



R.F.A. British Universities & Student Fives (BUSF) 2018

Venue: St Paul's School, London

Dates: 16/17/18th November 2018

Entry fees: Singles £15 per player. Doubles: £15 per pair (must be from the same University/Institution **but** see Note 2 below). When I receive entries, I will reply back with details of the bank account to electronically transfer entry fees to. Entries will only be accepted when all the money has been paid (see note 5 also).

The closing date for entries is **Friday 2 November**. Draws will be published a week in advance of the tournament, and will be emailed to all participants.

This entry form is aimed at Club captains submitting their entire university team entry in one go. Please could all entries from each given university be sent together so as to save me some time (so please do not enter until you have organised all your club pairs). **Important** - In order to verify that all entrants are registered students, and to help me keep track of how long players have left at university for future tournaments, it would be really helpful if all captains/individual entrants could **include an additional list of all their players' university email addresses, stage of degree at time of championships (e.g. 1/2/3 year, Masters, Phd) and predicted graduation date**. I require all this information for each player for an entry to be accepted (see Note 6).

For institutions entering multiple players and pairs, 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:

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Name of University/Institution:

Team Captain/Contact:

Contact Details: E-mail:

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NOTES:

1. Entry forms will be accepted by email to **trdparker@gmail.com** (please try and keep it one email per university club with clear indication of singles ranking/pair orders). Entry is open from now.
2. If there are players without an available partner for doubles from their university, then let me know in advance and we can try and find another person in a similar situation to form a makeshift pair. Any cross-university pairing needs to be approved by the RFA and/or the organiser in advance.
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 entries have closed (2nd November), 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. Playing times- It is likely that there will be some initial matches played between 630pm - 930pm on Friday 16th. Please prepare for this to happen unless I indicate otherwise in the build up to the championships. Play on Saturday and Sunday will commence at 9am promptly and finish by 5pm. Sunday is likely to be a full day of play, which will include all the finals. The schedule will fluctuate depending on the numbers entering but all players should note these provisional times before they decide to enter, and be available to play when required. My aim is for everyone to play as much fives as possible throughout the tournament.
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 students (both men and women) 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.

Best wishes,

Theo Parker

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