



**R.F.A. British Universities & Student Fives 2017**

**Men's Rugby Fives Championships in Singles and Doubles**

**Venue: Marlborough College, Wiltshire**

**Dates: 17/18/19th November 2017**

Entry fees: Singles £15 per player. Doubles: £15 per pair (must be from the same University/Institution **but** see Note 7 below).

The closing date for entries is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Players/pairs should be listed in order of ranking within their Club. Please give each player's full name – i.e. including an initial or first name:

Singles: ..... Doubles: .....

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Name of University/Institution: .....

Team Captain: .....

Contact Details: Address: .....  
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Post code: ..... E-mail: .....

Mobile: .....

Signature of Athletic Union Official: ..... Date: .....  
(to verify that entrants are registered students)

Please give name; position held: and e-mail address of the official: .....  
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## NOTE:

1. Entries will be accepted by posted mail accompanied by the entry form and a cheque made payable to the Organiser, D.E.Gardner, and sent to 5 Andace Park Gardens, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, BR1 3DH.
2. An e-mail entry will be accepted with an electronic bank transfer, should anyone wish to enter by this method. Bank details will be given to Team Captains on request to the Organiser. Money transfer should be sent at the same time as the e-mail. Entries will not be taken as 'confirmed' until the bank transfer has arrived!
3. Entry fees are non-refundable in the event of the withdrawal of a player. However a reserve may be substituted with the permission of the Organiser. Once the draw has been made (Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October), any such alterations to pairs in the Doubles will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances. The positional placement in the draw of such a pair will be at the discretion of the Organiser.
4. Sunday is likely to be a full day of play which will include all finals (finishing by 5.p.m. latest). This schedule depends upon the numbers entering the events but all players should note this before they decide to enter, and be available to play when required.
5. 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 limited 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.

6. Entries are restricted to male students in full time HE (Higher Education – Universities and equivalent institutions). Students in FE (Further Education – now compulsory either full time or part time up to the age of 18) are not permitted to enter.
7. We intend to continue with the experiment, introduced last year, where there is a Single player from a University without a partner for the doubles, he may be permitted to link with a similar person from another, mainly adjacent, establishment. Any such arrangement will be totally at the discretion of the RFA/Organiser. Any player interested in this should contact the Organiser well before the advertised closing date so that there is time to approve/arrange the pairing. Captains of teams with odd numbers in their overall team should note that 'ranked' players cannot be placed lower in their entries in order to gain, perhaps, a stronger partner!

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