

## *Regional Ladders 2019/20*

### **Aim**

SSS Regional Ladders aim to provide resource effective competitive opportunities prioritising increasing student participation with emphasis on taking part. Regional Ladders are designed to be flexible fixtures throughout the academic year, catering to students who are not competing in British and University College Sport (BUCS) Leagues and want to take part in a relaxed environment.

### **Format**

Regional institutions can enter Regional Ladders prior to an agreed deadline, at which point the teams will be placed at random into a Ladder. Additional teams can join at any time during the season and will enter at the bottom of the Ladder.

Teams play by challenging others in the Ladder. If the higher team wins, the team remains in the same position; if the lower team wins they move above the other with the losing team moving down one place. Teams cannot play the same opposition in consecutive matches.

At the time of scheduling a fixture, teams may challenge the following number of places either side of them;

≤5 teams in ladder = challenge 2 positions either side

6+ teams = challenge 3 positions either side

### **Fixtures**

The challenging team should offer 2 dates (suggested date, Wednesday afternoon). The opposition may accept one of these dates or offer 2 alternatives. Failure to do so within 7 days will result in the team dropping 1 position in the Ladder, this is only applicable when there are 4 teams competing in the Ladder.

Fixtures will be organised by a team leader using [basecamp](#), a communication app. The team member should inform their [Regional Development Coordinator](#) that they are taking part in the Regional Ladder.

A venue can be booked by one of the teams, which then becomes the home team. The home team is also responsible for arranging the relevant referees and officials required. Teams may agree on the number and level of officials required.

In terms of resourcing we would recommend that the home teams are responsible for covering venue costs and away teams are responsible for relevant officiating fees and their transport to the venue. This is just a guide and if the 2 teams wish to split/share resources differently, then they are able to as long as all costs are covered.

All scores must be submitted by the home team to your Regional Development Coordinator no later than 2 working days after the game.

Fixtures may take place within the following playing windows;

- 30th September to 24th November
- 20<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> April

Players participating regularly in BUCS competition are not permitted to take part in Regional Ladders.

### Frequently asked questions

- *My institution isn't currently a member of SSS, can we play?*
  - Yes, entry for non-SSS members is £50 per team and this will be reimbursed should the institution join during the same academic year.
- *Will teams in the Regional Ladders be seeded?*
  - No, starting positions within the Ladders will be randomised.
- *I want to join a Ladder, who should I contact?*
  - Your [Regional Development Coordinator](#) will be able to help.
- *My team has entered a Ladder, how do I arrange fixtures?*
  - Fixture key contact is managed through a programme called Basecamp; check your entry confirmation for details.
- *I have challenged another team, it's been a week and I haven't had a response*
  - Please notify your Regional Development Coordinator.
- *Where can I find the current Ladder standings?*
  - On the relevant [Regional page](#) on the SSS website

If your question isn't answered here, please contact your Regional Development Coordinator.