



2008 VIETNAM HAT PLAYER'S INFORMATION PACKET

**HO CHI MINH CITY
DECEMBER 27-28th, 2008**

WELCOME TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL VIETNAM HAT!

Dear Player,

Vietnam Ultimate is proud to present our Fifth Annual Year End Hat Tournament. Thank you for registering and we look forward to being your hosts for what will be an epic weekend of ultimate! The fields have been prepped, the discs have been printed, the pillows have been fluffed and the drinks are on ice. Come ready for some competitive ultimate on the field and some killer parties off the field. Get pumped for a great tournament with over 100 of your closest friends in Asian Ultimate. Oh, and one more thing: **NEVER. STOP. RUNNING.**

-The 2008 Vietnam Hat Organizing Committee

Tournament Hotline

If you have any questions or need any help whatsoever upon your arrival in HCMC, feel free to contact any of the following individuals.

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What to Bring

Cleats, a hat, sunscreen, **a water bottle** (we'll have big jugs of water available on the field for you to fill your own bottle), various sports accessories (braces, tape, ibuprofen, etc.), **a fabulous celebrity costume and a healthy liver** -- we'll take care of everything else!

If you left your cleats at home, there are Nike (39 Le Loi, D1) & Adidas (112 Nguyen Hue, D1) shops around town that can get you kitted out. If you'd rather not pay retail, David Jensen recommends a shop at 78 Pham Hong Thai that sells "The Best \$7 Cleats in the World"TM. He swears by them.

At the Fields

We'll have loads of water, fruit and electrolytes waiting for you when you arrive at the RMIT sports fields in the morning. If this is your first visit to the Vietnam Hat, you'll discover that RMIT is home to some of the **lushest ultimate fields in Asia**. For this year's tournament, we'll have 3 freshly chalked fields prepped and ready to go.

As an added bonus, there are **6 shower stalls** each in both the men's and women's bathrooms which are located right next to the field. So be sure to bring a spare change of clothes if you want to get cleaned up before catching the shuttle bus back into the city.

We'll also have **an on field first-aid tent and stand-by ambulance staffed by International SOS** should you require any medical attention during the tournament.

A **free buffet lunch** will be provided for all players **on both days**. You'll receive your lunch coupons in your player bag – do not lose them! We'll also have plenty of free soft drinks and ice cold beer waiting for you. **Beer starts flowing at noon on Saturday and again at 8am on Sunday** (Good morning! It's me, Hair-of-the-Dog – pleasure to make your acquaintance!). Various and sundry other adult libations will also be available to keep players and spectators enthusiastically lubricated during Sunday's playoff matches.

Arrival in HCMC at Tan Son Nhat Airport



The international terminal at Tan Son Nhat Airport is relatively easy to negotiate. Provided that your visa and passport are in order, immigration authorities will process you quickly and efficiently. If you applied for a visa-on-arrival through Handspan, make sure to bring the approval email you

received from Handspan, along with 1 passport photo and the \$25 visa fee to the immigration counter at the airport. Make sure you keep your customs / immigration card, as you will need this to leave the country. Your luggage will be x-rayed as you exit.

Attention Soidawgz, you can **only** bring in 1 liter of liquor into Vietnam duty-free. However, if you're caught with that extra liter of tequila that you stuffed down your pants, you will be given the opportunity to chug it on the spot without penalty. Cheers!

Money: there is a currency exchange booth just before the exit. The exchange rate is fairly standard at most money-changers in the city (right around 17,000 VND / USD). In addition, many ATMs throughout the city (for instance HSBC, ANZ, Vietcombank, Sacombank) accept bank cards from overseas banks.

Taxis: Don't book a taxi at the taxi desk inside the airport. Rather, go outside the terminal and find the taxi queue. Make sure to remind the driver to use the meter if it doesn't turn on automatically. The fare to downtown should be about 100,000 VND, or about \$6 USD. You can tell the driver where you want to go, but you're better off showing the address of your hotel, as the pronunciation can be a bit tricky. Many of you will be staying in the backpacker area, in which case you should ask the driver to take you to Pham Ngu Lao St. or De Tham St.

Getting to the Fields

Free Shuttle Bus: We will be providing a free shuttle bus to take players to the fields. The bus will pick up at the intersection of Pham Ngu Lau St. and De Tham St (in front of Allez Boo bar). **On Saturday, the bus will depart at 7:20am sharp** – so get there on time! You'll be happy to learn that we'll be giving you an extra 25 minutes to sleep in on Sunday. **On Sunday, the bus will depart at 7:45am sharp.** The return bus on both days will be departing the fields around 5:30pm and will have you back at the pick-up point by 6:00pm.

Taxi: A taxi cab from downtown should cost you less than 100000VND (\$6 USD) and take about 20 minutes. **Print out this page** to give to your taxi driver as we've included directions in Vietnamese on how to get to the fields.

**Đại Học Quốc Tế RMIT
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Phú Mỹ Hưng**



1. Bắt đầu đi từ đường Nguyễn Thị Nghĩa (Nguyễn Thái Học) - gần ngã 6 Phù Đổng / chợ Bến Thành.
2. Đi hết đường Nguyễn Thị Nghĩa sẽ gặp ngã 3 đường Hoàng Diệu. rẽ phải, sau đó đi thẳng 50m sẽ gặp đường Khánh Hội, Rẽ Trái vào đường Khánh Hội
3. Từ đường Khánh Hội, đi thẳng liên tục và qua cầu Kênh Tê là đường Nguyễn Hữu Thọ.
4. Từ đường Nguyễn Hữu Thọ, đi thẳng liên tục cho đến khi dựng đường Nguyễn Văn Linh, sau đó rẽ Phải vào đường Nguyễn Văn Linh.
5. Đi thêm khoảng 0.5km sẽ gặp trường ĐH Quốc Tế RMIT Việt Nam nằm phía bên tay phải

Pick-up Game at Tournament Fields – Friday, Dec. 26th, 3 pm

RMIT University, 702 Nguyen Van Linh Boulevard, Tan Phong Ward, District 7, HCMC

If you're arriving early and want a chance to check out the fields before the tournament, feel free to join the Friday pick-up game with the RMIT Ultimate Club. Games start at 3:00pm and last until things get dark. Don't forget to bring a light and dark colored shirt and also a bottle of water.

Tournament Format

The tournament will be governed by the UPA 11th edition rules. Since we've got a good number of women registered for this year's hat, we will be strongly encouraging teams to play with 4 men / 3 women on the line (or 4 women / 3 men – **GIRL POWER!**). Plan on playing 4-5 games on Saturday with the possibility of another 3-4 games on Sunday depending on how far your team advances through the playoffs.

The exact schedule will be finalized and disseminated on the night of the registration party. Your team captains will be briefed on timecaps, seeding and other tournament specific details on Saturday morning.

In order to keep the tournament on schedule, we are requesting that **all players be on the shuttle bus by the listed departure times of 7:25am on Saturday and 7:45am on Sunday or at the fields no later than 8:00am on Saturday or 8:15am on Sunday**. Don't leave your teammates shorthanded by arriving at the fields late.

Captains: It is particularly important for you to arrive on time for the Captain's meeting on Saturday morning at 8:00am.

Registration Party at Le Pub – Friday, Dec. 26th, 8 pm



175/22 Pham Ngu Lau St., District 1, HCMC

The registration party will be held at one of our favorite pubs in town (aptly named Le Pub), located in the heart of Saigon's backpacker district. The registration fee is \$60 USD or **1 Million Dong**. That's right you high-rolling ultimate vagabond, 1 Million Dong (if you're hailing from Zimbabwe, that translates to 150 quintillion Zimbabwean dollars... wait, I mean 154 quintillion... hang on, it's now 157 quintillion... damn inflation!). Every player will get a coupon for a free drink. To keep things mellow, Le Pub will also be selling pitchers of Tiger Draught beer for \$5 all night long (if you're hailing from Zimbabwe don't worry about calculating the exchange rate -- just show Tino your passport and he'll buy all your drinks all weekend).

Your registration fee includes a tournament jersey, a tournament disc, a tournament cap and a player's bag stuffed with all sorts of goodies. You will also receive 2 meal coupons (for the buffet lunch on the field both days) as well as 2 free drink coupons for the Saturday night party (at Cage Bar). Be sure to hang on to those vouchers as we will not be able to give you replacements if you lose them or forget to bring them with you. If you forget your lunch coupon, you will be asked to pay \$5 or 80,000VND at the field.

Say it with me one more time: Don't lose your coupons! Thanks for your understanding.

How to get there: Le Pub is located at 175/22 Pham Ngu Lau Street. Look for alley 175 on Pham Ngu Lau Street (you'll see a white archway labeled "Chua An Lac"). Walk halfway down the alley and Le Pub will be located on your right.

Celebrity Pillow Fight at Cage Bar – Saturday, Dec. 27th, 9pm



3A Ton Duc Thang, District 1, HCMC

Cage Bar will be hosting our no-hold-barred Celebrity Pillow Fight. We'll provide the pillows, all you need to do is come in costume. In your player bag, you will have received **two drink coupons good for a beer or mixed drink** at Cage. We'll also be providing free shots to all participants who step into the ring.

The tournament will be set up for one-on-one, mano-a-mano face-offs, but the format will allow for tag-team showdowns as well. Whether it comes down to Angelina Jolie vs. Paris Hilton or the Village People vs. the Pussycat Dolls, at the end of the night, the **last man standing gets the coveted championship belt and a bottle of bubbly.**

We'll also have **prizes for the best costume** so come dressed to walk the red carpet in all your celebrity fabulousness. And if you were wondering, **your birthday suit is *not* a costume.**

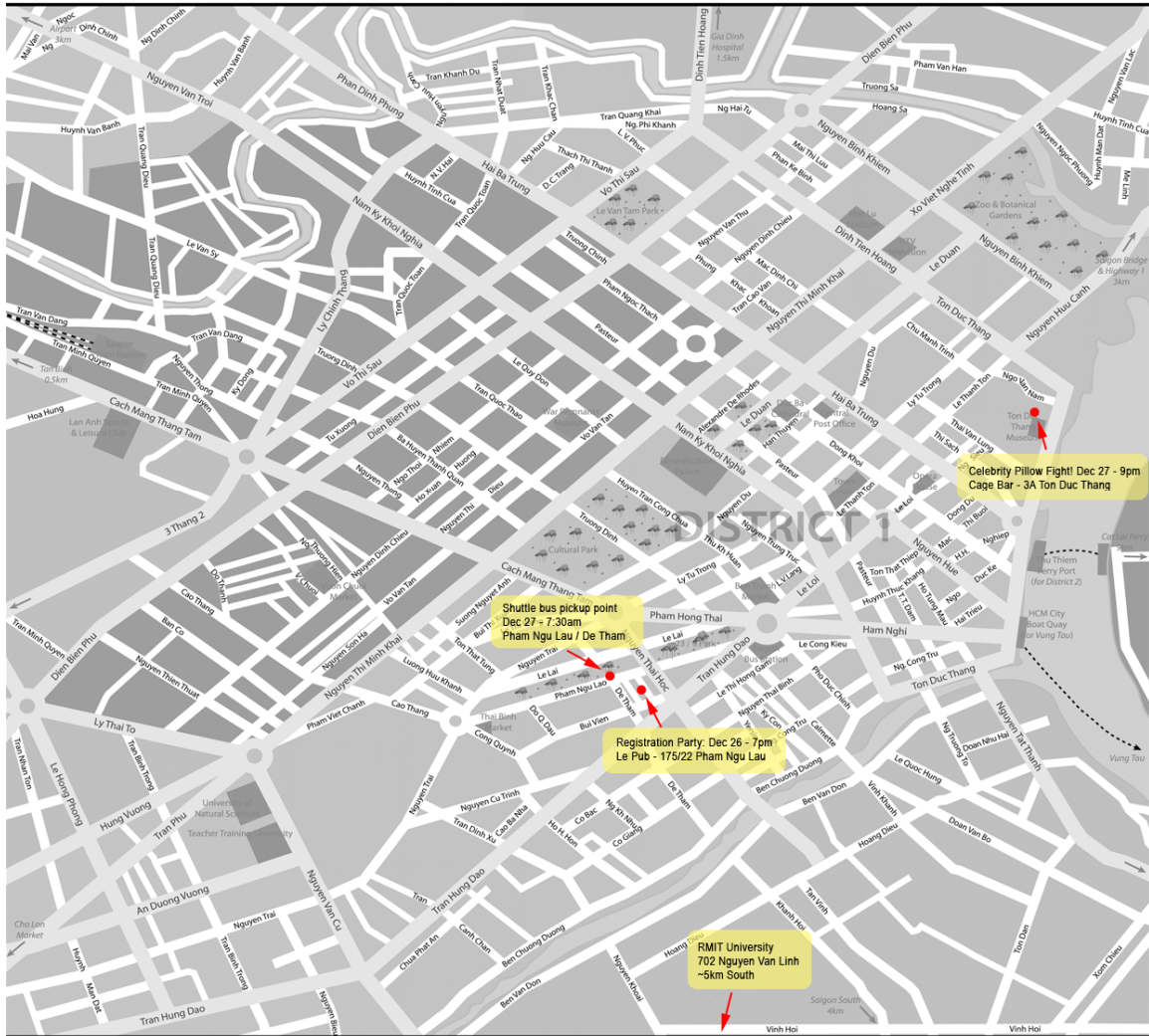
How to get there: Cage Bar is at 3A Ton Duc Thang, just past the Legend Hotel. Look for alley 3A. Walk down the alley about 30m (you'll pass a building on your right with DWP painted on its side). Turn right and walk about 10m. Cage Bar will be on your left.

Post-Tournament Party – Sunday, Dec. 28th – TBA

The party train does not stop after everything winds up on the field on Sunday afternoon. SUC alumni Lester Sualog will be leading the charge on Sunday night and taking you on a tour of *his* Saigon. Even though he moved to Australia earlier this year, he has yet to turn in his keys to the city. Be prepared for a wild ride... Choo choo baby!

Map

Central Ho Chi Minh City



Places to Eat & Drink

Asia Life Magazine (<http://www.asialifehcmc.com>) has great listings for cafes, bars and restaurants around the city. Check it out under the “City Guides” section of their website. We’ve listed a handful of our favorites below. Most listings are located in district 1 of the city and are within a 15-20 minute walk or a \$2-3 cab ride from the Pham Ngu Lau area.

Restaurants

Banh Xeo 46A - 46A Dinh Cong Trang, D3

Fans say this is the best place to savour the Vietnamese pancake chock full of bean sprouts, prawns and pork (there’s a vegetarian version too). You can even watch the staff as they prepare plates after plates of the dish in an open-air kitchen.

Chi Nghia - 53 Thu Khoa Huan, D1

Attractively decorated, with hints of old Vietnam, and with a chef whose cooking once earned a personal handshake from former U.S. president Bill Clinton. Despite her gourmet credentials, she prefers to keep her cuisine simple.

Com Nieu Saigon - 6B Tu Xuong, D3

Notable for its entertaining claypot-breaking com dap (smashed rice) delivery, offers cheap southern cuisine such as ca keo kho to (claypot-cooked fish) and thit kho nuoc dua (pork simmered in coconut milk) for under US\$4.

Hoang Yen - 7 Ngo Duc Ke, D1

A very simple place with great, authentic food at reasonable prices. The clientele are mostly locals who come to enjoy the comprehensive menu which features all the classics for less than VND85,000. The soups are particularly popular and highly recommended.

Quan An Ngon - 138 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, D1

The long lunchtime queues tell the story — good food at very low prices. More a food court than a restaurant, or food stalls made hygienic and corralled in one place, this has become a major favourite for its airy decor combined with cheap and tasty noodle, rice and other standard dishes.

Quan Nuong - 3rd Floor, 29-31 Ton That Thiep, D1

Al fresco terrace restaurant above the Temple Club specialising in on-the-table barbecued meats and seafood. Good service combined with reasonable prices and fresh ingredients makes this both a pleasant and popular venue.

Wrap & Roll - 62 Hai Ba Trung, D1

Downtown venue which has brought street-style food into air-conditioned and uncluttered comfort with a name to fit. Choose pre-wrapped appetisers such as the cha gio (spring rolls) or roll-it-yourself VND50,000 mains with ingredients like pickled shrimps, beef on sugar cane, fish

Bars / Clubs

Alibi – 11 Thai Van Lung, D1

Great lounge bar / restaurant with a cool laid-back vibe. Great DJs who lay down a smooth groove make this venue a great place to set the tone for a night out on the town.

Go2 - 187 De Tham, D1

Airy neon-clad bar with tables on the street and a large upstairs area set aside for a nightly DJ and live music at weekends. Popular with tourists and resident expats alike. Open late.

Le Pub - 175/22 Pham Ngu Lao, D1

Walls swathed in red, dark wood furniture and an overall chilled-out vibe. Enter Hanoi's popular Le Pub to the heady world of the Saigon bar scene. Nightly drinks promos, free shooters on the hour, and a decent food menu make this a pleasant place for a few drinks.

Lush - 2 Ly Tu Trong, D1

A large and lavishly decorated bar that gets packed to the brim on weekends. Good DJs playing the latest in beat-based music, a buzzing atmosphere, expensive beer and wine. The only bar in Saigon that has managed to come close to that certain sense of style usually associated with bars in western cities.

Q Bar - Opera House, 7 Lam Son Square, D1

With low ceilings, intimate cubbyholes, colonial arches, gold paint, ultraviolet lighting and clubhouse beats, this is a bar that has a reputation for being a place to be seen. Great outdoor terrace – open late.

Vasco's - 74/7M Hai Ba Trung, D1

Chic, recently renovated bar with a penchant for deep reds that has a habit of attracting members of Saigon's bold and beautiful set with prices only a shade above the Saigon norm.