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Central/East European Region – Round 1 - 2017 - Vienna

Information Pack – Vienna 8 April 2017

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Introduction

Vienna Gaels GAA Club is honoured to have been given the privilege of hosting Round 1 of the 2017 Central/East European Region for 2017. This will be a fantastic occasion to showcase the hard work of all the clubs in developing the GAA in our region.

The club has been in existence since 2004 and is very much a multi-cultural one – something which has proved key to its survival. The club has hosted its own regional tournament almost every year, as well as the 2012 and 2015 Pan-European tournaments, and is ever-present at tournaments throughout the region. The Gaels have played a significant part in the development of the sport in the Central/East European region and are delighted to welcome friends old and new to Vienna.

Vienna is one of Europe's oldest and most beautiful cities and is one of its leading tourist destinations. In recent years the city has consistently been voted among the world's top three most liveable cities thanks to one of the best public transport systems in the world, an abundance of green space amenities, an array of festivals and public events, reasonably low cost of living, and an almost non-existent crime rate.

On behalf of the club, we look forward to welcoming you all here on April 8th. We hope that you all enjoy your stay in Vienna and (more importantly!) success on the playing field!

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Organising Committee 2017

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Travel to Vienna

Please note that the games schedule will not be confirmed until closer to the tournament. All travel plans should be based on the assumption that your team must be at the stadium at the latest by 8:30.

Flights

If you plan to fly on the morning of the tournament, the easiest option would be to take a taxi (€10-€15) directly to the stadium, approximately 15 mins.

There are 3 options to reach the city centre from Vienna Airport

1. Suburban railway (S-Bahn) €4.40 one-way

(http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival__parking/s-bahn__suburban_railway)

25mins to central Vienna (Landstrasse Wien Mitte, U3 / U4)

S-Bahn runs from 04.54 (then approx. every 30mins) until 00.18

2. Bus (Vienna Airport Lines) €8 one-way

- to Schwedenplatz (U1 / U4) in 20mins

- to Donauzentrum (U1) in 40mins

- to Westbahnhof (U3 / U6) in 45mins

3. City Airport Train (CAT) €12 one-way

16 minutes from the airport to central Vienna (Landstrasse Wien Mitte, U3 / U4)

CAT runs from 06.05 (then 05 and 35 min past the hour) until 23.35.

It is also possible to fly to Bratislava. The following services operate between Bratislava and Vienna with a bus journey of approx 1-1.5 hours. These bus services stop at Vienna airport and the city centre. Again, if you plan to fly on the morning of the tournament, the easiest option would be to get off at the Vienna airport stop and take a taxi (€10-€15) directly to the stadium.

Bratislava to Vienna

Blaguss - <http://www.blaguss.sk/media/PDF/Bratislava%20-%20Schwechat/bratislava-vieden%20blaguss%2006.08.2012en.pdf>

Slovak Lines -

http://www.eurolines.sk/fileadmin/user_upload/cestovne_poriadky/mal_new/wien_new.pdf

Train (from City Centre) - www.oebb.at



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Bus

Buses arrive at the International Bus Station (Erdberg – U3 U-Bahn station) and are available to most major cities in the countries listed below. They are operated by Eurolines (<http://www.eurolines.at/en/vib-bus-station>) and Westbus (<https://westbus.at/en>)

- Germany
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic
- Italy

Train

Trains are available directly to Vienna from the following countries. For more information check http://www.oebb.at/en/Travelling_abroad/SparSchiene_Europa/index.jsp

- Germany
- Italy
- Poland
- Switzerland
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic

Travel within Vienna

U-Bahn

The best way to get around is by using a 24, 48 or 72 hour ticket which is available in tobacconists and ticket machines in stations.

24 Hours: €7.60

48 Hours: €13.30

72 Hours: €16.50

The tickets can be used on trams, metro, buses and sub-urban trains within zone 100 which covers the entire city centre. The underground trains run 24-hours a day at weekends, so taxi fares should be minimal.

U-Bahn Network map: <https://homepage.univie.ac.at/horst.prillinger/ubahn/m/largemap.png>

Route-planner (including buses and trams) :

<http://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal2/ep/channelView.do/pageTypeId/66533/channelId/-48703>



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Stadium and Directions

Matches will take place at Rudolf-Tonn-Stadion, Franz Schuster-Strasse 1-3, 2320 Schwechat

All games will be played on grass soccer pitches, so studded boots are recommended.

There is ample free car parking at the stadium for anyone who is planning to drive.

There are several ways of getting to the stadium, each costing around €2-€3 p.p.

Option 1: Take the S7 from Landstraße/Wien Mitte to Schwechat train (direction Wolfstahl or Flughafen (Vienna Airport)). Trains depart 15 and 45 mins past every hour, journey time 17 min. The cost of this train is included in the 24/48/72 hour travel ticket mentioned above

Options from Schwechat train station are:

- Taxis should be available costing approximately €7 to the stadium.
- Bus 217 from the station to Brauhausstraße stop. Departs at 8:40 and 8:56.
- It is approximately a 10-15 min walk from the train station to the stadium.

Option 2: Take the U3 to the last stop Simmering. From there the following options are available

- A taxi from here to the stadium costs €12-€15
- Bus 217 (exit Hasenleitengasse at Simmering U-Bahn station) to Brauhausstraße stop. Journey takes 13 mins and departs at 7:48, 8:47 and 9:47.
- Bus 218 (exit Hasenleitengasse at Simmering U-Bahn station) to Schwechat Mappesgasse stop. It is a 12 min walk from there to the stadium. Bus journey takes 20 mins and departs at 7:22, 8:20 and 9:20.

Other Options:

- Taxi from Reumannplatz (U1) approx. €18-20.
- Taxi from Vienna Airport approx. €10-15

Direction for walk - Bus 218



Direction for walk - Bus 217





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Registration

The cost for the day is €35 as standard and includes registration, lunch and evening buffet dinner. Evening dinner for non-players is €15.

Please pay the fee in advance, if possible, to the account listed below, more than one week before the tournament. Please send an email when the transfer is made and we will provide confirmation to your club when it is received.

It can also be paid on the morning of the tournament at the registration desk, but please note that ECB has mandated that teams must pay a €100 deposit two weeks in advance to host clubs. Please note that due to the large numbers, payment of registration fees on the morning of the tournament could be quite slow, therefore payment in advance is recommended.

Bank Account Name: SV Gaelic Athletic Association Vienna

Bank Name: Raiffeisen

BIC code: RLNWATWW

IBAN - Code: AT033200000012047817

Lunch & Water

Players' lunch packs can be collected at the registration desk on Saturday morning. Lunch packs will not be provided for non-players. Instead supporters can make use of the café at the pitch which will be serving food and drinks throughout the day.

Each team will be provided with 6 large water bottles. These will be provided at registration and can be re-filled in the changing rooms.



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Pre-Tournament Meet-Up

Players and officials will be having a pre-tournament meet-up for food and drinks in Flanagans pub from 19:00 on Friday. All players and supporters are invited along.

Food and drinks menu can be found on their website : <http://www.flanagans.at/>

Address : Schwarzenberg Straße 1-3, Vienna 1010

Flanagan's is located approximately 5 minutes' walk from a number of U-Bahn stations.

- Karlsplatz (U1 / U2 / U4)
- Stephansplatz (U1)
- Stadtpark (U4)
- Stubentor (U3)





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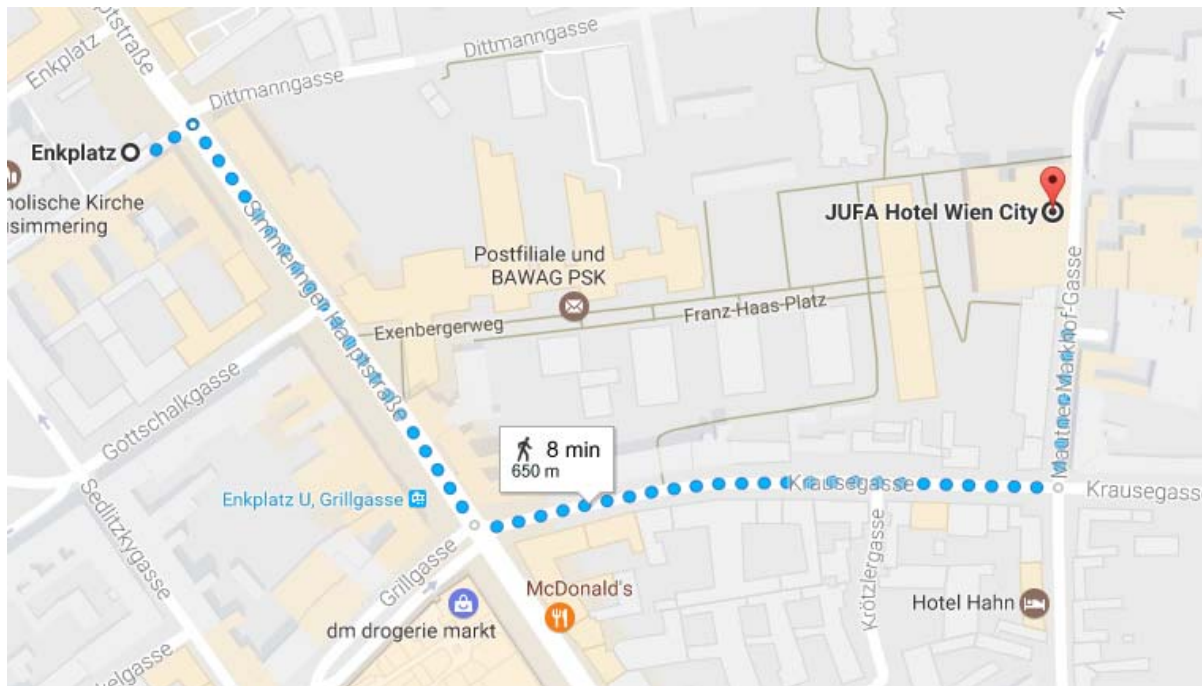


Dinner and Awards ceremony

On the evening of the tournament, the evening dinner will take place at JUFA Hotel Wien City.

Dinner begins at 19:30 and will be followed by the awards ceremony.

The address for JUFA Hotel is Mautner Markhof Gasse 50, 1110 Wien and is within walking distance of the Enkplatz U3 U-bahn station.



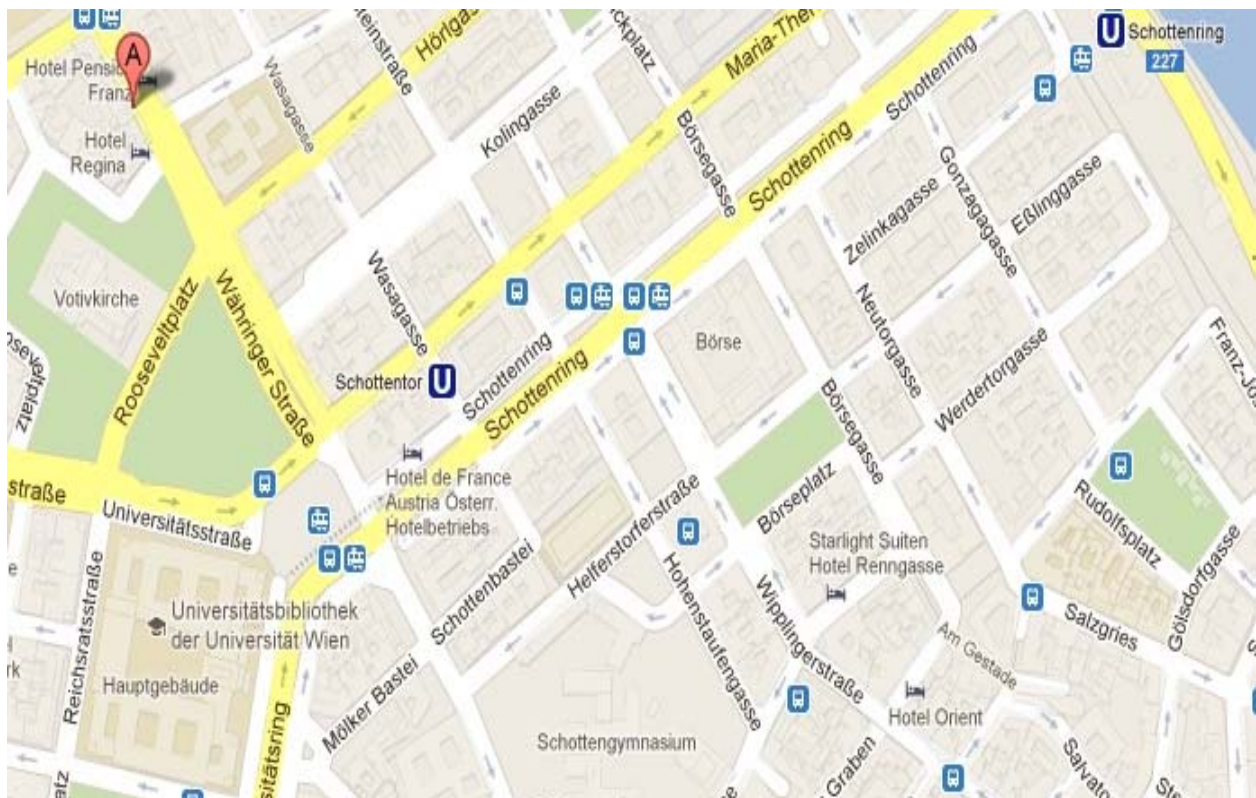


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After Party

After the dinner and awards ceremony we will move onto Charlie P's at ca. 23:30. The location consists of a pub upstairs, with a night-club downstairs, closing time is approx 4am. Charlie P's (Währinger Strasse 3, 1090 Vienna) is a 3 min walk from "Schottentor" metro station on the U2 (Purple line).



GAA handball tournament – Sunday 9 April

On Sunday 9 April from 10:00 to 13:00 hrs, we will host a GAA handball tournament for the very first time. Players from all clubs are welcome and encouraged to take part, regardless of experience or skill level.

Full details of the event will be provided closer to the date. Those unfamiliar with the sport of GAA handball can get a feel for it through the following video and the GAA handball YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuDfUvvvlwQ>



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Accommodation

Below is a list of hostels based in the city. Demand is generally quite high so it is advisable to book as early as possible. All are based close to U-Bahn lines and are relatively central.

- Wombats “Naschmarkt” : <https://www.wombats-hostels.com/vienna/the-naschmarkt/>
- Wombats “Lounge” : <https://www.wombats-hostels.com/vienna/the-lounge/>
- *Jufa Hotel : <https://www.jufa.eu/hotel/wien/>
- Meininger “Downtown Franz” : <http://www.meininger-hotels.com/de/hotels/wien/downtown-franz/>
- Meininger “Downtown Sissi” : <http://www.meininger-hotels.com/de/hotels/wien/downtown-sissi/>
- Hostel Ruthensteiner : <https://www.hostelruthensteiner.com/de/>

*This is located closer to Simmering U-Bahn, which may make the trip to the pitch in the morning shorter (either by Bus or Taxi), but is near the end of the U3 U-Bahn line, so travel to dinner/after-party will take longer

Information to be provided closer to the tournament

- Team Reps assigned to each team
- Schedule of games
- Further details of Sunday’s GAA handball event

Any further queries can be directed to secretary.vienna.europe@gaa.ie