

BUCS Beach Volleyball Championships 2017

Entry Information

Organisers

This event is organised for BUCS by Volleyball England, in partnership with Bournemouth University and Sport BU.

Dates

Pairs: Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th June 2017

Mixed Fours: Sunday 4th June 2017

Venue

Sandbanks Beach

Address

Sandbanks Promenade, Banks Road, Poole, BH13 7QQ

Entry opening date

Tuesday 28th February 2017

Entry closing date

Thursday 6th April 2017

Entry costs

Pairs: £50

Mixed Fours (No BUCS points): £40

Events and BUCS points available

Men's Pairs Championship

Men's Pairs Trophy

Men's Pairs Shield (Dependent on entry numbers)

Women's Pairs Championship

Women's Pairs Trophy

Women's Pairs Shield (Dependent on entry numbers)

Mixed Fours (2 Men, 2 Women): No BUCS Points

Please see 'Entry allowance' section for make-up of teams and how they will be allocated to each competition.

Please [click here](#) to see the BUCS points available.

Please note that BUCS points will not be allocated where the minimum number of teams has not been reached. Furthermore a team must have beaten another team to score BUCS points (i.e. if only 8 teams enter a category, only 7 will score BUCS points). Similarly, medals will be awarded according to the accrual of BUCS Points. For example if there are only three entries in an event only Gold and Silver medals will be awarded.

Entry allowance

As this is the first year of the competition, and no previous seeding is available to help structure and allocate placings, BUCS will be relying on information from both Institutions and Volleyball England to appropriately seed entries for the 2017 BUCS Beach Volleyball Championships.

Men's and Women's Pairs

Each institution will be limited to 1 Guaranteed Male and 1 Guaranteed Female pair. However an additional 3 Non-Guaranteed pairs may also be entered on BUCScore. Acceptance of Non-Guaranteed pairs will be dependent on the total number of entries received, and these entries will be allocated based on ranking until the competition reaches capacity. Accepted entries will be confirmed on Thursday 13th April 2017 and published on the BUCS Beach Volleyball Championships event page and circulated via BUCS Essentials.

Institutions will be required to nominate 2 players for each pair they enter. Institutions should rank their pairs on BUCScore. An institution's Guaranteed entry should be their number 1 ranked pair for that event, with any Non-Guaranteed entries ranked accordingly from 2 down at the point of entry.

When entering each pair there will be a form requesting any information that can be provided to assist with the overall competition ranking for that particular pair. Institutions are advised to provide as much information as possible on the experience and ability of each pair (both as an individual and as a pair) e.g. 'Internationally ranked athletes, beginner/recreational players, former student cup winners'. There will also be an opportunity to indicate the preferred level of competition for each pair:

Championship/Trophy/Shield, however please note that this is an indication and not a guaranteed request.

Please note, only one pair per Institution will be permitted in the Championship competition, but there may be multiple pairs allocated to the Trophy and/or Shield competitions. Similarly, not all 1st teams will necessarily be allocated to the Championship.

Mixed Fours

Any institutions wishing to compete in the Mixed Fours must enter via BUCScore at the same time as entering the Men's and Women's Pairs competitions – no entries will be accepted after Thursday 6th April 2017. Please note that this event does not carry any BUCS Points and will run alongside the Pairs competitions. Mixed Fours Team may contain competitors from the Pairs competitions, new competitors not competing in the Pairs, or a mixture.

Each institution will be able to enter up to 4 Non-Guaranteed Mixed Fours teams on BUCScore. Acceptance of fours entries will be dependent on the total number of entries received for both the Pairs and the Mixed Fours. Institutions should rank their Mixed Fours entries on BUCScore, although detailed information is not required for these entries. These entries will be allocated based on ranking until the competition reaches capacity. Accepted entries will be confirmed on Thursday 13th April 2017 and published on the BUCS website Beach Volleyball Championships event page and circulated via BUCS Essentials.

Reserves list

When making entries, institutions can also enter on BUCScore any reserves they may wish to use should any of their originally entered individuals become unavailable. These individuals should be entered on to the relevant reserve list(s) for the competition(s) they wish to be available for.

Please see the 'Entry checks' section for how and when reserves can be used.

Entry process

Entries, including reserves, can only be submitted on BUCScore, our online entry system. Please speak to your Athletic Union as they will need to submit your entry on this system and it is their responsibility to manage the whole entry process.

Please note: An email address is required to enable an individual to be entered effectively within BUCScore as the system uses email addresses as unique identifiers. The email address used for each entrant must be unique to maintain validity of their entry. Changing or duplicating an email address for an entrant may result in the entry being overwritten and therefore withdrawn.

Furthermore, after entries have closed no refunds will be given for withdrawals. This applies regardless of the reason for a withdrawal.

Only individuals entered on BUCScore as part of a team or as a reserve will be eligible to compete.

Entry checks

On Thursday 13th April 2017 BUCS will publish the provisional pair allocations on the BUCS website Beach Volleyball Championships event page and they will also be circulate via BUCS Essentials on Tuesday 18th April 2017. Institutions will have until Thursday 4th May 2017 to request any changes to these allocations. All requests will be considered, but please be aware that it may not be possible to fulfil all requests.

Should any of the competitions be oversubscribed, any entries not originally allocated a space will be added to a ranked reserve list so that in the case of the complete withdrawal of an entry the space can be re-allocated.

During this window institutions can also request to substitute in any of their reserves if required. After Thursday 4th May institutions will only able to use reserves in the case of a NEW injury evidenced by a doctor's note or equivalent up until registration on the day. These reserves must be registered on BUCScore for the relevant competition. Players from lower ranked teams can be pushed up to replace withdrawals from higher ranked teams, or reserves can be used instead. Please note however that players from higher ranked teams cannot be pushed down to lower ranked teams.

If there are player withdrawals or substitutions made, the tournament ranking will not be redrawn.

Withdrawals & no-shows

Institutions should advise [Nick Burley](#) of any withdrawals ASAP so that where possible these spaces can be re-allocated.

Please note that any teams who do not attend the Technical Meeting on the Saturday morning will be fined £20. Any teams who do not attend the competition at all without withdrawing in advance will be fined £30.

Entry disclaimer

BUCS will make every reasonable effort to ensure that its events are run in safe environments. It is the responsibility of all institutions and participants to consider any known medical conditions or disabilities before entering or competing in a BUCS event. If you know or are aware of a medical condition that might interfere with you exercising or participating safely, please consult a medical professional before participating. All participants assume full responsibility for any and all injuries, losses and damages that are incurred while participating in BUCS events.

Additional information required for the BUCScore entry form

When entering Men's/Women's Pairs:

[1] Please rank the pair, with number 1 being the highest ranked [This should be your Guaranteed entry].

[2] Please provide any relevant information on the pair's playing experience and ability (both as individuals and as a pair) to assist with tournament ranking/seeding, e.g. Internationally ranked athletes, beginner/recreational players, former student cup winners.

[3] Please indicate the preferred level of competition for the pair. [Please note that this is an indication and not a guaranteed request].

When entering Mixed Fours:

[1] Please rank the team, with number 1 being the highest ranked.

Pre-event information

Please see the downloads section on the BUCS website Beach Volleyball Championships event page for provisional pre-event information. Final pre-event information will be published on Tuesday 9th May 2017.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via your Athletic Union.

[Nick Burley](#)

BUCS Event Coordinator

Related downloads on the BUCS website

BUCS Beach Volleyball Championships Provisional Pre-Event Information (Final version to be published on Tuesday 9th May 2017)