



Football

Old Trafford, Manchester



London 2012 Olympic Games Official spectator guide

Plan your travel

Getting to Old Trafford

We're not providing any spectator parking at the venue except for pre-booked Blue Badge spaces, so we suggest you go by park-and-ride or public transport. Park-and-ride must be booked online and paid for in advance – go to london2012.com/travel for details.

If you're going by public transport, the recommended Metrolink stations are:

- Exchange Quay M** – around 12-minute walk
- Old Trafford M** – around 12-minute walk
- Trafford Bar M** – around 17-minute walk
- Salford Quay M** – around 20-minute walk
- Media City M** – around 25-minute walk
- Harbour City M** – around 25-minute walk

There is also a shuttle service running between Piccadilly Gardens in central Manchester and Old Trafford.

If you're coming from outside the Manchester area, we recommend you travel to Manchester Piccadilly station by National Rail and then change on to the Metrolink.

The shuttle service, Metrolink journeys and bus routes from the city centre to Old Trafford are free of charge for spectators – just present your London 2012 ticket to transport staff when asked.

It will be very busy so leave plenty of time to get to the venue and be prepared for crowds. Plan and book your journey at london2012.com/travel and check it before you set off as things may change. You'll also find plenty of walking and cycling routes on the website.

Accessible travel

If you've already reserved Blue Badge parking, you'll receive details in the post soon. For more information, go to london2012.com/bluebadge

Old Trafford and Exchange Quay Metrolink are the recommended stations with step-free access. The free shuttle service running from central Manchester is also accessible.



Top tips

- 1 Check the London 2012 website for the latest information** before you travel
- 2 Remember your tickets!** Everyone needs a ticket for entry
- 3 Check the weather forecast and come prepared**, whether that means bringing a sun hat or rain jacket – we are in the UK after all!
- 4 The transport system and venue will be very busy so leave plenty of time to travel and be prepared to wait**
- 5 We recommend you arrive up to two hours before your session starts**
- 6 Please avoid bringing a bag and remember there's no storage available at the venue**
- 7 You'll need to go through security checks when you arrive so make sure you've read the list of items that aren't allowed inside the venue at london2012.com/security**
- 8 There's a wide variety of healthy and tasty food inside the venue**
- 9 You can pay by Visa (debit, credit or prepaid) or cash (£) only**
- 10 It may take a while to exit the venue and begin your journey home, so please be patient**

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Welcome

This guide includes handy tips to help you get to your event and make the most of your Olympic experience. Have a good read – and don't forget to bring it on the day!

Arriving at the venue

We recommend you arrive at Old Trafford up to two hours before your session starts. Your ticket will show you which entrance to use.

When you get to the entrance, you'll be asked to go through security checks. With thousands of people arriving at the same time, there may be a queue.

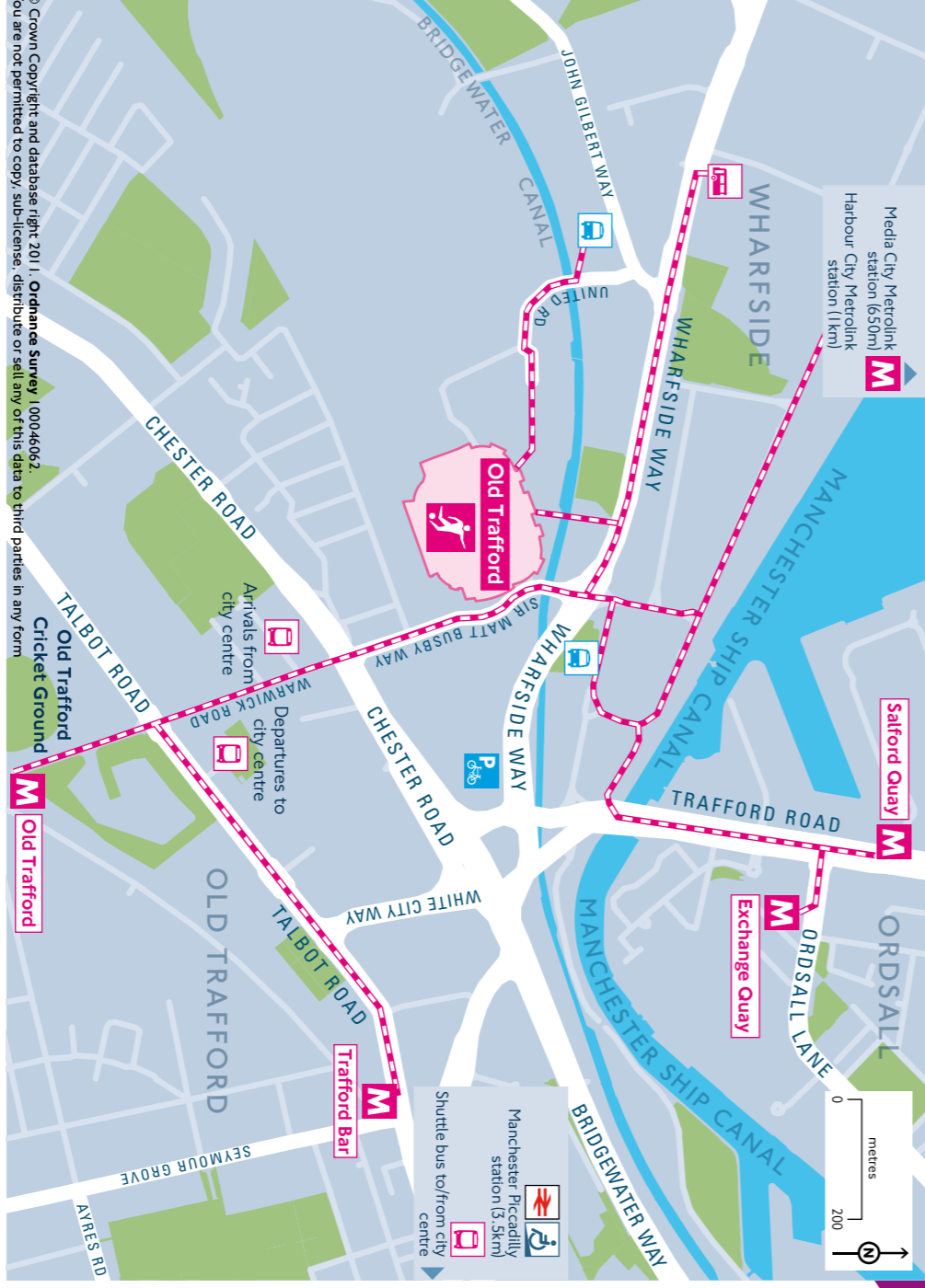
Please avoid bringing a bag. If you are carrying a small bag it will be searched, delaying your entry. Large bags will not be permitted inside the venue and there are no storage facilities available.

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Games, so there are some things you can't bring into the venue. Go to london2012.com/security for the full list, which includes water and other liquids.

Remember, once you enter the venue you will not be able to leave and re-enter.

Did you know?

Old Trafford is over 100 years old, having celebrated its centenary in 2010. With a capacity of more than 76,000, it is also the third largest Olympic venue – only Wembley Stadium and the new Olympic Stadium in London are bigger.



Key

- Old Trafford** (pink box with football icon)
- Recommended station for spectators (M icon)
- Event area during the Olympic Games (pink box)
- Spectator access route (dashed red line)
- Station with step-free access and staff assistance (wheelchair icon)
- Park-and-ride shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off (bus icon)
- Cycle parking (bicycle icon)
- Chartered coach parking (bus icon)
- Shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off (bus icon)
- National Rail (train icon)
- Metrolink (all stations have step-free access) (M icon)

Football

The passion and drama of Football have made it one of the most popular spectator sports in the world, and it is one of the biggest competitions at London 2012.

Session timetable

Day	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Date	Wed 25 Jul	Thu 26 Jul	Fri 27 Jul	Sat 28 Jul	Sun 29 Jul	Mon 30 Jul	Tue 31 Jul	Wed 1 Aug	Thu 2 Aug	Fri 3 Aug	Sat 4 Aug	Sun 5 Aug	Mon 6 Aug	Tue 7 Aug	Wed 8 Aug	Thu 9 Aug	Fri 10 Aug	Sat 11 Aug	Sun 12 Aug
City of Coventry Stadium Coventry	Afternoon/ evening 17:00 - 21:45	* 19:45 - 21:45		12:00 - 16:45	* 14:30 - 19:15		19:45 - 21:45	17:00 - 21:45		19:30 - 21:30						13:00 - 15:00			
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Wembley Stadium London	Afternoon/ evening				17:00 - 21:45		19:45 - 21:45	17:00 - 19:00			14:30 - 16:30		17:00 - 19:00	17:00 - 19:00		19:45 - 22:15		15:00 - 17:30	

Sessions where gold medals will be decided and/or awarded are highlighted in bold

*Session features two matches

Men's event Women's event

Sports info

Medal events	2
Athletes per team	18
Athletes per team on pitch	11
Total athletes	504 (16 men's teams, 12 women's teams)



The history

Football was introduced as an Olympic medal sport at the London 1908 Games, 22 years before the first FIFA World Cup. Great Britain won the gold medal in 1908, then successfully defended its title four years later in Stockholm. The sport has featured at every Olympic Games since, with the exception of Los Angeles 1932.

Did you know?

The men's competition is an under-23s event, although each country is allowed to include three older players in its team. There are no age restrictions for the women's competition.

Find out more about Football – pick up an official London 2012 daily or souvenir programme at the event.

The basics

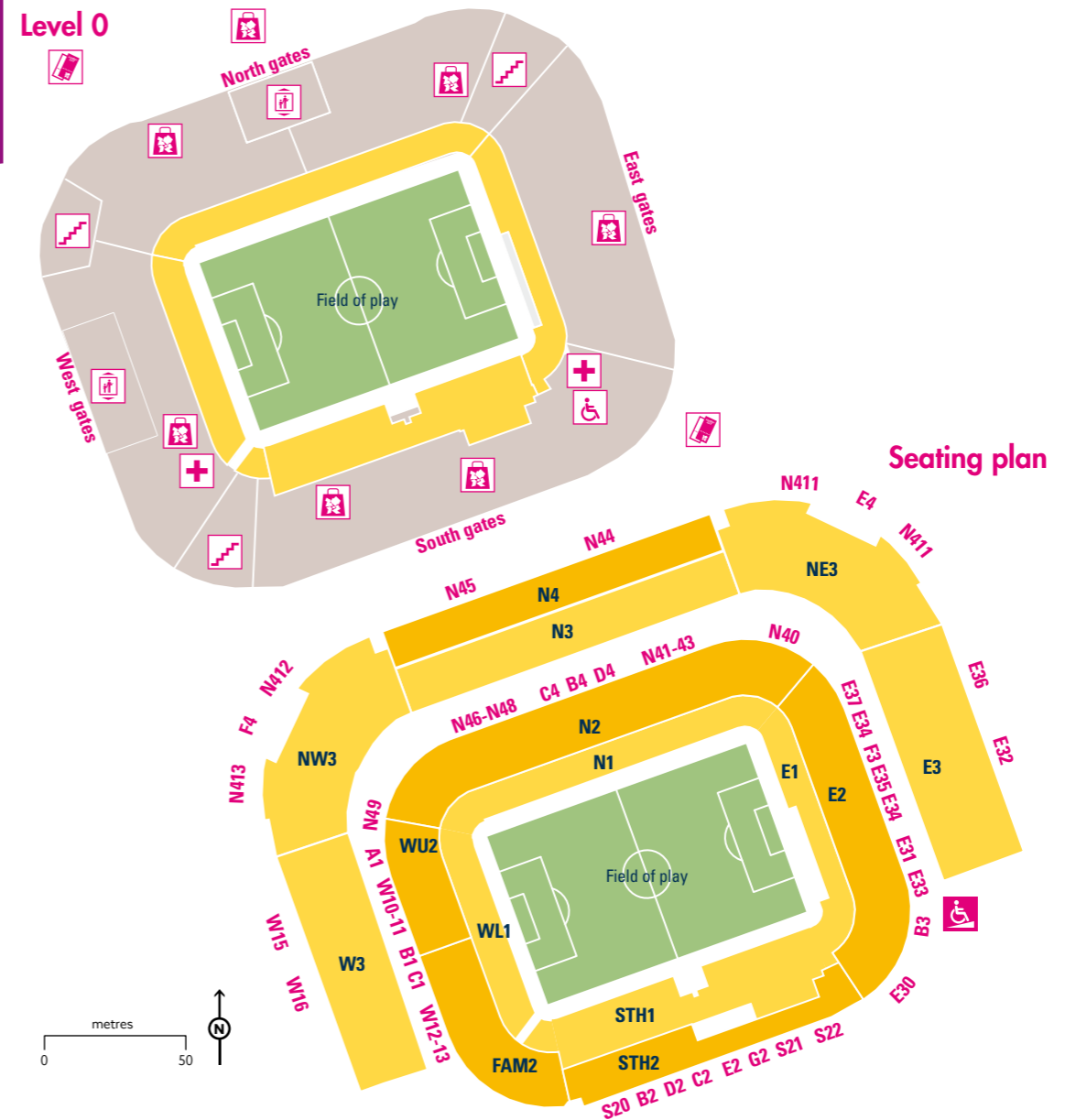
The aim of Football, to score more goals than the opposition, is both simple and universally known. Teams of 11 players compete across two 45-minute halves, with extra time and penalty shootouts used to decide drawn matches during the knockout stages of the competition.

At London 2012, both the men's and women's events begin with a group stage. The teams are divided into groups of four (three groups in the women's tournament, four groups for the men), and the best eight teams qualify for the quarter-finals.

From here, the competitions are played in a knockout format: the two winning semi-finalists play for the gold medal, and the two losing semi-finalists compete for the bronze.

Old Trafford

Level 0



Key

- Accessible turnstile
 - NE3** Seating block
 - B3** Entrance
 - Accessible toilets
 - Ticket box office
 - Lift
 - Stairs
 - Spectator medical
 - London 2012 Shop
- Facilities (food and drink/toilets) are available around each concourse

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Inside the venue

Please do your bit for the environment – take your rubbish home or help us recycle it by following the coloured icons on the bins, and on food and drink packaging.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in this venue.

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Out and about

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