



Development Cup 2018

Feedback



The QuidditchUK Development Cup (Dev Cup) was held in 22 Acres, York across the 14th and 15th April 2018. The feedback below was generated from a Google Form distributed to the quidditch community post-tournament and reflected largely positive comments with constructive notes for improvement in the following years.

Venue

Positives

The venue generally received positive reviews with comments mentioning the quality of the pitches and the timely schedule appearing frequently.

Negatives

A few comments about the facilities were, made with particular emphasis that there were very few and what was there was far from the pitches. Feedback suggested that a food van would have been appreciated and the ambulance could possibly have been a bit closer to the pitches. It was also mentioned that the toilets being unlocked at 9:00am was an inconvenience, especially when teams were at the pitches at 7:45am.

Volunteering

Positives

Volunteers who refereed across the weekend were very happy with the atmosphere and their experience. Feedback also suggested that these individuals definitely felt more confident due to having ample opportunity to referee across the weekend. Volunteer coaches also enjoyed the weekend and were happy with the experience.

Negatives

Although it was suggested that more commentating would be welcomed during games, feedback did not reflect any negative volunteer experiences across the weekend.

Gameplay

Positives

Feedback suggested that a highlight of the tournament was the presence of non-playing coaches who volunteered to help teams by providing them with tactical support. The referees' supportive approach was also appreciated; taking time to discuss calls and explain fouls to ensure that players involved knew what they had done wrong.

Negatives

Feedback highlighted the presence of some controversy surrounding the introduction of a new mercenary players policy to Dev Cup 2018. As a result this caused some discussion surrounding the eligibility of some players that attended the tournament.

Repeat games were also highlighted as an issue alongside the quality of snitches, feedback suggesting that they did not last long enough upon being released.

Suggested Improvements

Suggested improvements to the gameplay of Dev Cup included the introduction of a livestream alongside an increase in the number of games filmed to allow players and teams to analyse their performance post tournament. It was also suggested that more games would have been welcomed, alongside a covered area to put bags during the day.

It was suggested that upon signing up as a non-playing coach, volunteers should declare their position and experience levels to allow attending teams to receive the best advice reflecting the area of gameplay they deem necessary to improve on. Feedback also suggested that more time between games would have allowed for drills to be held with the coaches to allow further improvements to be made.

Committee Feedback

Similar to feedback collected following the British Quidditch Cup (BQC) the Development Cup committee were asked to give feedback on their experience volunteering. Firstly the Dev Cup committee would like to thank QuidditchUK for the opportunity and would like to especially thank the members of QuidditchUK that attended for their support during the weekend.

Overall, the committee agreed that there should be more focus on developing newly qualified referees. To achieve this, it was suggested that Dev Cup should be pitched directly to less experienced referees with more emphasis given to the low pressure environment and the existence of the reimbursement system. The committee suggested that to encourage referee development a pairing system could be integrated, with less experienced referees working with more experienced ones to encourage constructive criticism, collaborative refereeing and stimulate discussion.

The committee also highlighted issues with the choice of venue and committee recruitment, believing that there could have been more advertising for the committee positions; the time frame the committee were given also proved to be challenging.