

R.F.A. British Universities and Student Fives 2015

Men's Rugby Fives Championships in Singles and Doubles

Venues: Cambridge and Oundle

Dates: 27/28/29th November 2015

TO: TEAM CAPTAINS; OTHER INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS; SCHOOLMASTERS (with fives players who have recently finished school and are now at University or full-time students elsewhere).

You are asked to note the following arrangements for this year's event:

FRIDAY 27th November: As we need more than 3 courts for the Singles on Day 1, we will be using 2 venues – Cambridge (play commencing at 9.a.m.): Oundle School (play commencing at 10.a.m).

As players from same universities are spread through the draw, this means that approximately half of each university squad will be playing at each venue. Matches on Day 1 will be played up to, but not including, the Semi-Finals, in both the Main Singles & the Plate Singles events.

SATURDAY 28th & SUNDAY 29th November: All matches will be played on the Cambridge courts: Singles Semi-Finals; all Doubles; all four Finals will be on the Sunday morning/lunchtime as usual.

ENTRIES: Further details and ENTRY FORMS will be on the RFA web site by 12th October. Entries CLOSE on 5th November; the Draw will be published on 12th November. This information is given in advance so that Team Captains and individuals can plan travel & accommodation well ahead. You will have 2 clear weeks between draw publication and the event.

ACCOMMODATION: It is suggested that ALL players should stay in the Cambridge area. Many will have friends there who can help; some colleges have rooms available for guests; If you have any real problems then contact Ed Kay, who may be able to offer some advice with this.

TRAVEL TO VENUE (OUNDLE) : We will provide a minibus/car to take players from Cambridge to Oundle, leaving at 8.45 a.m. on the Friday, and returning at the end of play, (for those that do not have their own transport). We will need to know NAMES & NUMBERS well in advance if you wish to use this service, i.e. not more than two or three days after the announcement of the Draw. We will not be able to cope with any just 'turning up' and hoping to 'hitch a ride'! We have used the split venue system before, in Edinburgh, and it worked pretty well – although the courts were closer than this year, the time taken for the overall journey (about 50 mins) is roughly the same, as we had to go through Edinburgh City Centre!

WE WOULD LIKE MORE UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED - CAN YOU HELP ?

SCHOOLMASTERS : If you know of any of your former fives players who are now attending University, please tell them of this event and please let me know – NAMES; UNIVERSITY; CONTACT details if possible.

STUDENTS: If you have any fives-playing friends who are just starting at University, please let them know and also send details to me: NAMES; UNIVERSITY; CONTACT details:

You may let me or David Barnes know at: davidegardner@hotmail.com;
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