

SPORTS SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

- SSR 1** The rules given hereafter, particular to each sport, are to be considered only as technical rules to the sport concerned. The rules are not intended to take the place of the rules laid down by the appropriate Governing Bodies, but to supplement these where necessary. In cases where there is variance, the BUCS regulations take precedence.
- SSR 2** The rules for a particular sport, however, clarify and take precedence over the General Regulation in cases where they are at variance.
- SSR 3** Alterations to the rules and regulations of the Championships shall be made only at Annual General Meetings and shall not come into force until the following academic session.

ARCHERY

The Championship is held under the rules of the Grand National Archery Society ('GNAS') and will at all times be subject to the GNAS Rules of Shooting, as in force from time to time, save as expressly set out in these Regulations. In the event of any ambiguity between GNAS Rules of Shooting and these Regulations, the GNAS Rules of Shooting shall have precedence.

ARC 1 Events & Categories

- ARC 1.1 There are Team and Individual Championships in Indoor and Outdoor events.
- ARC 1.2 There will be two levels of competition – Championship and Trophy. Only entrants who have not held insurance with an archery governing body and who have commenced shooting in the current academic year (deemed to start on 1 September) shall be eligible for entry into the Trophy category.

ARC 2 Entries

- ARC 2.1 Each university may make an unlimited entry. In the event of the number of entries exceeding the places available, those entrants with the higher handicap classifications may be excluded; subject always to the provision that each university in membership shall be allowed representation in each event.
- ARC 2.2 A competitor may enter more than one bow style or discipline at the Indoor Championships subject to payment of the appropriate entry fee for each category entered, space at the event and that the competitor will shoot Recurve first.

ARC 3 Dress Code

- ARC 3.1 Due to World Record status, the GNAS Dress Code shall be enforced at the Outdoor Championships. It shall not be enforced at the Indoor Championships.

ARC 4 Rounds

Rounds shot are:

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| ARC 4.1 | Indoor | Portsmouth | (Compounds will shoot 3 spot target faces) |
| ARC 4.2 | Outdoor | Championship | Ladies & Gentlemen's FITA |
| | | Trophy | Men's - Metric 1 |
| | | Trophy | Women's - Metric 2 |

ARC 5 Scoring

- ARC 5.1 Double scoring will be used at both the Indoor and Outdoor Championships using either standardised (supplied) score-sheets or alternative score-sheets containing equivalent scoring or informational fields, which shall be subject to the prior approval of the Chair of the Archery Management Group.
- ARC 5.2 In the event of scores being tied the winner will be decided upon number of hits, then golds, except where there is a tie in a FITA round. A tie in a FITA round event shall be determined by the number of golds, then 'Xs' and if there is still a tie the competitors shall be declared equal.

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ARC 6 Awards

ARC 6.1

Individual

Awards will be made to the winners of the Men's and Women's Championship and the Men's and Women's Trophy for both Recurve and Compound. Awards will also be made to the winners of the Men's and Women's Barebow and Longbow across the Championship and Trophy categories.

ARC 6.2

Teams

Awards will be made to the winning Overall Team and Trophy Team.

ARC 6.2.1

Indoor

The Overall Team shall be ascertained by adding together the respective scores of the leading four non-Compound individuals of each competing institution, across the Championship and Trophy categories. The Trophy Team scores shall be ascertained by adding together the respective scores of the leading three non-Compound individuals of each competing institution from the Trophy category ONLY.

ARC 6.2.2

Outdoor

The Overall Team shall be ascertained by adding together the respective scores of the leading four non-Compound individuals of each competing institution, from the Championship category ONLY. The Trophy team scores shall be ascertained by adding together the respective scores of the leading three non-Compound individuals of each competing institution from the Trophy category ONLY.

ARC 6.3

All awards will be subject to BUCS Medal Policy.

ATHLETICS & CROSS COUNTRY

ATH 1 The Outdoor Championships

The Outdoor Championships shall be held in the Summer term and shall be staged under the laws of UK Athletics.

ATH 1.1

Programme

The programme shall be determined by the Athletics Management Group (AMG) and shall include at least the events listed in Appendix 1 of the General Regulations.

ATH 2 The Indoor Championships

The Indoor Championships shall be held during the Autumn or Spring terms and shall be staged under the laws of UK Athletics.

ATH 2.1

Programme

The programme shall be determined by the AMG and shall include at least the events listed in Appendix 1 of the General Regulations.

ATH 3 Entries for the Outdoor and Indoor Championships

Entries shall be submitted to the BUCS Office by the advertised closing date. Anyone whose name is not on the original entry form or reserve list shall not be allowed to compete under any circumstances.

ATH 4 Heats and Qualifying Competitions in the Outdoor and Indoor Championships

ATH 4.1

The AMG or appointed representatives shall make the draws for heats and qualifying competitions.

ATH 4.2

Field Events

In Field Event finals (minus High Jump and Pole Vault) all competitors shall be entitled to three attempts, following which the leading eight competitors shall be entitled to a further three attempts. If qualifying competitions are to be held, the AMG and Meeting Director shall set a qualifying standard based on submitted Personal Bests. All competitors who have cleared the qualifying height or distance or the leading twelve competitors (whichever is the larger number) shall qualify for the final.

ATH 5 Points Scoring at the Outdoor Championships

There shall be two team competitions open to all BUCS institutions - all scored on the same points basis:

ATH 5.1

The BUCS Men's Team Championship.

- ATH 5.2 The BUCS women's team Championship.
 ATH 5.3 Eight places in each event shall be scored on the basis of 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points.

ATH 6 Points Scoring at the Indoor Championship

There shall be two Team competitions open to all BUCS institutions - all scored on the same points basis:

- ATH 6.1 The BUCS Men's Team Championship.
 ATH 6.2 The BUCS Women's Team Championship.
 ATH 6.3 The points scoring system shall be determined by the AMG.

ATH 7 Conditions of Entry for Competitors

- ATH 7.1 No competitor shall be allowed to compete in any event unless his/her name appears on the original entry form or reserve list.
 ATH 7.2 Events shall be started on time, and a competitor who is not ready at the start of an event shall be disqualified.
 ATH 7.3 If a competitor withdraws from an event having qualified from an earlier round (including a qualifying round or pool in a Field Event) without giving a valid reason to the Referee, then they shall be excluded from competing in any further events (including relays) at the Championships.
 ATH 7.4 Any competitor withdrawing from semi-finals or finals shall not score points. Once the preliminary rounds have been run, substitutes for qualifiers are not permitted.
 ATH 7.5 All competitors shall run in the colours of their university unless specific permission has been given otherwise.

ATH 8 Fines

Athletes who either did not withdraw from an event or submitted a withdrawal form after the event closing time (90 minutes before) are subject to a fine as follows:

	Early Payment	Late Payment
Heat	£10	£15
Final	£15	£25

ATH 9 Combined Events Championships

The Championships shall be held annually if demand requires and shall be staged under the laws of UK Athletics

ATH 9.1 Programme

The programme shall be determined by the AMG and shall include at least the events listed in Appendix 1 of the General Regulations

ATH 9.2 Entries

Universities in the first instance may enter an unlimited number of competitors, but may be asked to reduce numbers if entries prove excessive.

ATH 9.3 Rules

The events in which competitors must start are as follows:

Decathlon

100 Metres	110 Metres Hurdles
Long Jump	Discus
Shot	Pole Vault
High Jump	Javelin
400 Metres	1500 Metres

Heptathlon

100 Metres Hurdles	Long Jump
High Jump	Javelin
200 Metres	800 Metres
Shot	

- ATH 9.3.1 The winner shall be the competitor who has obtained the highest number of points in the ten/seven events, awarded on the basis of the IAAF Scoring Tables.

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ATH 9.3.2 In the event of a tie, the winner shall be the competitor who has the higher points in a majority of events. If this does not resolve the tie, the winner shall be the competitor who has the highest number of points in any one of the events.

ATH 10 Marathon Championships

Marathon Championships, for Men and Women competing as individuals only, shall be held, subject to approval, in conjunction with the London Marathon. The AMG shall determine the qualifications for entry to the BUCS Marathon Championships.

ATH 11 Cross Country Championships (Individual and Team)

The Cross Country Championships shall be held annually under the rules of UK Athletics and will normally be held at the start of the Spring Term.

ATH 11.1 Individual Championships

ATH 11.1.1 The first runner home in the men's race and the first runner home in the women's race shall be declared the BUCS Champion respectively.

ATH 11.1.2 Individuals must register prior to the race though teams do not have to be declared before the race.

ATH 11.2 Team Championship

ATH 11.2.1 There will be separate Team Championships for Men and Women. The university scoring the lowest number of points shall win their respective Team Championship.

ATH 11.2.2 In the men's Championship a team will consist of four runners. The points scoring will be decided by adding together the respective placings of the first four runners in the men's race of each competing university. teams do not have to be declared before the race.

ATH 11.2.3 In the women's Championship a team will consist of three runners. The scoring team will be decided by adding together the respective placings of the first three runners in the women's race of each competing university. Teams do not have to be declared before the race.

ATH 11.2.4 In the event of a tie on points, the Team Championship of the men's race and that of the women's race shall be awarded to the team which finishes their last counting runner first.

ATH 12.3 Men's B Individual and Team Championship

A second race will be run for men not selected for their first team in the Men's Championship and shall be run on the same day. The Men's B Team Championship will be decided by adding together the respective placings of the first four runners of each competing university. Individuals must register prior to the race though teams do not have to be declared before the race.

BADMINTON

The Badminton Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Badminton England.

A. Team Championships (Except Scottish Conference – See Section B)

BAD 1 Teams

BAD 1.1 Teams shall consist of six players, competing as two singles players and two doubles pairs. A player cannot play singles and doubles during the same match.

BAD 1.2 The singles players and doubles pairs shall both be ranked 1, 2 in order of playing strength. The singles players shall play both singles players of the opposing team. The doubles pairs shall play both doubles pairs of the opposing team.

BAD 2 Scoring

BAD 2.1 Match Scoring

BAD 2.1.1 The revised laws of Badminton England as introduced by the BWF in May 2006 shall be used including the Rally Point Scoring System, except as stated below:

BAD 2.1.2 Each match shall be the best of three games of 21 points except that if the score reaches 20-all the winner is the player/pair with 2 clear points or

- whose score reaches 30 first.
- BAD 2.1.3 Play shall be continuous from the first service until the end of the match. There shall be NO intervals when a side reaches 11 points in a game, NOR between the first and second games, and NOR between the second and third games.
- BAD 2.1.4 Only when the shuttle is not in play, shall a player be permitted to receive advice during a match.
- BAD 2.2 **Match Result**
- BAD 2.2.1 The team winning the majority of rubbers shall be the match winner. In the event of a tie on rubbers the fixture is a draw.
- BAD 2.2.2 In the event of a fixture being incomplete due to a late start, with a team at fault, their opposition may claim any rubbers not completed or unplayed.
- BAD 2.3 **Scorecards**
- Institutions are required to maintain accurate records* of the matches played by their teams in case of a tie on points within a league which cannot be resolved by BUCS General Regulations. In such circumstances, the BUCS Office will contact the relevant institutions for details of all their league matches in order to separate the teams. These matches should be recorded on official governing body scorecards / scoresheets.

* *'Accurate records' are taken to mean precise details of all aspects of the fixture including sets, games and points; won and lost.*

BAD 3 Points Scoring

Three points will be awarded for a win, one for a draw and no points for a loss. Ties on points in leagues will be split by BUCS General Regulations.

BAD 4 Court Bookings

- BAD 4.1 The following minimum court times MUST be booked by the host team for a fixture: League Fixtures & Knockout Rounds (Except Scottish Leagues – See Below)
A minimum of 2 Courts for 3 hours MUST be provided.
- BAD 4.2 Failure to book the minimum prescribed above will result in the home team forfeiting any rubbers not completed should the match not be finished.
- BAD 4.3 The court specifications are specified by the laws of badminton (BWF) as well as the design guidelines published by Sport England and Badminton England in June 2009.

BAD 5 Playing Order

The order of play in the match shall be as follows (home team placing first):

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| Singles | 1 v 2 |
| Singles | 2 v 1 |
| Doubles | 1 v 2 |
| Doubles | 2 v 1 |
| Singles | 1 v 1 |
| Singles | 2 v 2 |
| Doubles | 1 v 1 |
| Doubles | 2 v 2 |

BAD 6 Semi-Final and Final Matches

The Championship semi-final and final matches will be played on a Saturday and Sunday in the Spring Term at a venue to be determined by BUCS. Trophy Finals will also be held at a venue to be determined by BUCS. The revised laws of Badminton England as introduced by the BWF in May 2006 shall be used for the semi finals and finals including the Rally Point Scoring System.

BAD 7 Draw in Knockout Round Match

In the event of a drawn match in the knockout stages, the winner shall be determined as follows:

- BAD 7.1 The team winning the highest number of games
- BAD 7.2 If a tie still results, the team with the greatest difference between points won and points lost.
- BAD 7.3 If a tie still results, the team winning the highest number of games in the 1v1 singles and doubles rubbers.
- BAD 7.4 If a tie still results, the team with the greatest difference between points won and points lost in 1v1 singles and doubles rubbers.

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BAD 7.5 If a tie still results, the toss of a coin.

BAD 7.6 In the event of a rubber having to be conceded through injury, the points already won by both teams will stand, with the team that did not concede also gaining the points that they would need to win the rubber.

BAD 8 Shuttlecocks

An appropriate number of new, tournament quality feather shuttlecocks of the correct speed must be supplied by the home team for use in all matches.

B. Team Championships - Scottish Conference

BAD 9 Format

Fixtures within the Scottish Conference will be a mixed format as follows:

- 2 Men's Singles
- 2 Women's Singles
- 2 Men's Doubles
- 2 Women's Doubles
- 4 Mixed Doubles

BAD 10 Results

Results will be extracted from the men's singles and doubles and the women's doubles to provide the respective men's and women's Scottish Conference representatives for the BUCS knockout competitions.

BAD 11 Court Bookings

A minimum of 4 Courts for 3 hours MUST be provided.

C. Individual Championships

BAD 12 Events

Championships will be held annually for men and women in the following events:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

BAD 13 Entries

BAD 13.1 Each University is guaranteed one entry in each event. A further two entries may be made in each event and accepted at the discretion of the tournament committee.

BAD 13.2 Paired couples in the Doubles event must be members of the same University.

BAD 14 Rules

BAD 14.1 The draw shall be made under the supervision of a neutral referee and Universities must include on the entry form details of past performances of their members for the guidance of the referee in making the draw which shall be made according to the International Draw system (adapted).

BAD 14.2 Whenever possible, players from the same University shall be placed in different quarters of the draw.

BAD 14.3 The tournament shall be conducted on the 'knockout' principle.

BAD 14.4 The decision of the Tournament Director is final.

BASKETBALL

BAS 1 Competition Structure

The Basketball Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the BUCS regulations and the Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) rules of play, as interpreted by the Basketball Management Group (BMG), with the following exceptions:

BAS 1.1 Allowable shirt numbers will be 4 — 15, 20 — 25, 30 — 35, 40 — 45, 50 — 55.

- BAS 1.2 24 second shot clocks shall be required in all men's and women's Premier League and tier one matches and first team Championship knockout ties. There shall be no requirement for 24-second shot clocks in any other matches; this responsibility shall lie with the referees.
- BAS 1.3 For all men's competitions in all categories the ball shall not be less than 74.9cm and not more than 78cm in circumference (size 7). It shall not weigh less than 567g and not more than 650g
- BAS 1.4 For all women's competitions in all categories the ball shall not be less than 72.4cm and not more than 73.7cm in circumference (size 6). It shall not weigh less than 510g and not more than 567g

BAS 2 Premier & Conference League Matches

- BAS 2.1 In all league matches points awarded will be three points for a win and no points for a loss.
- BAS 2.2 As per FIBA rules there is no drawn result in a basketball game. Should the teams be tied at the end of normal time, then a period of five minutes extra time will be played. Except in 2 legged promotion playoffs where FIBA rules will apply.
- BAS 2.3 If the teams are still tied at the end of this extra period of five minutes, additional periods of five minutes extra time shall be played until a winner is determined.
- BAS 2.4 In the event of a tie in League points, teams will be split according to general REG 9.9.

BAS 3 Premier League and Tier One Requirements

- BAS 3.1 Playing facilities must be booked for an appropriate length of time to allow for the full conclusion of the match. BUCS recommends that at least 2 hours of court time are booked. Institutions failing to book sufficient time will be considered to have defaulted on the match if for any reason there is insufficient time to bring the fixture to a conclusion.
- BAS 3.2 Facilities should be of an appropriate quality for matches and should comply with NGB regulations for matches of this standard. Ideally, all matches should be played on courts to FIBA specification in terms of court size, run-off areas, player safety, lighting, floor surface and visibility of court markings.
- BAS 3.3 It is a requirement that 24 second shot clocks are provided for all matches.
- BAS 3.4 A fully working and easily visible scoreboard must be provided showing the match score and time remaining in each period.
- BAS 3.5 Failure to provide a 24 second shot clock or a scoreboard as per Regulations BAS 3.3 and BAS 3.4 above will result in a £100 fine for the home team. The away team cannot claim a walkover or play under protest or appeal, as the match can still go ahead timed by the officials.
- BAS 3.6 Qualified and neutral match officials (referee & umpire) must be provided. At least 2 qualified table officials should also be provided although there is not a requirement for these to be neutral.
- BAS 3.7 Host institutions should ensure that there is an appropriate level of medical / first aid cover available either at or within close proximity to the courts. In the latter case, the home captain or coach should be aware of how to summon assistance swiftly. Ideally, medical support will be available during the match court-side.
- BAS 3.8 All competing players must hold photographic licences issued via BUCS or their National Governing Body.
- BAS 3.9 All Premier teams must have their university name on the front of their playing vest for matches. **Failure to comply will result in a £50 fine per reported incident.**
Guidelines for BAS 3.9: *The FIBA Regulation dealing with the name of club or country on the playing vest is as follows: The name or the badge/symbol of the club or country must appear on the front of the shirts as follows:*
i. Above the advertising. ii. If the written text comprises one (1) line, the letters shall be a maximum of 8 cm in height. If the written text comprises two (2) lines, the letters on each line shall be a maximum of 6cm in height. iii. The badge/symbol must not be smaller than 100 cm² nor larger than 200 cm² and shall be a maximum of 10 cm in height. The university name can be shortened if required – e.g. LSBU (London South Bank University)
- BAS 3.10 **Molten Balls must be used in all league and knockout matches. Failure to comply will result in a £30 fine per incident.**
- BAS 3.11 Regular spot checks will be carried out during the course of the season to verify teams' licences and facilities are meeting the Basketball sports specific regulations.
- BAS 3.12 BUCS General Regulations and Basketball Competition rules apply alongside the above requirements. The BMG reserves the right to remove any teams who contravene the above regulations.

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BAS 4 BUCS Basketball Championships

- BAS 4.1 For the Last 16 Championship Knockout round, the Premier League and Tier 1 requirements must be adhered to - see BAS 3.
- BAS 4.2 The eight participating teams shall play in a tournament structure to be decided by the BMG. It will follow a knockout format in the first instance.
- BAS 4.3 All teams must register on day one (usually a Friday) at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of their first match.
- BAS 4.4 All teams must re-register on days two and three (usually Saturday and Sunday) at least 30 minutes before tip-off for every game. Teams who fail to re-register may be considered to have forfeited the match.
- BAS 4.5 All teams will play three matches in the tournament, usually one per day. Teams must fulfil all fixtures during the tournament – forfeiture of any matches will result in Disciplinary Committee action as per REG 12.10.
- BAS 4.6 In general the draw for the Last 16 of the BUCS Basketball Championship shall be seeded so that the top 4 teams (Top 2 from Premier North and top 2 from Premier South) shall each have a home draw and not meet until semi-final stage.
- BAS 4.7 The Trophy Basketball finals for both men and women will normally take place on day 2 (usually a Saturday) of the Tournament. Teams must register at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of their match.
- BAS 4.8 Players will need to show their licence cards to prove their affiliation to a British National Governing Body for Basketball in order to compete.
- BAS 4.9 The match ball used for all finals will be Molten. (Size 7 for men and size 6 for women).

BAS 5 Affiliations

- BAS 5.1 All teams/institutes competing in the BUCS Basketball competition must affiliate to their respective National Governing Body (NGB).
- BAS 5.2 All players competing in the BUCS Basketball competition must affiliate to their respective NGB. This covers all BUCS fixtures as well as local league fixtures.
- BAS 5.3 All players competing in the BUCS leagues must hold a valid photo licence issued either via BUCS or their National Governing Body. Players must be able to present these licenses at each fixture should they be requested to do so.
- BAS 5.4 Failure to affiliate to your relevant NGB by the deadline date of **Wednesday 3 November 2010** will result in a team/institution conceding walkovers until correctly affiliated and risk ultimately being removed from the BUCS Basketball Competition.

BAS 6 Score Sheets

In the case of any rule breach by either team, the home team must be able to produce the official scoresheet of each match to the BUCS Office when requested (White Copy only).

BOXING

BOX 1 The Scottish and English Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant country's Amateur Boxing Association and will be held as stand alone events. Preliminary bouts will be required to be determined by the Organising Committee of each Championship. No BUCS Points shall be awarded to these Championships.

BOX 2 The British Boxing Championships (men's and women's) will be held at a venue and under rules determined by the relevant National Governing Body. BUCS Points shall be awarded to this event.

CANOE

The Canoe Championships will be held annually under the rules of the British Canoe Union.

CAN 1 Event Categories

- CAN 1.1 Individual and Team Wild Water Race
- CAN 1.2 Individual and Team Kayak Slalom
- CAN 1.3 Canoe Polo

CAN 2 Entries

Each university may enter as many competitors or teams as each specific event's regulations allow. Details of this will be published in the event information available prior to entries being submitted.

CAN 3 Competition Format

- CAN 3.1 Wild Water Race. This Championship will be decided on one run.
 CAN 3.2 Wild Water Race Team. A team will consist of three members from the same university. No competitor may be a member of more than one team in the same class of boat.
 CAN 3.3 Kayak Slalom. This Championship will be decided on the better score from two runs.
 CAN 3.4 Kayak Slalom Team. A team will consist of three members from the same university. No competitor may be a member of more than one team in the same class of boat.
 CAN 3.5 Canoe Polo. Each university may enter one open and one women's team.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

- CLA 1** A team and individual Championship shall be offered annually for men and women under rules reviewed annually.

CLIMBING

- CLI 1** A Climbing Championship shall be offered on an annual basis to be run under standard British Mountaineering Council (BMC) rules.

CRICKET

Cricket regulations will be published on the Cricket pages of the BUCS website (www.bucs.org.uk/cricket) prior to the start of the BUCS Cricket season 2010-2011.

CYCLING

Cycling Championships will be held each academic year.

CYC 1 Championships

- CYC 1.1 The following Championships will be promoted annually under the rules of the appropriate National Governing Body:
 Time Trials at 10 and 25 miles
 Hill Climb
 3-Up Team Time Trial
 Road Race
 Criterium Series (subject to sanction by BUCS)
 Track
 Cyclo-Cross
 Mountain Bike Cross Country
 Mountain Bike Downhill
- CYC 1.2 BUCS Championship medals will be presented to the top three individuals (men / women competitors) who compete in, and complete, a BUCS Championship event provided six or more men / women compete over the same distance. BUCS Championship team medals will be presented to the top three teams who compete in, and complete a BUCS Championship event, provided that six or more teams compete over the same distance. Additionally, medals for Women's teams of two shall be available subject to the above criteria, in all events except the Track Championship. If fewer than six men / women / teams compete, then silver and bronze medals will not be presented. Any number of teams from the same institution can count towards medal positions. No medals will be presented in Non-Championship events i.e. Sport MTB Cross- Country which are run outside the Championship proper. Medal positions that are tied will result in the lower medal not being presented.

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CYC 1.3 No prize money shall be awarded in sole BUCS Championships.

CYC 2 Racing Rules

CYC 2.1 All Championships shall be run under the rules of the Governing Body for the appropriate cycling discipline, in addition to those below.

CYC 2.2 All disciplinary action taken by Governing Bodies on individuals or clubs shall apply, in addition to those deemed necessary by the Cycling Management Group.

CYC 2.3 All entries shall be made on the official entry form of the ruling or promoting body concerned, as indicated by BUCS.

CYC 2.4 Entrants must clearly state their institution on their entry forms. Proof of student status may be required on entry forms and/or at the event. Failure to produce proof of student status on the day of a BUCS Championship event may result in the person concerned being ineligible for BUCS Championship awards.

CYC 2.5 Clubs promoting a BUCS Championship reserve the right to request all competing institutions to supply a marshal. Failure to comply with the request may result in the competing institution's entry being returned and / or disqualification from / at the event.

CYC 3 Individual Time Trials

The Individual Championship shall be awarded to the rider with the fastest time. Team awards shall be awarded to the team with the fastest aggregate time for three riders (Men) and two riders (Women) from an institution.

CYC 4 3 Up Team Time Trial

CYC 4.1 Team awards shall be awarded to the team with the fastest time (men and mixed teams counting). In addition women team medals will be awarded.

CYC 5 Road Race

CYC 5.1 The Road Race shall be run as an Individual Championship with no Team award.

CYC 6 Track

CYC 6.1 The Track Championships shall consist of Individual Pursuit, Team Pursuit, Sprint and Points races.

CYC 6.2 Any additional Championship event(s) should be clearly stated in pre-race literature.

CYC 6.3 Overall Individual and Team Championship shall be based only on Championship events and shall exclude results from filler events.

CYC 6.4 Final choice of Championship events and awards is at the organiser's discretion.

CYC 7 Mountain Bike

CYC 7.1 There shall be a separate men's and women's race with staggered starts.

CYC 7.2 Each team shall rank their top four entrants for both cross-country and downhill. Seeded riders for cross-country shall adopt a position towards the front of the grid according to their ranking. The remainder of the field shall adopt a position behind the gridded riders.

CYC 7.3 A team award shall be awarded to the fastest three men riders (two for female) from any institution in cross-country. For downhill an aggregate time for three riders (both men and women counting) and two riders (women) from an institution count towards the team awards.

CYC 8 Cyclo-Cross

CYC 8.1 The event shall ideally be a mixed race with a mass start for both men and women but will be at the organiser's discretion.

CYC 8.2 Team awards shall be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate score based on the position of the top three riders (men) and two riders (women) from an institution. In the event of a tied team position the award will be decided by the highest placed rider.

CYC 9 Criterium Series

CYC 9.1 The Criterium series will comprise a minimum of 3 events. Points will be awarded to the top 10 positions in each event and the overall positions will be an aggregate of points from each event.

CYC 9.2 The Criterium Series shall be run as an Individual Championship with no team award.

EQUESTRIAN

EQU 1 General

- EQU 1.1 It is the aim of the competition to judge a rider's ability to get the best out of an unknown horse in a limited period of time.
- EQU 1.2 The Equestrian Management Group formulated these rules. Making an entry for any competition to which these rules apply constitutes acceptance of these rules. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are fully conversant with the rules, and the team captain's responsibility to ensure that copies of the rules are given to his/her members.
- EQU 1.3 The aim of the early competitions (League matches and Regional Rounds) is to select the best teams and individuals to progress to the Finals.
- EQU 1.4 Each team will consist of three or four riders (please note that teams cannot compete with two riders), the best three scores to count. It is in a team's best interests to keep the same team throughout so that if a team fails to qualify as a whole some of its members may have more chance of qualifying as individuals. In accordance with REG 7.5 Teams must be selected as if all the teams are competing at the same time. As such a Championship Team member in league matches may not ride on the Trophy team at league matches.
- EQU 1.5 In the interests of fairness riders must not compete on their own horse or any horse they have owned or competed on outside of student riding in the last 5 years at any stage of the competition.
- EQU 1.6 All riders must treat the horses in a fair and sporting manner. Any abuse or violence will not be tolerated and may lead to elimination at the discretion of the judges.
- EQU 1.7 A university may enter a maximum of two individuals into the Individual Championship qualification if they are unable to field a team (minimum of three riders) at league matches. Extra places will be allocated on a first come first served basis to a maximum of three riders when there are less than 15 individuals entered for the Individual Championship.

GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL ROUNDS

EQU 2 Riders Dress

- EQU 2.1 All riders must wear hats approved to PAS 015:1998 / B.S.EN 1384:1997 or ASTM F1163. **Long hair should be neatly secured for both Dressage and Show-Jumping.**
- EQU 2.2 It is recommended that body protectors be worn for the Show-Jumping phase to a minimum of BETA safety level 3. Captains should check with the riding centre where they are organising competitions to ensure that these are not already compulsory.
- EQU 2.3 Riders should be smartly dressed. Jackets should be tweed or navy/black. Shirts must be worn with a tie or stock. Breeches/jodhpurs should be white, pale yellow or fawn in colour. Plain black or brown long boots or Jodhpur boots with matching black or brown leather gaiters (but not suede half chaps) must be worn. Gloves are compulsory for Dressage and are recommended for Show-Jumping.
- EQU 2.4 Spurs may be worn if the owner of the horse permits. Where spurs are worn, they must be blunt and without rowels. If the spurs are curved, the curve must point downwards and the shank must face the back. The length of the shank must not exceed 35mm. If, in the opinion of the judge(s), spurs are misused the rider may be eliminated. **Non marking spurs with rubber or plastic balls are allowed, plastic spurs are not allowed.**
- EQU 2.5 One whip may be used if the owner of the horse permits. They may be any length for the Dressage but must not exceed 75cm for the show jumping. It may be carried in either hand, but must be in the rein hand while saluting. It may not be picked up if dropped during the test. If, in the opinion of the judge(s), the whip is misused, the rider may be eliminated.

EQU 3 The Draw

- EQU 3.1 All draws will take place in the presence of all the Team Captains and will be performed no earlier than the time stated by the organiser on the invitations to compete. If any team has failed to arrive by that time, their draw may be performed on their behalf. The draw for the Dressage will be held in alphabetical team order and that of the show jumping in reverse alphabetical team order.
- EQU 3.2 At all competitions all riders should be assigned a number at the first draw which must be worn throughout. During the competition they will be known as that number with no reference to name or university to be present on any paperwork for judges. Riders should keep the same number throughout any one match for both phases.

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EQU 3.3 Each horse should be assigned a letter.

EQU 4 Protests

EQU 4.1 Jury of Appeal

At league matches, the Jury will consist of all the Team Captains present together with any members of the Management Group present or the Dressage judge. At the Regional Rounds, the Jury will consist of the **Regional Organiser**, any non-competing members of the Sports Management Group present and two non-riding representatives of the Universities present at the competition. These represented should be elected at the Draw. At the Finals, the Jury will consist of the Management Group members present.

EQU 4.2 The Jury will consider all protests and complaints and may call upon the judge(s) for advice if necessary.

EQU 4.3 Only a Team Captain (or individual at the Finals) or Management Group member may lodge protests and complaints. They must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of £10 which will be returned only if the complaint is considered valid by the Jury.

EQU 4.4 Protests concerning an abuse of these rules occurring during a competition must be made no later than 30 minutes after the alleged abuse occurred.

EQU 4.5 Protests concerning the horses must be made within 10 minutes of their demonstration.

EQU 4.6 Protests concerning the final results must be made no later than 30 minutes after the results have been published.

EQU 4.7 **Each home team's Athletic Union is responsible for completing and uploading the online results form which can be found at www.bucs.org.uk/equestrianresults within 7 days of the match occurring. Any team not adhering to this regulation will be fined £20. The completed score sheet must also be sent to all opposing teams within the league. The result will stand unless a visiting team challenges the result sheet in which instance it will become a provisional result until checked and the placings confirmed by BUCS or the SMG Chairman.**

EQU 4.8 Protests after the match must be sent by the institutions Athletic Unions or similar by 2pm the next working day after the match in accordance with REG 16.3. In order to appeal via this process, a playing under protest must have been completed before or during the match and signed by all Captains.

EQU 4.9 In the event of a problem arising which is not covered by these rules the Jury should refer to the current British Dressage rules and the current BSJA rules for guidance, and BUCS must be notified.

EQU 4.10 If the Jury is not able to form a unanimous verdict at the competition BUCS must be notified immediately of the full details of the protest or complaints and the circumstances surrounding it. The decision of the jury will be final unless the jury asks BUCS to adjudicate.

MATCH RULES APPLYING TO ALL ROUNDS

EQU 5 General

EQU 5.1 In League matches four horses will be used. In the Championship Regional Round six horses will be used and in the Trophy Regional Round four horses will be used for each of the Dressage and the Show-Jumping phases. The horses standard must be as similar as possible. Where possible the same horses should not be used for both phases. If this is not possible then riders must not ride the same horse for the Dressage and the show jumping phases.

EQU 5.2 Each Team Captain should ensure that the venue has or can find enough horses and they are capable of fulfilling their role in competition when booking the venue. It is recommended that a copy of these rules be given to the Riding Centre involved.

EQU 5.3 Each horse will be ridden by three or four competitors. The rider having the best score on each horse will be given zero penalties and the other riders of that horse will be given the number of penalties equal to the difference between their score and the best score on that horse. This process shall be known as differencing the scores. **Eliminated and retired riders shall be given the worst difference penalties of all the riders plus an additional 30 penalties.** For withdrawn riders before a single phase see Rule EQU 9.9

EQU 5.4 Current British Dressage and BSJA rules will apply regarding tack to be used except that the judges must allow horses to wear boots/bandages and martingales etc. without penalty if it is the wish of the owner of the horse. Bridles used at league matches should feature a single rein only. The organisers must check the tack of the horses before the competition starts. Only the person in charge of the horses may change the setting of the horses' tack (including the girth) with the exception of the length of the stirrup leathers.

- EQU 5.5 The tack of the horse must not be changed after the first rider has ridden the horse. The only exception to this may be the change of stirrup leathers if they are not long enough for the riders leg or if the stirrup irons are too narrow to allow the riders boot to fit safely in. In the case of breaking tack during the competition the rider may have a restart for that phase unless they show an intention of finishing the phase.
- EQU 5.6 All horses must be demonstrated before the dressage and show jumping in the tack and equipment that they will compete in (including spurs and/or whip). Show jump horses must jump the whole course before the first rider mounts at the League Rounds only.
- EQU 5.7 The organiser should know the whereabouts of the nearest casualty department and have directions readily available for competitors. If possible, members of the St. Johns Ambulance or equivalent should be present for the show jumping. In all cases the Organiser should make themselves known to the Appointed First Aider at the centre and be aware of their location during the competition.

EQU 6 Dressage

- EQU 6.1 Each competitor will be allowed a maximum amount of time in which to warm up, 10 minutes for the first competitor on each horse and 7 minutes for subsequent competitors on each horse at League and Regional levels. The home team is responsible for providing a time keeper. Outside of warm-up time riders must be on a loose rein.
- EQU 6.2 The horses are to be demonstrated by a non-competing person before the first rider mounts to the level of the test that they will be used for. If it is not possible for the horses to be demonstrated by a non-competing person then the home team should demonstrate the horses they are not riding in the competition. The demonstration should take place in the competition arena and the time of this demonstration will be about five minutes. The horses should be sufficiently warmed up before this demonstration.
- EQU 6.3 Dressage tests may be commanded at all levels with the exception of the Championships first round and fourth round freestyle.
- EQU 6.4 The Dressage scores will be differenced as defined in rule EQU 5.3

EQU 7 Judges

- EQU 7.1 Dressage judges must be of British Dressage List 6 or higher for the League matches and List 5 or higher for the Regional Rounds. Two judges will be used at the Regional Rounds. **If the judges are not from the designated British Dressage judges lists, and the consent of all team captains has not been obtained before the competition in writing, the home team will be eliminated from the competition.**
- EQU 7.2 Judge(s) must not have connections through family, training or in any other way with any of the competitors, whether host or visitors or with owners of horses, and they must not be staff of the host centre.
- EQU 7.3 The rules and basic ideas behind the BUCS Equestrian Championships should be explained to the Judge(s), stressing that while it is the way the horse is going that should be judged during the Dressage test, the aim of the competition is to assess the Riders ability to get the best out of a strange horse in a limited period of time.

EQU 8 Show-Jumping

- EQU 8.1 In order that the Show-Jumping phase is to have sufficient importance the course should be as demanding as possible within the capabilities of the horses used. The maximum height for the League matches is 90cm for Championship matches and 85cm for Trophy matches. The course should be designed in consultation with the riding centre staff to meet the standards of the horses, but should have a minimum of seven fences including at least one double, at least two spreads and at least one related distance of four strides or less. A course that tests the rider's ability is essential. It is recommended that a stile or dogleg be used in the course.
- EQU 8.2 The course builder should be a competent person, approved by the riding centre. They should be familiar with BSJA course building guidelines.
- EQU 8.3 Each competitor will be allowed a maximum of five minutes warm up time and a maximum of four specified practice jumps. The practice fences may, at the judge's discretion be part of the course. At the start of the practice period, the direction for jumping the practice fences must be specified to all competitors. The practice fences must be jumped in the direction specified – failure to do so will result in elimination from the jumping element.
- EQU 8.4 The Show-Jumping may be judged on style by the Dressage judge or a suitably qualified person to be approved by BUCS – if the Dressage Judge is unable to judge this element, it is the responsibility of the organising University to inform all the Captains.

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The Show-Jumping judge will award each competitor a mark out of 10 for each fence as well as collective style marks similar to those used for the dressage test. The following penalties will then be deducted for jumping errors:

Each Knockdown	5
1st Refusal	10
2nd Refusal	20
3rd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination
Error of Course	Elimination
Failure to Salute	Elimination
Commencing Before the Bell	Elimination

- EQU 8.5 The Show-Jumping scores will be differenced as defined in rule EQU 5.3
If a horse is eliminated in the show jumping with all riders, the judge must allow all riders who have ridden the eliminated horse another chance to ride an alternative horse. The alternative horse should, preferably, be one that has not already been used for the Show-Jumping phase. If no such horse is available then one that has already show-jumped may be used over a shortened course if necessary. If any rider is unable to ride the alternative horse due to injury, the collective marks added to the fence that all riders reached will be used as the style mark.
- EQU 8.6 Although the judge need not be on the BSJA Judges panel, they must be conversant with the rules. It is the responsibility of the organising team to ensure this happens.
- EQU 8.7 The Show-Jumping judge should be approached with any complaints or concerns about a competitor's ability to jump. The judges may prevent a rider from Show-Jumping if they consider the rider to be incapable of managing the course set. The rider may refer such a decision to the Jury of Appeal if he/she considers the decision to be unfair.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE LEAGUE MATCHES

EQU 9 General

- EQU 9.1 The Management Group will organise all the teams into Leagues of three or four institutions. No League matches should be arranged until the Management Group allocates institutions to their respective Leagues. There is no guarantee that the League will be the same as last year.
- EQU 9.2 **Matches must be played in the order as published in the Leagues. The first named team must have completed their home match in the Winter Term. The second by the end of January 2011, the third by the end of February 2011 and the fourth by the league cut off date as detailed below.** If an institution fails to organise a league competition or cancels it without extenuating circumstances they will be eliminated from competition and their points will be re-awarded amongst the other teams as though the offending team had not taken part in any of the league competitions, individuals therefore, cannot qualify for further stages of the competition.
- EQU 9.3 Teams within the same mini league will not be permitted to have the same home venue. Any University that envisages a problem with home venues within a league must contact the BUCS Office immediately – the first University to do so will be granted their first choice home venue.
- EQU 9.4 All participating teams should have completed the online Team Contact Form which can be found at www.bucs.org.uk/equestriancontacts by no later than 22 October 2010. **A fine of £20 will be awarded to all Universities failing to adhere to this regulation.**
- EQU 9.5 **All mini league matches must be completed by 13 March 2011. No extension will be given after this date.** All home teams should confirm match dates in writing by email at least 21 days before the match.
- EQU 9.6 Teams arriving late for a match shall be deemed absent if they arrive more than one hour after the stated time for the draw. The telephone number of the Riding Centre and host Team Captain should be included in the details sent to each institution.
- EQU 9.7 The Dressage test for all League matches is BUCS League Dressage Test 2010/2011 (available from the BUCS website)
- EQU 9.8 League and Regional matches must be organised so that the Dressage element is followed by the show jumping.
- EQU 9.9 Each team member must start both the Dressage and Show-Jumping phases in order to receive a final score. **However, if the rider only completes the dressage phase, the score can count for the team.**

- EQU 9.10 Teams captains will draw numbers 1, 2, 3 (or 4) in the order given in Rule EQU 3.1. This relates to the team order shown on the running order below. Each team rider must then draw A, B, C or D. This relates to the horse that they will ride for that phase. The running order should be arranged as shown below.

Three Team League			Four Team League		
Running Order	Horse	Team Order	Running Order	Horse	Team Order
1	A	1	1	A	1
2	B	2	2	B	2
3	C	3	3	C	3
4	D	1	4	D	4
5	A	2	5	A	2
6	B	3	6	B	3
7	C	1	7	C	4
8	D	2	8	D	1
9	A	3	9	A	3
10	B	1	10	B	4
11	C	2	11	C	1
12	D	3	12	D	2
			13	A	4
			14	B	1
			15	C	2
			16	D	3

EQU 10 Scoring

- EQU 10.1 A team's total penalties will be the sum of the three best Dressage difference penalties and the three best Show-Jumping difference penalties.
- EQU 10.2 An individual's total penalties will be the sum of their Dressage and Show-Jumping difference penalties.
- EQU 10.3 If the team penalties are equal they shall be split by:
- EQU 10.3.1 The total of the best difference dressage penalties (ie the higher placed team after dressage)
- EQU 10.3.2 The sum of the three best riders collective marks from the dressage and Jumping phases.
- EQU 10.3.3 The total of the best three actual dressage marks and the best three actual show jumping scores.
- EQU 10.4 If the individual scores are equal they shall be split by:
- EQU 10.4.1 The differenced dressage penalties (not marks)
- EQU 10.4.2 The dressage and jumping collective marks combined
- EQU 10.4.3 If, however, they are still equal the placing points shall be divided equally between them.
- EQU 10.5 In order to determine the qualifying team and individuals for the regional rounds points will be awarded for placing at league matches as follows:

TEAM		INDIVIDUALS	
1st	4 Points	1st	12 Points
2nd	3 Points	2nd	10 Points
3rd	2 Points	3rd	8 Points
4th	1 Point	4th	6 Points
		5th	4 Points
		6th	3 Points
		7th	2 Points
		8th	1 Point

N.B. For tied placing the points are shared — i.e. if two competitors are tied for 3rd place the points of 3rd and 4th are shared between the two competitors, each one receiving 5.5 points. N.B. Even if there are only three teams in a league the same points are awarded.

- EQU 10.6 The team with the most points and the two individuals, not on the best team, with the highest points will qualify for the Regional Round.

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- EQU 10.7 If two teams or individuals are on equal points at the completion of the League matches they will be split by the sum of their total penalties from all the League matches.
- EQU 10.8 Each institution should keep a record of all the penalties including collective marks at all the League matches. Each institution must send via e-mail a fully completed scoresheet from their home League match to the other teams in their league within 7 days of their League match taking place – please refer to EQU 4.7.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER ROUNDS AT CHAMPIONSHIP AND TROPHY LEVELS

- EQU 11** The Regional Rounds will be organised by BUCS and Regional Organisers.
- EQU 12** BUCS will ensure that the horses are capable of fulfilling their role in the competition when booking the venue. A copy of these rules will be given to the Riding Centre involved.
- EQU 13** The entry fee for Regional competitions is **£53.00 per individual (£212 per team)**. Neither the Management Group nor BUCS can be held responsible for any loss incurred.
- EQU 14** Any competitor or team who have failed to pay the entry fee by cash or guaranteed cheque by the start of the Regional Round will not be allowed to compete. BUCS may also impose any further demand that the money be paid prior to the competition to cover expenses and allow for the cancellation of horses if necessary.
- EQU 15** The Dressage test for the Regional Round is BUCS Regional Dressage Test 2010/2011 (available from the BUCS website). The Dressage should be judged by two judges of at least British Dressage List 5 standard or above. The scores of the two Dressage judges shall be averaged and then differenced.
- EQU 17** **Regional Round Running Order**
- EQU 17.1 Championship Team Regional Round running order shall be as follows: Teams captains will draw numbers 1, 2, 3 in the order given in Rule EQU 3.1. This relates to the number shown on the running order below. Each rider must then draw A, B, C or D. This relates to the horse that they will ride for that phase. Individuals will draw both a letter (E or F) and number (1, 2 or 3) relating to what and when they will ride. **Individuals from the same university cannot ride against each other.**

Running Order	Horse	Team
1	A	1
2	B	2
3	C	3
4	D	1
5	E	Ind (1)
6	F	Ind (1)
7	A	2
8	B	3
9	C	1
10	D	2
11	E	Ind (2)
12	F	Ind (2)
13	A	3
14	B	1
15	C	2
16	D	3
17	E	Ind (3)
18	F	Ind (3)

- EQU 17.2 Trophy Team Regional Round running order shall be as follows: Team captains will draw numbers 1, 2, 3 in the order given in Rule EQU 3.1. This relates to the number shown on the running order below. Each rider must then draw A, B, C or D. This relates to the horse that they will ride for that phase.

Running Order	Horse	Team
1	A	1
2	B	2
3	C	3
4	D	1
5	A	2
6	B	3
7	C	1
8	D	2
9	A	3
10	B	1
11	C	2
12	D	3

EQU 18 Individual Championship Qualifier ONLY running order shall be as follows

Regardless of the number of riders or the number of horses used, horses will always be ridden in alphabetical order. Riders will each draw a letter and a number in accordance with Rule EQU 3.1. This will relate to what and when they will ride. Riders from the same university may not draw against each other in either phase **except where the number of horses limits this**. An example ridden order is below:

Running Order	Horse	Individual Draw Number
1	A	1
2	B	1
3	C	1
4	A	2
5	B	2
6	C	2
7	A	3
8	B	3
9	C	3

EQU 18.1 The Show-Jumping will be judged on style by one of the Dressage judges or a suitably qualified person at the discretion of BUCS and the Regional Organiser. The Show-Jumping judge will award each competitor a mark out of 10 for each fence, as well as collective marks similar to that of the dressage marks. The following penalties will then be deducted for jumping errors:

Each Knockdown	5
1st Refusal	10
2nd Refusal	20
3rd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination
Error of Course	Elimination
Failure to Salute	Elimination
Commencing Before the Bell	Elimination

The Show-Jumping scores should then be differenced as described in EQU 5.3.

EQU 19 The maximum height of the Show-Jumping course should be 100cm for a Championship Regional and 90cm for a Trophy Regional. The course should be designed according to rule EQU 8.1.

EQU 20 At the end of the competition if the penalties are equal then the separation of riders will follow rule EQU 10.3. and EQU 10.4.

EQU 21 The qualifiers for the Finals from:

EQU 21.1 A Team Championship Regional will be the winning team and the best three individuals who are not in the winning team. One of these individuals must have come from the individuals section of the Regional Round.

EQU 21.2 An Individual Championship Regional will be the top three placings only.

EQU 21.3 A Trophy Regional will be the winning team only.

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- EQU 22** The Regional Organiser will send copies of the full results including collectives to the BUCS Office via e-mail within 5 days of the match occurring.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE NATIONAL FINAL

- EQU 23** Entries for the National Finals are restricted to those university teams and individuals that have qualified from one of the Regional competitions.
- EQU 24** The competition shall consist of two phases – Dressage and Show-Jumping. All competitors shall compete in both phases. Competitors may not ride the same horse in more than one round of one phase and may not ride the same horse in the Dressage and the Show-Jumping except in a final round where numbers of horses limits this.
- EQU 25** The competition will be ridden in a knockout system. In each round there will be three riders on each horse with the best rider on each horse progressing through to the next round. There will be four rounds of Dressage and four rounds of show jumping. All competitors will be ranked equal at the beginning of each round.
- EQU 26** The National Finals are run in the style of an AIEC International University competition. Any circumstances that are not covered by the rules laid down here will be referred to the current AIEC rules. These will be available at the competition or can be accessed online at www.aiecworld.com
- EQU 27** There must be a qualified paramedic/St. John Ambulance on site for the show jumping.
- EQU 28** Reserve riders for teams should be declared on the entry form. The reserve rider can only compete in the team in case of physical inability certified by a doctor. A reserve rider can only substitute a rider in one of the two parts before the beginning of the first round.
- EQU 29** Teams will draw 1, 2 or 3 dictating when their team will ride and the team members will select a letter each representing to their horse. Individuals will draw 1, 2 or 3 representing when they will ride and a letter corresponding to their horse for the first rounds. Second rounds and above each rider will select a letter and number which indicates what and when they will ride. Riders from the same university may not draw against each other at any stage of the finals with the exception of when the number of horses limits this.
- EQU 30 Dressage**
- EQU 30.1** There will be at least two judges of British Dressage List 4 or above for second round and above for the Dressage.
- EQU 30.2** If two or more riders are on the same horse in the same round of dressage have best and equal marks the rider with the best rider collective marks will proceed to the next round. If they are still equal the rider with the best position mark will proceed to the next round. If there is equality of position mark those equal will ride off on another horse. The highest score on the new horse will proceed to the next round. The differenced penalties of the other rider(s) in the ride off will be determined from the original horse.
- EQU 30.3** The places of the non-qualifying riders will first be decided by differenced penalties. In the event of equality the collective rider marks will decide. If there is still equality they will be placed equal and the placing shared as in rule EQU 10.5.
- EQU 30.4** For all levels, all competitors will be allowed to ride their horses in the warm up arena for the time duration of the dressage test being used in this round and dicated at the top of the dressage test sheet. Consequently, each rider may begin their warm up as the bell rings to signal the start for the rider before them and must end on the salute of that rider.
- EQU 30.5 First round**
- EQU 30.5.1** Tests will be ridden as a group of three in quadrille style. The test will start from inside the arena boards. Teams will nominate the trio to ride the team test.
- EQU 30.5.2** The 3 individuals qualifying from each region will ride the team test as a trio. The 3 individuals qualifying from the Individual Championship will ride as a trio. The extra riders from teams in Regions A, B and C will ride as a trio. The extra riders from teams in Regions D, E and F will ride as a trio.
- EQU 30.5.3** Four judges will judge the first round team dressage. Three judges will judge the three riders of the team individually. The fourth judge will judge the team

- as a whole and give a team mark.
- EQU 30.5.4 The starting order of each trio of horses will be fixed in alphabetical order. The team is not allowed to change this order. Not respecting the announced order will lead to a team mark of 0 (zero) points for each single lesson which is not performed in the declared order.
- EQU 30.5.5 The competitor with the highest score on each horse will progress to the next round.
- EQU 30.6 **Second round**
- EQU 30.6.1 The competitor with the highest score on each horse will progress to the next round. The best runner up will also progress to the next round as the lucky loser. This person is defined as the competitor with the highest rider collective marks of those placed second on their horse.
- EQU 30.7 **Third round**
- EQU 30.7.1 The competitor with the highest score on each horse will progress to the next round.
- EQU 30.8 **Final round**
- EQU 30.8.1 Two horses will be used for the Final of the Dressage. Each of the two riders will ride both horses. A technical test will be performed on one horse and freestyle to music on the other.

EQU 31 Show-Jumping

- EQU 31.1 All horses will be demonstrated before each round of the Show-Jumping, but will not necessarily jump the whole course before the first rider mounts.
- EQU 31.2 The course builder should be a BJSJ course designer. In all rounds the difficulties will increase.
- EQU 31.3 **First Round**
- EQU 31.3.1 The first round will be judged on style.
The Show-Jumping judge will award each competitor a mark out of 10 for each fence as well as collective rider marks similar to those used for the dressage these will then be added together to give the total style mark. The following penalties will then be deducted for jumping errors to give the overall style mark:
- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Each Knockdown | 5 |
| 1st Refusal | 10 |
| 2nd Refusal | Elimination |
- Elimination will be incurred on:**
2nd Refusal
Fall of horse and /or Rider
Error of course
Failure to salute
Commencing before the bell
- The height of the fences will be maximum 100cm.
The Show-Jumping scores should then be differenced as described in EQU 5.3.
- EQU 31.3.2 The rider with the best overall style mark on each horse will progress to the Second Round.
- EQU 31.3.3 If all riders on the same horse in the same round of show jumping are eliminated they will re-ride the same course in the same starting order on another horse if there is one available. If a horse is not available and the first horse passed fence 5 with all riders then the style mark up to and including this fence with collective marks will make up the style mark for this horse. In the event that the horse does not make it to this point with all riders then the rider who jumped the most fences will be qualified. If none of the riders went further than all the others, the judges decide who is qualified for the next round. The riders who are not qualified after this separation procedure are ranked as first of the non-qualified riders in the round.
- EQU 31.3.4 If two or more riders on the same horse have the same overall style mark the rider with the better collective marks will proceed to the next round. If there is equality of the collective marks, the higher total style mark will decide who proceeds. If there is equality of this mark those equal will ride off on another horse. The highest score on the new horse will proceed to the next round. The differenced penalties of the other rider(s) in the ride off will be

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- determined from the original horse.
- EQU 31.3.5 The places of the non-qualifying riders will first be decided by differenced penalties. In the event of equality the collective marks will decide. If there is still equality they will be placed equal and the placing shared as in rule EQU 10.5.
- EQU 31.4 **Second Round**
- EQU 31.4.1 The second round will be judged primarily on faults with style deciding in the event of equality of faults. Jumping faults in this round and all subsequent rounds will be awarded as follows:
- | | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Knockdown | 4 |
| 1st Refusal | 4 |
| 2nd Refusal | Elimination |
| Fall of Horse or Rider | Elimination |
| Error of Course | Elimination |
- The height of the fences will be maximum 105cm
- EQU 31.4.2 The best rider on each horse plus the best runner up with the lowest differenced jumping faults will progress to the Third Round. In the case of equality of differenced jumping penalties the highest style mark shall decide. The places of non-qualifiers will be determined in the same way.
- EQU 31.5 **Third Round and Final**
- EQU 31.5.1 These will be judged primarily on faults. In the event of equality of faults time will decide.
- EQU 31.5.2 The height of the fences in the Third Round will be approximately 110cm – 115cm unless the judges decide otherwise.
- EQU 31.5.3 The best rider on each horse in the Third Round will progress to the Final where they will each ride two horses.
- EQU 31.5.4 The height of the fences in the Final will be approximately 120cm – 125cm unless the judges decide otherwise.

EQU 32 Overall Placings

At the end of the Final each competitor will have a ranking in the Dressage and Show-Jumping phases.

EQU 33 Teams

EQU 33.1 Team Dressage Ranking

Teams are ranked by the team mark from the first round. The ranking equates to points i.e. Ranking 1 = 1 point. This ranking is multiplied by three and these points are added to the three best individual dressage placings in each team. The team with the least points shall be the winner of the team dressage.

EQU 33.2 Team Show-Jumping Ranking

The combined total of best three Show-Jumping rankings of the teams members shall give the team Show-jumping score. The team with the least points shall be the winner of the team Show-jumping.

EQU 33.3 Team Overall Ranking

The team total shall be calculated by the addition of the best three individual Dressage rankings and the best three individual Show-Jumping rankings of the teams members. The team with the lowest total shall be the winner. In the event of equality the team with the better Dressage placing shall be placed higher. If equality still results, the sum of all four of the collective rider marks from the first round of the Dressage shall decide.

EQU 34 Individuals

Overall placing for individuals shall be calculated by adding together their Dressage and Show Jumping rankings. The individual with the lowest total shall be the winner. Should one or more riders have the same total, then the better Dressage rider is higher overall.

EQU 35 Neither the organisers of the Championships, nor the panel, nor BUCS, nor the agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, or any person or property.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE TROPHY FINAL

EQU 37 Entries for the Trophy Finals are restricted to those university teams that have qualified by winning their regional round match. No individuals shall qualify for the Finals.

EQU 38 The Trophy Final will consist of two rounds of Dressage and two Show-Jumping rounds. All competitors

shall compete in both phases to get a final placing. Competitors may not ride the same horse in more than one round of one phase and may not ride the same horse in the Dressage and the Show-Jumping except where the numbers of horses limits this.

EQU 39 The competition will be ridden in a knockout system. In each round there will be three or four riders on each horse with the best rider on each horse progressing through to the next round. All competitors will be ranked equal at the beginning of each round.

EQU 40 There must be a qualified paramedic/St. John's Ambulance on site for the Show-Jumping

EQU 41 The horses' standard must be as similar as possible. Two horses will be used for each of the final rounds.

EQU 42 Reserve riders for teams should be declared on the entry form. The reserve rider can only compete in the team in case of physical inability certified by a doctor. A reserve rider can only substitute a rider in one of the two parts before the beginning of the first round.

EQU 43 Riders from the same University may not draw against each other at any stage of the finals with the exception of when the number of horses limits this.

EQU 44 Dressage

EQU 44.1 There will be at least two judges for all rounds of British Dressage List 5 or above.

EQU 44.2 Each horse will be ridden by three competitors.

EQU 44.3 **First round**

EQU 44.3.1 Tests will be ridden as a group of three in quadrille style.

The test will start from inside the arena boards. Teams will nominate the trio to ride the team test. The remaining rider will ride the individual test.

EQU 44.3.2 Four judges will judge the first round team dressage.

Three judges will judge the three riders of the team individually. The fourth judge will judge the team as a whole and give a team mark.

EQU 44.3.3 The starting order of each trio of horses will be fixed in alphabetical order.

The team is not allowed to change this order. Not respecting the announced order will lead to a team mark of 0 (zero) points for each single lesson which is not performed in the declared order.

EQU 44.3.4 The competitor with the highest score on each horse will progress to the next round.

EQU 44.3.5 If two or more riders are on the same horse in the same round of dressage have best and equal marks the rider with the best rider collective marks will proceed to the next round. If they are still equal the rider with the best position mark will proceed to the next round. If there is equality of position mark those equal will ride off on another horse. The highest score on the new horse will proceed to the next round. The difference penalties of the other rider(s) in the ride off will be determined from the original horse.

EQU 44.3.6 The placings of the non-qualifying riders will first be decided by difference penalties. In the event of equality the collective rider marks will decide. If there is still equality they will be placed equal and the placing shared as in rule EQU 10.5.

EQU 44.4 First Round Dressage Draw

Teams will draw between 1 and 6 dictating when their team will ride. The team members will each draw a letter each representing their horse.

The running order shall be as follows for the dressage phase:

Running Order	Horse	Team
1	A B C	1
2	D E F	2
3	A B C	3
4	D E F	4
5	A B C	5
6	D E F	6
7	G	1
8	H	2
9	G	3
10	H	4
11	G	5

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- EQU 44.5 **Final Round**
- EQU 44.5.1 Two horses will be used for the final. Each horse will be ridden by four competitors.
- EQU 44.5.2 The competitors with the highest score on each horse will be placed first and second with the highest rider collective marks deciding the winner. The places of those ranked second and third on their horses will first be decided by differenced penalties. In the event of equality the collective rider marks will decide. If there is still equality they will be placed equal and the placing shared as in rule EQU 10.5.

EQU 45 Show-Jumping

- EQU 45.1 All horses must be demonstrated before the Show-Jumping but will not necessarily jump the whole course before the first rider mounts
- EQU 45.2 In order that the Show-Jumping phase is to have sufficient importance the course should be as demanding as possible within the capabilities of the horses used. The course should have a minimum of seven fences including at least one double, at least two spreads and at least one related distance of four strides or less. A course that tests the rider's ability is essential. It is recommended that a stile or dogleg be used in the course.
- EQU 45.3 The course builder must be a BSJA course designer.
- EQU 45.4 **First Round**
- EQU 45.4.1 Each horse will be ridden by four competitors.
- EQU 45.4.2 The first round will be judged on style
- The Show-Jumping judge will award each competitor a mark out of 10 for each fence as well as collective rider marks similar to those used for the dressage these will then be added together to give the total style mark. The following penalties will then be deducted for jumping errors to give the overall style mark:
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| Each Knockdown | 5 |
| 1st Refusal | 10 |
| 2nd Refusal | Elimination |
- Elimination will be incurred on:**
- 2nd Refusal
 - Fall of horse and /or Rider
 - Error of course
 - Failure to salute
 - Commencing before the bell
- EQU 45.4.3 The height of the fences will be maximum 95cm.
- EQU 45.4.3 The rider with the best overall style mark on each horse will progress to the Final Round.
- EQU 45.4.4 If two or more riders on the same horse have the same overall style mark the rider with the better collective marks will proceed to the next round. If there is equality of the collective marks, the higher total style mark will decide who proceeds. If there is equality of this mark those equal will ride off on another horse. The highest score on the new horse will proceed to the next round. The differenced penalties of the other rider(s) in the ride off will be determined from the original horse.
- EQU 45.4.5 The places of the non-qualifying riders will first be decided by differenced penalties. In the event of equality the collective marks will decide. If there is still equality they will be placed equal and the placing shared as in rule EQU 10.5.
- EQU 45.5 **First Round Draw**
- EQU 45.5.1 Teams will draw between 1 and 6 dictating when their team will ride. The team members will each draw a letter each representing their horse. The running order shall be as follows:

Running Order	Horse	Team	Running Order	Horse	Team
1	A	1	13	A	4
2	B	2	14	B	5
3	C	3	15	C	6
4	D	4	16	D	1
5	E	5	17	E	2
6	F	6	18	F	3
7	A	2	19	A	5
8	B	3	20	B	6
9	C	4	21	C	1
10	D	5	22	D	2
11	E	6	23	E	3
12	F	1	24	F	4

EQU 45.6 Final Round

EQU 45.6.1 Two horses will be used for the final. Each horse will be ridden by three competitors.

EQU 45.6.2 The final round will be judged primarily on faults with style deciding in the event of equality of faults. Jumping faults in this round will be awarded as follows:

Knockdown	4
1st Refusal	4
2nd Refusal	Elimination
Fall of Horse or Rider	Elimination
Error of Course	Elimination

EQU 45.6.3 The height of the fences will be maximum 105cm
The competitors with the highest score on each horse will be placed first and second with the highest rider style marks deciding the winner. The places of those ranked second and third on their horses will first be decided by differenced style penalties. In the event of equality the collective rider marks will decide. If there is still equality they will be placed equal and the placing shared as in rule EQU 10.5.

EQU 46 Overall Placings

At the end of the Final each competitor will have a ranking in the Dressage and Show-Jumping phases.

EQU 47 Teams**EQU 47.1 Team Dressage Ranking**

Teams are ranked by the team mark from the first round. The ranking equates to points i.e. Ranking 1 = 1 point. This ranking is multiplied by three and these points are added to the three best individual dressage placings in each team. The team with the least points shall be the winner of the team dressage.

EQU 47.2 Team Show-Jumping Ranking

The combined total of best three Show-Jumping rankings of the teams members shall give the team Show-Jumping score. The team with the least points shall be the winner of the team Show-Jumping.

EQU 47.3 Team Overall Ranking

The team total shall be calculated by the addition of the best three individual Dressage rankings and the best three individual Show-Jumping rankings of the teams members. The team with the lowest total shall be the winner. In the event of equality the team with the better Dressage placing shall be placed higher. If equality still results, the sum of all four of the collective rider marks from the first round of the Dressage shall decide.

EQU 48 Individuals

Overall placing for individuals shall be calculated by adding together their Dressage and Show Jumping rankings. The individual with the lowest total shall be the winner. Should one or more riders have the same total, then the better Dressage rider is higher overall.

EQU 49

Neither the organisers of the Championships, nor the panel, nor BUCS, nor the agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, or any person or property.

FENCING

The Fencing Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the British Fencing Association. For both the Individual and Team Championships, full British Fencing Association (or home nation equivalent) Licences are required by all competitors. FIE Licences will not be accepted.

Please note that from September 2010, the new foil target (FIE Spec or Mask Update including wire) will apply to all BUCS Fencing competitions as directed by the FIE and BFA. Mask update including wire: retrofit conductive material covering the new valid bib surface on the outside of the bib, kit supplied by equipment suppliers and fitted by the owner of the mask. The fencer will also be required to connect the mask valid target to the conductive jacket by an approved specification mask wire, as per the FIE specification.

Extract from FIE Rules.

M.27.1. The mesh of the mask must not extend below the chin. It must be insulated internally and externally by a plastic material resistant to impact.

2. The part of the bib that is beneath a horizontal line 1.5 - 2 cm below the chin, must be entirely covered with a material that has the same conductive characteristics as the conductive jacket.
3. The electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a connecting wire, white or clear, and one or two crocodile clips.

A Team Championships

FEN 1 Competition Structure

- FEN 1.1 Ten teams, selected on merit from the previous season's competition, will compete in the Premier Leagues. Only first teams may compete in the Premier Leagues. All other teams will compete in the Conference Leagues.
- FEN 1.2 Teams will be selected on merit, from the current season's league programme, to participate, in a knock out competition. Qualification details will be provided at the top of each league on the BUCS Website.
- FEN 1.3 Playing facilities must be booked for an appropriate length of time to allow for the full conclusion of the match. BUCS recommends that a minimum of 3 hours hall time is booked. Institutions failing to book sufficient time will forfeit any outstanding hits that cannot be completed within the allocated time.

FEN 2 Premier Leagues

- FEN 2.1 Facilities should be of an appropriate quality for Premier League matches and should comply with national governing body regulations for matches of this standard. Specific attention should be paid to the quality of electric equipment and hall lighting.
- FEN 2.2 Electric equipment must be used for all matches.
- FEN 2.3 Where possible institutions shall obtain the services of an independent Referee for all matches.
- FEN 2.4 All players shall hold current Full BFA licences. FIE licences are not acceptable.

FEN 3 Matches

- FEN 3.1 Matches will include Foil, Epee and Sabre. There cannot be a draw in a match. In the event of a tie on hits the winner shall be the team which has won more weapons. The winning team shall be awarded three points with the losing team receiving no points.
- FEN 3.2 All matches shall be between teams of three fencers, with or without a reserve, using the relay formula.
- FEN 3.3 The two captains, in advance of the match, shall agree the order in which weapons are fought.
- FEN 3.4 In the event of lack of agreement there shall be a draw for the order of weapons. The order of fights shall conform to BFA regulations.
- FEN 3.5 Independent referees are preferred for all matches. If an independent referee is not available then the refereeing duties shall be shared between the two teams.
- FEN 3.6 Electrical apparatus shall be used for all matches.
- FEN 3.7 Competitors clothing and equipment shall conform to BFA regulations.
- FEN 3.8 Competitors are required to check the BFA licences of the opposing team prior to the start of each league match.

FEN 4 Incomplete Fixtures

- FEN 4.1 In the event of a fixture being incomplete due to a late start, with a team at fault, their opposition may claim any hits not completed or unplayed.

FEN 5 Tie on Points in a League

- FEN 5.1 In the event of a tie on points for the leadership of a league the procedure shall be as detailed in REG 17.10. If the BUCS Office does not consider the score sheets satisfactory, then the teams that tie shall fight off.
- FEN 5.2 Tie on hits in League Matches & Knockout Rounds including Semi-Final and Final In the event of a tie on hits, the winner shall be the team that has won more weapons.
- FEN 5.3 Semi-Finals and Finals
Members of the BFA Panel of Referees shall referee the Semi-Finals and the Final of the Championship and the Final of the Trophy.

B Individual Championships**FEN 6 Events**

Individual Championships shall be held annually for both Men and Women at foil, epee and sabre.

FEN 7 Rules

Electrical apparatus shall be used for all events. Competitors clothing and equipment shall conform to BFA regulations.

FEN 8 Information

All relevant information shall be circulated in the autumn term.

FOOTBALL

The Association Football Championship shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of The Football Association.

FOO 1 Competition Structure

- FOO 1.1 Twelve teams, selected on merit from the previous season's competition, will compete in the English and Welsh Premier Leagues. Only first teams may compete in the Premier Leagues. All other teams will compete in the Conference Leagues.
- FOO1.2 All first teams in Premier Leagues and Tier 1 will play in the Championship. All Tier 1 first teams will participate in the Championship Preliminary round, all winning teams will progress to the first round proper (where they will be joined by Premier League teams), all losing teams will play in the Trophy. All Tier 1 second teams will be placed automatically in the Trophy. Qualification details will be provided at the top of each league on the BUCS Website.
- FOO1.3 All teams in Tier 2 and below will automatically be entered into the regional Conference Cup that is played throughout the season.

FOO 2 Premier League's

- FOO 2.1 Playing facilities should be of an appropriate quality for Premier League matches and should comply with National Governing Body regulations for matches of this standard.
- FOO 2.2 Pitches should, as a minimum, be roped off to prevent spectator encroachment. This can be down one length of the pitch provided all spectators watch the match from this side. In this instance all team substitutes and team officials must be on the opposite side to the spectators.
- FOO 2.3 A Referee and two Assistant Referees shall be provided for all Men's Premier League matches.
- FOO 2.4 Only a Referee is required for all Women's Premier League matches. Any nominated substitute is not allowed to act as an Assistant Referee for these matches.
- FOO 2.5 All Premier League matches should kick-off at 2pm unless suitable floodlights are available.
- FOO 2.6 Matches should be played on grass unless both teams agree to play on an artificial surface.
- FOO 2.7 For all Premier League matches the name of the referee, the County FA the referee is affiliated to, and their level of officiating should be supplied to the opposition along with the fixture confirmation required in REG 12.6

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FOO 3 Regulations

- FOO 3.1 Match Officials**
Match Officials should be provided as per REG 11, or FOO 2.3 or 2.4 for Premier Leagues.
- FOO 3.1.1** For all matches in Premier Leagues and Tier 1 the name of the referee, the County FA, and their level of officiating should be supplied to the opposition along with the fixture confirmation required in REG 12.6
- FOO 3.1.2** It is the responsibility of the home team to appoint appropriate match officials for League, Championship, Trophy and Conference Cup matches (including conference cup final).
- FOO 3.1.3** Assistant referees shall report to the referee prior to commencement of the match and will be provided with standard flags by the home team.
- FOO 3.2 Duration of Play**
The game shall consist of two halves of 45 minutes. Teams shall change ends at half time. In all matches the half time interval will not exceed 15 minutes.
- FOO 3.3 Tie on Points in a League**
In the event of a tie on points for the leadership of a league the procedure shall be as detailed in REG 9.9
- FOO 3.4 Promotion / Relegation**
The winner of each league will be automatically promoted. The exception being tier 2 where a promotion play off may be required. The bottom team in each league will be relegated. Only the respective bottom 3 teams in each league may be relegated. League variations are specified in the football league caveats on the BUCS website.
- FOO 3.5 Suspensions**
No player, club or team official may participate in any BUCS football fixture whilst serving a suspension imposed by any County FA.
- FOO 3.6 Conference Cup Finals**
Conference Cup Finals are to be played at a neutral venue to be agreed upon by BUCS.
- FOO 3.7 Behaviour of Teams**
The BUCS football code of conduct must be adhered to in all BUCS football league, knockout and representative fixtures. The code of conduct can be found on the football pages of the BUCS website.
- FOO 3.8 Matchday Requirements**
The home team is responsible for providing a set of corner flags, and pegs for securing goal nets. Failure to do so may render the team liable to a fine and in the event of the match not being played due to lack of corner flags or pegs, the home team will be deemed to have not fulfilled the fixture.
- FOO 3.9 Championship Semi Final & Final**
All Championship semi finals and finals will be played at a neutral venue organised by BUCS. BUCS will appoint all match officials for these fixtures.
- FOO 3.10 Conference Cups**
Any club that wins a conference cup trophy must return it in good condition to the satisfaction of BUCS by 31 January the following season. Any team failing to comply with this may be liable to a fine and the cost of repairing and/or replacing the trophy.
- FOO 3.11 Tie in all Knockout Rounds Including Semi-Final and Final**
REG 13.19 shall apply. If at the end of the normal playing period of extra time (15 mins each way), the teams are still tied the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty spot as per FA regulations.
- FOO 3.12 Substitutes**
Substitutes shall be allowed in accordance with the Laws of the game. For all domestic BUCS matches a maximum of three substitutions will be allowed from a maximum of five named substitutes.
- FOO 3.13 Pitch Surfaces**
Matches in Tier 1 and below may be played on FIFA-approved rubber crumb pitches. If matches are played on rubber crumb pitches, the home team is required to inform the opposition in their fixture confirmation.

FUTSAL

- FUT 1** Futsal Rules and Regulations and competition format will be published on the Futsal pages of the BUCS website (www.bucs.org.uk/futsal) prior to the start of the BUCS Futsal Season.

GAELIC FOOTBALL

- GAE 1** BUCS will sanction a men's Gaelic Football Championship operated under regulations and a code of conduct reviewed by The British Universities Gaelic Athletic Association Committee and endorsed by BUCS. As in all BUCS sports, General Regulation 7 will apply and all competitors and institutions must comply with this regulation.
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GOLF

The Individual and Team Championships shall be held under the rules of the Royal and Ancient (R&A) Golf Club except where these differ from BUCS General Regulations or BUCS Golf specific regulations; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

GOL 1 Premier League Requirements

- GOL 1.1** Host institutions should use an 18 hole course of appropriate quality which is regularly used to host amateur matches of similar standard. In normal circumstances, temporary greens should not be used. Where temporary greens are in operation, the away team should be notified in good time.
- GOL 1.2** Official club scorecards must be used and be collated and held by the home team captain.
- GOL 1.3** BUCS General Regulations and Golf Competition rules apply alongside the above requirements. The Golf Management Group (GMG) reserves the right to remove any teams who contravene the above regulations from the Premier League.

GOL 2 BUCS Golf Matchplay Team Championship

- GOL 2.1** The Matchplay Team Championships shall hold the Wallace Crinson Trophy for one year.
- GOL 2.2** The Matchplay Team Championship shall be held under the rules of Matchplay, noting the proviso above.
- GOL 2.3** Each team in the Premier Leagues and the four English and Welsh Conferences shall consist of six nominated members (men or women).
- GOL 2.4** In the Scottish Conference all teams in Tier 1 shall consist of ten nominated players (men or women). Teams competing in Tier 2 league in the Scottish Conference shall consist of eight nominated players (men or women).
- GOL 2.5** For league matches each match shall consist of six single games (ten in the Scottish Conference Tier 1 league and eight in Tier 2).
- GOL 2.6** In all knockout round matches, all teams consist of six nominated players (men or women). In knockout round matches up to but not including the quarter-finals of the Championship and Trophy, and all Conference Cup matches, all games shall consist of singles matches.
- GOL 2.7** From the quarter-finals onwards in the Championship and Trophy all matches shall consist of three foursomes and six single games, with the foursomes taking place before the singles games.
- GOL 2.8** In the event of a tie on points at the end of the league stages positions will be determined as per REG 9.9
- GOL 2.9** If a match is tied at the end of a knockout stage, a sudden death play-off will take place between a nominated player from either side (players to be nominated once the final result has been declared). The play-off shall take place on holes determined by the tradition of the host Golf Club, or the organising committee if a BUCS official is present.
- GOL 2.10** For all league matches and all knockout matches, all men are to play off the men's Medal tees, or the men's tees of the day when Medal tees are not available. For all league matches and all knockout matches, all women are to play off the ladies Medal tees, or the ladies tees when Medal tees are not available.
- GOL 2.11** In normal conditions all matches are to be played off scratch without handicap or stroke allowance for men or women. In certain circumstances teams may find that men's temporary tees are located in front of the women's tees. If this is the case the two teams may agree a Stroke Allowance for women prior to the start of the match.
- GOL 2.12** Any team short of members shall concede the appropriate number of holes or games.
- GOL 2.13** Before play starts the captains shall draw up and exchange their orders for play for singles and, where relevant, foursomes. Teams playing with less than a full compliment of players must fill places 1-5 on the start sheet in singles matches.

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- GOL 2.14 Matches may be staged on nine hole courses provided that there are eighteen distinct tee configurations effectively creating eighteen different holes. Nine hole courses that do not offer this tee configuration are not permitted to host BUCS matches.
- GOL 2.15 For league and knockout matches, home teams must organise suitable tee times to complete the match in daylight. Teams must allow for a maximum of 5 hours play.

GOL 3 BUCS Golf Individual Strokeplay Final

- GOL 3.1 The Individual Strokeplay Final is a closed event. Competitors must qualify for the event through a programme of regionalised competitions as decided by the GMG.
- GOL 3.2 The men's Individual Strokeplay Champion shall hold the Wollaton Park Cup for one year. The women's Individual Strokeplay Champion shall hold women's Individual Strokeplay Trophy for one year. The men's Team Strokeplay Champions shall hold the Trent Cup for one year.
- GOL 3.3 A men's and women's Individual Strokeplay Final shall be offered annually at a venue selected by the Golf Management Group.
- GOL 3.4 The Individual Champion shall be the player with the lowest aggregate score for 72 holes.
- GOL 3.5 The men's Team Strokeplay Championship will be calculated from the 72 holes of the Individual Strokeplay Final. Teams shall consist of four nominated members and the lowest three scores for each day's competition shall be totalled to ascertain the men's Team Strokeplay Champions.

GOL 4 BUCS Golf Regional Individual Strokeplay Qualifiers

- GOL 4.1 To compete in the BUCS Golf Individual Strokeplay Final, players must compete in a number of regional qualifying events (as determined by the GMG on an annual basis).
- GOL 4.2 The format for England and Wales will consist of 4 Regional Qualifying events with one event in each BUCS Conference – South Eastern, Western, Midlands & Northern. These will be 36-hole individual Strokeplay events. Northern Ireland and Scotland will determine and host their own regional qualifying programmes.
- GOL 4.3 Players will be ranked according to their performance in each event and a ranking will be displayed on the BUCS website. Top ranked players will be invited to the BUCS Golf Individual Strokeplay Final.

GOL 5 Use of Electronic Equipment

- GOL 5.1 Following successful use of laser measuring devices in Scotland and Northern Ireland in previous seasons, ALL BUCS competitions throughout Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales will permit the use of laser devices for the 2009/10 season.

GYMNASTICS

Men's Artistic Gymnastics

GYM 1 Men's rules

- GYM 1.1 All Competitions will be based on the full FIG code of points, with a series of approximately 4 skills per apparatus added to maximise participation. These supplementary skills will be open to all competitors and will be published on the Gymnastics page of the BUCS website.

GYM 2 Contest categories

- GYM 2.1 There will be a two level all round competition (Elite and Novice)
Gymnasts competing in the Elite category will compete on all 6 pieces.
Gymnasts competing in the Novice category will compete on 4 pieces.

GYM 3 Scoring

- GYM 3.1 Scores from the elite and novice competitions can be used to contribute to the team score

GYM 4 Men's team competition

- GYM 4.1 The team competition will consist of a named team of maximum 8 men. Each gymnast competes in 4 pieces and the top 16 scores count with no more than 4 on any one apparatus. Score will be carried over from the individual competition.

GYM 5 Medals

- GYM 5.1 Medals will be presented for individual all round, elite and novice in all 6 apparatus 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- GYM 5.2 There will only be one team medal presentation for 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Women's Artistic Gymnastics**GYM 6 Women's rules**

- GYM 6.1 All Competitions will be based on the full FIG code of points, with a series of approximately 4 skills per apparatus added to maximise participation. These supplementary skills will be open to all competitors and will be published on the Gymnastics pages of BUCS website.

GYM 7 Contest categories

- GYM 7.1 There will be a two level all round competition (Elite and Novice) Gymnasts competing in the Elite category will compete on all 4 pieces. Gymnasts competing in the Novice category will compete on 3 pieces.

GYM 8. Scoring

- GYM 8.1 Scores from the elite and novice competitions can be used to contribute to the team score.

GYM 9 Women's team competition

- GYM 9.1 The team competition will consist of a named team of maximum 8 women. Each gymnast competes in 3 pieces and the top 16 scores count with no more than 4 on any one apparatus. Institutions can enter a maximum of two teams, naming 4 gymnasts in each team. Scores will be carried over from the individual competition.

GYM 10 Medals

- GYM 10.1 Medals will be presented for individual all round, elite and novice in all 4 apparatus 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- GYM 10.2 There will only be one team medal presentation for 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

HOCKEY

The Hockey Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the FIH.

HOC 1 Competition Structure

12 Men's and 12 Women's Teams selected upon merit from the past year's Championship competition, will compete in the North and South Premier Leagues, the remainder will participate in the Conference Leagues.

HOC 2 Premier League Requirements

- HOC 2.1 Playing facilities must be booked for an appropriate length of time to allow for the full conclusion of the match. BUCS recommends that at least 2 hours of pitch time are booked (longer for knockout stages). Institutions failing to book sufficient time will be considered to have defaulted on the match if for any reason there is insufficient time to bring the fixture to a conclusion.
- HOC 2.2 Facilities should be of an appropriate quality for Premier League matches and should comply with national governing body regulations for matches of this standard. Ideally, all Premier League matches should be played on water-based artificial surfaces but this is not a requirement. Pitches should provide appropriate dug-outs for Teams and officials.
- HOC 2.3 If a Premier League match is to be played under lighting then it is recommended that 250 lux should be the minimum - in line with FIH regulations. This will require the facility operator to declare their lighting levels and commit to some regular maintenance. Should a team wish to contest the level of lighting they must do so prior to the match starting in order to ensure that they have grounds for an appeal should they so wish. If no playing under protest form is signed a team may not appeal.
- HOC 2.4 Spectators are required to be kept away from the side of the pitch.

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HOC 3 Competition Regulations

HOC 3.1 Match Officials

- HOC 3.1.1 That for all Premier League and Tier One, and Championship and Trophy knockout round matches, both umpires must be qualified at a minimum of England Hockey Level One (or the equivalent level in Wales and Scotland). For the Championship Quarter Finals, BUCS will work with the NPUA to appoint independent umpires to all men's and women's matches. The costs incurred by these umpires will be passed onto the home university for each Quarter Final. NPUA will also appoint to the Championships Semi Finals and Final and the Trophy Final, costs for these will be met by BUCS.
- HOC 3.1.2 For Tiers Two, Three and Four, and Conference Cup matches, at least one umpire must be fully qualified at Level One, the other must have successfully completed the theory aspect of the Level One award. For all other tiers, umpires must hold a foundation/preliminary umpires award.

HOC 3.2 Tie on Points in a Conference League

In the event of a tie on points for the leadership of a league the procedure shall be as detailed in REG 9.9

HOC 3.3 Tie in Knockout Rounds, Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Matches

If in any of these matches the scores are level at the end of full time the captains shall toss a coin for ends and, after a rest period of five minutes, extra time shall be played consisting of two seven and a half minute periods separated by a three minute interval during which the teams shall change ends. The first score during the period of extra time shall give the game result. If the scores are still level after the end of extra time, the outcome of the match shall be determined by a series of penalty strokes taken under the following conditions:

- HOC 3.3.1 The Umpires shall together choose the goal to be used and the Captains shall toss a coin to decide which Team shall take the first penalty stroke.
- HOC 3.3.2 Five different players from each of the Teams, but excluding any player who has been permanently suspended from the game (Red Card), shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same goalkeeper of the other Team. Only if that goalkeeper is, in the opinion of the umpires, incapacitated through injury, or is suspended shall the Team be permitted to substitute the goalkeeper during the course of a particular series in the stroke competition.
- HOC 3.3.3 The Team that has been awarded the higher number of goals shall be the winner.
- HOC 3.3.4 In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, another series of penalty strokes shall be taken under the above conditions and with the same five players (subject to any incapacitated player being replaced) but on a sudden death basis, that is the Team having been awarded the most goals after an equal number of strokes have been taken shall be the winner. The sequence in which the players take the strokes for their Team need not be the same as in the previous series. The Team captain has freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the five nominated players will take the stroke although they must use all five nominated players per round.
- HOC 3.3.5 The Team that has taken the first penalty stroke of a series shall not take the first penalty stroke of the following series (if any).

HOC 4 Substitutes

At present rolling substitutes may be used in accordance with the International Code of Rules.

HOC 5 Playing Surface

- HOC 5.1 The home Team shall have the right to choose the type of playing surface to be used (all first Team matches must be played on an appropriate synthetic turf pitch). This information must be received by the opposition at least one week in advance (alternative arrangements in the event of inclement weather shall also be communicated and Teams must bring with them the appropriate footwear) and practice time on this surface shall be offered to the visiting Team prior to the official starting time. Where, however, an artificial pitch is to be used in any match the senior Men's or Women's Team must be given priority.
- HOC 5.2 At the current time, England Hockey does not support the use of any long pile turf pitch for any competitive hockey unless that specific pitch **and** surface has been approved by the FIH. All BUCS Hockey competitions will also adhere to this policy.

JUDO

The Championships will be organised under the Contest Rules of the British Judo Association.

Please note that the Judo SMG are currently looking at possibly changing the competition structure for this season. Any changes to the below will be sent in the BUCS Essentials and available on the BUCS Website.

JUD 1 Events

An Individual and Team Championship for men and women will be held annually. A Dan Grade and restricted Kyu Grade Individual Championship will be run in addition to this Championship.

JUD 2 Entries

JUD 2.1 Men's Team: Each Institution may enter one team consisting of five men in the following weight categories:

- 1 x U66kg
- 3 x U73-U90kg
- 1 x U100 or O100kg

and up to five reserves/replacements must be of a similar weight category. Team members **MUST** be listed in order of weight with the heaviest team member first. Any team found to be fielding players not in this order **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**.

JUD 2.2 ***The grade requirements are a minimum grade requirement of 3rd Kyu (green belt) and no upper grade limit.*** In the case of injury a reserve may be used to replace the competitor, provided that they are of the similar weight or one category lighter. Once replaced the injured competitor may not return to the competition in subsequent matches.
 Women's Team: Each Institution may enter one team consisting of three women in open weight and up to three reserves. Team members **MUST** be listed in order of weight with the heaviest team member first. Any team found to be fielding players not in this order **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**. ***The grade requirements are a minimum grade requirement of 4th Kyu (orange belt) and no upper grade limit.*** In the case of injury a reserve may be used to replace the competitor, provided that they are of the same weight or one category lighter. Once replaced the injured competitor may not return to the competition in subsequent matches.

JUD 2.3 Individual: Each institution may enter no more than four competitors in each of the following IJF Weight Categories for the BUCS Individual Championships (Kyu* / Dan) and Kyu Grade competitions:

Women's	Men's
-48 Kg	-60 Kg
-52 Kg	-66 Kg
-57 Kg	-73 Kg
-63 Kg	-81 Kg
-70 Kg	-90 Kg
-78 Kg	-100 Kg
+78 Kg	+100 Kg

* In the Dan Grade competition there will be a minimum requirement of 1st Kyu (Brown Belt)

Kyu Grade Competition

The Kyu Grade Championships will have the following grade requirements:

- (i) Men - 2nd Kyu (blue belt) and below with a minimum grade requirement of 3rd Kyu (green belt).
 - (ii) Women - 2nd Kyu (Blue Belt) and below with a minimum grade requirement of 4th Kyu (orange belt).
- JUD 2.4 Each University may enter no more than four competitors in each of the above seven categories.

SPORTS SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

JUD 3 General

- JUD 3.1 The method of competition shall be pools followed by knockout with the repechage system.
- JUD 3.2 The duration of the **DAN GRADE AND TEAM** contests shall be 5 minutes.
- JUD 3.3 The duration of the **KYU GRADE** contests shall be 4 minutes
- JUD 3.4 The Championship will be organised under the contest rules of the BJA.
- JUD 3.5 All competitors and reserves must be current individual members of the BJA on the day of the Championship and each club represented in the team event must have current club membership of the BJA. ALL competitors must produce a current and valid Judo licence BJA or affiliated association e.g AJA, BJC at the weigh in prior to the Championships.
- JUD 3.6 Further rule changes which may be applicable at the time of competition will be available on the BUCS website (www.bucs.org.uk/Judo) and on the judo pre-event information that will be available prior to the event.

JU JITSU

- JUJ 1 A team and individual Championship shall be offered under Atemi National Rules reviewed annually by the Ju Jitsu Foundation. BUCS sanction the Atemi Nationals organised by the Ju Jitsu Foundation in the Autumn Term.

KARATE

- KAR 1 A team and individual Championship shall be offered under rules reviewed annually based on those of the World Karate Federation.
- KAR 2 **Clothing**
- KAR 2.1 All competitors can ONLY wear the badge of their university on their gi or it must be plain white.
- KAR 3 BUCS reserves the right to amend and add Karate specific regulations.

KORFBALL

- KOR 1 A team Championship shall be offered under rules reviewed annually by the British Student Korfbal Association and endorsed by BUCS.

LACROSSE

Women's

The women's Lacrosse Championship shall be conducted under the Laws of the FIL.

LAC 1 Competition Format

- LAC 1.1 12 women's teams selected upon merit from the past year's Championship competition, will compete in the North and South Premier Leagues, the remainder will participate in the Conference Leagues.

LAC 2 Premier League Requirements

- LAC 2.1 Playing facilities should be of an appropriate quality for PL matches and should comply with national governing body regulations for matches of this standard.

LAC 3 Competition Regulations

- LAC 3.1 **Umpires**
Two officials are required for all Lacrosse league and knockout round matches.

- LAC 3.1.1 **Premier League**
In all Premier League matches one umpire must have a minimum of a Level 1 umpiring qualification and the other can be at Apprentice Level
- LAC 3.1.2 **Tier 1 and Below**
A minimum standard of 2 Apprentice Level umpires is required
- LAC 3.1.3 **Knockout Rounds**
2 Level 1 umpires are required (with the exception of Conference Cup when this is a requirement for the Final only – See Appendix 2)
- LAC 3.2 **Pitch Size**
Pitches must be marked to the minimum dimensions as outlined in the FIL regulations.
- LAC 3.3 **Tie on Points in a League**
In the event of a tie on points for leadership of a League the procedure shall be determined as per REG 9.9.
- LAC 3.4 **Tie in Knockout Round Match including Semi Final or Final Matches**
If at the end of the match, the teams are tying, a period of extra time of five minutes each way shall be played. The two periods will be played in full, regardless of whether or not goals are scored. If a result is still not forthcoming, then sudden death shall be played, with teams continuing to swap directions every five minutes. The first team to score in sudden death shall be the winners.
NB: League matches CAN result in a tie. If at the end of normal time the score is tied then the match will be counted as a draw and each team will receive one point.
- LAC 3.5 **Substitutes**
Substitutes shall be used in accordance with current FIL regulations.
- LAC 3.6 **Squad Size**
Maximum squad size for women's matches is 18 players.

Men's

The men's Lacrosse Championship will be conducted under the Laws of the FIL.

LAC 4 Competition Format

- LAC 4.1 All teams will compete in regional Conferences with league finishing positions determining progression to the Knockouts at the end of the season.

LACM 5 Competition Regulations

- LAC 5.1 **Referees**
All men's matches will be officiated by two qualified referees to a minimum of Level 1 – Basic Refereeing Award appointed by the home team.
- LAC 5.2 **Pitch Size**
Pitches must be marked to the minimum dimensions as outlined in the ILF regulations. Please note these dimensions are different to those in the women's game.
- LAC 5.3 **Tie on Points in a League**
In the event of a tie on points for leadership of a League the procedure shall be determined as per REG 9.9.
- LAC 5.4 **Tie in Knock out matches including Semi Final and Final Matches**
In the event of a tie at the end of a match, two periods of extra time of four minutes each way (with stopped clock) will be played. The two periods will be played in full, regardless of whether or not goals are scored. If the scores are still level, then four-minute periods of sudden death (with stopped clock) will be played with the first team to score being the winners. The teams will change ends after each sudden-death period.
NB: League matches CAN result in a tie. If at the end of normal time the score is tied then the match will be counted as a draw and each team will receive one point.
- LAC 5.5 **Substitutes**
Substitutes shall be used in accordance with current ILF regulations.
- LAC 5.6 **Squad Size**
Maximum squad size for men's matches is 23 players.

MODERN BIATHLON

- MOB 1** The Modern Biathlon Championships shall be conducted annually in accordance with the rules of the Union Internationale De Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) with team scoring and BUCS specific rules published with the event's entry form and in the official programme.
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MODERN PENTATHLON

- MOP 1** The Modern Pentathlon Championships shall be conducted annually in accordance with the rules of the Union Internationale De Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) with team scoring and BUCS specific rules published with the event's entry form and in the official programme.
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NETBALL

The Netball Championships shall be conducted under the Laws of the International Federation of Netball Associations (as amended 2007).

- NET 1** **Competition Structure**
Twelve teams, selected on merit from the previous season's competition, will compete in the Northern and Southern Premier leagues. Only first teams may compete in the Premier Leagues. All other teams will compete in the Conference Leagues.
- NET 2** **Premier League Requirements**
- NET 2.1 Playing facilities must be booked for an appropriate length of time to allow for the full conclusion of the match. BUCS recommends that 2 hours of court time are booked (longer in knockout rounds). Institutions failing to book sufficient time will be considered to have defaulted on the match if for any reason there is insufficient time to bring the fixture to a conclusion.
- NET 2.2 All Premier League matches must be played on an indoor court with run-off areas a minimum of 1.5m wide.
- NET 2.3 A fully working and easily visible scoreboard must be provided showing the match score and time remaining in each period.
- NET 2.4 Where possible an international quality match ball is recommended for all fixtures.
- NET 2.5 Umpires must at least have been qualified to Netball Europe C Award level for a minimum of 12 months. *(BUCS recommend B Award or higher umpires are sourced wherever possible).*
- NET 3** **Competition Regulations**
- NET 3.1 **Match Officials**
Two match officials should be provided as per REG 11, or NET 2.5 for Premier League fixtures. In Championship Knockout rounds umpires must at least have been qualified to Netball Europe C Award level for a minimum of 12 months. In addition each team must provide someone who is responsible for keeping score and timing.
- NET 3.2 **Duration of play**
The game shall consist of four quarters of 15 minutes each with an interval of three minutes between the first-second and third-fourth quarters and with an interval of five minutes at half-time. Teams shall change ends each quarter.
- NET 3.3 **Tie on Points in a League**
In the event of a tie on points for the leadership of a league the procedure shall be as detailed in REG 9.9.
- NET 3.4 **Ties in Knockout Matches**
If, at the end of any of these matches the teams are tying:
(i) There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full time. Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted;
(ii) Extra time of two halves of seven (7) minutes each shall be played. Teams change ends

at half time without an interval. No substitutions and/or team changes are permitted. The Centre Pass is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre Pass;

(iii) In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

NET 3.5 Replacements

Before the start of the match, the names of up to twelve players, one of whom shall be the Captain, must be provided to the scorers. There shall be no limit to the number of substitutions which can be made in a match.

NET 3.6 Court Size

All matches shall be played on courts of regulation size, with regulation post and rings. Ideally matches should be played on indoor courts. Where both indoor and outdoor courts are available the home team should stage the match on the indoor court.

NET 3.7 Representative Commitments

If 3 or more players are selected for a National Governing Body senior side (E.g. Full, A, U21), the institution concerned shall be able to postpone the fixture to an agreed date within the qualifying period. For league fixtures the qualifying period ceases on the published cut off date (REG 12.8). For knockout fixtures the qualifying period is such that the following round will still take place on the published date. This ruling shall not apply to any of the Finals or the Championship Semi Finals.

ORIENTEERING

Individual and Team Championships will be held annually under the rules of the British Orienteering Federation.

ORI 1 Events

The Championships consist of Individual and Relay Championships for both men and women. There is also an Overall Team Championship.

ORI 1.1 Each relay team shall consist of three competitors.

ORI 1.2 The overall team score shall be calculated for each university by the following system:

ORI 1.2.1 Adding the placings of the three best men's and women's individual competitors to the placings (multiplied by three) of its placed men's and women's relay teams.

ORI 1.2.2 Every missing runner is treated as though they finished one place behind the last finisher.

ORI 1.2.3 If a university has no place in a relay competition, it is deemed to have finished one place behind the last placed team.

ORI 1.3 The university with the lowest aggregate score is awarded the Overall Team Championship.

POOL

POL 1 Competition Organisation and Rules

POL 1.1 The Eight-ball Pool Championships will be played according to World Eight-ball Pool Federation ('World') Rules and shall be organised on behalf of BUCS by the Universities Pool Council

POL 2 Competition Structure

POL 2.1 Eight-ball Pool Championships

POL 2.1.1 The Eight-ball Pool Championships shall include the following competitions
Team Championship
Team Trophy
Individual Championship
Team Shield

POL 2.1.2 The Championship, Trophy and Shield are all integrated (i.e. 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams) but only 1sts can make Championship playoffs

POL 2.1.3 Teams will be composed of a maximum of six players, five of which play in any one match. The Team Championship, Trophy and Shield will be played in groups with the best teams qualifying for the knockout stages.

RIFLE SHOOTING

SMALL BORE

BUCS, in partnership with the NSRA, offers the opportunity for students to participate in small-bore shooting competitions throughout the year. Competitions provided are:

Team Knockout (KO) – Team of 4 from each university (Postal competition)

Long Range Championships (LR) – Team and individual championships held annually in April at Appleton Ranges

Team League (TL) – Team of 4 from each university (Postal competition)

Top 20 Competition (TT) – Individual competition (Postal competition)

BUCS Championships (SR) – Team and individual championships held annually as part of BUCS Short Range Championships

The team league and top 20 competition provides the qualifiers for the BUCS Short Range Championships. Detailed rules for each competition are shown below.

TEAM KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

KO 1 Technical Rules – Small-Bore

Except where otherwise provided for in the conditions of the competitions as set out in the programme, the Championships shall be held under the Rules of the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA).

KO 2 Rules

KO 2.1

Team Composition

KO 2.1.1 University teams will consist of four nominated members, all of whom must be student members of university OR college small-bore rifle clubs affiliated to the NSRA, or students who are individual members of the NSRA.

Match Conditions

KO 2.1.2 20 shots each round, 10 each at 15, 20 or 25 yards or 25 metres at two proportional NSRA 1989 pattern British Match targets. Competition stickers will be issued which must be affixed to the front of the targets by a club official prior to shooting. All members of a team must shoot on the same range.

KO 2.1.3 All cards for a team must be shot on the same range and on the same day.

Witnessing

KO 2.1.4 Shot cards must be signed by the competitor after shooting and witnessed and dated by an authorised witness in accordance with NSRA Rules 7.5 and 7.6.

Return of Cards

KO 2.1.5 Shot cards must be received by the appointed scorer not later than the Saturday following the last date for shooting that round. Dates will be published when entry numbers are known.

Byes

KO 2.1.6 If the number of teams entered demands that there are byes, these will be cleared in an early round.

KO 3 Awards

KO 3.1

Trophy and Awards

KO 3.1.1 The winning team will hold the British Universities Small-bore Rifle Knockout Cup for one year. In addition each member of the winning team will receive a NSRA gold plaque.

KO 3.1.2 Each member of the Runners-up team will receive NSRA silver plaquettes. If the size of entry warrants, members of the two losing semi-finalists teams will receive NSRA bronze plaquettes.

LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**LR 1 Technical Rules - Small-Bore**

Except where otherwise provided for in the conditions of the competitions as set out in the programme, the Championships shall be held under the Rules of the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA).

LR 2 Championships**LR 2.1 Team**

LR 2.1.1 A university team shall consist of eight nominated members.

LR 2.1.2 Each team member will fire 80 shots, 40 at 50 metres, 40 at 100 yards, concurrent with LR 2.2.

LR 2.1.3 The Team Championship will be decided on the aggregate scores achieved at both distances of the eight members of each team.

LR 2.2 Individual

LR 2.2.1 Competitors will fire 40 shots at 50 metres and 40 shots at 100 yards.

LR 2.2.2 The Individual Championship will be decided on the aggregate scores achieved at both distances.

LR 3 Additional Events

The following additional competitions will be staged during the course of the Championships:

LR 3.1 University Women's Individual Championship. Combined aggregate of 80 shots, concurrent with LR 2.2.

LR 3.2 University Pairs competition, open to two competitors from the same university. Combined aggregate of 40 shots at 50 metres, concurrent with LR 2.2.

LR 3.3 University Ladies Triad. Open to three female students from the same university. Combined aggregate of 40 shots — 20 at 50 metres, 20 at 100 yards.

LR 3.4 University Quartet. Open to teams of four from the same university. Combined aggregate of 40 shots at 100 yards.

LR 3.5 Home Countries. Open to teams of ten from each of the Home Countries. Combined aggregate of 20 shots at 50 metres.

LR 4 Regulations**LR 4.1 Rifles and Ammunition**

LR 4.1.1 Any small-bore rifle and open or aperture sights as defined within the NSRA Rules and Regulations.

LR 4.1.2 Ammunition shall be supplied by competitors. Small quantities may be available for purchase on the range from the organisers, but this cannot be guaranteed.

LR 4.2 Practice shooting will not be permitted.

LR 4.3 The 'three card' system will be used throughout the competition. Firing points will be allocated by the Range Officer on the day.

LR 4.4 Any special conditions relating to the Championship Meeting will be published in the entry forms and Championship circulars prior to the event.

LR 5 Trophies and Awards**LR 5.1 Team Championship**

LR 5.1.1 The championship team will hold the Scotsman Trophy for one year. In addition each member of the winning team will receive a BUCS gold medal.

LR 5.1.2 Each member of the Runners-up team will receive a BUCS silver medal.

LR 5.1.3 Each member of the Second Runners-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.

LR 5.2 Individual Championship

LR 5.2.1 The individual champion will hold the Colonel Thomas Sutton Trophy for one year. In addition the individual champion will receive a BUCS gold medal.

LR 5.2.2 The champion Runner-up team will receive a BUCS silver medal.

LR 5.2.3 The champion Second Runner-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.

LR 5.3 Individual Women's Championship

LR 5.3.1 The individual women's champion will hold the Caledonian Trophy for one year. In addition the individual champion will receive a BUCS gold medal.

LR 5.3.2 The women's champion Runner-up team will receive a BUCS silver medal.

LR 5.3.3 The women's champion Second Runner-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.

SPORTS SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

- LR 5.4 **University Pairs Competition**
LR 5.4.1 The winning pair will hold the Pairs Trophy for one year. In addition each member of the pair will receive a BUCS gold medal.
LR 5.4.2 The Runners-up pair will receive a BUCS silver medal.
LR 5.4.3 The Second Runners-up pair will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.
- LR 5.5 **Ladies Triad Competition**
LR 5.5.1 The winning ladies triad will hold the Triad Trophy for one year. In addition each member of the triad will receive a BUCS gold medal.
LR 5.5.2 Each member of the ladies triad Runners-up team will receive a BUCS silver medal.
LR 5.5.3 Each member of the ladies triad Second Runners-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.
- LR 5.6 **Quartet Competition**
LR 5.6.1 The winning quartet will hold the Quartet Trophy for one year. In addition each member of the quartet will receive a BUCS gold medal.
LR 5.6.2 Each member of the quartet Runners-up team will receive a BUCS silver medal.
LR 5.6.3 Each member of the quartet Second Runners-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.
- LR 5.7 **Home Countries Competition**
LR 5.7.1 The winning Home Countries team will hold the Home Countries Universities Small-bore International Trophy for one year. In addition each member of the Home Countries team will receive a NSRA gold plaque.

TEAM LEAGUE COMPETITION

- TL 1 **Technical Rules – Small-bore**
Except where otherwise provided for in the conditions of the competitions as set out in the programme, the Championships shall be held under the Rules of the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA).

TL 2 **Rules**

- TL 2.1 **Team Composition**
TL 2.1.1 University teams will consist of six nominated members, all of whom must be student members of University OR College small-bore rifle clubs affiliated to the NSRA, or students who are individual members of the NSRA.
- TL 2.1.2 **Match Conditions**
TL 2.1.2 Team members will shoot 10 shots each round at 15, 20 or 25 yards or 25 metres at proportional NSRA 1989 pattern British Match targets. Competition stickers will be issued which must be affixed to the front of the targets by a club official prior to shooting. All members of a team must shoot on the same range.
- TL 2.1.3 All cards for a team must be shot on the same range and on the same day.
- TL 2.1.4 The leading teams, on aggregate score, after Round 5 of the league will be called forward to compete in the BUCS short range championships (See below).
- TL 2.1.4 **Witnessing**
TL 2.1.4 Shot cards must be signed by the competitor after shooting and witnessed and dated by an authorised witness in accordance with NSRA Rules 7.5 and 7.6.
- TL 2.1.5 **Return of Cards**
TL 2.1.5 Shot cards must be received by the appointed scorer not later than the Saturday following the last date for shooting that round. Dates will be published when the entry is known.

TL 3 **Awards**

- TL 3.1 **Trophy and Awards**
TL 3.1.1 The winning team of Division 1 will hold the Sir Lionel Fletcher Rose Bowl for one year. In addition each member of the winning team will receive NSRA medals.
TL 3.1.2 Each member of the winning team will receive NSRA medals. The Runners-up team in each Division will receive a certificate.

BUCS TOP 20 COMPETITION**TT 1 Technical Rules – Small-bore**

Except where otherwise provided for in the conditions of the competitions as set out in the programme, the Championships shall be held under the Rules of the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA).

TT 2 Rules

TT 2.1 Individual competitors must be a student member of University OR College small-bore rifle clubs affiliated to the NSRA, or students who are individual members of the NSRA.

Match Conditions

TT 2.1.2 Each competitor will shoot up to 5 sets of cards, with the best 4 sets to count for the competition. Each set will consist of 20 shots, 10 each at 15, 20 or 25 yards or 25 metres at two proportional NSRA 1989 pattern British Match targets. Competition stickers will be issued which must be affixed to the front of the targets by a club official prior to shooting. Competitors must shoot a minimum of 4 sets of cards for scores to count.

TT 2.1.3 The leading twenty competitors, leading six ladies and leading four Freshers after Month 4 of the competition will be called forward to compete in the BUCS short range championships (See below).

Witnessing

TT 2.1.4 Shot cards must be signed by the competitor after shooting and witnessed and dated by an authorised witness in accordance with NSRA Rules 7.5 and 7.6.

Return of Cards

TT 2.1.5 Shot cards must be received by the appointed scorer no later than the 7th of the month following the last date of shooting (last day of the month) i.e. if last date of shooting is 31 Dec, cards must be with the scorer by 7 Jan.

TT 3 Awards

TT 3.1

Trophy and Awards

TT 3.1.1 The winning individual will receive a NSRA/BUCS Gold Wire Badge.

TT 3.1.2 The Runner-up will receive a NSRA/BUCS Silver Wire Badge.

TT 3.1.3 Competitors placed 3 – 20 will receive a NSRA/BUCS Top Twenty badge.

BUCS SHORT RANGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Held as part of the BUCS Annual Championships)

SR 1 Technical Rules - Small-Bore

Except where otherwise provided for in the conditions of the competitions as set out in the programme, the Championships shall be held under the Rules of the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSRA).

SR 2 ChampionshipsSR 2.1 **Team Knockout**

SR 2.1.1 A University team shall consist of six nominated members.

SR 2.1.2 Each team member will fire 20 shots, 10 each at 25 yards at two proportional NSRA 1989 pattern British Match targets. Competitors will have 10 minutes to fire each card (including sighters).

SR 2.1.3 The Team Championship will be decided on the aggregate scores of the six members of each team.

SR 2.1.4 The competition will be run on a knockout basis. Teams will be drawn against each other for the first round of the knockout. The team scoring the highest aggregate score will progress to the next round of the competition.

SR 2.2 **Individual**

SR 2.2.1 Competitors will fire 40 shots, 10 each at 25 yards at four proportional NSRA 1989 pattern British Match targets. Competitors will have 10 minutes to fire each card (including sighters).

SLR 2.2.2 Competitors in the Ladies and the Freshers competitions will fire the same match conditions as the main competition.

SPORTS SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

SR 3 Regulations

SR 3.1 Rifles and Ammunition

- SR 3.1.1 Any small-bore rifle and open or aperture sights as defined within the NSRA Rules and Regulations.
- SR 3.1.2 Ammunition shall be supplied by competitors. Small quantities may be available for purchase on the range from the organisers, but this cannot be guaranteed.
- SR 3.2 Practice shooting will not be permitted.
- SR 3.3 Firing points will be allocated by the Range Officer on the day.
- SR 3.4 Any special conditions relating to the Championship Meeting will be published in the entry forms and Championship circulars prior to the event.

SR 4 Trophies and Awards

SR 5.1 Team Championship

- SR 5.1.1 The championship team will hold the Aberdeen Cup for one year. In addition each member of the winning team will receive a BUCS gold medal.
- SR 5.1.2 Each member of the Runners-up team will receive a BUCS silver medal.
- SR 5.1.3 Each member of the Second Runners-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.

SR 5.2 Individual Championship

- SR 5.2.1 The individual champion will receive a BUCS gold medal.
- SR 5.2.2 The individual Runner-up will receive a BUCS silver medal.
- SR 5.2.3 The individual Runner-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.

SR 5.3 Individual Women's Championship

- SR 5.3.1 The individual women's champion will receive a BUCS gold medal.
- SR 5.3.2 The individual women's Runner-up will receive a BUCS silver medal.
- SR 5.3.3 The individual women's Second Runner-up team will receive a BUCS Bronze medal.

SR 5.4 Individual Fresher's Competition

- SR 5.3.1 The individual fresher's champion will receive a NSRA gold plaque.
- SR 5.3.2 The individual fresher's Runner-up will receive a NSRA gold plaque.
- SR 5.3.3 The individual fresher's Second Runner-up will receive a NSRA bronze plaque.

FULL BORE

A Full Bore Rifle competition will be offered on an annual basis in conjunction with the NRA and the annual Imperial Meeting.

ROWING

All rules are as per the British Rowing Rules of Racing and "Row Safe" with notable exceptions.

ROW 1 Definitions

- ROW 1.1 Beginner: (VL points awarded) – Only open to students in their first year of rowing, regardless of discipline. No funded athletes may compete. (where a funded athlete is defined as an individual who receives direct / individual funding ... not someone who happens to be part of a funded coaching programme)
- ROW 1.2 Intermediate: (VL points awarded) - Any crew from any university can enter. No athletes who have raced in Championship of that boat type at that event can race.
- ROW 1.3 Championship: (VL & BUCS points awarded) - Open to all. If there is an Intermediate event in that category then only one entry per university. If no Intermediate event then multiple entries are permitted from one university, but **only** the highest placed crew receives the BUCS points. All crews will receive VL points. No athletes who have raced in Intermediate of that boat type at that event can race.
- ROW 1.4 Students cannot compete in both Intermediate and Championship statuses in the same boat type, for example, a student in an I4+ can not race in a C4+. N.B. students may race in 4+ and 4- at different statuses
- ROW 1.5 Lightweights: as a championship event a lightweight competing as such may not enter a Beginner or Intermediate event of the same boat type.

ROW 1.6 Institutions may enter boats into the Intermediate category without entering a Championship boat.

ROW 2 Weights

ROW 2.1 Coxswains:

Women's crews: 50kg

Men's crews: 55kg

ROW 2.2 Lightweight's:

Head weight: Men 75kg, Women 61.5kg

Regatta weight: Men 72.5kg, Women 59kg

ROW 2.3 N.B. Lightweight crews are not averaged. The lightweight weigh-in will be from two hours before the beginning of the racing day up to 1 hour prior to the published start time of each category. If racing in more than one lightweight event the competitor need only weigh in once. Crews need to weigh in all together. All Lightweight rowers must produce photo identification at weigh-in.

ROW 3 Substitutions

ROW 3.1 A reserve list must be completed in addition to an Institutions' entries – there will be no charge for reserve names, but the inclusion of an individual on the reserve list allows event organisers to accept that individual being substituted into a boat with the confidence of insurance cover via the Athletic Union.

ROW 3.2 An unlimited number of substitutions can be made up until before the crew's first race. However, these substitutions must be made from either the reserve list or between already competing crews (as long as this does not contravene any existing regulations regarding doubling up). Failure to adhere to this regulation will result in a fine.

RUGBY FIVES

Competition Structure

RUF 1 Individual and Doubles Championships shall be offered under rules reviewed annually and in conjunction with the Rugby Fives Association.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RUL 1 A Men's Rugby Football League Championship shall be conducted under the Laws of the Rugby League and shall be organised on behalf of BUCS by the Student Rugby League Committee. All competition regulations will be endorsed by BUCS.

RUL 2 Competition Structure

The 'Super 8' will act as Rugby League's premier division with the National North and National South leagues sitting beneath it. The remaining teams will play in the Regional Divisions. At the end of the 10 round regular season the top 4 placed Super 8 teams along with teams finishing 1st and 2nd in the two National divisions will compete in the Championships (should a '2nd' team finish in 1st or 2nd place in the National Divisions they will not be permitted to compete in the Championships and their place will be taken by the next highest placed team). The bottom 4 placed Super 8 sides, along with the sides finishing 3rd and 4th in the National Divisions as well as those winning their regional divisions will compete in the Trophy. The teams that finish in 5th and 6th position in the two national leagues along with all of the teams that finish 2nd 3rd 4th in the Regional Divisions will compete in the Shield with the remaining teams competing in the SRL Plate competition.

RUL 3 Match Officials

The SRL will appoint match officials for all Rugby League Fixtures where possible. The Match Official will return the team sheet to the SRL office, failure by either team to complete their section of the team sheet will result in sanctions being imposed by the SRL.

RUL 4 Tie in Knock out and play off matches

If at the end of a match the teams are tying, a period of ten minutes each way with a one minute

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interval shall be played. If the teams are still tying at the end of extra time an extra period of Golden point should be played where the team to score in any fashion first shall win the match. If in the opinion of the referee, extra time can not be played the team that has scored the most tries will win. If both teams have scored the same amount of tries then the visiting team shall be awarded the match.

RUL 5 Replacements

In all Super 8 fixtures and all play off games the maximum amount of replacements per team will be four. In all league fixtures, teams may use as many replacements as they wish providing that both teams are in agreement. If teams are in dispute then they should revert to four replacements each team.

RUL 6 Representative commitments

When four or more players are involved in an SRL representative fixture the institution concerned shall be able to postpone the fixture until after the match concerned, but on or before the following Wednesday.

Additional rules and information for the Super 8's can be found on www.bucs.org.uk/rugbyleague

RUGBY UNION

The Rugby Football Union Championships shall be conducted under the Laws of the International Rugby Board and the games played under the Laws of the Game Rugby Union. With regards to specific competition rules the interpretations that apply shall be those applicable to the senior national knockout cup for the knockout rounds and RFU Premier League competition for all leagues (men + women). Note specific women's regulations below. Disciplinary issues shall be conducted under the specific Disciplinary Regulations below (RUU 14).

RUU 1 Competition Structure

There shall be a two-tiered Premier League for Men 1st XVs. This will consist of the best 28 teams split into four leagues – Premier North A, Premier North B, Premier South A and Premier South B. The remaining teams will compete in the Conference leagues. Women's teams will compete in Premier Leagues and Conference leagues.

RUU 2 Premier League Requirements

- RUU 2.1 Playing facilities should be of an appropriate quality for Premier League matches and should comply with national governing body regulations for matches of this standard. Pitches should, as a minimum, be roped off to a distance of 3 metres to prevent spectator encroachment.
- RUU 2.2 Post protectors must be available and in place.
- RUU 2.3 For each Premier League A Men's Rugby Union match, either the RFU central appointments body or the local appointments body will appoint the referee and where possible touch judges. Total costs for these officials shall be covered by the home institution. The host institution is responsible for confirming that these appointments have been made and for contacting the officials concerned with match information. For other Premier League matches, host institutions must provide an appropriately qualified and neutral referee. The host institution is also responsible for the provision of 2 touch judges.
- RUU 2.4 **Glass Ceiling.** A glass ceiling has been implemented between Premier A and Premier B to allow 2nd teams to progress to Premier B and no further. A glass ceiling is retained between Premier B and Tier 1 preventing 3rd teams and below from progressing to Premier B.

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RUU 3 Officials

In the men's and women's Championship Knockout competition, from the quarter-finals onwards officials will be organised by BUCS (where possible).

RUU 4 Tie on Points in a League

In the event of a tie on points for the leadership of a league the procedure shall be as detailed in REG 9.9

RUU 5 Tie in Knockout Rounds or Quarter-Final Matches

If at the end of a match the teams are tying, a period of extra time of ten minutes each way with an interval of one minute shall be played. If the teams are still tying at the end of that period of extra time, then the team that has scored the most tries shall go forward to the next round. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored most goals from tries shall go forward into the next round. If a result is still not forthcoming, the visiting team shall go forward into the next round. If, in the opinion of the referee, extra time cannot be played, then the above regulation shall be applied to the score standing at the end of normal playing time.

RUU 6 Tie in the Semi-Final Matches

RUU 6.1 If at the end of the match, the teams are tying, a period of extra time of ten minutes each way with one minute interval shall be played. If the teams are still tying at the end of that period of extra time, then the team that has scored most tries shall go forward into the final. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored most goals from tries shall go forward into the final.

RUU 6.2 If this does not produce a result each team, as represented by the players on the pitch at the conclusion of the match, in an order to be decided by the Captain, and alternately with the opposing team, shall take penalty kicks from the centre point of one 22m line, to be decided by the referee. After five players from each team have completed the kicks the team who has scored one more goal than its opponents, shall go forward to the final. If the teams are still tying the captain will nominate a player one at a time until one team scores and the other misses.

RUU 7 Tie in the Final

RUU 7.1 In the Final, if at the end of 40 minutes each way the scores are equal there shall be an immediate period of extra time of ten minutes each way with a one minute interval. If the scores remain equal then the winning team will be decided by application of:

RUU 7.1.1 Most tries scored.

RUU 7.1.2 Most goals from tries.

RUU 7.1.3 Finally if scores remain equal the Championship shall be shared.

RUU 8 Interval

In all matches the interval between halves shall be of five minutes duration. BUCS reserves the right to increase the duration in a Championship Final.

RUU 9 Replacements

RUU 9.1 In Men's and Women's 1st XV Premier Leagues and Tier 1 Leagues, a maximum of seven replacements per team may be in attendance and used. At least five of the nominated squad (irrespective of squad size, but maximum 22) must be able to play in front row positions.

RUU 9.2 In Men's and Women's leagues below Tier 1 level, a maximum of four replacements may be used. The number of suitably trained and experienced front row players of the nominated squad (maximum 19 players) must conform to the following IRB Regulations:

No. of Players

15 or less

16, 17 or 18

19, (20, 21 or 22)

No of Suitably Trained & Experienced Players

3 players who can play in the front row

4 players who can play in the front row

5 players who can play in the front row

When 19, 20, 21 or 22 players are nominated in a team there must be five players who can play in the front row to ensure that on the first occasion that a replacement hooker is required and, on the first occasion that a replacement prop forward is required, the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums.

RUU 9.3 All teams must provide a front row. Should a team be unable to provide the correct number of front row players, they must reduce their squad size to meet the IRB regulations (see table above).

Example: a team arriving with only 4 front row players will be entitled to have a maximum squad size of 18 players (including the 4 front row players) for the duration of the match. If the opposition have a full complement of front row players, they are entitled to the maximum squad size of 19 or 22 (dependent on the league regulations – see RUU 9.1 and RUU 9.2)

RUU 9.4 If the above requirements have been met and a front row cannot be replaced then the

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match shall continue with uncontested scrums. See reg RUU 11 for Women's Rugby variation.

- RUU 9.5 An uncontested scrum is defined as the same as for normal scrummages except that:
- RUU 9.5.1 There is no contest for the ball.
 - RUU 9.5.2 The team putting the ball in must win it.
 - RUU 9.5.3 Neither team is permitted to push.
 - RUU 9.5.4 Normal rules regarding offside and binding still apply.
- RUU 9.6 For ALL KNOCKOUT competitions i.e. Championship and Trophy, seven REPLACEMENTS PER TEAM may be in attendance and used. (At least five players must be able to play in front row positions - IRB law 3(5)(5)(B)). RUU 9.3 and RUU 9.4 still apply.
- RUU 9.7 The front row players AND replacements must be identified to the Referee before each match.

RUU 10 Health and Safety

- RUU 10.1 Rules regarding player's protective clothing shall follow the rules as laid down by the respective home unions. This applies specifically to protective equipment and studs etc.
- RUU 10.2 Treatment of blood injuries. All teams are expected to provide their own first aid kit, gloves, water spray bottles and sterile wipes for the treatment of blood injuries. First aid kits are recommended for every pitch. The use of bucket and sponges is discouraged. Current NGB and IRB guidelines for treatment of blood injuries are to be adhered to. The home side should ensure there is access to a telephone for emergencies.
- RUU 10.3 No under wired bra's are to be worn for contact rugby. This is in line with current NGB and IRB guidelines.

RUU 11 Women's Rugby Variations

- RUU 11.1 Premier League teams can opt to play their matches using IRB U19 scrummage regulations. This must be agreed in writing and signed by each team's captain and match referee. No penalty will apply and the result will stand. There will be no option to submit a 'playing under protest' form.
- All matches below Premier League level (i.e. Tier 1 and below including Trophy knockout matches) will be played according to IRB U-19 scrummage regulations.
- RUU 11.2 If a Premier League team is drawn against a team qualifying from Tier 1 in the Championship knockout cup, the match will be played according to IRB U19 scrummage regulations.
- RUU 11.3 Players must meet the minimum age requirement set out by their home nation for playing senior rugby. These are:
- England: Players must be 18 years of age to play university rugby.
 - Scotland: Players must be 17 years of age to play university rugby.
 - Wales: Players must be 17 years of age to play university rugby.
- All 17 year old female players wishing to play rugby **must** get written permission from their NGB to participate in BUCS leagues/knockout cups; this is to guarantee all parties are insured. **No player should train or play without this consent.**
- RUU 11.4 All Women's Premier League matches will be played according to the full IRB laws of the game.
- RUU 11.5 All Women's matches below Premier League level (Tier 1 and below including Trophy knock out matches) will be played according to full IRB laws with exception to scrummage which will be played to IRB U19 scrummage regulations.
- RUU 11.6 Uncontested scrums for Premier League, Tier One and Below: In the event of a team being unable to field a suitably trained front row at the start of a match resulting in uncontested scrums being played, the result shall stand.
- RUU 11.7 Premier League teams that regularly play matches with uncontested scrums will be referred to the Competitions Manager for review and sanction as appropriate.
- RUU 11.8 If a league or cup match is played with uncontested scrums the home team must inform the BUCS Sports Programme Manager for Rugby Union.

RUU 12 Women's Rugby Player Matching

- RUU 12.1 Tier 1 & below. All matches must be played with equal numbers on each team. This must be either 15, 14, 13, 12 - a - side.
- RUU 12.2 For all matches played between 15 and 12-a-side the length of the match will remain at 80 minutes
- RUU 12.3 The minimum number of players required per team is 10 players. Player matching will not be enforced below 12 players therefore matches can be played with 12v11, 12v10 or 11v10 players. (For matches played between 12 and 10-a-side, the duration of the match will be reduced to 60 minutes)

RUU 12.4 For all matches played between 12 and 10-a-side the length of the match will be reduced to 60 minutes.

RUU 13 Communication

RUU 13.1 In the event that teams require to use the player matching regulation or request either IRB U19 scrummage regulations or uncontested scrums, it will be the responsibility of the team who are using one of the women's variations e.g. player matching or U19 uncontested scrummage to communicate their request to their opposition irrespective if they are the home or away team. Communication with the opposition must be in writing and received by the opposition 24 hours from the scheduled match start time. Both teams must also inform the referee before the start of the match.

RUU 14 Disciplinary Regulations

All matches are played under the auspices of the International Rugby Board. However the overarching jurisdiction for each game rests with the home Union in which the relevant match is played and Clubs should be aware of the different regulations in place for each of the home Unions.

RUU 14.1 **Sendings off.** A sending off report shall be initiated by the relevant match official in each case where a player is sent off (red card) and this should be forwarded to the home union point of contact who will in turn send it, if appropriate to the Union to which the Club is affiliated. It is for that Union to take action as appropriate.

RUU 14.2 **Cittings.** All citings should be forwarded to the individual home Union in which the match was played and the timescales pertinent in that country are binding to those teams playing. The citing should contain:

- Details of teams participating.
- Location and date.
- Name of player(s).
- Details of allegation and which law contravened.
- Witness statements, match footage, injury photographs and medical report and prognosis if applicable.

The contacts and citing timelines at the respective unions can be found in the seasons information document on the BUCS website.

RUU 15 Deliberate Regulation Manipulation

If there is evidence that institutions are abusing the system and using the regulations outside of the spirit of the game to gain an unfair advantage, they can be reported to the BUCS disciplinary panel.

RUU 16 Representative Commitments

When three or more players are selected for a National Governing Body senior side (Full, A, U21, Students, Universities or Women's Elite, Academy or U20's), the institution concerned shall be able to postpone the fixture to an agreed date within the qualifying period. For league fixtures the qualifying period ceases on the published cut off date. For knockout fixtures the qualifying period is such that the following round will take place on the published date. This ruling shall not apply to any of the finals.

RUU 17 Men's and Women's 7-a-Side Championships

Men's and Women's Seven-a-Side Championships will be held annually at a venue to be decided by the BUCS Office. The tournament shall be run in accordance with rules set out in the IRB Handbook and sent out prior to the competition.

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SAILING

The following Championships will be offered each year and will be reviewed annually. They will be held under the International Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Racing Charter and will be subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each individual event.

With the exception of the Fleet Racing Championships, the remaining events are operated by the British Universities Sailing Association and endorsed by BUCS.

SAI 1 Team Racing Championships

An Open Championship will be held annually. Each team shall consist of six competitors. They will qualify through the national league system as published by the British Universities Sailing Association annually.

SAI 2 Match Racing Championships

There will be a Match Racing Championships held annually.

SAI 3 Fleet Racing Championships

There will be a Fleet Racing Championships held annually. It will be held in the following classes: Laser, Laser 2, Firefly and Fast Handicap.

SAI 4 Yachting National Championships

There will be Yachting National Championships held annually. Each team shall consist of 8 competitors (two of which must be female).

SNOOKER

The Snooker regulations are under revision and will be uploaded at www.bucs.org.uk/snooker in due course.

SNOWSPORTS

SNW 1 Team and Individual Championships shall be offered under rules reviewed annually by BUSC (British University Snowsports Council).

SQUASH

The Squash Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the World Squash Federation (WSF).

Team Championship

SQU 1 There shall be separate Team Championships for Men and Women. No player may play in a team of the opposite gender.

SQU 2 Competition Structure

Eight Men's and eight Women's teams, selected on merit, will compete in the Premier League, the remainder to participate in the Conference Leagues.

SQU 3 Team Format

SQU 3.1 Men's Premier League, Tier One and Tier Two teams shall consist of 5 players. Men's Tier Three teams and below shall consist of 3 players.

SQU 3.2 Women's teams will consist of 4 players.

SQU 3.3 Teams shall submit their initial ranking list prior to or at the time of their first match. That ranking must be consistent throughout the Premier or Conference Leagues. Teams may re-rank players but this must be done prior to the end of January. In exceptional

circumstances a team may submit a request for an additional re-rank during the season to be considered.

- SQU 3.4 Three player teams will only be promoted to a Tier where teams of five players are required if they are able to guarantee five players for the following season.
- SQU 3.5 In knockout rounds, Women's teams will consist of 4 players. Men's team shall be 5 players in the Championship and Trophy, generally be 5 players in the Conference Cup, unless one or both teams involved in match are from Tier Three or below, then 3 players (unless both teams agree to play with 5 players).

SQU 4 Player Restrictions & Ranking Lists

- SQU 4.1 No player ranked at number five or above shall be eligible to play for the second team at any time during the season, except in exceptional circumstances with the express agreement of the Squash Management Group.
- SQU 4.2 Players may only play for the team above a maximum of 2 times, after which they are tied to that team.
- SQU 4.3 Full squad ranking list must be submitted to the BUCS office before the start of the season for each university via email only.

SQU 5 Booking Guidelines

The following minimum court times MUST be booked by the host team for a fixture:

- SQU 5.1 In matches of five players per side the following should be booked:

1st Court: 2 Hours
2nd Court: 2 Hours 30 Mins

- SQU 5.2 In matches of four players per side the following should be booked:

1st Court: 1 Hour 30 Mins
2nd Court: 1 Hour 30 Mins

- SQU 5.3 In matches of three players per side the following should be booked:

1st Court: 1 Hour
2nd Court: 2 Hours

Failure to book the minimum prescribed above will result in the home team forfeiting any rubbers not completed should the match not be completed.

SQU 6 Match Scoring & Scorecards

- SQU 6.1 Each player shall play the correspondingly ranked player of the opposing team, for the best of five games. The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be the match winners.
- SQU 6.2 Incomplete Fixtures - In the event of a fixture being incomplete due to a late start, with a team at fault, their opposition may claim any rubbers not completed or unplayed.
- SQU 6.3 Scorecards - Institutions are required to maintain accurate records* of the matches played by their teams in case of a tie on points within a league which cannot be resolved by BUCS General Regulations or in the event of an appeal. In such circumstances, the BUCS Office will contact the relevant institutions for details of all their league matches in order to separate the teams. These matches should be recorded on official governing body scorecards / scoresheets.
- * 'Accurate records' are taken to mean precise details of all aspects of the fixture including games and points; won and lost and players names. Copy of the scoresheet can be obtained on the BUCS website.

SQU 7 Rules

- SQU 7.1 All matches shall be played according to WSF Governing Body rules and regulations.
- SQU 7.2 The Dunlop Revelation Double Spot or an alternative WSF approved ball shall be used.
- SQU 7.3 For all matches, PAR 11 will be played for both men and women. This is true for the league programme and the Championship, Trophy and Conference Cup matches.

SQU 8 Order of Play

- SQU 8.1 In matches of five players per side the following order of play shall be adopted:
- 1st Court: 5 followed by 4
2nd Court: 3 followed by 1 followed by 2
- SQU 8.2 In matches of four players per side the following order of play shall be adopted:
- 1st Court: 4 followed by 2
2nd Court: 1 followed by 3

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- SQU 8.3 In matches of three players per side the following order of play shall be adopted:
1st Court: 3
2nd Court: 1 followed by 2

SQU 9 Conference Leagues

- SQU 9.1 In the event of a tie on points for the leadership of a Conference League the procedure shall be as detailed in REG 9.9.
- SQU 9.2 Eight teams from the Conference Leagues shall proceed to the last 16 stage of the Championship draw (including Scotland), where the teams shall be seeded according to respective league results.

SQU 10 Championship Semi-finals and Final Matches

Semi-finals and Finals shall be played on successive days at a venue and dates to be decided by BUCS.

SQU 11 Premier League Competition

SQU 11.1 Competition format

The Premier League shall be played in two stages. Each stage shall be completed during a weekend competition involving three matches per team using the same format as England Squash's inter-county Championship.

- SQU 11.2 For Stage 1, the eight Premier League teams (incorporating England, Wales and Scotland) shall be divided on a broadly geographical basis into northern and southern groups of four teams each (on the basis of minimising travel distance/time as a prescribed method of deciding upon the composition of the two groups).

- SQU 11.3 Venues shall be selected on the basis of facility availability / cost and reasonable travel time for teams. Wherever possible, both Men's and Women's events shall be played at the same venue in each of the north and south groups.

- SQU 11.4 Following completion of the first stage, the top two teams from each group shall form a new group of four teams to play-off for the Premier League title during the second stage weekend. The bottom two teams shall form a new group of four teams to play-off for the places five to eight.

- SQU 11.5 All eight teams shall progress to the BUCS Championship knockout stages, where they will be placed at the last 16 stage according to their finishing position in the Premier League.

SQU 11.6 Promotion to and Relegation from the Premier League

Premier League 1,2,3 guaranteed 4,5,6,7,8 play against Tier 1 qualifiers in last 16 of knock outs. Winners of first round Championship knockout to become the 8 Premier League teams for following season.

- SQU 11.7 Players retiring during a match may not play again in the same weekend. The only exception to this rule is if the cause of retirement is considered transitory (e.g. nose bleed, cramp, migraine, vomiting) and that the player has recovered fully for their next match. If the player then retires during a second match, their string and all strings below them shall be forfeited.

Individual Championship

SQU 12 Events

Individual Championships for Men and Women will be held annually.

SQU 13 Entries

- SQU 13.1 Each University may enter a specified number of competitors. There shall be paid, on behalf of each competitor, an entry fee to be determined annually.
- SQU 13.2 Entries may be restricted should they exceed the capacity of the event.

SQU 14 Competition Format

In order to accommodate the large numbers of individual entries, the entries will be distributed into an appropriate number of graded-type draws based upon the information on playing standard provided on the entry form.

SQU 15 Rules

- SQU 15.1 The draw shall be made in the presence of a neutral referee.
- SQU 15.2 Players will be seeded according to governing bodies recommendations and results in the current season's BUCS Team Championships as well as details of current form/playing standard provided by players on their entry form.

- SQU 15.3 Wherever possible players from the same University shall be placed in different quarters of the draw.
- SQU 15.4 The Tournament shall be played on a straight knockout basis.
- SQU 15.5 Each match shall be the best of five games.
- SQU 15.6 Where possible, a plate shall be held for first match losers in the qualifying events.
- SQU 15.7 The Dunlop Revelation Double Spot or a WSF approved ball shall be used.
- SQU 15.8 For all competitors under 19 years of age, eye protectors must be worn for all matches, as per England Squash regulations.

SURFING

SUR 1 Event categories

Team and Individual Championships shall be offered annually under the rules of the British Surfing Association.

SUR 2 BSA Competition Rules

- SUR 2.1 Heats will be started on a single horn blast. Competitors to be standing at the waters edge, knee depth maximum. Water starts may be permitted at the discretion of the Contest Director, but competitors must not infringe on the contest area.
- SUR 2.2 Heats will end with two horn blasts. There will be a minimum of 30 seconds between heats. The head judge will indicate when a heat is to commence.
- SUR 2.3 A flag or disc system will also be used, with one flag raised at the start of a heat. With 5 minutes to go, a different coloured flag will also be raised. At the end of a heat, both flags will be lowered.
- SUR 2.4 If a disc system is used the disc must be 1 metre in diameter. It must have a light colour on one side and a darker colour on the other. The dark colour indicates that the heat is in progress. The light side is shown to indicate that the heat is in its last 5 minutes. At the end of the heat the disc is turned edge - on to the sea so that no colour is visible. **N.B. The start of the horn blast signifies the start or end of the heat. The flags or disc are for guidance only.**

SUR 3 Heats

- SUR 3.1 Heats will normally be of 15-20 minute duration and finals 20-30 minutes duration. The Contest Committee will determine heat times. Any alterations will be announced before a heat commences. A heat cannot be extended while in progress.
- SUR 3.2 The Contest Committee will decide how many waves will count towards a surfers score. NORMALLY it will be best 2 waves.
- SUR 3.3 Competitors in heats may only ride twelve waves and should leave the water after doing so. The penalty for riding more than twelve waves will be a five point deduction from their total score for each extra wave ridden.
- SUR 3.4 A surfer who has ridden more than 12 waves may also be liable to an interference penalty if they remain in the water and interfere in any way with the other competitors in that heat. Finalists (but not quarter or semi finalists) may ride 15 waves.
- SUR 3.5 When the air horn sounds for the end of a heat a surfer must be clearly in possession of the wave (e.g. for board riders hands having left the rails) for a ride to be scored.
- SUR 3.6 When heats are in progress, and at the beginning of the days surfing, any surfer in the defined competition area may be penalised. The penalty will be immediate disqualification.
- SUR 3.7 Contestants are to check in with the Beach Marshall at least 5 minutes prior to the start of their heat. Singlets are to be worn both from and back to the Beach Marshall and must be returned immediately after the heat has been concluded.
- SUR 3.8 At the completion of each heat, surfers will return to the beach in a prone position. A surfer will incur an up-after penalty if he/she stands up after the end of their heat and remains standing into the next heat. If they drop to a prone position or pull out before the start of the next heat that wave will not score and neither will they be penalised. If a surfer stands up before the end of their heat they may finish their ride and be scored for it even if it ends after their heat has ended and/or the next heat has begun.
- SUR 3.9 Heats will normally be made up from a maximum of four surfers, although five man heats may be used. A minimum of 50% of the surfers will normally advance.

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SUR 4 Judges

- SUR 4.1 Judges and tabulators sheets will be available for scrutiny by competitors, but must not be removed from the contest control area.
- SUR 4.2 Judging panels for each heat will consist of three, four or five judges who will be rotated. Each judging panel will officiate under the control and direction of a head judge.
- SUR 4.3 Judges will score each ride out of 10 points with .1 increments (from 0.2 to 10).
- SUR 4.4 A ride will commence when a competitor's hands leave the rails (board riders). In the case of kneeboards when the rider moves to his knees and in the case of bodyboarders when the rider has completed one manoeuvre.
- SUR 4.5 Judges should check in to the head judge at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their judging session. This allows time to get a realistic view of the conditions.
- SUR 4.6 The name/number of the judge together with the division, event and heat number should be entered in the appropriate sections of the judging sheet before the heat commences.
- SUR 4.7 Judges sheets should be handed in promptly at the end of the heat.
- SUR 4.8 Judges should not tally the sheet or alter scores. If a score is unclear, or must be changed, blank out the square and use the next one. All alterations should be signed. N.B. if a judge thinks he has missed a score he must place an M in the appropriate block.
- SUR 4.9 Each judge must give 100% effort. Maximum concentration is essential to ensure personal bias is cut out and that top efficiency is reached.
Judges should score every ride by each competitor.
- SUR 4.10 Where possible the judges to be used in the finals will be those who have shown the highest degree of consistency over the contest.
- SUR 4.11 Judges are responsible for ruling interference situations as described in a later section.
- SUR 4.12 Judges finishing their session should remain on hand until their last heat has been tallied in case of query or protests.

SUR 5 Anyone who is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be liable to disqualification at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

SUR 6 Bodyboards will have the following attributes: they must be flexible and shall include some portion of soft exterior skin. They shall not exceed 5ft in length. The use of fins is optional.

SUR 7 Longboards will have the following attributes

- i) A minimum length of 9 ft measured in a straight line (with the board lying on the ground or standing against a wall but NOT measured over the curve of the rocker).
- ii) Overall plan shape of the board will be at least 47" measured by taking the width at the widest point and adding the width of the board 12" from the nose and 12" from the tail.
- iii) Longboards may have more than one fin.

SWIMMING

All Swimming Championships will be held under Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) laws and FINA Technical Rules.

A Swimming Championships

SWI 1 Programme

BUCS will offer Long Course and Short Course Championships (as well as a Team Championship). The Programme shall be confirmed by the BUCS Swimming & Diving Management Group and communicated to institutions on the Entry Form of each Championship.

SWI 2 Entries

- SWI 2.1 Each Institution may enter two competitors per event and one team in each relay event.
- SWI 2.2 All entries must show the entry time for the swimmer.
- SWI 2.3 Each competitor shall be restricted to three individual events.
- SWI 2.4 The Organisation may restrict entries and in which case accepted entries shall be determined by submitted times.
- SWI 2.5 Institutions may enter disabled (IPC Registered) swimmers in addition to their two per event restriction.
- SWI 2.6 Where an individual is forced to withdraw due to injury or illness, the institution may enter a

substitute who is already named on the entry form. Such substitution must be made by 12 noon on the day before the Championships start and be accompanied by a doctors note.

SWI 3 Regulations

- SWI 3.1 Except for the 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle and the 400m individual medley, all individual and relay events shall be decided by heats and finals. Heats and finals shall be held in separate sessions.
- SWI 3.2 The 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle and 400m individual medley shall be decided on the principle of heat declared winners. In the case of the 400m events, the fastest heat shall be in the appropriate finals session.

SWI 4 Secondary Entry System

A Secondary Entry System will be in operation at the Championships. Any institution failing to comply with the system will be liable to a fine.

SWI 5 Relay

Relay team declarations shall be posted with the entry card. Only swimmers who have been listed on the entry form may compete in the relays.

SWI 6 Officials

All officials shall be from the National Governing Body list.

SWI 7 Individual Championships

The competitor placed first in each event shall be the champion.

SWI 8 Relay Championships

The relay team placed first in each event shall be the champion.

SWI 9 Top Institution Award

There shall be an overall Team Championship to determine the overall winner for all male, female and combined teams at the Short and Long Course Championships.

SWI 10 Points

Points will be awarded on the basis of ten to one to the ten fastest individuals / relay teams in each event. Only the fastest swimmer from each institution in each event shall score points. In relay events points shall be doubled and only the teams in the A Final shall score points.

SWI 11 Top Male and Female Performance

At the Short Course and Long Course Championships the best male and female performance will each be awarded a top performance trophy. The performances will be judged by points calculated using GB points.

SWI 12 Fines

If the following offences are committed the institutions shall be liable to the following fines:

Offence	Cash During Event	Late Payment
No Show Heat	£10	£15
No Show Final	£15	£25
Late Withdrawal Heat	£10	£15
Late Withdrawal Final	£15	£25
Inappropriate Behaviour	£30	£30

B Swimming Team Championship

SWI 13 The programme shall consist of the following events for Men and Women:

- 4 x 50m Medley Relay
- 4 x 1 Length Individual Medley
- 100m Freestyle
- 100m Butterfly
- 100m Backstroke
- 100m Breaststroke
- 200m Freestyle

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50m Butterfly
50m Backstroke
50m Breaststroke
50m Freestyle
4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

SWI 14 Restriction

Each competitor will be restricted to three individual events per gala.

SWI 15 Organisation

- SWI 15.1 England / Wales shall be divided into two regions, which shall be the North and the South. Teams will compete in their allocated regions. The Scottish Universities shall organise the Scottish Team Championship.
- SWI 15.2 Each region shall be divided into three divisions, which shall be Divisions One, Two and Three. Divisions One and Two shall consist of a maximum of twelve teams, Division Three shall consist of a maximum of eighteen teams.
- SWI 15.3 Each division shall consist of one regional qualifying round held in the first term and a national Grand Final.
- SWI 15.4 The Swimming MG shall set the dates for each of the qualifying rounds and Grand Final.
- SWI 15.5 Prior to the competition each competing institution must submit a team sheet listing all potential swimmers including reserves. This must be signed by the Athletic Union to verify eligibility.
- SWI 15.6 Where an institution enters a 2nd team they should note BUCS Eligibility Regulations and in particular REG 7.

SWI 16 Conditions

- SWI 16.1 All new teams entering the Team Championship shall join Division Three.
- SWI 16.2 All participating teams MUST provide a timekeeper equipped with a stopwatch at BOTH the Regional Qualification Round and Grand Final.
- SWI 16.3 BUCS will make every effort to inform teams of the date and venue of qualifying round but it is the responsibility of the teams to confirm receipt of information.
- SWI 16.4 Host teams must forward results to BUCS within three days of the competition. They must also retain and keep safe any documentation (e.g. time sheets) until the end of the current academic year.

SWI 17 Regional Qualification Round

- SWI 17.1 **Heat and Lane Draws**
- SWI 17.1.1 A draw shall be made at the start of the gala to decide the heat and the lane in which the teams shall compete.
- SWI 17.1.2 Any teams not present at the draw shall be allocated outside lanes of a gala.
- SWI 17.2 **Points & Positions**
- SWI 17.2.1 Finishing positions in each event shall be determined by the time achieved by each swimmer.
- SWI 17.2.2 Gala points shall be awarded on the basis of the number of teams competing. First place shall be awarded the same number of points as the number of institutions competing down to one point for last place.
- SWI 17.2.3 Relays shall score double points.
- SWI 17.2.4 Failing to finish, failing to start an event and disqualification shall score zero.
- SWI 17.2.5 In the event of a tie a placings countback shall be used.

SWI 18 National Final

SWI 18.1 Qualification

The top four teams from Division One North and Division One South along with the top two teams in the Scottish Swimming Team Championship shall go forward to the Championship Final. The top four teams from Division Two North and Division Two South shall go forward to the Trophy Final. The top four teams from Division Three North and Division Three South shall go forward to the Shield Final.

SWI 18.2 Lane Draws & Order of Events

SWI 18.2.1 A draw shall be made at the start of the gala to decide the lanes in which the teams shall compete.

- SWI 18.2.2 Any teams not present at the draw shall be allocated outside lanes of the gala.
- SWI 18.2.3 For each event there will be two races, one for each Final. The Shield races will be swum first followed by the Trophy and Championship races. For each event the 3 Women's races will be followed by the 3 Men's races.
- SWI 18.3 **Points**
- SWI 18.3.1 Gala points shall be awarded on the basis of ten points for a win to one point for 10th place.
- SWI 18.3.2 Relays shall score double points.
- SWI 18.3.3 Failing to finish, failing to start an event and disqualification shall score zero.
- SWI 18.3.4 In the event of a tie a placings countback shall be used.
- SWI 18.4 **Promotion and Relegation**
- SWI 18.4.1 Three teams from Division Two North and three teams from Division Two South shall be promoted to Division One for the next season (these will not necessarily be the top three from the qualifying round but shall be determined by finishing places at the National Final). The bottom three teams in Division One North and Division One South shall be relegated to Division Two for the next season.
- SWI 18.4.2 Three teams from Division Three North and three teams from Division Three South shall be promoted to Division Two for the next season (these will not necessarily be the top three from the qualifying round but shall be determined by finishing places at the National Final). The bottom three teams in Division Two North and Division Two South shall be relegated to Division Three for the next season.
- SWI 18.5 **Costs**
- SWI 18.5.1 Teams entered in the Championship shall share the pool hire and other expenses relating to staging the round equally, regardless of whether they attend.
- SWI 18.5.2 Teams which fail to participate in the regional round shall be liable to a fine of £50.

TABLE TENNIS

ITTF Regulations for International Competition shall apply in all cases except for a small number of occasions where an alternative will be clearly stated.

TAB 1 Competition Structure

TAB 1.1 Team Championship

TAB 1.1.1 4 men's teams will compete in the North and 4 teams will compete in the South Premier Leagues, the remainder will participate in the Conference Leagues. A women's competition will be run on a Conference league basis.

TAB 1.1.2 The men's teams will consist of four players.

TAB 1.1.3 The women's team will consist of a minimum of two players

TAB 1.2 Men's Championship

TAB 1.2.1 Each match shall consist of 17 sets, each individual playing four singles and one pair playing a doubles match.

TAB 1.2.2 The order of play shall be:

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
1 v 4	1 v 3	1 v 2	1 v 1
2 v 3	2 v 4	2 v 1	2 v 2
3 v 2	3 v 1	3 v 4	3 v 3
4 v 1	4 v 2	4 v 3	4 v 4

Followed by a doubles match between a pair of players from each team. The pair need not be nominated until the completion of the fourth round of singles. A match cannot be drawn.

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- TAB 1.3 **Women's Championship**
- TAB 1.3.1 Each match shall consist of five sets, each individual playing two singles and one doubles.
- TAB 1.3.2 The order of play shall be:
1 v 2
2 v 1
1 v 1
2 v 2
One doubles match
The doubles pairing can be 1 and 2 and/or any other 2 players and need not be declared until after the 4th singles match.
- TAB 1.3.3 A match cannot be drawn.
- TAB 1.4 **Individual Championship**
- TAB 1.4.1 An Individual Championship will be held annually for men and women in the following events.
Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles
Men's Plate
Women's Plate
- TAB 1.4.2 Entries. Each university may enter 5 guaranteed men and 6 guaranteed women and up to 8 non guaranteed men and 8 non guaranteed women competitors in all events. Paired couples in the doubles and mixed doubles must be members of the same university.

TAB 2 Premier League Requirements

- TAB 2.1 Playing facilities must be booked for an appropriate length of time to allow for the full conclusion of the match. BUCS recommends that at least 3 hours are required on 2 available tables. Institutions failing to book sufficient time will be forfeit any rubbers that have not been completed within the allocated time.
- TAB 2.2 Facilities and equipment should be of an appropriate quality for Premier League matches and should comply with national governing body regulations for matches of this standard. Specific notice should be paid to the quality and condition of the tables as well as the space around each table, the quality of lighting and the quality of nets. Notice should be given to national governing body lists for approved balls for each season.

TAB 3 Competition Regulations

- TAB 3.1 **Team Championship**
- TAB 3.1.1 **Sets & Games**
Each set shall consist of the best of five games. A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring eleven points unless both players or pairs score ten points, when the game shall be won by the player or pair first subsequently scoring two points more than the opposing player or pair.
- TAB 3.1.2 **Tie on Points in a League**
In the event of a tie on points for the leadership of a league the procedure shall be as detailed in REG 9.9.
- TAB 3.1.3 **Semi-Final and Final Matches**
Championship semi-finals and Finals shall be played on the same day at a venue to be decided by BUCS.
- TAB 3.2 **Individual Championships**
- TAB 3.2.1 **The Draw**
- a) The draw shall be made under the supervision of a neutral referee and Universities must include on the entry form details of past performances of their members for the guidance of the official making the draw. Whenever possible players from the same University shall be placed in different quarters of the draw.
- b) The tournament shall be conducted on the knockout principle except for the first stage of the Men's and Women's singles that shall be played on a group basis.

TAB 3.2.2 **Sets & Games**

Each set shall consist of the best of five games. A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring eleven points unless both players or pairs score ten points, when the game shall be won by the player or pair first subsequently scoring two points more than the opposing player or pair.

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Team Championships

TEN 1 There shall be separate Team Championships for men and women.

TEN 2 **Competition Structure**

12 men's and 12 women's teams, selected on merit from the past year's Championship competition, will compete in the Premier Leagues, the remainder to participate in the Conference Leagues.

TEN 3 **Team Format**

TEN 3.1 **Players**

Each team shall consist of a minimum of four and a maximum of six players. Four players shall play one singles rubber each and the fifth and/or sixth players may be selected for doubles only.

TEN 3.2 **Coaches**

By mutual agreement each team may have their nominated coach sitting on court for any or all rubbers in the match. If a team does not have a coach with them then any team member not playing at the time may be nominated. Coaching advice can only be given during change of ends and the coach may only enter/leave the court during a change of ends.

TEN 4 **Match Format**

Each match shall consist of two doubles rubbers and four singles rubbers.

TEN 5 **Court Bookings & Match Start Times**

TEN 5.1 The following minimum court times **MUST** be booked by the host team for a fixture:

Practice: 2 courts x 30 minutes, Doubles: 2 courts x 1.5 hours, Singles: 4 courts x 2 hours = Total: 12 court hours. Failure to book the minimum prescribed above will result in the home team forfeiting any rubbers not completed should the match not be finished.

TEN 5.2 Matches are permitted to start before 1pm, contrary to usual BUCS start times – **with the provision that this is by mutual consent in writing.**

TEN 6 **Order of Play**

Players shall compete in rank order i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 singles; 1, 2 doubles. The doubles rubbers ordered 1v1, 2v2 should be played first, followed by the Singles rubbers which will be ordered 1v1, 2v2, 3v3, 4v4. Any proposed changes to the standard order of play must be agreed by both teams prior to play; normally this should only be agreed for knock-out fixtures.

TEN 7 **Team Order**

TEN 7.1 Prior to the official start time of the match the team captains shall nominate their whole team of four to six players in singles order in bona fide order of merit. At this time only the doubles pairings need to be given, the singles players being nominated on conclusion of both doubles rubbers. Should it be agreed to play the singles rubbers first then these players are nominated initially with the doubles pairings being announced on conclusion of the singles. The order of merit shall be determined by:

TEN 7.2 **Doubles**

The bona fide order of merit shall be in accordance with a) combined current ATP/WTA doubles rankings for pairings where both players have a ranking b) individual current ATP/WTA doubles ranking for pairs where one player has a ranking c) the cumulative total of the singles positions of the players in each pairing. Where the total is the same, the pairing which includes the player who is nominated highest in the singles order shall be nominated as the first pair.

TEN 7.3 **Singles**

The bona fide order of merit shall be in accordance with (a) current ATP/WTA Ranking

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where such a ranking is 750 or better (b) current LTA National Rating. Where two or more players hold the same current LTA national rating, the team captain shall have discretion in determining their playing order, always providing that the players concerned shall still be nominated in bona fide playing order. In exercising such discretion the captain may not move a player more than one place in the playing order from match to match.

- TEN 7.4 If a team believes that TEN 7.3 places team members clearly out of bona fide playing order then permission may be sought from BUCS to override ratings. Such requests shall be made before the start of the season and can be resubmitted again prior to the start of matches in January. **Ranking sheets for Premier League teams and Tier 1 will be placed on the BUCS Tennis pages on the website for ease of reference. Ranking sheets must be submitted for all competing institutions to the BUCS Office by the first league match of the season – failure to do so will result in a £25 fine.**
- TEN 7.5 Premier League Teams shall submit their initial ranking list prior to the time of their first match. If a player is listed in the top four rankings and has not played any matches prior to the end of the calendar year, then that team is required to resubmitted their rankings prior to the start of matches in January, removing any non playing ‘top four’ players from the ranking list.
- TEN 7.6 No player ranked at number four or above shall be eligible to play below the first team at any time during the season. No player ranked at number eight or above shall be eligible to play below the second team at any time during the season.
- TEN 7.7 Players may only play for a higher team a maximum of 3 times, after which they cannot play lower, e.g. a regular third team player who plays once for the first team and twice for the second team cannot play below the second team for the remainder of the season. **Random checks on individual match scorecards will be made to track where/when players are playing for higher ranked teams.**

TEN 8 Scoring System

- TEN 8.1 **The doubles rubbers shall be the best of 3 sets. The first two sets shall be tie-break sets with no-advantage scoring (the tie-break shall be introduced at six games all) and when the score is one set all the deciding set shall be a 10 point match tie-break. In no-advantage scoring at deuce there is one point to decide the game. The receivers choose whether to receive the service from the right half or the left half of the court but cannot change positions to receive this deciding point.**
- TEN 8.2 The singles rubbers shall be the best of three tie-break sets (the tie-break shall be introduced at six games all). If the match result is already decided any remaining singles rubbers may, by mutual consent, play a deciding 10-point match tie-break as the third set.
- TEN 8.3 To determine the match score the winner of each doubles rubber shall receive **two points** and the winner of each singles rubber shall receive two points.
- TEN 8.4 In the event of a tie on match score, each team shall be awarded 1 point in the league and the match shall be considered a draw.
- TEN 8.5 If during the knockout stages or Premier League semi-final or Final a match finishes **6-6**, then BUCS tennis shall adopt a tie-break shootout where the rules explain the shootout as: “The tiebreak shootout consists of 3 tiebreaks – two singles and 1 doubles – with players nominated as follows: Tiebreak 1 (singles) – one of the original players from the first or second singles match; Tiebreak 2 (singles) – one of the original players from the third or fourth singles match; Tiebreak 3 (doubles) – a pairing comprising two of the other nominated players for the match. No player may play in more than one tiebreak shootout. Players for each stage of the shootout should be nominated at the start of the shootout.”

TEN 9 Scorecards

- TEN 9.1 Institutions are required to maintain accurate records* of the matches played by their teams in case of a tie on points within a league which cannot be resolved by BUCS General Regulations. In such circumstances, the BUCS Office will contact the relevant institutions for details of all their league matches in order to separate the teams. These matches should be recorded on official governing body scorecards/scoresheets. **Scorecards must also be submitted with any appeal – failure to submit a scorecard will result in an appeal being rejected by the BUCS Office.**
- * *‘Accurate records’ are taken to mean precise details of all aspects of the fixture including sets, games and points; won and lost.*
- TEN 9.2 Scorecards for all Premier League matches and all knockout matches in the Championship and Trophy must be completed. BUCS reserves the right to request these scorecards at

any point throughout the season. **Scorecards must also be submitted with any appeal – failure to submit a scorecard will result in an appeal being rejected by the BUCS Office.**

TEN 10 Incomplete Fixtures

- TEN 10.1 In the event of a fixture being incomplete with no fault on either side, a result can be taken if four rubbers have been completed. The results shall be taken on all those rubbers that have been completed.
- TEN 10.2 In the event of a fixture being incomplete due to a late start, with a team at fault, their opposition may claim any rubbers not completed or unplayed.

TEN 11 Further Clarification

In the event that further clarification is required the BUCS Office will be guided by the current LTA National Club League Rules.

TEN 12 Premier League Competition

- TEN 12.1 **Leagues**
The twelve Premier League teams shall be divided on a geographical basis into northern and southern groups of six teams.
- TEN 12.2 **Venue Requirements**
All Premier League & Premier League Play-Off matches are to be played on indoor courts.
- TEN 12.3 **Championship Qualification**
All eligible teams (i.e. no 2nd teams) in each Premier League group shall progress to the last 16 of the Championship competition. All other teams (i.e. 2nd teams) will progress to the Trophy competition.
- TEN 12.4 **Promotion to and Regulation from Premier League**
The bottom team in each Premier League is automatically relegated. The top team in each of the Tier One leagues will enter into 'play-offs' for one place in each of the Premier Leagues for the following season. **(in the event of changes to the league structure which may impact upon promotion or relegation outcomes, BUCS reserves the right to consult with teams due to be promoted/relegated to find an applicable solution).**

Individual Championships

TEN 13 Tournament Structure (Individuals)

- TEN 13.1 The tournament will consist of four events; Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles.
- TEN 13.2 There will be regional qualifying events and a subsequent finals weekend – the events will be played over two / three days depending on the number of entries.
- TEN 13.3 Each match shall consist of the best of three sets.
- TEN 13.4 The tournament shall be conducted on a 'knock-out' basis.
- TEN 13.5 Matches will be played indoors.

TEN 14 Entries

- TEN 14.1 All institutions are entitled to one entry per event.
- TEN 14.2 Additional players may be accepted but the total number of entries in each event will be restricted. Players must be listed on the entry form in order of merit.
- TEN 14.3 Seeded draws, to which qualifying draws, staggered draws or a tableau finale may be applied, as deemed appropriate for the entry, will be used. To assist seeding and selection for draws, entry forms should include details of past performances and LTA ranking achieved – selection for main draw or any qualifying draw will be according to ratings and other available information. Further players, not initially selected for the main or qualifying draws will be placed on reserve lists.
- TEN 14.4 Wherever possible, players from the same institution shall be placed in different quarters of the draw.

General Guidelines

TEN 15 General Conduct

- TEN 15.1 Where possible - teams should endeavour to wear team kit – identifying the name of the university.
- TEN 15.2 Where possible – teams should ensure use of scoreboards on each court.

TENPIN BOWLING

The Tenpin Bowling Championships shall be held annually under the rules of the relevant sections of the regulations of the British Tenpin Bowling Association.

TEB 1 Entries

Each university is guaranteed entry of one men's team consisting of six competitors and one women's team consisting of three competitors. Extra teams can be entered in each category. However, acceptance of entries for 2nd and 3rd teams is strictly on a first come, first served basis and subject to lane availability. In addition, or instead of, each university may enter up to three competitors for the men's Individual Championship and up to two competitors for the women's Individual Championship.

TEB 2 Championships**TEB 2.1 Men**

- TEB 2.1.1 Each team will provide three doubles teams, two trio teams, one single and one five-man combination from the six players in the team.
- TEB 2.1.2 Each competitor shall bowl a three game series in their three designated combinations, making a total of nine games per competitor.
- TEB 2.1.3 Each Individual Championships only entrant shall bowl three, three game series. One will be played at doubles pace, one at trios pace and the third at either singles or fives pace at the discretion of the tournament director.
- TEB 2.1.4 The university totalling the highest pinfall over the 54 games bowled by a single team shall be declared the BUCS Team Champion.
- TEB 2.1.5 The individual (either a Team or Individual Championships entrant) totalling the highest pinfall over the nine games shall be declared the Individual All Events Champion.

TEB 2.2 Women

- TEB 2.2.1 Each team will provide one double, one trio, one single and three singles combinations from the three players on the team.
- TEB 2.2.2 Each competitor shall bowl a three game series in their three designated combinations, making a total of nine games per competitor.
- TEB 2.2.3 Each Individual Championships only entrant shall bowl three, three game series. One will be played at doubles pace, one at singles pace and the third at either singles or doubles pace at the discretion of the tournament director.
- TEB 2.2.4 The university totalling the highest pin fall, over the 27 games bowled by a single team shall be declared the BUCS Team Champion.
- TEB 2.2.5 The individual (either a Team or Individual Championships entrant) totalling the highest pinfall over the nine games shall be declared the Individual All Events Champion.

TEB 3 Regulations

- TEB 3.1 Twin lane bowling shall be operative. Foul lights shall be on.
- TEB 3.2 There shall be a short practice period before each designated squad in the tournament. The length of the practice time will reflect the nature of the squad being played.
- TEB 3.3 Where possible teams shall be squadded on to different lanes for each event. This will be within the limitations of the bowl and the number of entries.

TRAMPOLINING

TRA 1 Individual Championships

The championship shall run under the following rules:

- TRA 1.1 The championships shall be organised on the basis of three regional qualifying competitions and a national final. Entries may be restricted where necessary.
- TRA 1.2 There will be five levels of competition;
- TRA 1.2.1 **BUCS 5**
(No somersaults in set routine: equivalent to British Gymnastics H & I)
- TRA 1.2.2 **BUCS 4**
(Two somersaults in set routine: equivalent to British Gymnastics G & F)
- TRA 1.2.3 **BUCS 3**
(Five somersaults in set routine: equivalent to British Gymnastics F & E)
- TRA 1.2.4 **BUCS 2**
(Seven somersaults in set routine: equivalent to British Gymnastics D & C)
- TRA 1.2.5 **BUCS 1**
(1 double somersault and 8 single somersaults in set routine: British Gymnastics C, B & A).
- TRA 1.2.6 Universities are reminded that competitors should be entered at their appropriate level. Levels are assessed as having competed within the last two seasons. Competitors may compete above their level. Checks will be made as necessary. If an institution enters a competitor at an inappropriate level a fine will be awarded to the Institution.
- TRA 1.3 Qualification to the final shall be through the regional qualifying rounds for the individual events. Team results will be extracted from the Final ONLY with team scores made up of the scores of individuals who have qualified to the finals.
- TRA 1.4 All BUCS 1 and BUCS 2 entrants will have automatic qualification to the final.
- TRA 1.5 A proportion of top competitors in BUCS 3 & BUCS 4 from each of the regional qualifying competitions shall qualify to the final. This will be decided upon the number of entries received.
- TRA 1.6 All entries (including BUCS 1 & BUCS 2 competitors) must be made by the closing date (as advised on the entry information) to the BUCS office with the entry fee and correct number of nominated officials as specified in the entry pack or the entry will be rejected.
- TRA 1.7 The compulsory routines for BUCS 1, BUCS 2, BUCS 3, BUCS 4 & BUCS 5 are:
See attached diagram overleaf:
- TRA 1.7.1 Each competitor shall complete the compulsory routine and a voluntary routine within the criteria.
- TRA 1.7.2 Each university is to bring to the regional and/or national final an appropriately qualified coach for insurance purposes.
- TRA 1.7.3 The performers' chosen compulsory routine must be submitted in writing according to the Organisers' instructions, and in any case, prior to the commencement of the round.
- TRA 1.7.4 The voluntary and compulsory routine shall consist of ten skills.
- TRA 1.7.5 Each competitor shall have one attempt at each routine.
- TRA 1.8 All competitors are required to present themselves for competition clothed in correct attire:
- TRA 1.8.1 BUCS 5 - Leotard/Shorts & T-Shirt (tucked in)
- TRA 1.8.2 BUCS 4 – Men: Gymnastic Trousers or Shorts & Leotard/T-Shirt (tucked in); Women: Leotard/Leotard & Shorts
- TRA 1.8.3 BUCS 3, BUCS 2, BUCS 1 - Gymnastic Trousers & Leotard (no unitards)
- TRA 1.8.4 Women's BUCS 3, BUCS 2, BUCS 1 – Leotards
- TRA 1.8.5 No tracksuits/tights will be allowed on the Trampoline except during warm up.
- TRA 1.8.6 Trampoline shoes and/or white socks must be worn. Competitors will not be permitted to compete barefoot.
- TRA 1.8.7 Performers will not be permitted to wear ANY body piercing or any other jewellery whilst warming up or competing.
- TRA 1.8.8 Competitors who do not adhere to the above regulations may be disqualified.
- TRA 1.8.9 All routines shall be performed unaided. Coaching during a performance is not allowed.

- TRA 1.9 **Order of Performance**
- TRA 1.9.1 **Preliminaries**
The compulsory and first voluntary routines will be performed in the order that will be drawn by ballot before the competition takes place.
- TRA 1.9.2 **Finals**
At the organisers' discretion there may be a second voluntary ('final') round in the Final competition. In this Final round only, the eight competitors with the highest scores will compete in ascending score order.
- TRA 1.9.3
Routines will be performed on either 6mm x 4mm or 6mm beds.
Competitors must only use beds on which they normally train. The Chair of Judges Panel is empowered to require a competitor to delete skills from a routine if he/she deems them to be unsafe in any way. Team Captains/Managers are required to confirm the competence of competitors on the entry form.

TRA 2 Team Championships (Overall)

- TRA 2.1 There will separate men's and women's team events. In each event:-
- TRA 2.1.1 The three best total scores (from the preliminary rounds: compulsory plus first voluntary) by competitors from the same institution, regardless of sex or category, will be added together for an overall team score.
- TRA 2.1.2 One team per institution will be counted.
- TRA 2.1.3 Medals shall be awarded to the top three teams (unless otherwise dictated by low number of teams).
- TRA 2.1.4 Team positions will be calculated at the FINAL ONLY.

TRA 3 Guide to Competition Rules

- TRA 3.1 Marking shall be according to the British Gymnastics Rules and International Tariffing Values at the discretion of the Chair of Judges on the day. The full rules ('Code of Points') are available from British Gymnastics, c/o Mike Phillipson.
- TRA 3.2 Each routine consists of ten elements. Each routine is awarded an execution mark out of ten by five judges. The middle three form marks are counted. In ALL categories a difficulty (tariff) mark will also be awarded to the voluntary routine (and final routine, if performed).
- TRA 3.3 The execution mark is calculated by deducting marks for:
- TRA 3.3.1 Travel from the centre of the trampoline
- TRA 3.3.2 Loss of height
- TRA 3.3.3 Failure to perform skills accurately according to required shapes (e.g. with legs straight and arms close to sides where possible).
- TRA 3.4 Additional deductions may be made for failure to stand under control on one's feet at the end of a routine; receiving instruction during performance; abusing the warm-up (nominally a maximum of one routine/30 seconds bouncing is allowed); taking greater than one minute to commence the routine.
- TRA 3.5 Where a performer in BUCS 5, BUCS 4 or BUCS 3 deviates from the required compulsory routine, the routine will be considered interrupted and the maximum mark will be determined according to the number of skills performed up to this point.
- TRA 3.6 Where a performer in BUCS 1 and BUCS 2 deviates from their submitted compulsory routine, deductions will be made according to current International Rules.
- TRA 3.7 A routine will also be considered interrupted if any performer touches anything other than the trampoline bed, kills the bed or lands on one foot.
- TRA 3.8 The difficulty mark is calculated as follows:
- TRA 3.8.1 0.1 points per ¼ somersault rotation +
- TRA 3.8.2 0.1 bonus points per whole somersault rotation +
- TRA 3.8.3 0.1 points per ½ twist +
- TRA 3.8.4 0.1 bonus points per whole somersault performed in piked/straight shape (up to a maximum of 0.2), (except twisting single somersaults)
- TRA 3.9 No difficulty mark is awarded to repeated skills.

TRIATHLON

- TRI 1** The Triathlon Championships shall be offered annually under the rules of the British Triathlon Association.
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ULTIMATE FRISBEE

- ULF 1** The University Outdoor Championships will be played to standard WFDF (World Flying Disc Federation) Ultimate rules.
<http://wfd.org/index.php?page=rules/index.htm>
- ULF 2** The University Indoor Championships will be played to standard UKUA (UK Ultimate Association) Indoor Ultimate rules.
http://www.ukultimate.com/about_ultimate/rules_of_ultimate
- ULF 3** The UKUA University Coordinator with the approval of the UKUA University Committee may amend these rules on a per-tournament basis where it is not practically possible to abide by them. (E.g. pitch size, duration of game etc.)
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VOLLEYBALL

The Volleyball Championships shall be held annually and held in accordance with the rules of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) as interpreted by the British Volleyball Federation, adopted and approved by the Volleyball Sports Management Group.

VOL 1 The Championship

- Teams shall play in a merit-based structure within their playing Conference. These shall be the qualifying competitions for men and women in the first and second term to produce the required number of teams to progress to the knockout stages of the Championship and Trophy.
- VOL 1.1** No men can play in the women's competition and vice versa. No mixed teams are allowed.
- VOL 1.2** All fixtures played in a normal weekly league programme shall be best of five sets and played under FIVB rules whereby all sets are rally points. The first four sets shall be first to 25 points and by two clear points. A deciding fifth set shall be first to 15 points and again by two clear.
- VOL 1.3** A match shall be decided by the first team reaching three sets. Where this involves a 3-0 or 3-1 result, the remaining set(s) of the available five shall be played to facilitate player development and opportunity to maximise playing opportunities and effectively utilise booked facility time. The remaining set(s) played will have no bearing on the match result.
- VOL 1.4** Where the Conference programme has a hybrid system involving some teams in weekly league matches and a tournament format, all matches, both league and tournament, shall be best of three sets to enable an equitable means of separating any tied teams at the end of the season. The first two sets shall be first to 25 points and by two clear points. A deciding third set shall be first to 15 points and again by two clear.
- VOL 1.5** Conference league matches played under VOL 1.4 above as a weekly league match shall also play the remaining two or three sets for player development as under VOL 1.3.
- VOL 1.6** A minimum hall booking of two hours is required. This shall comprise at least ten minutes general warm up, ten minutes for hitting and serving leaving at least one hour and 40 minutes for the match. Teams must be advised of the warm up start time, and the match start time, which must not be less than twenty minutes after the start of the warm up. If for any reason only one time is quoted then this must be taken to be the start of the warm up. Under such circumstances teams must arrive at the venue in good time to allow the warm up to start at the appointed time.
- VOL 1.7** In the event of a team arriving late the following procedure shall apply:
- VOL 1.7.1** Where both team captains agree, and sufficient hall time is available, then the match shall be played in full.
- VOL 1.7.2** Where one team objects then the following procedure shall apply. If a team

is not on court and ready to play at the published match start time they shall be allowed a maximum of fifteen minutes leeway to appear. At fifteen minutes after the published match start time the team that is late shall lose the first set 25-0.

- VOL 1.7.3 They shall then lose a set for every subsequent 15 minutes that they are late until they are 45 minutes late at which point the match shall be awarded as a walkover.
- VOL 1.7.4 If the team that is late arrives during one of the fifteen minute leeway periods then they shall be allowed the balance of the time remaining within that period to warm up and be ready to play at the next deadline point. Therefore it is possible for a team to arrive late, fall behind on sets but still win the match on the court of play.

VOL 2 The Championship Finals

The Championship Finals shall be contested over a weekend at a venue decided by BUCS. Play will start on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday afternoon. Teams will compete in two pools of four progressing to crossover semi-finals and a final.

VOL 2.1 The top eight men's and women's teams shall contest the Championship Finals. The Championship Finals shall be contested in accordance with rules and procedures as decided by the Volleyball Sports Management Group and published in the Championship Finals programme.

VOL 2.2 **The Trophy Finals**
Qualifiers to the Trophy knockout competition shall progress to semi-finals and final taking place over a weekend at a date and venue decided by BUCS. Where possible this will be the same venue and date as the Championship Finals.

VOL 3 Match Officials

VOL 3.1 In Championship and Trophy knockout round matches, the First Official should be neutral and qualified while the Second Official should be qualified.

WAKEBOARDING

Cable Wakeboard

CWAKE 1 The Cable Wakeboard Championships will operate under the official and current British Water Ski rules

CWAKE 2 The run will consist of two laps, the rider can choose to perform a Wildcard final trick on the last lap

CWAKE 3 Entry criteria for rider divisions

Men's

A (pro) 4 inverts and over (NOT including off obstacles)

B 1 invert and over (INCLUDING off obstacles)

Ladies

A 1 invert and over (INCLUDING off obstacles)

B Any ability

Boat Wakeboard

BWAKE 1 The Boat Wakeboard Championships will operate under the official and current British Water Ski rules

BWAKE 2 Pro division riders can opt for double up

BWAKE 3 Entry criteria for rider divisions

Men's

A (pro) 4 inverts and over

B 1 invert and over

Ladies

A 1 invert and over

B Any ability

WATERPOLO

The Water Polo Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Amateur Swimming Association.

WAT 1 Competition Format

- WAT 1.1 The competition format will be confirmed by the BUCS Water Polo Management Group and communicated to participants via the Season Information Pack and the BUCS website.
- WAT 1.2 Teams shall qualify for Championship, Trophy & Shield Finals through a progression of Knockout Rounds.
- WAT 1.3 Where an institution enters a 2nd team they should note BUCS Eligibility Regulations.
- WAT 1.4 Match Duration – Matches will be of the following duration:
Round 1 - 2 x 7 Mins (2 min break between halves, during which the teams will change ends)
Semi-finals - 4 x 5 Mins (2 min break between periods)
Finals – 4 x 7 Mins (2 min break between periods)
- WAT 1.5 Referees – Referees MUST be appointed by the ASA Regional Co-ordinators for all matches. Referees must be confirmed in writing at least 10 days before the date of the tournament.

WAT 2 Walkovers

- WAT 2.1 Any team that concedes a walkover in their leagues will not be permitted to progress to a knockout round.
- WAT 2.2 Where a walkover has been awarded, two points shall be given to the non-offending team and two points deducted from the offending team.

WAT 3 Points Scoring

- WAT 3.1 Teams shall be awarded two points for a win, and one point for a draw, and no points for a loss.
- WAT 3.2 **Tie on Points Between Two Teams**
In case of equality of points between two teams precedence shall be given to the team winning the match in which the two teams played each other, or if the game was drawn, the overall goal difference shall ascertain the winner. If there is still a tie, the team scoring the most number of goals shall be the winner, and if at this point there is still a tie, the winners will be decided by lot.
- WAT 3.3 **Tie on Points Between More Than Two Teams**
In case of equality of points between more than two teams, a table shall be formed to calculate the higher placed team from the results between the relevant teams. If there is still a tie, precedence shall be given to the team(s) with the greatest goal difference in the matches between the relevant teams. If there is still a tie, precedence shall be given to the team(s) having scored the higher or highest number of goals in the matches between the relevant teams. If there is still a tie, precedence shall be given to the team(s) with the greatest goal difference in all matches played. If there is still a tie, precedence shall be given to the team(s) having scored the higher or highest number of goals in all matches played. If there is still a tie between more than two teams, the decision shall be made by lot.

WAT 4 Balls

Match balls will be provided by BUCS at the Championship semi-finals and at the Championship, Trophy & Shield finals. For all other matches and for warm-up teams MUST provide their own balls.

WAT 5 Pool Dimensions

It is recommended that the minimum size for the pool should be 12.5m x 25m and a depth of 1.5m.

WAT 6 Finals

- WAT 6.1 Finals shall be held at a venue decided by BUCS.
- WAT 6.2 Classification of the men's and women's Championship and Trophy Finals positions shall be according to WAT 3, with the team ranked in 1st position in the group declared the Championship/Trophy Winner.

WAT 7 Promotion / Relegation

At the conclusion of each competition, automatic promotion and relegation to establish invitation to the following year's competition will be undertaken as follows:

- WAT 7.1 **Men's League Structure**
- WAT 7.1.1 Tier 1 Relegation - Lowest ranked team from each league group in round 1 relegated to Tier 2.
- WAT 7.1.2 Tier 2 Promotion & Relegation – Top ranked 1st team from each league group in round 1 promoted to Tier 1. Lowest ranked team from each league group in round 1 relegated to Tier 3.
- WAT 7.1.3 Tier 3 Promotion – Top ranked team from each league group in round 1 promoted to Tier 2.
- WAT 7.2 **Women's League Structure**
- WAT 7.2.1 Tier 1 Relegation - Lowest ranked team from each league group in round 1 relegated to Tier 2.
- WAT 7.2.2 Tier 2 Promotion & Relegation – Top ranked 1st team from each league group in round 1 promoted to Tier 1.

WINDSURFING

- WIN 1** Team and Individual Windsurfing Championships shall be offered under rules reviewed annually.
- WIN 2** All institutions must affiliate to the Student Windsurfing Association in order to compete in the Championships.

