



Excalibur 2020

This year's competition will be held on 25th & 26th April at Bath University, in the Founders Hall. It will be run by volunteers from Bath Sword Club.

Entry

First refusal for entry will be offered to the eight teams from last year plus last year's winners Kent. Other counties may enter and will be put on a reserve list. Reserve teams will be offered a place should any of last year's teams not confirm their entry by the closing date.

Closing date and Payment

Closing date for entries is 1 March 2020. The entry fee is fixed at the previous two years amount of £365.00 per county plus a £30.00 deposit cheque refundable on supply of three sets of scoring equipment for the weekend. Please make cheques payable to Bath Sword club.

Match Plan

Teams will fence four or five matches on Saturday and three or four on Sunday. Match plans will be issued on arrival.

You will need at least eighteen fencers on each day. Fencers may only take part in one weapon on each day. There are no exceptions to this rule.

In the spirit of the competition, fencers must either reside within the county or be a member of a county club.

Competition

Trophies will be awarded for overall county winner, best team at each weapon and best individual results at each weapon. Trophies will also be awarded for best placed cadet and veteran.

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes to facilitate the smooth running of the competition.

Start time

The venue will open at 08.30. Please present your three sets of scoring equipment to the reception desk on arrival by 09.00. You will then be given piste numbers on which to set them up and receive your £30.00 deposit cheque back. Please ensure all equipment is clearly marked up to aid retrieval at the end of the competition.

First round foil and epee matches will be called at 09.30. Teams not fencing by 09.45 will forfeit the match. All foil pistes will be using double spools. Please reiterate to your foil captains to ensure fencers getting ready are connected to the spare spool. Referees will be directed to issue yellow cards if not.

Sabre matches will be called at 10.00, to start by 10.15.

Presiding

Please ensure your referees are prompt in collecting the pool sheet. Three calls will be made from control at one minute intervals. Teams will forfeit their next match if pool sheet is not collected within three minutes



Access to the Founders Hall

There is no access this year from North Road. Access is from the main University entry end of the campus. Vehicles can be driven past the bus stops to the Founders Hall to drop kit off before returning to the East car park.

From East Car Park, on foot - stand with Sports Training Village on your left and walk towards the bus stops. The Lime Tree cafe will be to your right and a large block with bridge going up over it on its left side in front of you. This is Founders Hall – best approach with long bags is to go round its left end (under bridge) to back entrance so you stay on same level otherwise you climb steps to Student Union Entrance and then have to come down stairs again.

Car Parking and Refreshments & A.O.B.

Although car parking is plentiful there are designated permit holder and pay and display zones. Please check parking regulations on the boards for the weekend and ensure you are in a P&D zone if required. Pay and display charges are £2.00 per day for Saturday and Sundays. There is a cafe called the Lime Tree which you will see on your way in, which does excellent sit in and take away food. There are also cafes and shops upstairs in the Founders Hall.

No food in the sports hall please, drinks only in suitable sports bottles.

The sports hall has recently been refurbished, including a new floor. We have had issues in the past about fencers causing damage to the floor. With this in mind, we will be providing mats on each piste to straighten weapons on. Referees will be directed to issue yellow cards to fencers deliberately striking the floor or not using mats to adjust weapons. Bath Sword Club request you follow this guidance to help us ensure continued good relations with the university and maintain the use of the facilities.

My number if you require any more information is 07962018236.

Bath Sword Club look forward to seeing you all soon.

Tim Miles

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