



2023 IBTF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & NATION'S CUP, LIVERPOOL

4TH – 13TH AUGUST '23

Competition Host – is **United Twirl England** (the organisation formed by the merger of BBTSA & NBTA England). The UTE website is at: www.worldbaton2023.com

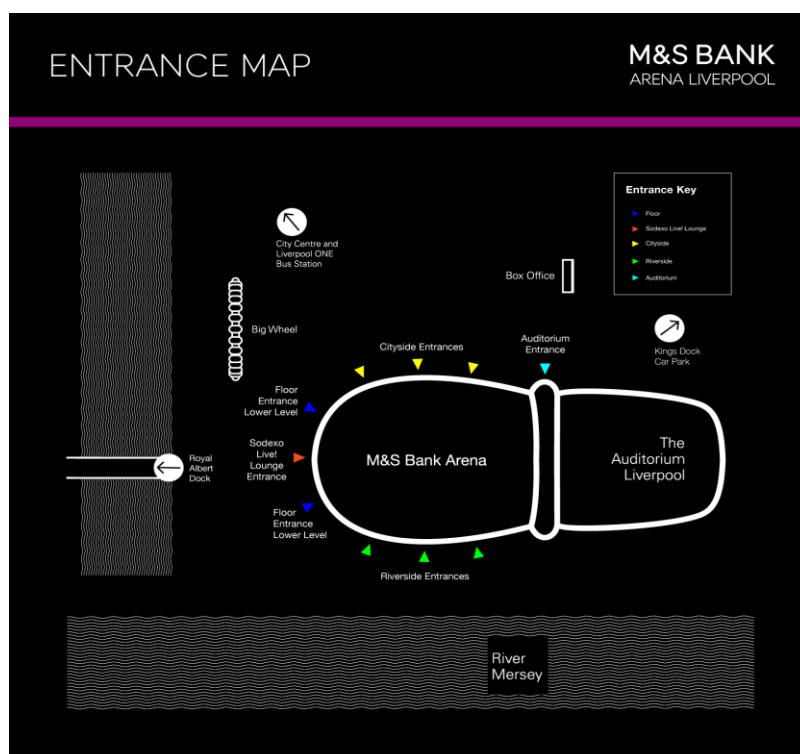
Travel - Coach / Bus Hire

When booking any transfers required to and from airports or training halls, please do so via the on-line booking form on the UTE website, in order to get a discount.

Competition Venue / M&S Bank Arena

On the site of the old docks, close to the River Mersey. Full postal address is: M&S Bank Arena, King's Dock, Port of Liverpool, 16 Monarchs Quay, Liverpool L3 4FP. There are different entrances;

- **Cityside** main doors, for those with e-tickets. Marked on the map below in Yellow
- **Cityside Floor Entrance (the one by the Big Wheel)** for those with athlete or official badges. Marked on the map below in Blue.



Arena security is quite tight and bags may be checked on the way in.

The arena is temperature-controlled, so should not be too hot or too cold, no matter what the weather is outside.



Parking

The closest car park to the arena is the Kings Dock which has 1450 parking spaces available, with accessible bays and electric charging points on every floor.

There is a Drop Off point by the Taxi Rank on Kings Parade for coaches and taxis, near to the Arena. Coach parks nearby are Keel Wharf and Tourist Coach Loading.

Registration Days & Times

- **Nation's Cup** Friday, 4th August between 10.00 – 16.00

The entries and order forms for your federation were submitted by your organisation, and should therefore be collected by your organisation representative, and not by individuals. It's up to each federation to issue out the badges and programmes to its members/teams.

Registration desks will be situated on the concourse, through the Main Cityside arena entrance. Representatives can pick up everything for both competitions then, including pre-ordered merchandise at the following (revised) times:

COUNTRY REGISTRATION	TIME
AUSTRALIA	10.00a.m.
CANADA	10.00a.m.
USA	10.30a.m.
SWEDEN / SCOTLAND	10.45a.m.
HUNGARY / SWITZERLAND	11.00a.m.
SLOVENIA / GERMANY	11.15a.m.
IRELAND / WALES	11.30a.m.
FRANCE	11.45 a.m.
NORWAY	12.00 noon
CROATIA	12.30p.m.
SPAIN	12.45p.m.
THE NETHERLANDS	1.00p.m.
CZECH REPUBLIC	1.30p.m.
ITALY FITw	4.00p.m.

Changing Rooms

At Registration, your federation representative will be shown where the allocated dressing room for your country is. Please advise your athletes not to leave anything of value in any of the dressing rooms, as these are not lockable. Some of the changing rooms are not very big. As several of the hotels are only a short walk from the arena, athletes may find it easier to come already dressed and ready for their performance.

Any federation that cannot register on the Friday, items can be picked up from the General Competition Office in the Athlete's Village.



All Athletes & Badge Holders

The entrance for all official badge holders is the Cityside Floor Entrance on the right-hand side of the building by the Big Wheel. Entry through this door is for athletes, coaches & officials **only** and requires an official badge.

Only athletes who are competing in the first event of the day will be allowed into the arena at 07.30. All other athletes, please arrive at 08.00.

Seating on both sides of the arena is allocated for athletes and coaches – in **Blocks 3A, 3B, 4B & 4C, 6A / 15A, 15B, 16B, 16C, 14A.**

VIP seating is behind the judges' podium in **Blocks 7C & 9C.**

Spectator Tickets

The main Cityside entrance at the front of the building is for ticket holders only (no badge holders). E-tickets can be printed or stored on a device – to be scanned on entry and exit throughout each day. Anyone going out for lunch or shopping, will not be able to get back into the Arena if they do not have their ticket scanned on the way out. However, it will not be necessary to scan your ticket when leaving at the end of each day.

All tickets are for a numbered seat. The Box Office has done their best to allocate these so that countries are sat together wherever possible. Anyone who doesn't think they are sat in the same area as their country, please contact the Box Office (april.furlong@accliverpool.com) and the staff will do their best to find you a seat with the group, however at this late stage, nothing can be guaranteed.

The Box Office will be open near the front of the venue on competition days for anyone needing to purchase a ticket.

If you are part of a Group booking, please ensure you know your allocated seat number and the name of the person who made the booking, in case of any query.

If your seat has been changed for any reason, please ensure you have destroyed the original ticket and have the latest one either on paper or a device.

NOTE: Spectator tickets are required for the Opening Ceremony on Friday 4th August. There is no charge for these, but please ensure you have pre-booked a ticket on-line, as the Arena needs to know how many people are in the building at all times.

Official Merchandise

Pre-booked merchandise will be available for collection at the Registration Desk on Friday 4th August, between 10.00 – 13.30. Anyone arriving in Liverpool after this date should arrange to collect their order from the UTE General Competition Office.



Opening Ceremonies

- **Nation's Cup** – Friday, 4th August at 18.30. Athletes to come to the **Cityside Floor** entrance for 17.00. Spectators entrance will open at 17.30.
- **World Championship** – Wednesday, 9th August at 08.30. Athletes to be at the **Cityside Floor** entrance for 07.30. Spectators entrance will open at 08.00.

Athletes to wear federation tracksuits or warm-ups. They are asked not to bring batons on to the floor for the opening and closing ceremonies. They are welcome to bring small hand country flags to wave but no batons. UTE would like all athletes to bring their mobile 'phones on to the floor for these ceremonies. Coaches are welcome to walk behind their country's athletes.

Awards

Please check the competition schedule for the award ceremonies. Finalists to assemble in the practice area, in their costumes, 25 minutes prior to the award ceremony for their event.

Coaches

A virtual forum will be held on Wednesday, 19th July via Zoom, to explain all competition arrangements to coaches, technical advisors, team managers. Please ensure your federation is represented on this call.

First Aid

A qualified First Aid team will be in attendance throughout the two competitions.

Food

Athletes (only) will be permitted to take their own food in with them if they wish to do so. They will have a designated food outlet in their area, close to the changing rooms, selling sandwiches, salads, fruit pots, crisps, drinks etc. There will also be a hot dish of the day each day, like pasta or chilli.

Food outlets will be open on the concourse, offering a choice of food & drinks for spectators. There are also plenty of eating establishments & shops close to the arena if people want to go out to eat. But don't forget to get scanned out!

V.I.P. Lounge

Federation presidents and guests can meet here for light refreshments throughout the day.



Athlete's Party

A ***Really Royal Bash*** for competing athletes is taking place on Tuesday, 8th August from 20.00 – 22.00.

Address: CONTENT, Cain's Brewery Village, Stanhope Street, Liverpool L8 5XJ

Athletes' badges will be required for entry and those federations who responded with their numbers will be given gold wristbands for their athletes to gain priority entry, as numbers are limited. Our safeguarding officer will be present at the venue. Attendees should eat before they arrive at the party, however they will be given tokens for two free soft drinks.

Please note: this party is for athletes only. However the Yellow Submarine bar opposite the venue is opening up especially for us this evening, so any coaches, chaperones, parents can purchase a drink and wait there. Address is 70 Stanhope St, Liverpool L8 5RF.

Delegates Reception

An official reception for the country Presidents will be held from 19.00 (prompt) – 21.00 on Wednesday, 9th August, hosted by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Liverpool. Address is: Liverpool Town Hall, High St, Liverpool L2 3SW. Again, numbers are limited, so please ensure you advise IBTF who is attending on behalf of your federation.

European Countries

European federation officials are invited to an informal get-together in the Sodexo Live Lounge on Wednesday, 9th August from 16.30 – 18.00 while there is a rare opportunity for both organisations to meet up.

IBTF Forum

This will be the first opportunity that delegates from both WBTF & WFNBT member federations will have to all meet together. The IBTF Executive Committee invites all federation presidents to come together at the M&S Arena on Thursday, 10th August at 19.00 in the Mersey Suite, Pullman Hotel (next to the arena) to meet with the IBTF EC.

WC Closing Ceremony

Please allow an extra hour at the end of the closing ceremony on the final day of the competition, Sunday 13th August, for the entertainment / after party.



Majorette Equipment

A room has been allocated to store any equipment for Showcorps props. These should not arrive at the arena before 4th August and must be removed by Friday 11th August. Deliveries must be pre-arranged with the arena, in order for the doors of the loading bay to be opened. All deliveries need to be sent to Loading Bay 2. Deliveries must take place between 8am – 3pm (Monday to Friday). The address for Loading Bay 2 is ACC Liverpool, Kings Dock, Liverpool Waterfront L3 4FP. Please ensure you state the name of the event, otherwise it could go missing.

Livestream

Both competitions will be livestreamed. Full details will be released on Friday, 4th August.

Official Photographer

The event photographer is D.E. Photos, who will have a stand on the concourse where photos can be viewed and ordered.

Arena Plan

The attached drawing shows seating block numbers and the competition floor plan. Spectators can see the block numbers of their seats. Athletes and coaches can see their designated seating areas (shown in Green).

Warm-up / Practice Area

Due to the high number of athletes, only those competing in the current event can practice in the warm-up area behind the black curtain – until the last 8 sets, then athletes competing in the following event will be allowed into the practice area. Athletes will start by using the general warm-up area and then move forward on to the practice floor, to Checkpoint A, where Athlete and Coaches passes will need to be shown. They then move on to Checkpoint B, at the entrance to the competition floor. Athletes will then advance to Checkpoint C, in preparation to take the floor for their performance. See Flow Chart.

Athletes must be ready to check-in for their performances on time and should leave the competition floor quickly once the music has ended. Floor Marshals will direct athletes where to stand ready to take the floor for their performances. The number of lanes running will vary per discipline.

IMPORTANT : Please ensure you check in on time, if you are late the competition will not wait and you could miss your set and be unable to perform.



Music

All music should have been submitted through your country's Dropbox folders, which will be checked and uploaded ready for the competition. There will be no music tests at the Arena.

Help

United Twirl England personnel will be wearing blue tops with the logo on the front and 'Crew' on the back. Please ask one of the team if you need any assistance when you are in the Arena.

Arena

In the event of an emergency, please listen to announcements and do as instructed.

Weather

The weather in England during August is always unpredictable, so please come prepared for sun and rain. Unfortunately this is something we have no control over.

United Twirl England hopes everyone has a wonderful time at the IBTF Championships, being held in the vibrant city of Liverpool.



General information, Liverpool

Doctor

If you're not sure what to do and need medical advice fast, call 111 for free. There is also the online version at www.111.nhs.uk. However, in an emergency, please call 999 for an ambulance.

Hospital

The main hospital is: Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Mount Vernon Street, Liverpool, L7 8YE.

Dentist

Please call NHS England's regional emergency dental triage service on +44 161 476 9651 should you require an emergency dental appointment. You will then be directed to the nearest available Emergency Dental Provider - this may include the Liverpool University Dental Hospital, or a local dental practice.

Churches

For anyone wishing to attend a church service while in Liverpool, there are several to choose from. Liverpool also has two large cathedrals, connected by Hope Street:

- Liverpool Anglican Cathedral (www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk)
- Metropolitan Cathedral (Catholic) (www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)

Superlambanana

Don't forget to look for the Liverpool Superlambanana while you're in the city.



Superlambanana is a bright yellow sculpture weighing almost 8 tonnes and standing at 5.2 metres tall. It is intended to be a cross between a banana and a lamb and was designed by New York City-based Japanese artist Taro Chiezo.

Chiezo himself only created a four-inch model, while the full-size replica was made by local artists. Developed for the 1998 ArtTransPennine Exhibition, the sculpture reflects the history of Liverpool, as both sheep and bananas were historically common cargos in the city's docks, while it is also a comment on the potential dangers of genetic engineering.



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Museums

There are several museums around the city. A few are listed below:

- Merseyside Maritime Museum
- Museum of Liverpool
- Western Approaches HQ Museum - The Battle of the Atlantic Experience
- Walker Art Gallery
- World Museum
- Quirky Quarter
- International Slavery Museum
- Tate Liverpool

River Mersey - made famous by the song 'Ferry 'Cross the Mersey' (Gerry & the Pacemakers). 50-minute River Cruise on the Mersey River

Royal Liver Building - at the Pierhead, for a great view of the City and guided tour.

Football – Liverpool boasts two famous football teams:

- **Liverpool** (Anfield) Football Club – Museum & Stadium Tour



and

- **Everton** (Goodison Park) currently having a brand new stadium built





Beatles - the Famous Four

- The Beatles Story
- City & Beatles Open Top Bus Tour
- Beatles & City & Walking Tour
- Liverpool British Music Experience
- The Liverpool Beatles Museum
- Beatles Explorer Bus Tour Ticket
- The world-famous Cavern Club

Peaky Blinders

Half-Day Peaky Blinders Tour of Liverpool



- Peaky Blinders Bar, Cains Brewery Village, St George's Hall (Liverpool)

Hop-on, Hop-off Buses

Tickets and buses available close to the arena at the Royal Albert Dock.

Shopping

Liverpool 1 is a shopping complex, a 10-minute walk from the arena, with 170+ stores, bars & restaurants.

As in all major cities around the world, please take care of your personal belongings when walking around the city.