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-  **North Greenwich**
 -  Recommended station/pier for spectators
 -  Event area during the Olympic Games
 -  Venue entrance or exit
 -  Spectator access route
 -  National Rail
 -  London Underground
 -  River services
 -  Bus station
 -  Station/pier with stepfree access and staff assistance
 -  Cycle parking
 -  Shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off



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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. So have a good read – and don't forget to bring it on the day!

Arriving at the venue

Aim to be at the venue up to two hours before your session starts. When you get there, you'll be asked to go through airport-style security screening. With thousands of people arriving at the same time, there may be a queue. One soft-sided bag is allowed per person – for example, a medium-sized handbag or small backpack (maximum 25 litres).

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.

Unless your session is the first of the day, you'll only be able to enter the arena inside the venue after all spectators from the previous session have left. There's no readmission.

Games Mobility

When you arrive you can use our free Games Mobility service, which loans out mobility vehicles on a first come, first served basis. Audio description and guiding are also available. Find out more at london2012.com/accessibility

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 Aim to arrive at the venue up to two hours before** your session starts
- 4 The transport system and venue will be very busy so leave plenty of time to travel and be prepared to wait** – it may also take a while to exit the venue once your session is over
- 5 You'll need to go through airport-style security when you arrive so make sure you've read the list of items that aren't allowed inside the venue** at london2012.com/security
- 6 Your bag must fit under your seat or on your lap.** If you can manage without one, even better – it will help speed up security checks
- 7 There's a wide variety of healthy and tasty food** inside the venue
- 8 You can pay by Visa (debit, credit or prepaid) or cash (£) only**
- 9 Check the weather forecast and come prepared,** whether that means bringing a sun hat or rain jacket – we are in the UK after all!
- 10 If you have any questions on the day, just ask a member of London 2012 staff** or visit an information point



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Basketball

North Greenwich Arena



London 2012 Olympic Games Official spectator guide



Plan your travel

Getting to North Greenwich Arena

Great news! You can use the Games Travelcard sent to you with your ticket for free travel on public transport in London zones 1–9 on the day of your event, including to and from North Greenwich Arena. The recommended stations are:

North Greenwich  – around 2-minute walk

Charlton  – free shuttle service (10-minute journey)

There are direct train services to Charlton station from Charing Cross, Cannon Street and London Bridge in central London.

London 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.

Or why not take the scenic route and go by boat? From North Greenwich Pier, it's just a 5-minute walk to the venue – and your Games Travelcard entitles you to one-third off the cost of river services.

Been to the venue before? It will be operating differently during the Games so please follow the signs and directions from staff.

There is no spectator parking, except for pre-booked Blue Badge spaces.

For days when you're not going to a London 2012 sports event or ceremony, beat the queues for travel tickets and buy a Visitor Oyster card before you leave home at tfl.gov.uk/visitorshop

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

North Greenwich, Charlton and North Greenwich Pier have step-free access, with staff assistance available. The shuttle service running from Charlton station is also accessible.

Basketball

North Greenwich Arena

From humble beginnings where peach baskets were used for goals, Basketball has evolved into one of the world's most popular team sports.

Sports info

Medal events	2
Athletes per team	12
Athletes per team on court	5
Total athletes	288 (12 teams in each event)

Session timetable

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Date	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
	Basketball Arena										North Greenwich Arena					
Morning	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00	09:00-13:00						11:00-13:00
Afternoon	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:30-18:30	14:00-18:00	14:00-18:00	17:00-19:00	17:00-19:00	17:00-19:00	15:00-17:30
Evening	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	20:00-00:00	21:00-23:00	21:00-23:00	21:00-23:30	

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

The history

Basketball was invented in 1891 by Dr James Naismith, a Canadian physical education teacher who wanted to create a game that could be played indoors during the winter by his students at the YMCA in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA. The first game took place in December 1891, using peach baskets for goals.

Men's Basketball first appeared on the Olympic programme at Berlin 1936, with the women's event introduced at Montreal 1976. Professional players were first allowed to compete at the Barcelona 1992 Games, when the famous US 'Dream Team' won gold in the men's event.

Did you know?

A total of 600 basketballs will be used during the London 2012 competition.

While you're watching

Please be considerate of your fellow spectators and wait until a break in play to leave your seat. Flash photography is not permitted.

The basics

Basketball is played on an indoor court 28 metres long and 15m wide. Teams are made up of 12 players, with five on the court at any time and unlimited substitutions.

Two points are awarded for a regular shot from open play, one point for each successful free throw (following a foul) and three points for a shot from distance (beyond what's known as the three-point line, 6.75m from the basket). Games run for 40 minutes, and are split into four 10-minute quarters. The clock stops for breaks in play, such as fouls.

At London 2012, both the men's and women's competitions begin with a round-robin preliminary stage, with the 12 teams in each competition being divided into two groups of six. The top four teams in each group qualify for the quarter-finals and the bottom two are eliminated from the competition.

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



Seating plan

Key

- Main entrance and exit
 - Venue entrance and exit
 - 101** Seating block
 - Ticket resolution office
 - Games Mobility
 - Lift
 - Escalators
 - London 2012 Shop
 - Information, lost and found and pushchair and wheelchair storage
- Spectator facilities (toilets, food and drink, etc) can be found around the concourse on each level



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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 the venue.

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Out and about

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