

Eastbourne Skate Festival Demonstrators Pack

Please pass your answers to all questions back to us at tim@sk8school.co.uk ASAP.

FAQ

What is it?

The Skate Festival is a NEW part of the “Eastbourne Sports Festival” which has been running across Eastbourne Sports Centres annually towards the end of May for several years. This festival attempts to bring numerous sports under “one roof” making them accessible and affordable to all, whilst raising funds for the NSPCC.

Groups such as yours volunteer their services, so that the public can come along and take part donating £1 for each sport they try at the festival.

When / Where is it?

The skating part is May 21st for the main event. We start at 10am on Sunday morning and finish 4pm at the Sports Park, Cross Levels Way BN21 2UF, behind the Eastbourne DGH. For those that want to get there early... we have the usual Eastbourne Roller Disco on Saturday May 20th (2:30pm-5:30pm). The Greater Sports Festival is actually a week-long event.

How do I get there?

There is ample free parking for cars and coaches just put BN212UF into your sat nav. Bus routes stop at the door and the centre is only 10 minutes-walk from Hampden Park train station.

What facilities are there?

All the usual sports centre facilities, showers, changing rooms, lounges, refreshments etc. Additionally we will be using the 400m outdoor track (weather permitting) and the Main Hall (which is one of the largest indoor sports hall spaces in the south). In terms of supporting your team, we can provide music, PA, space for tables and banners, we have plenty of tables and chairs, lockers etc.

Who will be there?

All types of skaters DOING skating. Bring your skates – this is an event for skaters to skate at! It is not a competition to watch. The general public both on and off skates (Skate Hire is Available) and plenty of demonstrators from other types of skating.

What does it cost?

For you and your team – nothing to demo , teach and attract more people to your type of skating. We ask everyone that attends your training session after your demo to donate £1 to the NSPCC. Likewise if any of you attend another sports attraction you’d do the same.

What will we get out of it?

You can expect at least some publicity, networking with other skaters and potentially membership to your club. Everyone you bring will have a great day out.

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What's the layout of the event?

We have the outdoor sports track from 10am-midday, plus much of the associated track side. Obviously this is less useful if it rains...



We also have the entire indoors from 10am-4pm, which is the large white structure, centre left in the view above. (Also note the large free carpark, below the track). The Blue dot below, that is the bus stop.

The indoors houses 3 tennis courts. This provides a sizable indoor area for our various events. Court 1 will serve as the “Main arena” with PA, music, skate hire etc. This is where almost everyone will demo.

Court 2 will be the secondary arena for the “fun sports” so people can try something different throughout the day, EG. Roller Frisbee, Roller Basketball, Long Jump, Limbo, High Jump etc.

Court 3 will usually be used for training and practicing the skills demo'd in the main arena. When a group finishes this is where you'll go to teach and train those that were interested in what you did.

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What can you bring to the event?

The sorts of things we'd like to see at this event follow this general formula – we'd like you to do this, though exactly HOW you do it, is very much up to yourselves. We want to help you put on the best show possible and show your type of skating off in the best possible light. Tell us what you plan, what you will bring and what you need from us....

We expect each segment to run something like this:

PA announces your event in the main arena. Arena 1 clears and you come on.

If you need PA and or Music we can help you with that.

You provide some form of educational demonstration that might appeal to skaters of all levels, preferably with a bit of WOW! To finish 😊 For example Roller Derby might show some training drills and then demonstrate a game and the scoring. Hockey might show some training drills and some shooting or passing. Slalom would put on a show of progressively harder moves, Dance would show some figure skating and then a short performance linking it all up etc. Basically whatever makes your type of skating look good.

Then... and this is the **important** bit...

Everyone is invited to TRY some aspects of what you did – under your guidance. This is your best opportunity to talk directly to people that are interested in what you did. You can use the rest of your time slot in the main arena, then you move to arena 3 to continue training those with the energy or interest, while we get ready for the next act in arena 1.

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All about you and what you will bring.

Who are your Club/Group

Who is the main contact (phone)

What is the best email to contact you

Do you have a website , facebook page etc.?

Have you got logos we can add to the publicity of the event?

How many people do you expect to bring

How many are performers

How many are support staff

How many are just hangers on along for the fun (and that's fine by the way)

Have you got any publicity gear that you'll want out (like leaflets) or banners to put up

Are you bringing anything large or special that we'd need to find space for or requires special access, like ramps, tents, gazebos, light rigs, anything that needs power?

Are you bringing anything that needs special attention, like a particular piece of music or a passage that needs to be read out, or a requirement for a radio mic etc?

What you plan to do and what you need.

What kind of intro do you want? Can you do your own over the PA?

Do you have any special music requirements?

How much space will you need to demo

How much space will you need afterwards for the public training/practice/participation

Seen the time table? Is the time OK? What is your preferred time slot.

What does your demo include, what will you do?

Demo Duration

Training Duration

Infrastructure you need: EG. Tables, Chairs, Changing Rooms, Lockers, Power etc.

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Final Points

What are you hoping to get out of the Skate Festival – can we help you?

You can help us spread the word about the Skate Festival, Download the posters and event logos for your facebook and web pages. Invite people to the Eastbourne Sports Festival Event on Facebook, tell everyone!