

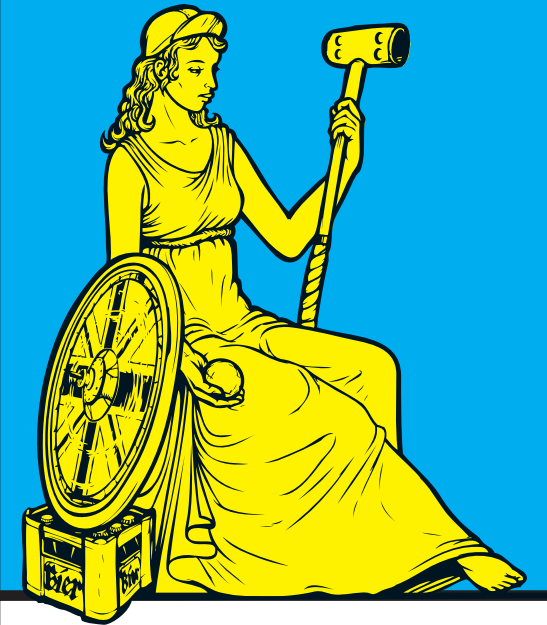
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LONDON HARDCOURT BIKE POLO ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

LONDON OPEN BIKE POLO TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST 2010



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WELCOME

We (The London Hardcourt Bike Polo Association) would like to thank you for deciding to compete in the London Open, our new annual bike polo tournament.

Bike polo has moved on from its grass roots and is now spreading rapidly. In June 2008 there were around 50 cities playing hardcourt bike polo as we now know it. There are now over 220 cities, with an average of two new cities registering a new bike polo scene every week.

We estimate there are currently over 4,600 dedicated bike polo players globally with around a further 20,000 players that play bike polo less frequently.

The LHBPA would like to continue London's legacy from the Euros last year and long term, would like to develop the London Open so that it can always be an uncapped bike polo tournament, despite the number of teams wanting to play.

We hope you have a great time and enjoy the tournament, feel free to pass on any feedback for next year and if you have any problems during this tournament then grab an official and let us know.

Thanks,

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SCHEDULE

Friday:

1pm - 7pm: Downham throw-ins and BBQ (all proceeds go towards the London Open).

7pm - 10pm: Registration at Look Mum No Hands (LMNH on the map) with free beer so come early.

Saturday:

8am - 9am: Tourney setup for volunteers.

9am - 10am: Players to arrive at Newington (late registrations and rules overview).

10am: First preliminary round polo games start (no-shows result in a forfeited game).

Late: Tourney take-down for volunteers.

Saturday evening: We will be heading to a few different pubs and bars, but courts will also be flood-lit until midnight. There is no official evening event, but you are expected to party hard ...not drinking is cheating.

Sunday:

9am - 10am: Tourney setup for volunteers.

10am: 32 team double-elim polo games start (no-shows result in a forfeited game).

Dusk: Results announced and prize giving.

Late: Tourney take-down for volunteers.

Sunday evening: Courts flood-lit until midnight.

BADGES

Your players pack should have contained three pin badges. These badges will give you reduced rates in local shops and businesses, we will have a list of these offers on-site on Saturday.

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Thanks also go to **Look Mum No Hands** for the free beers and registration venue. Also, **Bicycle Images** for the event photography (you will be able to find high-res shots of the whole event at www.bicycleimages.com)

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