

ISLE OF MAN STUDENT FESTIVAL

Come and celebrate our

26th Anniversary

26th - 28th March 2010 (weekend BEFORE Easter)

Since our first Festival in 1985, over 40,000 students from over 60 universities and colleges have participated in this, the longest running student festival.



Archery
Badminton
Basketball
Cross Country
Cycling
Duathlon
Golf
Fencing
Hockey
Lacrosse
Netball
Shooting
Squash
Triathlon
Walking

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Mike on 07624 483346 (office hours)
or email: Mike.Budgetmann@manx.net
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From **£129**
plus £20pp
Registration Fee



Isle of Man
Government

Department of Tourism and Leisure *Rheynn Turrysid as Soccar*

Tourism and Leisure Division
St. Andrew's House, Finch
Road,

Your Personal Invitation to join us on our 26th Anniversary celebrations in the Isle of Man (26th – 28th March 2010)

Dear Club Secretary,

In 2010 we celebrate our 26th Student Festival of Sport. We extend a very warm welcome to you to join us at this fantastic sporting and social weekend. In addition, the event has also been designed for your supporters and non-playing friends who are encouraged to join your team.

Ours sports facilities are excellent, both indoors and outdoors. Students are very impressed and enjoy the facilities at our multi-million pounds National Sports Centre in Douglas.

The Island sports fraternity are renowned for both their organisational abilities and their hospitality. A recent trend is for students who have left University to return with their former sports friends, or

coming as Alumni member groups. The archery teams go from strength to strength, and **PRISM** (Perpetually Returning to the **IS**le of **M**an) is an excellent example as to what can be achieved (visit <http://sport.groups.yahoo.com/group/prismarchery/>).

The Department of Tourism continues to strongly support student sport. We look forward to welcoming you again in 2010.

M. Doherty

Michael Doherty,
Events Manager
Special Events Department,
Isle of Man Department
of Tourism & Leisure

Geoff Corlett

Geoff Corlett
Festival Director
(1985-2010)

FROM UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD ARCHERY CLUB

I am a Lithuanian student studying in the UK. I am one of the archers who represented my University in the Isle of Man Student Festival of Sport in 2009. It was the most exiting event of this academic year!

If I were to choose one thing that I liked most, it would be the atmosphere of the sports event at the National Sports Centre. Students from many different universities were talking, playing games, singing and helping each other throughout the event. A lot of people had attended this Festival before and already knew each other, others met for the first time, but everyone was one big group having great time.

Our trip to the Island included quite a bit of sightseeing. I can still see the view from the top of Snaefell Mountain as well as the seaside cliffs in Laxey when I close my eyes. Taking the steam train and visiting tourist attractions was

pleasant, while the museums enriched our knowledge about the history of the Island. I found the Manx locals to always be friendly, and even happy to see a large group of students! Everyone we met treated us with respect, even a VIP attended our welcome meeting!

The archery competition itself was very well organised; the Isle of Man Archery Club did a great job of looking after 140 students over two days of competition and four rounds of shooting! It was quite exhausting as us beginner archers are not used to shooting so many arrows in a day, but it was great fun nonetheless.

All in all, I enjoyed every moment of this trip and will gladly come back to the Isle of Man again.

Ignas Knizikevicius, 2009

THE COMPETITIONS

For information about your sports competition, please contact the sports organisers: **Archery** (Peter Mumford: joyandpeter@manx.net), **Badminton / Basketball / Golf / Netball / Squash / Women's Football / Women's Rugby** (Mike Mike.Budgetmann@manx.net), **Cross Country / Cycling / Duathlon / Fencing / Hockey / Lacrosse / Shooting / Triathlon / Walking / Water Polo** (Geoff Corlett: Mike.Budgetmann@manx.net).

LEADERS' FREE PLACES

It is suggested that each university/college appoints a General Team Manager (GTM) and an Assistant (AGTM). The GTM is then the main contact with us regarding all aspects of your group's booking. This eliminates the possibility of communication errors. Either your GTM or AGTM must travel with your group whether they are sports participants or not. For a university/college to obtain a free place for the GTM, you need a group size of 20, and a group size of 40 provides a second free place for your AGTM.

TRAVEL ITINERARY & TOUR PRICE

The ferry is currently scheduled by the ferry company to depart Heysham on **Friday 26th March at 14.15 hours**, returning **Sunday 28th March at 19.45 hours** (usually a 3½ hour journey). As we have only limited spaces available on these ferries, it pays to book early. However, other ferry times, including departures from Liverpool, may be available on request, but they may have an impact on your involvement in the competition. Due to the generosity of the sponsors of this event, the tour price is just **£129**, plus a Registration Fee of **£20** per person. As a supplement, **extra nights on the Island can be arranged at £25 per person per night. (B&B).**

Note: £100 return surcharge for any vehicle up to the size of a minibus.

Plus: FREE tour t-shirt on arrival.

CHESTERHOUSE HOTEL

This is an excellent hotel located on the promenade overlooking Douglas Bay. This is the main hotel and HQ for the event including some social activities – Friday night team leaders' registration and reception. Allocation to this Hotel is based on a 'first come, first served' basis.

SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME

Whether you bring one or more teams, this event is a sporting and social occasion, so why not also bring some team reserves and/or other non-team club members with you, plus other supporters and friends? They are all sure to enjoy themselves on this great weekend. However, as the costs are averaged out, the price is the same for everyone.

Please note: Bookings cannot be made direct with any Island hotel or the ferry company.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Tour prices include your ferry to and from the Isle of Man, bed and breakfast accommodation, sports facilities and on-Island coach transfers, including travel to sports venues (thus you do not need a vehicle on the Island). Flights to the Island are available. However, the airlines require non-refundable payment in full. The best and cheapest option for flights is to book online. Not included in the tour price is an optional **£5** limited tour insurance, and all meals except breakfast (some hotels will provide you with an evening meal, but prices vary). You will also need to make your own travel arrangements to and from the Heysham ferry terminal.

BOOKING INFORMATION

One group booking is required per club which includes the team players, non-team players and supporters. The deposit is £25 payable with the £20 Registration Fee, **i.e. a total of £45 per person** (one cheque) due by **30th November 2009**. For payments by card, please contact **Mike** on **07624 483346** (office hours).

If the above date is causing you any problems collecting your deposits, please contact Mike, as he may be able to help. Please note that you do not need to wait until you have every deposit before sending your cheque. There are benefits for booking early (see bottom of page) so do not miss out by waiting for late deposits.

Finally, please note that your group's deposit and Registration Fee will only be refunded in full if we cannot offer your group a place in the competition. However, group members must be advised that although individually their **deposits and Registration Fees are not refundable** in any other circumstances, they can be transferred from one person to another. There will be a small charge once names have been forwarded to the hotels and ferry company.

TO MAKE A BOOKING

To make a booking, please send us the following information, preferably on your Club stationery (or state your Club name). Alternatively, print off a Booking Form from our website at www.iomsportschallenge.com.

Club Secretary/Team Leader Details

- First Name
- Surname
- Correspondence Address (including postcode)
- Contact Telephone Numbers (preferably a day number and a mobile)
- E-mail Address

Group Size

- Expected total group size (additions can be made at a later date) AND number of teams if applicable.
- Of the above total, please state the number team players, the number of non-players and supporters, and the number of males and females in your group.

Financial

- The amount of your cheque that you are enclosing based on the expected group size at **£45 per person** (£25 deposit plus £20 Registration Fee). Please make your cheque payable to **Budgetmann Tours & Travel Limited**.
- If you have already paid by card, please state the amount you have paid and the date of the payment.

Other

Please sign and date your booking, stating your position in your Club (Secretary, Captain, etc.) and send it to: **Mike, Budgetmann Tours & Travel Limited., Cubbon House, 48 Loch Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2LZ**. You will receive a receipt by return, plus further information.

BENEFITS OF BOOKING EARLY

Wherever possible we try to allocate you the ferries of your choice. However, where demand exceeds supply and/or hotel allocations have to be decided, we give preference to the lowest Booking Registration Number (only allocated on receipt of your deposit), so it pays to book early.