



Welcome to the English Institute of Sport Sheffield

- EIS Sheffield is the state of the art venue boasting superb facilities for all sporting occasions. EIS Sheffield prides itself on offering top quality sporting facilities which are open to all ages and abilities, whether you want a quick game of Badminton or are an elite athlete training for London 2012. With over 60 sports clubs, 10 Olympic sports, fitness centre and gym open to all; EIS Sheffield is the place to be for sport.

The story so far...

- In June 2000 Sport England Lottery-funding was approved as part of a national initiative to provide world class sports facilities. Construction began in June 2002 and in December 2003 the venue officially opened.
- The venue is Sport England Lottery-funded and managed by Sheffield International Venues Ltd who operate and manage 14 sport and entertainment facilities.
- In 2008 EIS Sheffield was named an official Olympic and Paralympics training ground attracting camps to train here from across the globe.
- EIS Sheffield balances elite usage alongside community usage.
- The venue is currently home to 12 National Governing Bodies and Organizations:

Amateur Boxing Association of England ABAAE;	England Netball;
British Handball;	English Institute of Sport Support Centre;
British Judo Association;	English Table Tennis Association;
British Volleyball Federation;	GB Boxing;
England Athletics;	South Yorkshire Sport;
England Basketball;	World Snooker Academy.
Playing for Success;	
- EIS Sheffield runs many different activities for all ages and abilities from Martial Arts to Boxing, Netball to Basketball, even a School Holiday Club every school holiday, all year round. You can have a birthday party with coached sessions, a group coached session, a School Sports Day, a tour or even a conference. There are many options to choose from.
- Home to the Valley Health & Fitness Centre complete with gym and spa area and a capped membership ensuring a quiet and relaxed atmosphere to train in.
- 300,000 visitors a year.
- 30,000 school children a year through School Sports Days, Tours and School Holiday Clubs.
- 75,000 event attendances a year.
- Athletes who use the facility include Commonwealth bronze medalist Jessica Ennis, World Class Development pole vaulter Luke Cutts and the recently retired Olympic silver medalist diver Leon Taylor. Dame Kelly Holmes also credited the venue with helping her to achieve two gold medals at the 2004 Olympics.
- Home to boxing gold medalist James Degale and boxing bronze medalists Tony Jeffries and David Price. Plus gold medalist sailor Paul Goodison uses the facility when he comes home. Also a training venue for Paralympic Boccia team who won gold at Paralympics and some of the bronze medal winning GB Wheelchair basketball team.



EIS Sheffield Event Highlights

- Athletics UK Indoor Championships & European Trials broadcast on BBC from 2004 to 2008 including the controversial Dwain Chambers winning the 60m Sprint and EIS Sheffield's Jessica Ennis winning the High Jump February 2008.
- World Snooker Championship Qualifiers for the previous two years and Snooker Masters Qualifiers broadcast on the BBC, increasing Sheffield's strong association with snooker. Also practice venue during the World Snooker Championship for the likes of Steven Hendry, Peter Ebdon and John Higgins to name a few.
- European Volleyball Championship broadcast on Sky Sports in June 2008 between GB Volleyball Women and Men against Albania and Denmark respectively.
- GB wrestling came to EIS Sheffield for the first time in 2008 increasing the portfolio of events hosted within the venue.
- British University Championships, BUSA took centre stage in March 2008, attracting 5,000 competitors and spectators to Sheffield from all over the country and with Sheffield's fantastic facilities the event will return to Sheffield for the next two years.
- Sheffield Sharks home venue, playing 18 home games in 2007/08 season and encouraging Basketball amongst young people through the Mini Sharks programme.
- Duke of Edinburgh Disability Games where 230 students, aged 14 to 19 take part in a range of different sports including athletics, archery, football, basketball, goal ball and Boccia demonstrating the venue caters for all sporting occasions.
- Amateur Boxing Association of England ABAE National Finals, attracted new young talented boxers to the city.
- National Wheelchair Basketball finals supporting the sport in Sheffield and South Yorkshire.
- FA Umbro National Futsal Finals and Youth Finals which is the largest junior Futsal festival in the country for Under 10's through to adults attracting over 1,250 competitors and spectators to the region.
- British Open Fencing Championships displaying the diversity of sports taking place.
- British Judo Championships.
- Mamut English Open Squash Championships.
- Netball Super League broadcast on Sky Sports.
- British Handball Cup Finals.
- Channel 4 The Games and ITV Celebrity Fit Club Final.

Keep up to date on all the events at EIS Sheffield by logging on to www.eis-sheffield.co.uk

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