCI's BMX Rule Book apply with a few amendments as follows:

Short Pants

These are allowed provided they are used together with knee and shin protection with a rigid surface that extends from the knee protection to fully cover the shin until just above the ankle. Regardless of the above the UEC BMX Commission strongly recommends the use of long pants for safety reasons.

Jeans

These are NOT allowed in any class.

Clip Pedals

Riders aged 13yrs and older ARE allowed to use clip pedals.

Front and side plates

These should be in accordance with 6.1.072 of the UCI BMX Rule Book. Since photo-finish is in operation each bike entered into competition MUST display a lateral (side) number plate located just behind the steer tube. The number shall be black on a white background with a minimum height of 8cm and a width of 1cm.

Rider Numbers

Riders must display the number assigned to them. This should be the UCI career number, if any, for elite classes or the International European Number assigned by the UEC Race Administrator. **Please note:**

- **NEW race numbers will be issued according to the results of the 2015 World and European Championships.**
- **The list of entrants with their international number will be published on the UEC website as from Monday 5th October.**

It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure that they have the correct number on their plates. An incorrect number or no number means that a rider will not be allowed to start.

Numbers on Jerseys

Elite riders without a permanent UCI career number MUST NOT print a number on the back of their jersey. ALL RIDERS (both Championship and Challenge) MUST WEAR **either** a clearly visible national flag of their country on both shoulders **or** the national jersey of their country, otherwise they will not be allowed to start.

If a Championship rider is the **2015** National Champion in their class they MUST WEAR **either:**

- the jersey awarded by their National BMX Federation;
- a replica of that jersey with sponsor identity/publicity in the spaces allowed by the regulations;
- their normal jersey with the left sleeve designed to look like the flag of their country.

Competition Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
Friday 16 th October	10:00 – 16:00	Chefs d'Equipe to Registration Control Location: Harris Suite
	13:00 – 15:30	Gate Practice: All Championship Classes Elite Men & Women Junior Men & Women
	15:30 – 18:00	Gate Practice: All Challenge Classes including Cruisers (24")
	16:30	Chefs d'Equipe Meeting Location: Harris Suite
	18:00 – 18:40 19:00 – 22:00 (approx)	Championship Classes Warm up Championship Class Round 9 Three heats for all classes followed by finals. Victory (Award) Ceremonies to take place immediately after finals.
Saturday 17 th October	From 08:00	All Challenge Classes Warm up / Gate Bloc 1 3 heats Bloc 1 Warm up / Gate Bloc 2 3 heats Bloc 2 Finals Blocs 1 & 2 Prize Award Ceremonies
	18:00 – 18:40 19:00 – 22:00 (approx.)	Championship Classes Warm up Championship Class Round 10 Three heats for all classes followed by finals. Victory (Award) Ceremonies to take place immediately after finals. Overall Award Ceremonies to take place after Round 10 Victory Ceremonies.
Sunday 18 th October	From 08:00	All Challenge Classes Warm up / Gate Bloc 1 3 heats Bloc 1 Warm up / Gate Bloc 2 3 heats Bloc 2 Finals Blocs 1 & 2 Prize Award Ceremonies

Prize Money & Trophies

Championship Classes

Prize money will be awarded in accordance with the schedule below:

	Elite Men	Elite Women	Junior Men	Junior Women
Position	€ per round	€ per round	€ per round	€ per round
1 st	1,350	800	600	400
2 nd	670	400	350	200
3 rd	330	230	160	100
4 th	300	170	130	80
5 th	250	150	120	70
6 th	210	100	100	60
7 th	170	80	80	50
8 th	120	70	60	40

Positions 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded on the victory podium immediately after the finals.

All finalists should collect their prize monies at the OC Office close to the finish line by showing their UCI license.

Challenge Classes (including Cruisers)

All eight finalists will receive a trophy. Positions 1st, 2nd and 3rd will receive their trophies on the victory podium immediately after the finals.

Positions 4th – 8th will be presented with their trophies immediately at the end of their final.

Overall Awards

UEC BMX European Cup 2015 Team Ranking

These will be awarded to team coaches and a maximum 4 riders in each team after the victory ceremonies for the Championship Classes on Sunday 18th October.

The UEC BMX Commission will award trophies to the first three teams and one medal to each rider of the team (max 4) as follows:

- 1st ranked team GOLD medals
- 2nd ranked team SILVER medals
- 3rd ranked team BRONZE medals

UEC BMX European Cup 2015 Individual Ranking

These will be awarded to the top three riders in each Championship Class immediately after the victory ceremonies for Round 10 of the Championship Classes on Sunday 18th October.

Prize monies will be paid by the UEC directly through the riders' National BMX Federation.

Team Areas

For UEC Registered Teams

Each UEC Registered Team that wants a 6m x 3m space in the UEC Team Area has to book a team place before the event at a cost of € 150 (GBP 110).

The UEC Team Area will be located on a hard surfaced car park very close (adjacent) to the BMX track, the First Call Area and the rear entrance to the National Cycling Centre (see 'Team Area A' on the venue plan).

No cars will be allowed to park in the UEC Team Area and Chefs d'Equipe will be given a UEC Team Area Vehicle Entry Pass at Registration Control on Friday 16th October.

One parking spot per team will be provided on Car Park C within the NCC complex, closest to the rear entrance to the National Cycling Centre and around 250m from the UEC Team Area.

Hours of entrance for team vehicles into the UEC Team Area are as follows:

Friday 16 th October:	10:00 – 15:00 and after the Round 9 Finals (approx. 22:00)
Saturday 17 th October:	07:00 – 08:00 and after the Round 10 Finals (approx. 22:00)
Sunday 18 th October:	07:00 – 08:00 and after the end of racing (approx. 16:00)

To book your space please:

1. Complete the UEC Team Area Booking Form attached and return to: peter@sporteventsolutions.com. This booking form can also be downloaded from the event website at www.eurobmx.eu.
2. Pay online as below.

The closing date for booking and being guaranteed a space in the UEC Team Area is Monday 5th October 2015. The booking form must be received and payment made by this date.

Non-UEC Registered Teams

6m x 3m team spaces are also available for non-UEC Registered Teams in Team Area B (see venue plan). These have to be booked before the event at a cost of € 200 (GBP 145).

Team Area B is located on a hard surfaced car park within the National Cycling Centre complex and approx. 100m from the rear entrance to the Centre. One car parking space per team will be provided immediately adjacent to each 6m x 3m team space.

To book your space please:

1. Complete the Non-UEC Registered Team Area Booking Form attached and return to: peter@sporteventsolutions.com. This booking form can also be downloaded from the event website at www.eurobmx.eu.
2. Pay online as below.

The closing date for booking and being guaranteed a space in Team Area B is Monday 5th October 2015. The booking form must be received and payment made by this date.

Payment of Team Area Booking Fees

National BMX Federations wanting to book a space in either the UEC Team Area or Team Area B should transfer payment of their fees to:

For GBP (Sterling) payments within the UK

Account Name: Sport Event Solutions Ltd
Sort Code: 20 – 11 – 88
Account Number: 43 28 75 05
Bank: Barclays, Brook Street, ILKLEY, UK
REFERENCE: 'UEC BMX Team' + Country Code e.g. 'GBR' or Team Name

For Euro payments from outside the UK

Account Name: Sport Event Solutions Ltd
IBAN Number: GB57 BARC 2011 8883 6396 22
Swift Code: BARCGB22
Sort Code: 20 – 11 – 88
Account Number: 83 63 96 22
Bank: Barclays, Brook Street, ILKLEY, UK
REFERENCE: 'UEC BMX Team' + Country Code e.g. 'GBR' or Team Name

Latest payment date for guaranteed space: **05 October 2015.**

Please note that any fees due for payment at the event must be paid in cash – either € or GBP (£). No other currency will be accepted.

Accommodation and Camping

Camping

Camping on the NCC car parks or any adjacent grounds is absolutely forbidden.

The UEC BMX EuroCup camp site is situated 1km from the National Cycling Centre (NCC) within the grounds of Manchester City Football Club's Etihad Campus and will be available for caravans, camper-vans and tents.

The camp site offers 150 spaces with temporary toilets and waste disposal facilities provided. Please note:

- This area is a rough hard standing area used as a media car park by the football club.
- **No electricity supply is available.**
- Showers will be provided in the adjacent Tennis Centre or at the BMX venue.
- Fresh water will be available from an external supply at the adjacent Tennis Centre.
- There is an ASDA supermarket and McDonalds restaurant within 400m of the site.
- The campsite will be open from 3pm (15:00hrs) on Thursday 15th October until 12:00 noon on Monday 19th October.

The cost is € 80 (GBP £55) per area and ***spaces will be sold on a strictly first come, first served basis.***

To book your pitch please:

1. Complete the Campsite Booking Form attached and return to peter@sporteventsolutions.com. This booking form can also be downloaded from the event website at www.eurobmx.eu.
2. Pay online as below.

Payment of Camping Fees

Persons wanting to book a pitch should transfer payment to the organisers as below:

For GBP (Sterling) payments within the UK

Account Name: Sport Event Solutions Ltd
Sort Code: 20 – 11 – 88
Account Number: 43 28 75 05
Bank: Barclays, Brook Street, ILKLEY, UK
REFERENCE: 'UEC BMX Camp' + Family Name

For € (Euro) payments from outside the UK

Account Name: Sport Event Solutions Ltd
IBAN Number: GB57 BARC 2011 8883 6396 22
Swift Code: BARCGB22
Sort Code: 20 – 11 – 88
Account Number: 83 63 96 22
Bank: Barclays, Brook Street, ILKLEY, UK
REFERENCE: 'UEC BMX Camp' + Family Name

Latest payment date for guaranteed space: **05 October 2015.**

Hotels

Manchester has an extensive range of hotel accommodation to suit all budgets but the city is very busy over the weekend of the event and to help UEC BMX European Cup participants the Organising Committee has secured accommodation at two hotels as below:

OPTION 1: HOLIDAY INN, MANCHESTER OLDHAM ROAD

This 3 star Holiday Inn hotel is located just two km (3 miles) from the competition venue and 4km (2.5 miles) from the city centre. It provides a very good standard of accommodation with excellent restaurant and bar facilities. The hotel offers free parking and bike storage. It is five minutes' drive from the National Cycling Centre.



SHARING TWIN ROOM	£49.00 per person, per night
SINGLE ROOM	£89.00 per person, per night

OPTION 2: PARK INN, MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE

SHARING TWIN ROOM	£49.00 per person, per night
SINGLE ROOM	£95.00 per person, per night

All rates above include

- Accommodation
- Buffet breakfast
- All local taxes
- Wi-Fi

INTERESTED?

Please complete & return the attached accommodation booking form as soon as possible. This form can also be downloaded from the website at

www.eurobmx.eu

Tickets

The indoor BMX Centre at the NCC has a maximum capacity of 1,800 and for health and safety reasons the Organising Committee must be able to control admissions.

With over 1,200 riders anticipated and significant public interest, demand for tickets is expected to be very strong and to avoid disappointment 'friends and family' are advised to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

Tickets are available as follows:

Three Day (All Sessions) Pass	£25
Weekend (Saturday and Sunday) Pass	£18
Championship Round 9, Friday 16 th October (19:00hrs, 7pm)	£12
Championship Round 10, Saturday 17 th October (19:00hrs, 7pm)	£12

To buy tickets go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/bmxeurocup

Please note:

- i) Tickets can only be purchased in GB Pounds. 1 GBP = 1.4 Euros (approx.).
- ii) A valid ticket is required for entry to the BMX venue. No ticket – no entry!
- iii) Children under 6yrs of age are FREE. However we reserve the right to ask for proof of age at entry to the venue.
- iv) No ticket is required for general access to the National Cycling Centre and use of the public catering and retail facilities etc.
- v) **We cannot guarantee the availability of tickets for purchase at the NCC on the event days as these may be sold out before the event.**

Other Information

Catering

There is a 150 seat café within the National Cycling Centre (NCC) serving both hot and cold food and there is also an ASDA supermarket (with café) and a McDonalds restaurant both with a very short walk of the NCC (approx. 400m).

Retail Opportunities

We welcome retailers as part of the show and are able to offer a space within a commercial area to be located on a public concourse immediately in front of the main entrance to the National Cycling Centre where maximum footfall is guaranteed.

Interested retailers should contact the Event Director, Peter Knowles, to discuss space and service requirements, costs etc.

Contact details: peter@sporteventsolutions.com

Media

Persons requiring press accreditation should contact Andrew Matthews as below.

Contact details: andrew@sporteventsolutions.com

Please provide:

- Full Name
- Media organisation
- Website
- Press card as an attachment.

Medical

Comprehensive medical services will be provided on site throughout the event and the anticipated nominated hospitals are as follows:

Neurological

Salford Royal Hospital, Stott Lane, SALFORD M6 8HD

Tel: +44 (0)161 780 7373

Accident & Emergency

Manchester Royal Infirmary (MRI), Oxford road, Manchester M13 9WL

Tel: +44 (0)161 276 1234

Transfer to hospital will be at the discretion of the medical provider and both hospitals are within 10-20 minutes drive time of the National Cycling Centre (traffic dependent).

Anti-Doping (Doping Control)

As per the technical regulations, doping control for the Championship classes is at the discretion of the national federation and British Cycling has confirmed that testing will take place at this event, to be carried out by UKAD (United Kingdom Anti-Doping - www.ukad.org.uk).

The doping control suite will be located in an accredited area and be signposted from the finish line. Riders are reminded that it is their responsibility to report to doping control if required.

Anti-Doping HOTLINE

+44 (0)800 032 2332

Liability

Sport Event Solutions Ltd, Manchester City Council, British Cycling Federation and the National Cycling Centre accept no liability for thefts or damage occurring on the site, in the car parks or on the campsite over the period of the event.



ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

UEC BMX European Cup MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th October 2015

To make your reservation, please complete the booking form below, circling your requirements where necessary:

LEAD NAME:	COUNTRY:
ADDRESS:	
	POSTCODE:
TEL:	EMAIL:

PLEASE MARK YOUR PREFERRED ACCOMMODATION OPTION WITH AN X:

HOLIDAY INN MANCHESTER

PARK INN MANCHESTER

PLEASE CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF EACH ROOM TYPE REQUIRED:

ROOM TYPE: SINGLE DOUBLE (2 persons, 1 bed) TWIN (2 persons, 2 beds)

Would you like to add meals for all guests?

Lunch Dinner

Arrival Date: WED 14th OCT THU 15th OCT FRI 16th OCT OTHER
Departure Date: SUN 18th OCT MON 19th OCT TUE 20th OCT OTHER

Payments can be made by BACS or Credit Card, BACS details attached.

Payments by credit card are subject to a 2.5% handling fee.

Should you wish to pay by credit card please fill in your details below:

CARD TYPE: VISA CREDIT MASTERCARD VISA DEBIT AMEX

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRY DATE:

START DATE or ISSUE NUMBER:

3 DIGIT SECURITY NUMBER FROM REVERSE OF CARD:

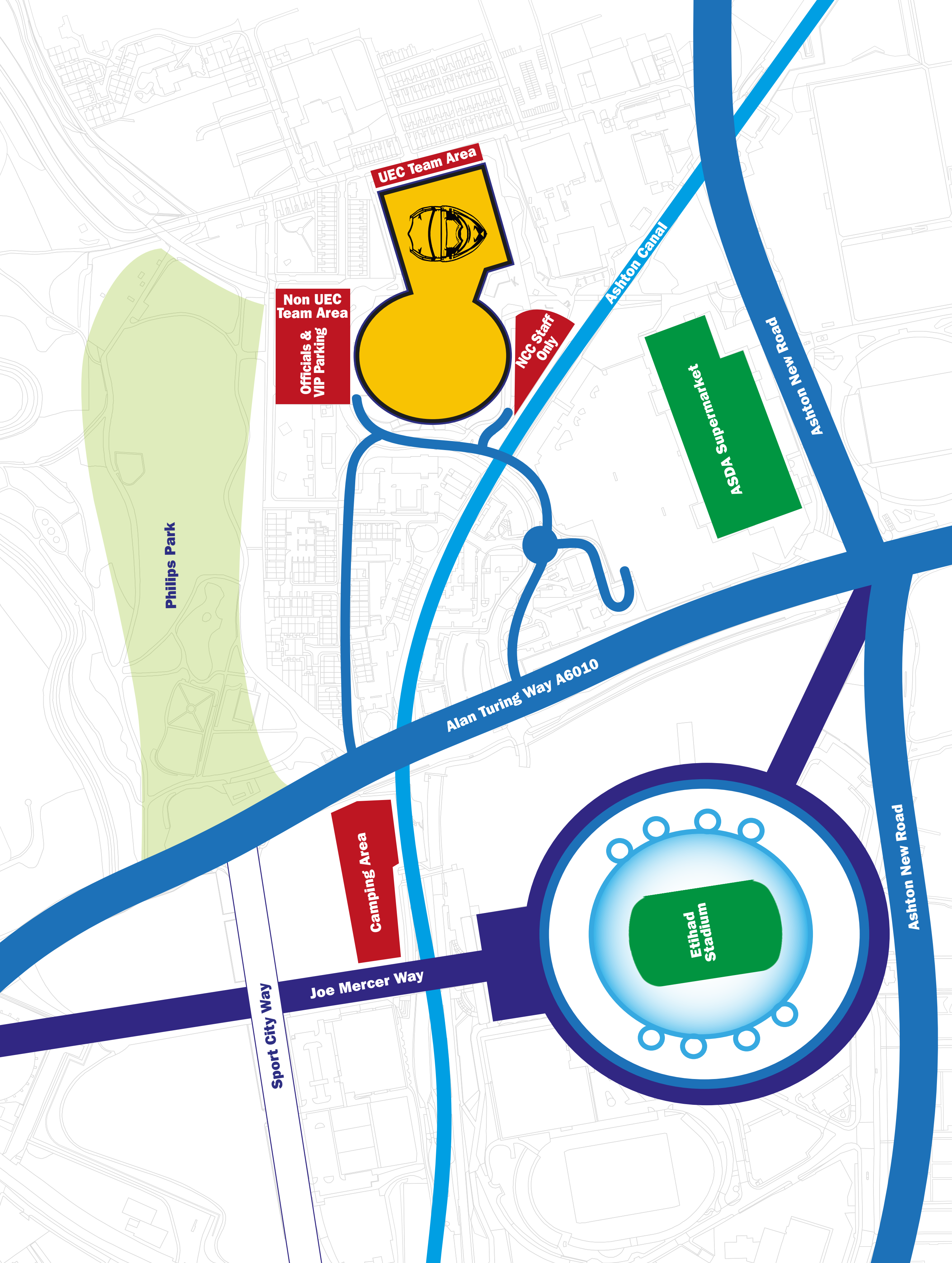
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Cancellations must be made in writing.

Please note that cancellations received after Monday 28th September are strictly non-refundable

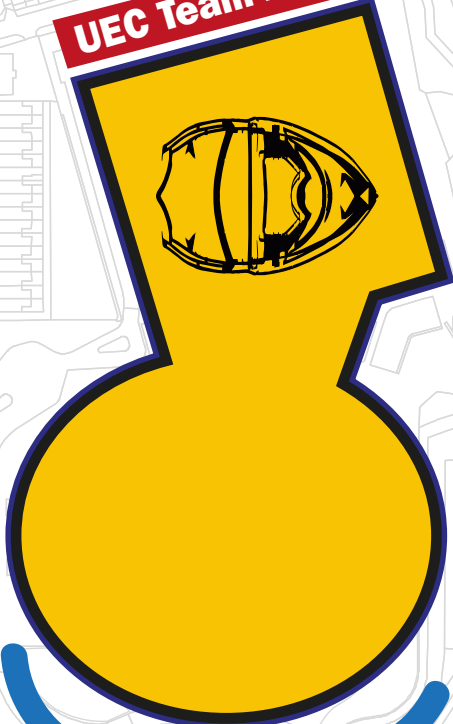
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Corporate & Sporting Events, Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, Birmingham B42 2LR
Tel: 0121 647 4090 Fax: 0121 647 4099 E: mel.applewhaite@cseplc.com



UEC Team Area

**Non UEC
Team Area
Officials &
VIP Parking**

**NCC Staff
Only**



Ashton Canal

Ashton New Road

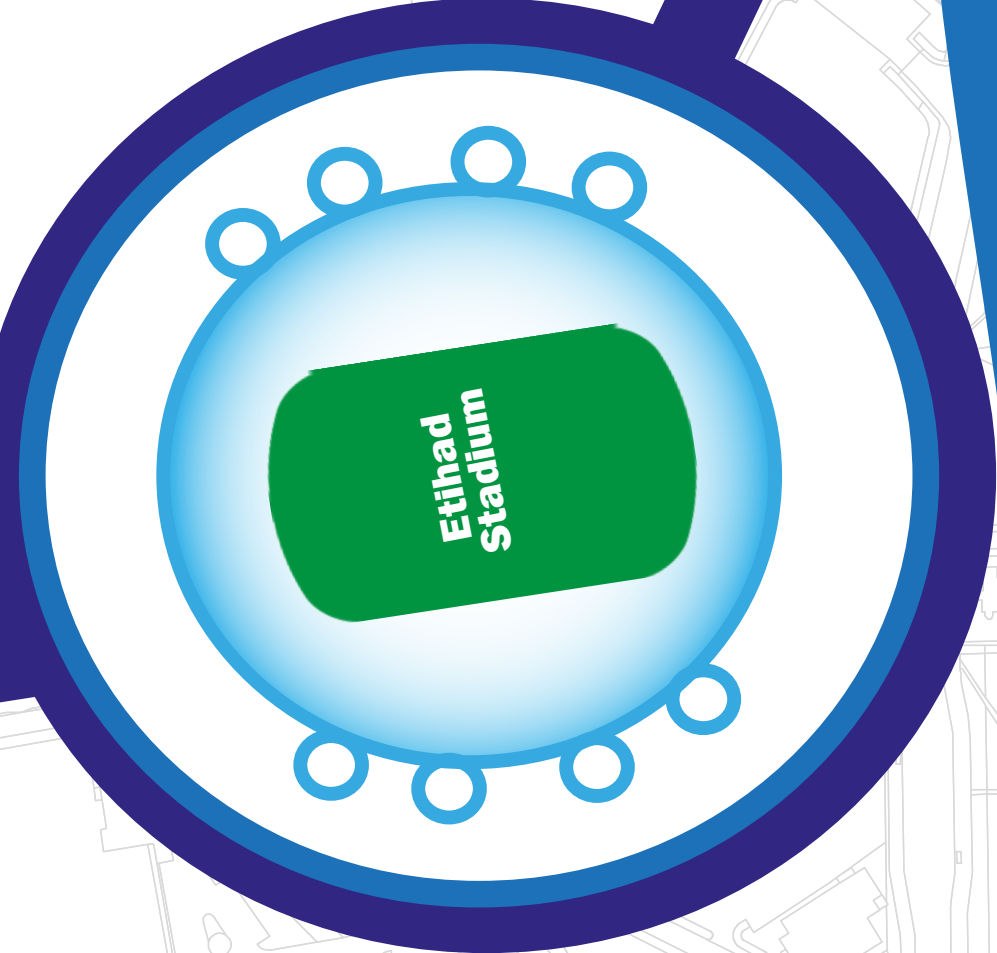
ASDA Supermarket

Philips Park

Alan Turing Way A6010

Ashton New Road

Camping Area



**Etihad
Stadium**

Joe Mercer Way

Sport City Way