



VARSITY TRAMPOLINE MATCH RULES

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The Oxford-Cambridge Varsity Match takes place every year on a mutually convenient date within Hilary/Lent term.

The venue alternates from Cambridge to Oxford each year, with Cambridge hosting in even years and Oxford in odd years. Should a club be unable to host for logistical reasons, the other club will host and will alternate from the following year (i.e. swap years).

Each club competes for victory of the Varsity Match; the winner of the Varsity Match shall receive the Varsity Trophy for that year.



RULES

1 - TEAMS

- . 1.1 All participants must be junior members of the university they are competing for under the conditions given by the University Sports Federation/Committee.
- . 1.2 Each club can allow a maximum of four competitors for each of the three teams (A, B and C) to compete in the competition. Each club can also bring up to four additional individuals to compete in a 'Reserve' team, whose scores will not contribute to the final Varsity Match.
- . 1.3 All competitors (including reserves) must be confirmed in advance of the competition. Individuals not within this competitor list cannot be added on the day, however members may move between teams on the day (e.g. A to B).
- . 1.4 There will be three teams eligible to compete for the match – A, B and C. A reserve team comprising no more than four competitors may also be fielded.
- . 1.5 The top three competitors' scores of each team for the first routines shall be added to the top three competitors' scores of each team for the second routines to produce a total score for each club (teams A, B and C).



2 - COMPETITION

2.1 The competition will take place under the rules of the current British Gymnastics Code of Points, except for any changes present within these rules, which take primacy.

2.2 The competition will be judged by 5 execution judges and 1 or 2 difficulty judges. These judges should be qualified, but if this is not possible, adequately experienced/competent judges will suffice. There should also be a Chair of Judges, Manual and Electronic Recorders and a Competition Marshall. Execution judges should be seated in the following order: Home, Away, Neutral, Home, Away. Additional neutral judges may be used, but there should always be an equal number of home and away judges on the panel.

2.3 The home club is responsible for organising the competition and post-competition meal. The away club is responsible for organising transport to the venue (and accommodation if needed). Officials should be provided from both clubs as equally as possible (following the format of §2.2)

2.4 The team competitor starting orders will alternate between Cambridge and Oxford, to be chosen at random by the home club.

2.5 Before the competition begins, the away club should be allowed sufficient general warm-up for orientation to the home trampolines and surroundings. On commencement of the competition there will be a general warm-up followed by a controlled warm-up for each team. All members of the team will then compete their first and second routines straight through. Each team competition shall take place separately and consecutively of each other, starting with C (or Reserves) and finishing with A.

2.6 The first routines shall be as follows:

A – BUCS 3 or SUTL 3 compulsory routine(s)

B – BUCS 4 or SUTL 4 compulsory routine(s)

C – BUCS 6 or SUTL 6 compulsory routine(s)



Reserves – BUCS 6 or SUTL 6 compulsory routine(s)

The second routines for categories B, C and Reserves have difficulty requirements that are equivalent to those published by BUCS and SUTL. The minimum difficulty allowed for these categories will be equivalent to the lower minimum difficulty allowed out of BUCS and SUTL, and the maximum difficulty allowed for these categories will be equivalent to the higher maximum difficulty allowed out of BUCS and SUTL. No move



restrictions from either SUTL or BUCS will apply (i.e. only difficulty limits)

Example, using 2017 requirements:

					Varsity	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
A Team	3.0	3.9	3.0	3.9	3.0	-
B Team	2.2	2.9	2.2	2.9	2.2	2.9
C Team + Reserves	0.5	1.1	0.5	1.1	0.5	1.1

There will be no cap on difficulty in the A team, but team members must perform at least the minimum difficulty required out of BUCS and SUTL, whichever is lower (in 2015, 3.0). Competitors who complete their first compulsory routine, but then perform a full second routine below the minimum difficulty, shall receive a penalty of 1.0 from each execution judge (or the equivalent in the British Gymnastics Code of Points) for failing to fulfil the routine requirements. Similarly, if a routine is interrupted but the competitor could not feasibly meet the requirements had they finished, the same penalty shall apply.

2.7 If a single member of a team is unable to perform the required first routine at their level, they are ineligible to compete and are disqualified. If two or more members of a team are incapable of performing the corresponding first routine for their level, the members who are unable to compete at this level may compete at the level below (and so on), however no difficulty shall be awarded to these competitors in their second routines. This penalty does not apply to team members who can complete the required first routines.

2.8 There should be first aid provision at the competition venue, i.e. the presence of a qualified first aider. This is in addition to adherence to British Gymnastics and University health and safety policies.

2.9 There should be a choice of at least two of the following trampoline beds



available for the competition: 4x4mm 6x4mm 6x6mm If this will not be the case, the home team should give the away team reasonable notice.

2.10 The British Gymnastics national competition matting provision standards and environmental requirements should be adhered to at all Varsity matches.

2.11 Time of Flight (ToF) will not be used at Varsity matches, and any introduction of ToF requirements or standards at BUCS shall not be included in the Varsity competitions.

2.12 Dress requirements shall be the same as the corresponding BUCS or SUTL requirements for each level, whichever is more lenient.



3 – WINNING

3.1 As well as the team event, there is an individual event. Every competitor will receive a certificate (and medals if desired), supplied by the home team.

3.2 The winners of the Varsity Match, and recipients of the Varsity Trophy, are the club with the highest total club score (from A, B and C teams as outlined in §1.5).

3.3 Per §1.5, the total club score is ascertained by adding the top three first routine scores from each team to the top three second routines scores (including difficulty, except §2.7) of each team. Each club will thus have a total score comprising 18 routine scores.

3.4 In the event of a tie in the individual and team competitions, the British Gymnastics tiebreak rule from the current Code of Points shall be used.

If this does not break the tie, the tiebreak rule from the predecessor Code of Points shall be used (and so on) until a winner can be found.

3.5 The club that wins the match is responsible for having the trophy engraved for that year.

3.6 Each club are responsible for letting their own sports union/department know of the match results.

3.7 All scores should be checked by one member from each club before awards are presented.

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