



SOUTH EAST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023
CHRIST'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL
SATURDAY 26th & SUNDAY 27th AUGUST



The championships, a Singles and Doubles Tournaments, are to be held at the wonderful facilities and **5 courts** of Christ's Hospital School, West Sussex.

We have a new glass-backed court (see above) which in a world first as far as we are aware is a squash court conversion.

- Open **singles** and **doubles** will be held on **Saturday**.
- A plate competition will be held for each.
- On **Sunday** there will be a '**challenger**' singles tournament open to any players ranked outside the top 20. Format to be determined based on numbers.
- The open singles will be an open knockout competition, with the plate likely knockout as well.
- The doubles will follow a 'handicap' format similar to the Scottish Open – the strongest players will play with the weakest, with mid-ranked players partnered together.
- The fee will be £12 for singles & £12 for doubles. There will be no charge for U18s or those who have left school in the last year.
- **This must be paid in advance of play – at least one day in advance but certainly before stepping on court.**
- Please pay directly to the RFA account reference 'SE Open'. See attached bank account details.
- Please reply to me and treasurer James Tilston to confirm that you have paid.

- There will be light buffet refreshments available over the weekend.
- The Sports' Centre café will also be open for much of the time.
- The Wiseman ball will be used.
- All players of any standard and age welcome!

N.B. Play will be in accordance with the RFA's "Advice to Players & Spectators"; www.rfa.org.uk

DIRECTIONS / LOCATION

- Christ's Hospital has its own train station on the London to Bognor Regis line. Victoria is c. 65 minutes, Clapham Junction 60 minutes & East Croydon 45 minutes direct.
- The courts are 7 minutes' walk from the station – straight up the hill as signposted, towards the water tower – the tallest building.
- Christ's Hospital is 5 minutes by car from Horsham, 30 minutes from Gatwick Airport & Crawley & c.1 hour 30 minutes from central London.
- The postcode for a satnav is RH13 0LL. Park in the main car park opposite 'Bluecoat Nursery'
- The Fives courts are the large concrete building 50 yards from the main car park.

ACCOMMODATION:

- Horsham is 5 minutes by train or car. There are several hotels and B&Bs in the town.

Hope you can make it!

1. Please enter, by contacting me by e-mail (below) no later than:

MONDAY 21st AUGUST. Indicate singles or doubles or both.

2. Also indicate if you are coming from far away and need a late start time.

Full details of the championships will be issued to all competitors during the week commencing the 21st August.

RFA Bank Account Details:

Account name: Rugby Fives Association

Account number: 21417177

Sort code: 40-02-32

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