

## **BUSF 2015 COMPETITION RULES**

**All matches will be played according to the Rules of the Rugby Fives Association.**

**Singles & Doubles matches in the main competitions will be the best of 3 games to 15 points.**

**Balls used will be the G6. Used balls will be provided for some early round matches. A new ball will be available for Quarter Final matches onwards in both Singles & Doubles. Used balls will be provided for all Plate matches, except for the Finals.**

**Following the completion of their matches, players are requested to leave the ball on court ready for the next players.**

**Start times will not be delayed for late arrivals. Players are advised to check subsequent start times of the following rounds.**

**Players should take no more than 5 minutes to warm up prior to their match and a maximum break of 3 minutes between games.**

**An alteration 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 Organisers.**

### **PLATE EVENTS**

**Plate matches in both Singles and Doubles will commence as soon as first/second round matches are completed. A full schedule of approximate timings will be on the notice board at reception.**

**Plate events will, in the main, start in Groups of 3 or 4 players or pairs playing a Round Robin format. Winners to proceed to the Quarter-Final Group / KO.**

**A second placed player / pair, may qualify for a spare place in the quarter-final round, possibly by means of a play-off.**

**One game will be played up to 11 / 15 points (depending on numbers and time available), except for the Finals which will be Full Match Play – best of 3 games up to 15 points. Players should note that both Singles and Doubles Plate Finals will be played on Finals Day on Sunday morning, and this schedule will not be altered.**

**Losers in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds of both events are entitled to enter Plate competitions. Where a player has no partner he should inform the Organisers who may consider arranging a 'mixed' pairing with a single player from another University. The constitution of such a pairing will be at the discretion of the Organisers, not of the players. The intention of this being to provide a 'balanced' pairing rather than a 'strong' pairing, thus keeping to the spirit of the Plate events.**

**A Group winner is the player who wins most matches in a Group, OR, if this is equal, has the greatest points difference between points 'For' & points 'Against,' in the Group. If this is still equal then a 5 point play-off shall decide (1<sup>st</sup> to 3 points).**