



Date: 10 November 2009

To: BUCS Members

Re: Rugby Fives Championships 2009 – Pre Event Information

Event Date: Friday 20 – Sunday 22 November 2009

Venues: Sherborne School
Abbey Road
Sherborne
Dorset
DT9 3AP

Directions & Maps: For directions to Sherborne please click [here](#).

For a campus map please click [here](#). The Fives courts are located between buildings 25 and 27. Changing facilities will be in the Sports Centre (30).

Parking & Changing: **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PARK BY THE FIVES COURTS.** Spaces here are reserved for named staff and will be fully used on Friday. You may be able to park there on Saturday and Sunday. Please note that due to building works the Sports Centre car park is not available.

You may park in the main school car park in the courtyard at the end of Hospital Lane. Go through the archway (with the school crest above it) and park on the right. The school are aware that Fives players will be parking here. This is only a short walk (about 50 yards) from both the Sports Centre and the Fives courts.

Registration: All competitors must check in at the courts on arrival at their venue.

Schedule of Play: There are 5 courts available for play

Friday

09.30-11.00	1 st Round Singles - all courts
11.00-13.15	2 nd Round Singles - all courts
13.15-14.00	2 nd Round Singles - 1 court
14.00-16.00	3 rd Round Singles - 4 courts
16.00-18.00	Singles Quarter Finals - 2 courts

Plate Singles

13.15-14.00	Losers Groups - 4 courts
14.00-16.15	Losers Groups - 1 court
16.15-18.15	Losers Groups - 3 courts
18.15 onwards	All courts if required

Saturday

09.30-10.30	1 st Round Doubles - all courts
10.30-12.00	2 nd round Doubles - all courts
12.15-13.15	Singles Semi Finals - 2 courts
12.15- 13.15	Plate Singles Quarter Finals - 3 courts
13.15-14.00	Doubles Plate 1 st Round - all courts
14.00-15.00	Doubles Quarter Finals - 4 courts
14.00-15.00	Plate Doubles - 1 court
15.00-16.00	Singles Plate Semi Finals - 1 court
15.00-16.00	Plate Doubles - 1 court
16.00-17.30	Doubles Semi Finals - 2 courts
16.00-17.30	Plate Doubles Semi Finals - 2 courts

Sunday

10.00	Plate Singles Final
10.45	Singles Final
11.30	Plate Doubles Final
12.30	Doubles Final

Presentations on court immediately following the final event

NB: Timings and courts may vary a little from time to time

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT COMPETITORS ARE READY FOR A PROMPT START. ALL PLAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY ARE AT THE VENUE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR MATCH.

Plate Event:

Players losing in the 1st/2nd round of the Singles or 1st/2nd round of the Doubles may enter the Plate. Players should indicate their intentions to the organisers as soon as their match is completed if they wish to enter the Plate competition. There will be a notice on the board for you to sign if you intend to enter the Plate. The Finals for the Plate Singles and Doubles will take place on Sunday and this schedule is most unlikely to be altered.

Rules:

1. All Singles and Doubles matches will be the best of 3 games to 15 points.
2. Plate matches will be 1 game to 11 or 15 points depending on the time available, except for the finals, which will be the best of 3 games to 15 points.
3. Balls used will be the G6 Classic or Super Classic. These balls are expensive but long lasting. Used balls may be provided for some early round matches. A new ball will be provided for ALL Quarter Final matches onwards in the singles and doubles. Used balls will be provided for all Plate matches except for the Finals.

It is essential that all balls be returned to the organisers after the completion of each match.

4. **Start times will not be delayed for late arrivals.** Players are advised to check subsequent start times of the following rounds.
5. Due to the large number of entries and the consequent pressure on courts, players are requested to take no more than 5 minutes to warm up prior to their match and a maximum break of 3 minutes between games.
6. 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.

Organisers: David Gardner will be available in case of any problems on 07729 785143
He will be based at the Sherborne Hotel

David Gardner will be assisted throughout the weekend by David Barnes and Chris Horrocks. On Saturday and Sunday Geoff Sherratt and Wayne Enstone will be part of the organising team.

Medical: The organisers will have a small first aid facility at the courts. The school has its own sanatorium on site (number 31 on school map). The Sports Centre has its own first aid facilities. The Sherborne Hospital Accident and Emergency unit is just 300 yards from the courts but is only open on the Friday. At the weekend and for major emergencies Yeovil Hospital is 5 miles away – 10 minutes by car.

Refreshments: The courts are within 200 yards of the town centre and all local amenities and the shop in the 6th Form area will be open on Friday and Saturday.

Please note that the 6th Form Common Room will be available on Saturday and Sunday for players when they are not on court.

Representative: **Rugby Fives Association v BUCS**
The RFA v BUCS match will take place at St Paul's School, Hammersmith on Sunday 7 March 2010. The BUCS team will be selected immediately following the Championships. Potential players will be asked for their contact details so that they can be given early notification of selection.

Accommodation: Some local accommodation is listed below:
Half Moon Hotel – 01935 812017 (100 yards from the courts)
Britannia Inn – 01935 813300 (100 yards from the courts)
Crown Inn – 08721 077077 (400 yards from the courts)
Sherborne Hotel – 01935 813191 (15 minute walk from the courts)
Bakehouse B&B – 08443 739089 (5 minute walk from the courts)
Pheasants B&B – 01935 815252 (5 minute walk from the courts)
Sparkford Inn – 01963 440218 (7 miles away)
Travelodge (Yeovil Podimore) is around 8 miles away

Transport to Venue: A number of players requested late starts on Friday if at all possible in order that they could travel down on Friday morning. This has been taken account of as far as possible. You may like to note that there are early trains from London to Sherborne which will arrive in time for even the 9.30 starts.

Depart Waterloo	Arrive Sherborne
06.30	08.56
07.10	09.21
08.20	10.27
09.20	11.27

The courts are only about 10 minutes walk from the station.

50th Year Event: This year's event is the 50th British University Fives Championships. To commemorate this occasion a reception, hosted by BUCS, will take place at the venue in the Old School Room on the Saturday evening from approximately 7.30-9.30pm. If you would like to attend this and have not yet informed David Gardner please do so as a matter of urgency.

Please park in the main quadrangle and follow the curving path on the left towards the Abbey. Go through the arch doorway and the Old School Room is immediately on your left.

A polo shirt has been designed for the occasion and each player will receive one. The shirt has been sponsored by the Rugby Fives Association.

A booklet on the history of university Rugby Fives has been painstakingly researched and produced by RFA archivist David Barnes for which grateful thanks are given. This booklet will be given to all players and guests.

For any past players or guests wishing to play some Fives there will be some free court time over the weekend. This will be limited on Saturday afternoon but there will be ample time on Sunday morning. Please contact one of the organisers to check court availability.

Should you have any other queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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