

Rules for the Varsity Trampolining Match

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The Oxford-Cambridge Varsity Match takes place every year on the Varsity weekend in Hilary/Lent term (the chosen date is set by the home university sports committee). The venue alternates from Cambridge to Oxford each year and will take place in Oxford in 2004. Each club competes in the aim of winning 2 accolades:

1. Varsity points to win the Varsity Match.
2. The Varsity Cup. One team can win (or lose) both the match and the cup; or one team can take the Cup and the other can win the Match (or visa versa).

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 (see appendix A).

1.2 Each team can only allow a maximum of 12 team competitors to compete in the competition but can take judges/coaches/supporters and a maximum of 3 substitutes if they so desire. Each club can also bring up to 3 additional individuals to compete, who's scores will not contribute to the final Varsity Match or Cup tally. This is to allow competition experience. All team competitors and substitutes must be declared before the match in writing and cannot be changed after the novice warm-ups have begun.

1.3 There will be three teams. These are the A, B and C teams (with the A team being the most able competitors).

1.4 Therefore, a maximum of 4 competitors is allowed per team. Only the top 3 scores of these competitors in the set and the top 3 competitor scores in the vol will be included. The scores that count for each round therefore might necessarily come from the same 3 competitors.

2 The Competition

2.1 The competition will take place under national British Gymnastics rules for trampolining (except the changes outlined below). These guidelines are found in the Code of Points for judges.

2.2 The competition will be judged by 5 qualified execution judges (although if absolutely not possible a coach with judging experience will suffice). Also present must be a competent Chair of judges, and at least one recorder and tariff judge. Ideally there should be a competition/warm-up marshal present. Judges should be seated in the order home, away, neutral, away, home so that they are separated, to minimise bias.

2.3 The home club is responsible for organising the competition (the venue, time needed (3-4hrs), purchasing of medals or certificates) and is required to organise at least 3 form/execution judges. At least one of these judges should be neutral, i.e. not a member or an ex-member of the club. The away club is responsible for organising transport to the venue (and accommodation if needed - the home team

should help them with this however). They are also required to provide at least 2 form judges. The other judging/recording responsibilities should be shared between the clubs.

2.4 The order of the team competitions is at the discretion of the home side, but the away team should be notified at least two weeks before the competition. The starting order will alternate between Cambridge and Oxford with the Captain winning the toss deciding which club jumps first. The order of the competitors is declared by clubs before the first round of the competition begins.

2.5 Each competitor is entitled to a minimum of 2 warm-ups and a controlled warm-up (for each round). The first five competitors can have their controlled warm-up before the first competitor competes in that round and the other warm-ups will take place between the competition routines. Captains should remind their teams not to abuse the warm-up periods.

2.6 The voluntary routines for all categories (A, B & C) have no tariff limits within what is considered safe by the panel of judges.

2.7 There should be some first aid provision, i.e. the presence of a qualified first aider.

2.8 The home team captain initially proposes the set routines for each team, which should then be agreed with the away team captain - this should be arranged a minimum of three weeks before the match. Any dispute should try to be resolved by the captains and their committees at first. If there is still dispute, then the routines for the advanced (for A team), intermediate (for B team) and novice (for C team) routines set for BUSA that year will be the routines chosen. If there is an inability of a club to field a team of three competitors able to safely compete the routine, then a simpler set routine should be agreed. For example, this year there was the option of doing the front-drop routine instead of the full-twist routine in the C team event.

2.9 Ideally there should be one 6 x 4mm bed and one 6mm bed available for the competition. If this will not be the case, the home team should give the away team reasonable notice.

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 by the home team).

3.2 The winners of the Varsity match are the club that scores the highest number of Varsity points.

3.3 Two Varsity points are awarded to the team that wins the A team event (team with the highest score after the set and vol).

3.4 One Varsity Point is awarded to the team that wins the B team event (team with the highest score after the set and vol).

3.5 In the event of a tie, see the Code of Points under team ties for what to do.

3.6 The winners of the Varsity Cup are the team with the highest total scores from all 3 teams (A+B+C). However only 3 competitors scores from each round (set,vol) can count towards this total.

3.7 In the event of a tie in the Cup, then the club with the highest total form marks in the set and vol will win the Varsity Cup. If this still results in a tie the team with the highest set and vol scores for the advanced category wins. If this still results in a tie ... follow the Code of Points for team ties on what to do.

3.8 The team that wins the Varsity Cup is responsible for getting the Cup engraved and paying for the engraving.

3.9 The home team is responsible for notifying their union of the outcome of the Varsity Match/points.

3.10 All scores should be checked by one person from each club to ensure they are correct before the awarding of certificates/trophies etc.