



Northern Cup 2018 Hospitality Guide

Introduction

Sheffield Hallam University Sports Park hosted Northern Cup 2017 and has been selected to host the event for the second consecutive season on the weekend of Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th November

Northern Cup 2018 will be the first Quidditch UK event of the 2018-2019 season with teams not only competing for a place at the 2019 British Quidditch Cup but for the chance to be crowned regional champions and qualify for one of the Twelve spots¹ at the European Qualifying Tournament in 2019.

Situated in Sheffield, Yorkshire, Sheffield Hallam University Sports Park is a venue that has excellent facilities including; 4 changing rooms, a medical room and a meeting room.

¹ Five teams from Northern Cup will qualify for the European Qualifying Tournament.

Accommodation

Unfortunately, the committee cannot guarantee the quality or cost of any accommodation listed in the table, and so you **must do your own research** when booking the rooms.

Prices given are for **two person** rooms per night assuming two nights on Friday 9th November and Saturday 10th November

When booking your hotel it is advisable to plan in advance how you intend to get from your accommodation to the tournament venue on time.

Hotel	Distance from venue	Price
Fairways	0.2 Miles	£85
Premier Inn Sheffield Meadowhall	2 Miles	£111
Ibis	2.1 Miles	£119
Holiday Inn	1.6 Miles	£87.50
Carton Park Hotel	3.2 Miles	£75

Please note that hotel prices are constantly changing, so these prices may change significantly before the tournament weekend.

Arriving in Sheffield and public transport

Sheffield has two transport hubs. One in the city centre, and one at Meadowhall. Direct trains and fast trains stop at the city centre. Slow trains typically stop at both Sheffield and Meadowhall. There are also buses (X1 and X78), and trams (purple and yellow routes) connecting Sheffield City Centre to Meadowhall.

National Express coaches stop at the city centre interchange. Some may also stop at Meadowhall.

Megabus coaches stop at the Meadowhall interchange, but not the city centre interchange. Please be aware of this if you are planning on using Megabus to arrive.

The main motorway into Sheffield is the M1. Junction 33, and then a trip up Sheffield Parkway (A630) will take you to the city centre. Junction 34 is at Meadowhall.

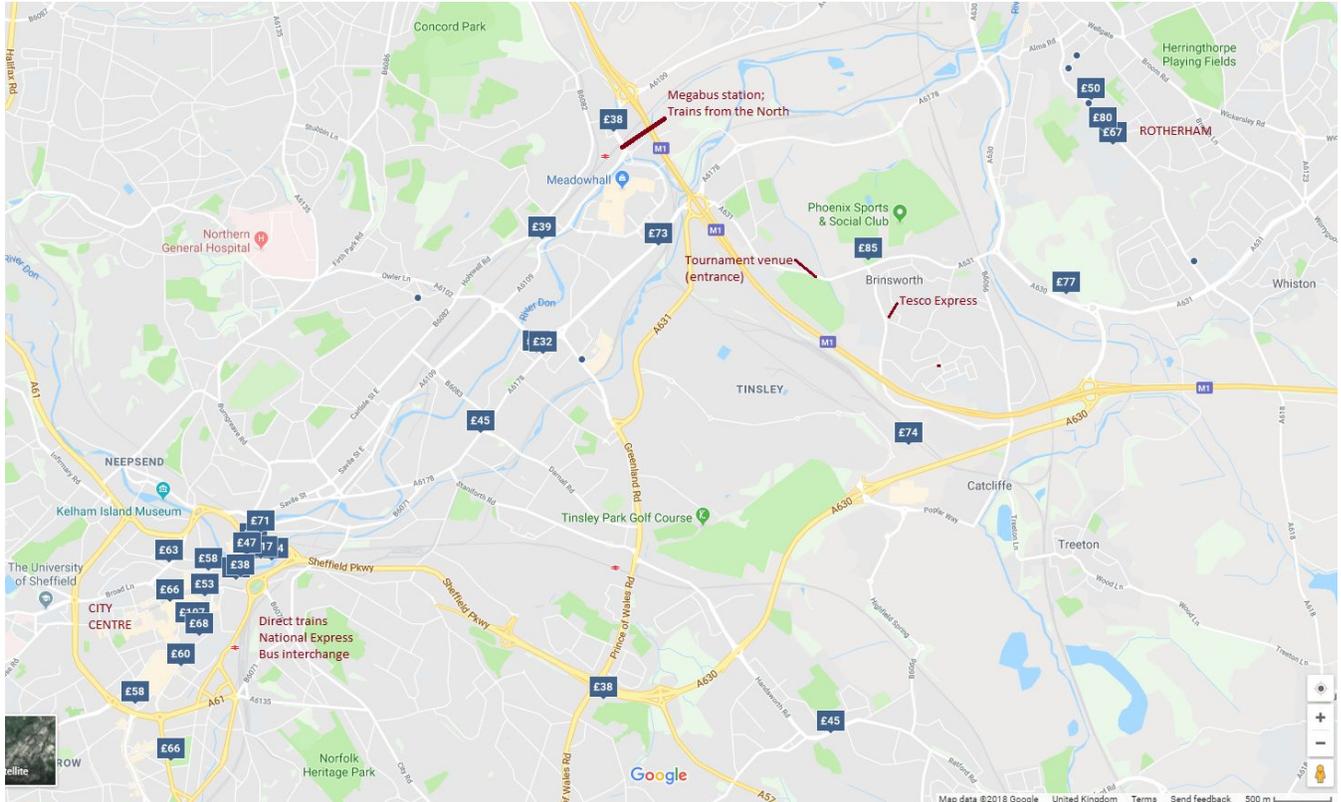
The venue is also close to Rotherham - closer to Rotherham than Sheffield City Center in fact - so it is worth considering staying in Rotherham for the competition instead.

General Advice and Tips

- If you are booking rooms for a large number of people, it is worth finding out whether you can make a deal – for example, to include a free breakfast, or to take 10% of the final price. This can only often be done if you contact the accommodation directly rather than booking through a third-party site. It may also not be possible to do this for larger hotels.
- It is worth booking accommodation from Friday onwards – even though it might be cheaper to only book for Saturday night, the tournament will likely start very early and it is better to already be in Sheffield to avoid being late. Due to the strict tournament schedule, QUK cannot allow delays for specific teams to arrive, so late teams will be penalised.
- Often sites like www.booking.com are cheaper to book through than on the websites of the accommodation providers themselves.
- If you make a last-minute decision to attend Northern Cup 2018, it is worth checking out the website www.laterooms.com as it often offers hotel accommodation at discounted prices. While this will inevitably be more expensive than booking in advance, and there is no guarantee of availability, it is another option – especially for spectators.
- Be aware of the fine print – it is often the case that smaller hotels refuse to take large bookings online and so you may have to book in smaller groups and under different people/cards.
- Look out for booking charges if you apply online as they may be listed separately from the initial price given.

Sheffield Hallam University Sports Park

Venue address: Bawtry Rd, Sheffield S9 1UA



This map shows where the venue is in relation to the city centre.

Taxi Companies:

City Taxis: 0114 239 3939

Mercury Taxis: 0114 266 2662

Union Taxis: 0114 246 5577

S1/Apollo Taxis: 0114 278 8877

Express Taxis: 0114 243 0430

Public transport:

72: Once per hour from Sheffield Interchange and Meadowhall Interchange. First buses on Saturday arrives at 8:01am from Sheffield, at 7:22am from Meadowhall. First buses on Sunday arrive too late for the first matches.

73: Goes *near* the venue, but buses start early in the morning. This route is only suitable from Rotherham.

Yellow / Purple Trams: Use Meadowhall South - Tinsley. It is a 1 mile / 20-25 minute walk.

