

12TH MAN

**ESTONIA v
NORTHERN IRELAND**
SATURDAY 8 JUNE

**BELARUS v
NORTHERN IRELAND**
TUESDAY 11 JUNE



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Northern Ireland National Team



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WELCOME FROM MICHAEL O'NEILL



With six points already secured in Group C of the UEFA Euro 2020 Qualifiers, thanks to the victories over Estonian and Belarus in Belfast back in March, the onus is definitely on us to earn another six points in the reverse fixtures over the next week or so.

The players, the coaching staff and myself are well aware it will be a difficult task as both countries will want to do well in their home fixtures.

Estonia's Meistriliiga - it runs from spring to the autumn - is in full swing right now. The Estonian team features several players who operate in it and I am therefore expecting Estonia to be fitter and sharper than they were in Belfast at a time when their top flight was just getting under way.

It's a similar story with the Premier League in Belarus, which runs during the summer. The Belarusians were hard to break down in Belfast and I believe we will have to be patient once again when we face them in Borisov.

In our training camps over the past few weeks I have sensed a steely determination within our squad to get the two wins that would give us a strong platform going in to the qualifiers against Germany and the Netherlands this autumn.

And with the support of you, our devoted travelling fans, I am quietly confident we can deliver.

Michael O'Neill
Senior Men's Team Manager

WELCOME FROM GARY MCALLISTER

Hello and welcome to this edition of the 12th Man which covers both the Estonia and Belarus away Euro 2020 qualifiers.

After a good start to the campaign it's all to play for. Northern Ireland fans will travel in good numbers as usual with 1300 expected in Tallinn, while around half that number will make the trip to Minsk.

Both cities offer plenty of places to eat and drink and I've no doubt that we'll be able to have a good time in both.

While many of us will be familiar with Estonia, this is the first time we will have played in Belarus and the match is, of course, being played in Borisov, home of BATE. I would advise everyone to have your transport route to and from the stadium sorted before you head away.

There are a few points worth taking note of for Belarus, and you can find the information inside this guide. It's also available at our Facebook page [TheAmalgamation](#), via our Twitter @[AoNISC_Travel](#) or you can also follow me @[WGMac](#).

The AONISC will also be operating our usual Northern Ireland Fans Embassy emergency mobile phone service. If you need assistance we can put you in touch with the right people. The number is +447943 542100.

Have a safe and enjoyable trip and let's hope for the right results!

Gary McAllister
Chairman, AONISC

Getting there: ESTONIA

Gathering place for Northern Ireland fans

It is anticipated fans will gather in the Townhall Square in the Old Town area of Tallinn.

Townhall Square and the adjacent area has a large number of bars, cafes and restaurants.

Those choosing to avail of public transport (buses and trams) should walk to nearby Freedom Square and utilise buses and trams from there to Lillekula Stadium (A Le Coq Arena).

Getting from Freedom Square to A Le Coq Arena by public transport

Option 1 (see map on page 4)

FROM FREEDOM SQUARE BY BUS ALONG ENDLA STREET

This route may be closed to traffic by local police to allow fans to walk to the stadium.

Get on bus 23 and 23A at Freedom Square and get off at Koidu bus stop. Walk about 10 -15 mins towards stadium. In red – travel by bus; blue dots – walking.

Option 2 (see map on page 4)

BY TRAM FROM FREEDOM SQUARE ALONG PÄRNU MAANTEE AVENUE

Get on Tram 3 or 4 at Freedom Square. Either tram runs along Pärnu Maantee Avenue. Get off at the Vineeri stop and walk to the stadium (10 mins) or Tallinn-Väike and walk to the stadium. In green – travel by tram; blue dots – walking.

A plastic smartcard and e ticket system is in use in Tallinn for buses, trolleybuses and trams.

Information can be obtained on the Tallinn Tourism Website www.tourism.tallinn.ee.

Those fans wishing to walk to the stadium will be advised by local police as to the preferred route. This will entail a 30-40 minute walk from Freedom Square.

Entry to stadium

There will be an initial soft ticket check at the outer perimeter of the stadium followed by a search and scanning of ticket at the turnstiles.

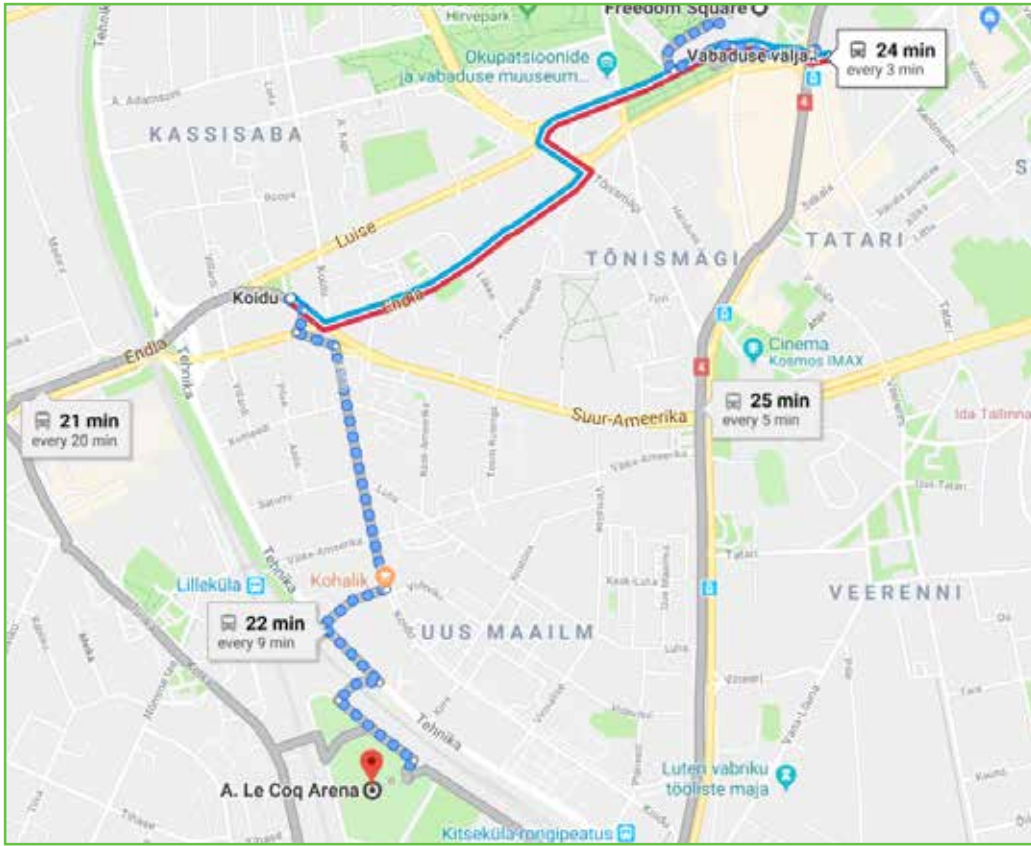
Northern Ireland fans will enter the stadium at Gate 7 and are seated in the top storey of the stand in sectors 15-18.

Prohibited items are the same as those at the National Football Stadium in Belfast. While there is some provision for large bags to be stored, none of these items will be admitted to the stadium.

Anyone wishing to display banners or flags is encouraged to bring them to the stadium two hours before kick-off.

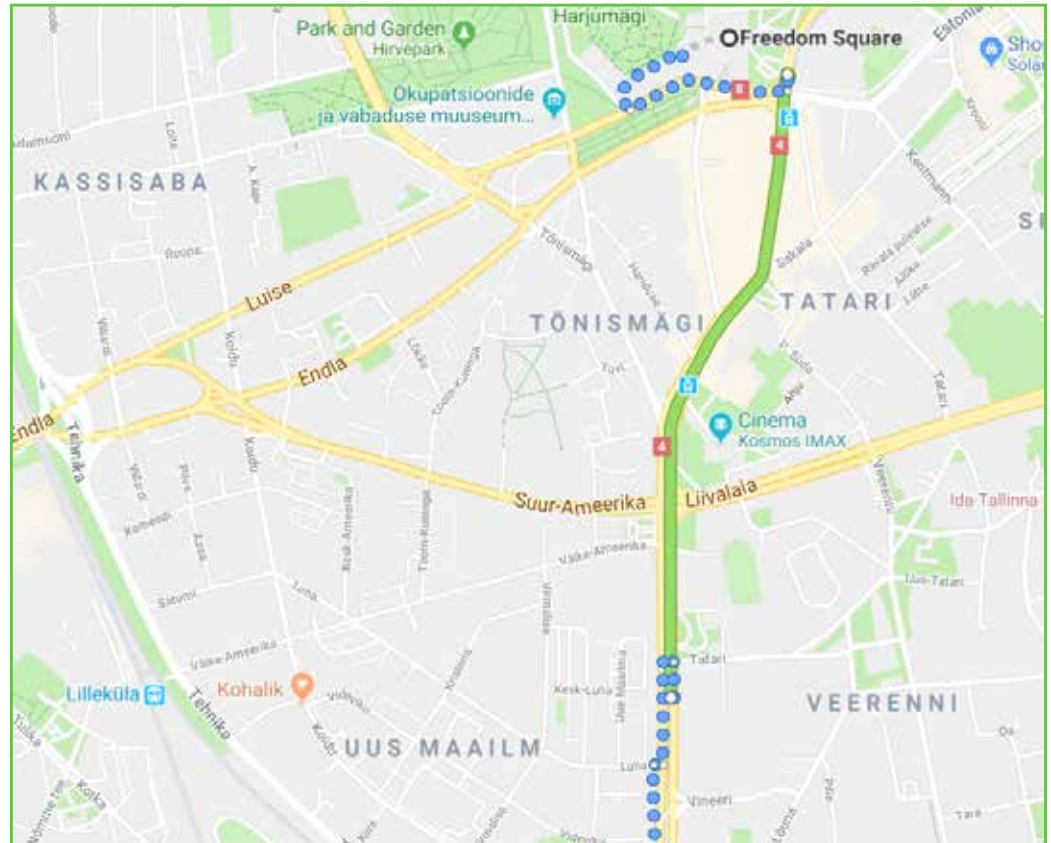
Alcohol is on sale at the stadium but not permitted to be brought to the spectator areas.

Getting there: ESTONIA



Option 1

Option 2



Getting there: ESTONIA

Useful information

Tallinn is a city well used to an influx of foreign visitors and offers a range of activities focusing on the Old Town part of the city.

Be aware of the risk of pickpocketing and mugging especially in bars and nightclubs in Tallinn's Old Town.

You should report any theft in person to Tallinn Central Police Station, Kolde, Tallinn **+372 612 5400**. You will need to obtain a police report if you have lost your passport.

You should take out comprehensive travel and medical insurance before you travel and ensure you are in possession of the European Health Insurance Card. The currency of Estonia is the euro.

If you need emergency help from the UK government contact the British Embassy at the following address:

British Embassy Tallinn

Wismari 6, Tallinn

+372 667 4700

Up to date information can be obtained at **www.fco.gov.uk** and follow the links to Estonia.



Getting there: **BELARUS**

VISA REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION PRIOR TO TRAVEL

Strict attention must be paid to the travel advice on the FCO website. Go to www.fco.gov.uk and follow the links to Belarus.

This advice is especially important to fans who are considering alternative travel arrangements to the direct flights from Tallinn to Minsk International Airport. Travel to other points of entry in Belarus may entail additional visa requirements.

Travel via Russia may require an appropriate visa even if you are only transiting through an airport.

Details listed on travel documentation must be exactly the same as your passport details or you will be challenged at the point of entry.

Your passport will be thoroughly checked at the point of entry and must be free from blemishes/damage.

You will be required to purchase obligatory medical insurance prior to passing through Passport Control. The cost is two euro for three days' cover.

Belarus Roubles can only be purchased in Belarus via ATMs or official money exchange points. Only good quality pound or euro notes free from damage or blemishes will be accepted.

MEETING POINT FOR FANS

While the game is being played in Borisov it is recommended fans gather in Minsk and only travel to Borisov pre match.

Northern Ireland fans are advised to meet up in the Zybetskaya district of Minsk. There is ample space in this area with access to bars, cafes and restaurants.

Drinking in public areas is not permitted.

TRAVEL TO STADIUM

The match is being staged at Borisov Arena. The travel time by coach from Minsk is approximately one hour and 20 minutes.

While there is public transport via rail between the two cities no guarantees have been obtained regarding public transport back to Minsk after the match. Please note the stadium is outside the city of Borisov and a considerable distance from the railway station.

Fans are encouraged to travel from Minsk to Borisov via pre organised coaches.

All coaches arranged by fans travelling to Borisov should leave Lenin Street in Minsk at 1845 on match day (nearest Metro station is Pershamayskaya).

Getting there: **BELARUS**



STADIUM

Prior to entry all fans will be subjected to a ticket check, search and scanning of ticket.

Northern Ireland fans will be seated in Sector G1 and G2 of the stadium.

Details of prohibited items are displayed at the stadium entrance and there should be spare capacity to display flags and banners.

USEFUL INFORMATION

All persons travelling to Belarus are strongly advised to take out comprehensive medical and travel insurance.

You should avoid taking photographs of government buildings, military installations and uniformed officials. You can be fined for jaywalking.

For up to date information you should refer to **www.fco.gov.uk** and follow links to Belarus.

The British Embassy is located at: **37 Karl Marx Street in Minsk +375 17 229 8200**

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD

Goalkeepers:

Michael McGovern (Norwich City)

Bailey Peacock-Farrell (Leeds Utd)

Conor Hazard (Celtic)

Defenders:

Aaron Hughes (Heart of Midlothian)

Gareth McAuley (Glasgow Rangers)

Jonny Evans (Leicester City)

Craig Cathcart (Watford)

Conor McLaughlin (Unattached)

Patrick McNair (Middlesbrough)

Jamal Lewis (Norwich City)

Michael Smith (Heart of Midlothian)

Tom Flanagan (Sunderland)

Daniel Ballard (Arsenal)

Midfielders:

Steven Davis (Glasgow Rangers)

Corry Evans (Blackburn Rovers)

Shane Ferguson (Millwall)

Stuart Dallas (Leeds Utd)

George Saville (Middlesbrough)

Jordan Jones (Glasgow Rangers)

Gavin Whyte (Oxford United)

Jordan Thompson (Blackpool)

Mark Sykes (Oxford United)

Forwards:

Kyle Lafferty (Glasgow Rangers)

Josh Magennis (Bolton Wanderers)

Conor Washington (Unattached)

Liam Boyce (Burton Albion)

Paul Smyth (Queens Park Rangers)





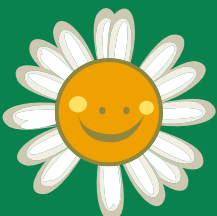
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