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**ATHLETICS DIRECT BIRMINGHAM GAMES – 19th FEBRUARY 2017
BARCLAYCARD ARENA, BIRMINGHAM**

Dear Athlete

Thank you for your entry for the above meeting. Please read all the information given, your co-operation in all matters is essential for the smooth running of the meeting. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DOWNLOAD YOUR ONLINE ENTRY CARD FOR THE MEETING BY GOING TO THE ONLINE ENTRY SITE AND CLICKING ON PRINT RECEIPT AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID FOR YOUR ENTRY YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD THE BOOKING CARD.**

How to get to the BARCLAYCARD ARENA

By Rail: Birmingham New Street is the nearest Main Line Station, which is a 10 minute walk from the arena.

By Road: From Junction 6 of the M6 take the A38M to Birmingham City Centre, then follow signs to the Barclaycard Arena.

Car Parking: This is available for athletes and spectators at the Barclaycard Arena. These are Pay and Display 7 days a week (you will require coins).

Daytime Parking Charges (between midnight and 5pm)

Up to 2 hours £2.30

Up to 3 hours £3.50

Up to 8 hours £6.80

Up to 24 hours £8.00

All charges are inclusive of VAT and apply 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Ticket machines will accept 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2 coins and several also accept payment by debit/credit card. They do not give change but will accept overpayments. For your assistance, change machines are permanently located near the entrances of both North Car Park and South Car Park. You can also use a mobile phone to make payment.

Entrance to the Arena

Spectators and athletes will enter via the Main Entrance (**Entrance E**). Admission will be by ticket or booking card only. The arena will open at 09.00hrs. Athletes should follow the signs to the registration desk to collect their numbers. Changing rooms are located at Community Hall level. Pole Vaulters may enter via **AF4** which is the entrance at Arena level 9 of the North Car Park. Again, admission will be by ticket or booking card only.

Spectators are welcome, you may purchase tickets on the day from the Box Office.

	1 Day Ticket	2 Day Ticket
	£6.00	£10.00
Concessions	£4.00	£6.00

All seats are unreserved. Cash sales at the box office will not incur a booking fee, postal or credit card sales will be charged a fee of £1 per ticket. PLEASE NOTE THE BARCLAYCARD ARENA DOES NOT ACCEPT CHEQUES.

For safety of you and other patrons, searching may take place as you enter the building. Regrettably the building statutory regulations mean that canned drinks and glass containers/flasks are not allowed in the Arena. Please note that smoking is not allowed in the building at all - it is strictly "No Smoking".

At the Barclaycard Arena athletes making use of the lift facilities need to be aware that warm up is in the Community Hall which is located on the lowest floor of the building. Ground floor level is the Track/Athletes

assembly area and Level 1 is for athletes' registration, information, results, spectators' refreshments and merchandising.

Registration

Collect your number at least 1 hour before your event is due to start. Athletes arriving late must report immediately to registration and will only be allowed to start if there is an available lane or the field event has not started.

Coaches

Due to the number of requests for tickets that we are getting from coaches we are now charging a flat rate of £1 per coach **providing** your coach shows their current UK A Licence at the door.

NB If you have a problem on the day please ring 07864 912696.

Photography

In line with the UK Athletics Welfare Policy the promoters of this event request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should first register their details with staff at the spectator desk where accreditation will be issued for the day. The promoter reserves the right to decline entry to any person unable to meet or abide by the promoter's conditions. If you are concerned about any photography taking place at this event please contact the promoter or event organiser who will be pleased to discuss this matter with you.

Warm Up (Ground Floor)

All warming up should take place in the Community Hall (below the Arena). For reasons of safety athletes are advised that there will be no warming up allowed in any of the corridors. **Spectators are asked not to go down to the Community Hall, there is limited space available, please give athletes competing priority of use.**

Event Reporting

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CALL UP IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

Track athletes should report to the Assembly Area at trackside (Ground Floor level) at least 15 minutes before their event, where they will be told the lane draw for their event. Field athletes should report directly to their event 20 minutes before start time.

Spikes can only be worn in the warm up area, and in the assembly area where you report for your event prior to competing. In all other areas, corridors etc., spikes MUST NOT be worn as this could result in injury.

Equipment

Athletes may use their own indoor shots, these must be submitted to the equipment room for checking at least 90 minutes before your event is due to start. **Only stadium starting blocks may be used** The maximum length of spikes is 6mm on both surfaces, this is in accordance with the Governing Body Rules, Surface regulations and your personal safety. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the individual/s being refused access to the facilities. Random checks will be frequently made on spike length.

Competition Area

Athletes are reminded that mobile phones should be switched off and that young children should not be brought into this area.

The Midland Counties AA cannot accept responsibility for any incurred expenses should the meeting be cancelled or postponed, nor can the Association accept responsibility for any injury or loss at any of its promotions.

We hope that you enjoy your competition at the Indoor Arena, and we look forward to a weekend of fine athletics.

Yours in Sport
Rachel Hulse
Championship Secretary