

2006 Canadian Ultimate Championships Field Update

April 9, 2006, Halifax -- Halifax is excited to be hosting the **2006 Canadian Ultimate Championships** on August 17 to 20, 2006. Halifax is a vibrant maritime community whose enthusiastic ultimate community, social atmosphere, and historical attractions will engage the players, both on and off the ultimate field.

2006 Canadian Ultimate Championship Tournament Fields

Halifax Common: The majority of the tournament fields will be in the heart of the city to allow the players the greatest opportunity to enjoy all aspects of the city. Located in the centre of the Halifax peninsula, the Commons have been a central part of city life for centuries. Originally created as “common” pasture for the residents of Halifax, the Commons have evolved into the primary location for sport and recreation in the city.

Being very aware of the regular activity on the Commons from the wide range of sports which use the space, the CUC Fields Committee has partnered with the City of Halifax to develop a maintenance plan to ensure the best field quality of the Commons in many years. This plan involves early and regular turf maintenance to prepare for Nationals.

Wanderers Grounds: A short walk from the Commons is the Wanderers Grounds facility. Newly refurbished to expand the usable field space, the Wanderers Grounds will be the site for evening marquee games as well as the home for the CUC Beer Garden.

Clayton Park / Burnside: The two satellite sites, Clayton Park and Burnside, are new facilities, both utilizing state-of-the-art FIELDturf technology. FIELDturf is described as “a new innovation in sport surfacing”. This new turf is essentially a green shag carpet with soft ‘grass’ fibers covering a base of sand and crumb rubber from recycled tires. This surface has all the attributes of natural grass but can be used in all-weather situations. This turf looks like grass, feels like grass and plays like grass. For the players, natural-turf cleats are recommended, with some players preferring turf shoes.

Huskies Stadium, St. Mary’s University: The home of some of Canada’s most renowned sports programs, St. Mary’s University recently increased their profile by installing premiere sports field, complete with a brand new FIELDturf playing surface. The school now has an impressive surface that is designed for all-weather use. This high quality surface has already been used to host regular CIS football games and is used as the Halifax site for pre-season CFL games. This site will be used for the Sunday Finals.

Wickwire Field, Dalhousie University: We will be using Wickwire as a contingency field only in case of rain. This surface is generation 1 turf and will require turf shoes for optimal play. Wickwire is Dalhousie’s all-weather field that is used for Halifax’s annual spring competition “Tournament of Fools”.

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