

# FISU SUMMER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2025

## TENNIS

The FISU Summer World University Games will take place across the Rhine-Ruhr region of Germany with competition dates across the 16 July 2025 to 27 July 2025.

British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) is sanctioning a GB Students delegation as National University Sports Federation (NUSF) to represent the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The GB Students delegation is anticipated to arrive at the official entry point of Dusseldorf Airport in accordance with the official arrival and departure dates for sporting disciplines.

### Athlete Arrivals

All athletes must activate their accreditation card at least 48 hours before their first competition. Athletes arriving late might not be accredited on time for the General Technical Meeting/Draw of their competition and therefore might not be allowed to compete following the rules of the concerned sports.

### Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 11.59pm on 6 April 2025. All nominations will be open from 28 February 2025.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting document (IANA form) by the deadline may not be considered for selection. Please note that this process will necessitate your university confirming your eligibility in writing on a template form, and this being received by BUCS by the stated deadline.

### Selections

Selections will take place by **April 7 2025**

Selected athletes will be notified by email **by 11 April 2025**

### Athlete Costs

The full cost of participation in this event is covered by the LTA.

### Anti-Doping

All athletes must complete the UKAD Complete Clean+ eLearning course and upload a copy of their course certificate upon nomination. The **Complete Clean+** eLearning can be accessed for free via the [UKAD Clean Sport Hub](#). Once registered, athletes can click onto the relevant eLearning and complete the modules at their convenience. **Complete Clean+** contains 11 modules which explore Anti-Doping topics including athletes' rights under the World Anti-Doping Code, UK Anti-Doping Rules, the Prohibited List, checking medications and supplements, the Testing Process and how to report concerns around doping in sport.

## Eligibility Criteria

For an individual to be eligible to represent BUCS & GB Students they shall:

**INT 1.1.1** Be a British (United Kingdom) national.

**INT 1.1.2** Be a registered student at an institution which is a recognised provider of Higher Education (HE) proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland).

AND

**INT 1.1.3** Be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2007). For 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball the age limit will be exceptionally extended allowing athletes at least 18 and no older than 28 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2007) to take part in it.

AND

**INT 1.1.4** Be registered on a course which is at or above one of the following minimum levels:

- Level 4 on the Framework for higher education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ).
- Level 7 on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).
- Level 4 on the Regulated Qualifications Framework for England and Northern Ireland (RQF).
- Level 4 on the Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW).

**INT 1.1.4.1** An individual at an institution outside of the UK shall be registered on a course equivalent to those covered under INT 1.1.4.

AND

**INT 1.1.5** Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to:

- Where the course is credit rated under CATS (Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme), at least 60 credits per year.
- Where the course is run using guided learning hours, a minimum of 225 hours per year.
- Where the course is a postgraduate course which is not credit rated, no less than 50% of the full-time student programme per year.

**INT 1.1.5.1** A year will be taken as 12 months from the start date of their course.

**INT 1.1.5.2** An individual at an institution outside of the UK shall be undertaking a study programme equivalent to the requirements of INT 1.1.5.

AND

**INT 1.1.6** Be a player who is permitted by the International or National Governing Body of the sport concerned to participate in FISU competition alongside any other competition in that sport.

**INT 1.2 Special cases for participation** Further to any FISU regulations in place at the time, the following individuals are classified as eligible to represent BUCS & GB Students in FISU competitions:

**INT 1.2.1** Notwithstanding INT 1.1.5, an individual who is otherwise eligible under INT 1.1 on a sandwich/industrial placement as part of their course is eligible during this time.

**INT 1.2.2** A former student of an eligible institution (as per INT 1.1.2) who has obtained an eligible qualification (as per INT 1.1.4) from said institution in the calendar year preceding the event. For this event Students graduating in 2024 will be eligible to compete in 2025, as former students who have obtained their qualification in the calendar year preceding the event.

See also detailed eligibility information at the end of this document in **Appendix 1**.

Please note that any athlete who is currently suspended or expelled by FISU, WADA, International or National Federation is ineligible for selection.

### Sport Specific Regulations

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### Sports Criteria

The team will consist of 3 men and 3 women to play in the following events:

- Men's Singles – 2 players
- Women's Singles – 2 players
- Men's Doubles – 1 team
- Women's Doubles – 1 team
- Mixed Doubles – 1 team

Final selection will be at the discretion of the selection panel and will take into account the following criteria:

1. World Ranking (ATP/ WTA/ITF Tour) (singles/ doubles) – *it is desirable that athletes currently hold or previously have held a ATP/WTA ranking for national team seeding purposes*
2. Composition of overall team and potential to medal taking into account singles or doubles\*
3. Previous track record in international team events
4. Previous track record on clay courts
5. LTA open ranking/ NCAA ranking/Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)/WTN
6. Recent performances in ATP/ WTA /ITF /LTA /British National Competition, BUCS or NCAA competition
7. Availability from the travel date to the end of the competition
8. Commitment to a full weekly training schedule
9. Preparation/competitive schedule in the run up to the event
10. Commitment to the GB Tennis Student Team's ethos.

\* In selecting doubles teams, BUCS recognises that the best partnership on court must be put forward and this may, in certain circumstances, mean that the best ranked players may not be paired together. In making this decision, the BUCS Selection Panel shall take into account the previous playing record of the proposed doubles team (if applicable, and with particular consideration being given to performance in relevant tournaments/events), and use its expert knowledge to analyse whether the players under consideration have complementary playing styles.

### Selection Panel

- Matt Wildt BUCS SAG Chair
- Alistair Higham LTA National Universities Manager/GB Student Team Captain
- Barry Scollo GB Student Team Coach
- LTA Performance Team Rep
- Leyanne Jenkins, BUCS International Performance Manager (Non-voting member)

### Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection, in accordance with the Appeals Policy. A full copy can be obtained from [Alistair.Higham@lta.org.uk](mailto:Alistair.Higham@lta.org.uk)

A player may appeal against a nomination decision only on the grounds that:

1. There has been a failure to apply the applicable selection criteria; and/or
2. There has been a failure to adhere to the procedure within the selection committee

The player does not have a right of appeal against any judgment or discretion exercised in the course of making a nomination decision, or against the content of the applicable selection criteria.

### How to appeal

1. The Appeals Procedure is commenced when a player affected by a nomination decision (the **Appellant**), or the player's authorised representative, submits a formal written appeal (the **Notice of Appeal**) to GB Students Tennis Team Leader ([Alistair.Higham@lta.org.uk](mailto:Alistair.Higham@lta.org.uk)).
2. The Notice of Appeal must be received by the LTA by no later than 24 hours after being notified of the nomination decision
3. If a player fails to submit the Notice of Appeal within the time limit set out in this Appeals Procedure he or she will have lost their right of appeal.

No appeals will be allowed against the content of this published selection policy (as amended from time to time).

## Appendix 1 - Eligibility for FISU Summer World University Games 2025

**INT 1.1 Eligible participants** Further to any FISU regulations in place at the time, for an individual to be eligible to represent BUCS & GB Students in FISU competitions they shall:

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**INT 1.1.7** Meet the Sport Specific Eligibility Requirements as defined in the individual competition selection policy for that competition

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**INT 1.2.3** A student who would otherwise be eligible under INT 1.1. who has their studies suspended will not be eligible to compete until such a time as their studies recommence.

**INT 1.3 Transgender athletes** BUCS promotes a zero-tolerance approach to transphobia and any person or institution found to be in contravention of this regulation will face disciplinary action under REG 5.

**INT 1.3.1** For FISU competitions, the policy on transgender participation of FISU and/or the International Federation whose sport specific regulations are being followed shall apply.

**INT 1.3.2** Drug testing procedures and prohibitions, as outlined in INT 1.4, also apply to athletes who identify as transgender. Any athlete receiving treatment involving a Prohibited Substance or Method, as described on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List, should apply for a standard Therapeutic Use Exemption.

**INT 1.4 Anti-Doping** All participants in FISU competitions are subject to the Anti-Doping rules of UK Anti-Doping (UKAD), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), FISU, and the specific sport's International and/or National Governing Body. As such:

**INT 1.4.1** All participants are subject to testing.

**INT 1.4.2** Any individual who is serving a suspension as a result of an Anti-Doping rule violation will not be eligible to participate in any FISU competitions.

**INT 1.5** Allowing ineligible participants to represent an institution will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken. Athletic Union or equivalent staff should in cases of doubt refer the circumstances to the BUCS Sport Compliance and Governance Manager.