

BUSF 2017 – British Universities & Student Fives Championships (for Men)

VENUE: Marlborough College, Wiltshire

DATE: 17/18/19th November 2017

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 - from – David Gardner – Past President, Rugby Fives Association & Event Organiser

1. Friday 17th – In order to allow most competitors to travel on Friday morning & some even on Friday afternoon, play will commence at 3 p.m. (prompt) and continue until 9.00 p.m. . Although scheduling cannot be decided until we know the number of competitors, we anticipate completing 2 or 3 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 18th – play on Saturday will commence at 9.a.m. and finish by 5/6 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 19th – is likely to be a full day's play, as last year, with a finish by 5.p.m. latest. All 4 finals will be played on the Sunday. 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 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.

5. ENTRY FORMS will be on the RFA web site by 5th October; ENTRIES CLOSE on 27th October; the Draw will be made on 31st October and will be published almost 2 weeks before the event starts. These dates are necessary due to the fact that the event is being kept 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, and also to allow players plenty of time to arrange travel & accommodation.

WE WOULD LIKE MORE UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED –

SCHOOLMASTERS - please let me know of any of your former fives players who are now attending University – tell them of this event and send if possible, NAMES – UNIVERSITY –CONTACT DETAILS

STUDENTS – Please let your friends know and send me the same details.

SEND TO: davidegardner@hotmail.com

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

From: **David Gardner – Director, Rugby Fives Association & Event Organiser**