

# BUSF 2016 – British Universities & Student Fives Championships (for Men)

VENUE: St. Paul's School, Barnes.

DATE: 18/19/20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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

NOTES - Court availability times are as set by the host School & cannot be extended

1. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – In order to allow most competitors to attend lectures on Friday morning & some even on Friday afternoon, play will commence at 5.p.m. (prompt) and continue until 9.30 p.m. when we have to be out of the Sports Centre. Although scheduling cannot be decided until we know the number of competitors, we anticipate completing a minimum of 2 rounds of singles on Friday evening. So everyone will have a match that evening. Plate Singles will probably not start until Saturday, but this depends on numbers of entries and time available.
2. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – play on Saturday will commence at 8.30/9.a.m. and finish by 5.p.m. The Main Singles will continue, together with the Plate Singles; The Doubles will start; Plate Doubles may start but could well be held completely on Sunday.
3. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – is likely to be a full day's play, with a finish by 5.p.m. latest. (not just the 4 Finals, as in previous years. ) This is to make up for the late start on Friday, but this decision again depends on numbers entering.
4. GRANTS to TEAMS / INDIVIDUALS - Under the old BUCS system, some teams received assistance towards transport/accommodation etc., from their Athletic Unions/Clubs. Some may still do so under the present BUSF system. Whilst there is no automatic general funding for BUSF (as with the U25's), the RFA has funding available to assist teams and individuals, provided they are members of, or are affiliated to, the RFA. This can be easily and inexpensively arranged at the event, if need be. Those travelling longer distances should take particular note of this, as they, of necessity, are likely to incur much greater costs for both travel and accommodation. Individuals should contact the Organiser, in advance, to discuss how the RFA can help. In the case of larger teams it is the Team Captain that should contact me, not individual team members.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE RFA THAT NO TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM PARTICIPATING FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.

5. ENTRY FORMS will be on the RFA web site by 5<sup>th</sup> October; ENTRIES CLOSE on 28<sup>th</sup> October; the Draw will be published almost 2 weeks before the events starts. These dates are necessary due to the fact that the event is a week earlier than usual following requests by some students to bring the event forward a bit to avoid closeness to the National Singles Finals.

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6. NOTE: A LADIES NATIONAL UNDER 23 event may also be held on the courts on the Sunday

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