



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

Welcome to our first UKFF newsletter!

Floorball is Growing!

Experienced floorball players who live in Hatfield and Lincoln have come forward and offered to run new floorball clubs in their area. The UKFF is pleased to be able to support their work with the new '[Advice on Starting a Floorball Club](#)' document, bags of loan sticks, etc.. Keep an eye on the UKFF Facebook page for news of the starting dates for training in these towns in case you know people in the area that might be interested.

Two existing teams, York University and Wakefield Wolves both want to start youth teams and so the UKFF has put them in touch with our national partners, Premier Sport Ltd, who have coaches regularly going into schools to teach other sports. So hopefully some new youth teams will be starting soon. We would love to start more teams in other areas so please get in touch with the [UKFF Development Officer](#) if you are interested in starting a new youth or adult team.

We are also working with some ice hockey clubs so if you live near an ice hockey team and want to approach them about floorball please get in touch. If you want to find your nearest club please click [here](#) or get in touch via our Facebook page.

Your Chance to Have a Say in How Floorball is Run in the UK

The Annual General Meeting of the UKFF will take place on the Friday before the adult National Cup, 9th June at the St Georges National Football Centre Burton upon Trent DE13 9RN. Every club is entitled to send 2 representatives to discuss how the sport is run, what changes you would like and to elect officials to the UKFF and regional leagues. The meeting should last no more than 2 hours and if you want to really influence how things work, why not put your name forward for one of the roles which will be advertised a few weeks before. The more people who help the more we can do. It's no good complaining that not enough happens if you aren't willing to take on a role yourself, even for just 12 months!



St. Georges Park, the adult National Cup & AGM venue

All UKFF Committee positions will be included in the election however the current holders of these positions have decided to stand down as they have completed their turn helping out. Role descriptions are shown on the '[About Us](#)' page on the UKFF website: President, Midlands League Director, National Teams Manager, Company Secretary. There should be the possibility to share each of these roles between more than 1 person if needed. Please [email](#) the UKFF if you wish to stand for election.

Cotswold Schools Floorball League 2016/17

The Cotswold Floorball League involves **34 teams** from primary schools centred on Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire. Three competitions are run between September and Easter. Nearly **200 qualifying matches** and over 500 goals later, these were the finals.

'A' Teams: Dormer House (pictured) 9-7 Bourton on the Water

'B' Teams: Sedgberrow 7-0 St Davids

Girls' Teams: St Davids v Bourton on the Water (to be played)

Chipping Campden School publishes the weekly reports on its website:



<http://www.chippingcampden.gloucs.sch.uk/news-items-all/latest-news-index.html>

Adult Regional League Results - South

With just 4 fixtures left to play in the 2016-17 South Division season, competition for the top 3 spots is heating up in both Divisions!

Division 1: London Crusaders and London Great White Sharks have dominated the top spots all season. Sharks are currently top of the league table with 30 points and a +69 goal difference, but Crusaders are only 3 points behind with 27 points and have 2 games in-hand. The top 4 teams at the end of the season will qualify to compete at National Finals. There are just 2 points each between the 3rd place Vipers, 4th place Hastings and 5th place Hammerhead Sharks so it is very much all to play for.



Division 2: A new division to the South League from January 2017 has proved to be successful, and feedback from the teams is positive. Sparta are brand new to the league and to the sport, and have gained a reputation for showing real team spirit & persistence in competing against more experienced teams; one to watch next season? Currently Solent Blades are in first place with 19 points after a surprise draw against previously undefeated London Vikings; although being 2-4 games ahead of the other division teams nothing is certain yet!

Next games:

- [Sunday 9th April: Summerfields Leisure Centre, Hastings, Divisions 1 & 2](#)
- Sunday 23rd April: The Edge Leisure Centre, Haslemere, Division 1
- Sunday 30th April: The Edge Leisure Centre, Haslemere, Division 1
- Sunday 21st May: The Edge Leisure Centre, Haslemere, Divisions 1 & 2

Adult Regional League Results - Midlands

The Midlands League has seen another fantastic season go by. With a mixture of experience and youth, there's been some superb floorball on display at the new venue in St George's Park. Please see the article on the [FA website](#) (or Google 'FA floorball'). The UKFF is pleased to announce the following 5 teams have qualified for the National Cup in June: United Cities of the Midlands, Cambridge Falcons, Cotswold Rhinos, Cotswold Scorpions, Wakefield Wolves

Highlights of the season include Nottingham University's massive improvement during the course of the season, where they went from losing 1-18 and 0-18 against Cambridge and UCM, to losing only 1-7 and 0-8. In the end, they won 2 games and got 7 points out of a tough first season for many of their players! Cotswold Scorpions also deserve applause for qualifying for the National Cup in only their second year playing adult floorball. As a team of youth players, some of whom have international experience, they struggled to adapt to adult floorball last season but have really come back and shown their skills this season.

Congratulations to [United Cities of the Midlands](#) (pictured) for a fantastic, unbeaten season – they are the well-deserved Midlands League Champions 2016-17!



Surrey Schools League & Three Counties Youth League

For the first time ever FUFC's two teams, the Fireballs and Shooting Stars, completed the double and won both the U16 and U13 leagues. Second place in each category were the Arrows and IPSE from the Cotswolds. The Farnham Primary Schools league in Surrey still has 2 fixtures to run, 7 teams taking part. Rowledge Primary School won the Farnham Schools Open in February where 10 teams were taking part.



Adult Regional League Results -Scotland

Unfortunately, no information was available. We hope to include some news in future newsletters.

Coaching Courses

A full day coaching course is being arranged for Scotland and another for England at the start of next season. As well as this we are hoping to have a short 'floorball basics' course for people qualified as coaches in other sports. Please get in touch if you would like to attend any of these with approximate number of trainees.

First Aid Courses

Unless there are other staff present on site at a club's weekly training sessions (e.g. sport centre staff) it is likely that your team will be required to have a qualified first aid person present at every training session. [Farnham Unihockey & Floorball Club](#) is organising a sports first aid course in April please get in touch if you would like to send someone on the 3 hour course.

AGM - all clubs welcome: Adult National Cup, St Georges Park: National Youth Floorball Cup, Leisure at Cheltenham:	Important Dates Friday 9th June Saturday & Sunday 10 th -11 th June Sunday 18 th June
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