

FISU SUMMER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2025

“ROWING”

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 the 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.

1. Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 11.59pm on Monday 31 March 2025.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting Institution Athlete Nomination Acknowledgement (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.

2. Selections

Selections will take place by **Monday 9 June 2025**
Selected athletes will be notified by email **by 10 June, 2025**

3. Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £1750-£2250* inclusive of flights and this will be required in full at the point of selection (*note this will be dependent on when flights will be booked, price may increase or decrease). Students from universities not included as part of the BUCS membership will be required to pay an additional £200 surcharge. Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement and accept financial liability including in the case of withdrawal related to injury or illness.

At the FISU Summer World University Games the cost of the Team Manager and Lead Coach will be covered by British Rowing. This is reflected in the above amount.

4. 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.*

5. Eligibility Criteria

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

- 5.1 Be a British (United Kingdom) national.
- 5.2 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

- 5.3 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

- 5.4 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).

- 5.4.1 An individual at an institution outside of the UK shall be registered on a course equivalent to those covered under 5.4.

AND

- 5.5 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.

- 5.5.1 A year will be taken as 12 months from the start date of their course.

- 5.5.2 An individual at an institution outside of the UK shall be undertaking a study programme equivalent to the requirements of 5.5.

AND

- 5.6 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.

- 5.7 **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:

- 5.7.1 Notwithstanding 5.5, an individual who is otherwise eligible under 5.1 and 5.2 on a sandwich/industrial placement as part of their course is eligible during this time.

- 5.8 A former student of an eligible institution (as per 5.2) who has obtained an eligible qualification (as per 5.4) 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 **Appendix 1** which details the full BUCS eligibility regulations as published on bucs.org.uk

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

6. Sport Specific Regulations

The Sport Specific Regulations as extracted from the Regulations for the FISU Summer World University Games Rhine Ruhr 2025 are detailed in **Appendix 2**.

7. Sports Criteria

To be selected a boat must be composed of rowers who are eligible and, in the opinion of the Selection Panel (as noted in 8), be capable of finishing in the top six at the Games in an event expected to have 9 or more boats. For an event expected to have 8 or fewer boats, the boat must be capable of contending for a medal.

7.1 Medal target

The aspiration for the GB Rowing Team and BUCS is to win 3-5 medals including at least 1 Gold medal in 2025 with all boats in the top 6.

7.2 Priority Boats

Long term planning/development will be considered when forming boats for the FISU World University Games to maximise the performance and potential of the rowers making themselves available for selection. As a result certain boat classes may be prioritised for FISU WUGs once it is clear what talent is available for selection.

Boat class priorities for each discipline and the FISU WUGs will be addressed and determined after the GBRT April Trial and subsequent crew formation testing period(s). At the GBRT April Trials, while the results in small boats will be significant in ranking rowers, they will only form part of the subsequent crew formation process. This will include in most cases crew boat testing to form the 'bigger' boats, alongside the judgement and experience of the Selection Panel.

7.3 Ergometer

Except for U21s (born 01/01/2005 or after) rowers who wish to be considered for selection will need, as a minimum, to meet the GB Rowing Team ergometer standards for U23s for the ergometer assessments to be eligible to compete in the water assessments. Please see the GB Rowing Team Olympic Pathway Selection and Performance Strategy for Seniors and U23s for 2025 which is available to all registered rowers.

7.4 Coxes

The selection of the coxes will be based on their skills in steering and on the contribution the selector and crew coach believe they can make to the crew's performance. The cox may be male or female for either the men's or women's eight.

A cox must weigh a minimum of 55kgs which may include up to 15kg of "deadweight".

7.5 Selection Process

All rowers must follow and have complied with the GB Rowing Team 2025 Season Selection process for Senior/U23s and perform at a standard to gain an invitation to the GB Rowing Team Senior/U23 Trials in April 2025 to be eligible for selection.

If invited to the GB Rowing Team Senior/U23 trials, they must accept the invitation to remain eligible. Unless rowers are being considered for a GB Rowing Team Senior boat, all candidates

for FISU are required to be available for testing at Caversham April 11-13 and available as required to engage with Crew Boat formation, April 14-17.

We recognise the importance of the BUCS Championships in May 2025 for many student rowers and encourage GB Rowing Team candidates to race there. We will work with University coaches to achieve a good balance between their wish to race at this event and the U23/FISU selection pathway. Performances in a small boat (1x, 2-, 2x) at BUCS Regatta may be taken into consideration in the team formation process.

The Selection Panel will consider factors as detailed in the [British Rowing Selection Policy 2025-2029](#), section 5 "Selection Factors".

7.6 Overseas Rowers

Eligible overseas based rowers may be exempt from early season on water trials as per the GBRT Olympic Pathway Selection and Performance Strategy for Seniors and U23s for 2025. However, rowers must commit full-time to GB testing and training from Tuesday 3 June 2025 (women and men).

8. Selection Panel

- British Rowing Head Coach – Olympic Pathway
- Lead Coach – FISU Rowing Team
- BUCS International Student Sport Lead (non-voting)
- British Rowing Independent Selector for U23s (& FISU)
- Coach from the UK University system

9. Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal their non-selection, or de-selection, for the FISU World University Games and details of the appeals process are provided in Appendix 3.

Appendix 1 – BUCS Eligibility Regulations

INT 1 INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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:

INT 1.1.1 Be a British (United Kingdom) national.

INT 1.1.2 Be a registered student at an institution that is a recognised provider of Higher Education (HE).

AND

INT 1.1.3 Be within the age range limits for the specific event they are attending, as set by FISU.

AND

INT 1.1.4 Be registered on a course that 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.

AND

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

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.
- 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 supports equal opportunities in sport for all, to include transgender athletes on the basis of the gender with which they identify. 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.

Appendix 2 – Rowing Specific Regulations for the FISU Summer World University Games Rhine Ruhr 2025

1. GENERAL TERMS

- 1.1 The Rowing events shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of 'World Rowing' (WR), except for the regulation concerning the coxswains, who may be of either gender. In any dispute the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.
- 1.2 The programme and duration of the competition are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee. In principle, the programme will last three days and include the following events:

Men	Women
Single sculls (M1x)	Single sculls (W1x)
Double sculls (M2x)	Double sculls (W2x)
Pair (M2-)	Pair (W2-)
Four (M4-)	Four (W4-)
Eight (M8+)	Eight (W8+)
Mixed Quadruple sculls (Mix4x)	

- 1.3 Each delegation is authorised to enter a maximum of 1 crew per event.
- 1.4 Delegations wishing to 'double up' between boat classes will have minimal flexibility in the programme to allow for these cases. A minimum of approximately 2 hours between each round of a boat class, will be maintained. These 2 hours window will not apply across sculling and sweeping events.
- 1.5 At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or their representative shall confirm and sign the official list of athletes.
- 1.6 Any entry not duly confirmed at the first General Technical Meeting, will not be taken into consideration except for force majeure.
- 1.7 The Organising Committee will provide participating delegations coming from outside of Europe with free boats and oars. All competition equipment will be supplied by an official World Rowing equipment partner.

2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

2.1 Payment (cf. FISU Games General Regulations Art. 5.5.5)

Two months before the opening ceremony of the FISU World University Games, all delegations participating in Rowing must confirm their participation with the payment of a deposit of EUR 425 per athlete and official registered in the Quantitative Entry.

The deposit shall be received by the Organising Committee and shall be credited to the remainder of the participation fees to be paid to the Organising Committee.

2.2 Selection

Should the number of crews taking part in an event exceed the number of available starting positions, a progression system shall be applied according to WR rules of Racing.

2.3 Draw and Seeding

In each event, there shall be a minimum of two-hour interval between two rounds. The progression systems to be used during the regattas of the FISU World University Games shall be prescribed in the WR Rules of Racing (the By-Laws to Rule 57 and Appendix R7).

The draw for the first round of heats shall take place during the General Technical Meeting to be held, in principle, on the day before the first heat. The draw shall be random.

If an event has less than seven entries at the time of the draw, there shall be a preliminary race to determine the lanes for the final.

The draw shall be carried out using the software used by the official timing provider of the event.

If a crew withdraws after the draw up until one hour before the start of the first heat and if the number of crews remaining in the event involves another variant of the heats and repechages, or if such withdrawal results in an avoidable imbalance between the number of crews in each heat, FISU Technical Committee Chair shall hold a new draw.

2.4. In all other aspects not regulated above, the WR Rules of Racing should be referred to.

3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

3.1. Nomination

All international technical officials are appointed by the WR Umpires Commission in consultation with the FISU Rowing Technical Committee Chair. These ITOs must be invited by the OC no less than three months before the opening ceremony of the FISU World University Games.

The OC and the NF will appoint NTOs to complement the team of technical officials required for Rowing.

3.2. Number of Technical Officials

There shall be 19 ITOs:

- 1 President of the Jury nominated by the host country (holding an international umpire licence);
- 18 jury members.

The number of NTOs shall be agreed between the OC and FISU.

3.3. Arrival and departure days

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, all international technical officials are to arrive one day prior to their first official meeting as agreed between FISU and the OC and depart one day after the end of competition.

3.4. Accommodation

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, ITOs are to be accommodated in single rooms.

3.5. Financial obligations

The cost (travel expenses, accommodation, full board and the per-diem) of the ITOs is to be borne by the Organising Committee.

Appendix 3 – Appeals Process for the FISU World University Games 2025

1. Athletes' Right of Appeal

1.1 An Athlete only has the right to appeal against any decision of the Selection Panel in respect of the implementation of the Policy or Process where the Athlete believes that:

1.1.1 there has been a failure to apply the applicable selection criteria; and/or

1.1.2 there has been a failure to adhere to the procedure set out in the applicable selection Policy or Process.

1.2 An Athlete does not have a right of appeal against any judgement or discretion exercised in the course of making selection decisions, or against the content of the applicable selection criteria.

2. Appeal Procedure

2.1 Following the communication of a selection decision the members of the relevant Selection Panel will be available to discuss any grievances.

2.2 In the event that an Athlete is minded to appeal, in the first instance an Appeal is made to the relevant Selection Panel. The appeal process is commenced by the Appellant addressing an email to appeals@britishrowing.org. This email must be received within two (2) working days of the selection decision being communicated and must contain the Notice of Appeal, comprised of:

2.2.1 The appellant's name, address and contact details (email and phone number). If the Athlete is under eighteen years of age it shall also include their date of birth and the name(s) and contact details of their parent or legal guardian.

2.2.2 The details of the decision being appealed;

2.2.3 Details of the grounds of appeal upon which the Athlete relies, including the precise manner in which the Athlete alleges that the selection criteria have not been applied or in which the procedure set out in the applicable selection Policy or Process has not been followed; and

2.2.4 Any documents or written evidence upon which the Athlete relies in support of his or her appeal. These documents must be relevant specifically to the Athlete's grounds of appeal.

2.3 The relevant Selection Panel will consider the Appeal and inform the Appellant in writing as to the outcome of these further deliberations within one (1) working day.

2.4 The Appellant may raise a Second Appeal if they do not agree with the outcome of the Selection Panel's further deliberations. This Second Appeal must be based on the same grounds of Appeal and Notice of Appeal.

2.5 To commence the Second Appeal the Appellant must notify the CEO of British Rowing by email (ceo@britishrowing.org) no later than 1200 of the next working day.

2.6 If a Second Appeal is lodged, the CEO will notify British Rowing's D&G Panel Chair by 1700 of the same working day to convene an Appeal Panel. The Panel shall, where possible, contain at least two members from the British Rowing Selection Appeal Panel Nominees List agreed annually by the Board of British Rowing. At least one Panel member will be from a legal background.

2.7 British Rowing will provide any written response for consideration by the Appeal Panel to the D&G Panel Chair by 1700 of the next working day.

2.8 The Notice of Appeal and British Rowing’s response will be considered by the convened panel within two (2) working days and where necessary the Appeal Panel may request further information in the process of their deliberations.

2.9 The possible outcomes are to:

- 2.9.1 confirm the selection decision under appeal and reject the Appeal; or
- 2.9.2 allow the Appeal and quash the selection decision under appeal and remit the matter back to the Selection Panel identifying the errors they have noted in the conduct of the selection process, requesting that a new decision is made within two (2) working days. The new decision must remedy the errors identified in the conduct of the process to date to the satisfaction of the Appeal Panel.

2.10 The Appeal Panel will inform all parties of their decision in writing via email within one (1) working day of making their decision.

2.11 Provided the previous errors are remedied, the new decision cannot be the subject of a further appeal, even in the event that the new decision produces the same outcome for the Athlete.

3. Costs

3.1 The Appeal Panel has the power at its discretion to make an order for the costs of the Appeal to be paid in such proportions as the Appeal Panel may decide. The costs may include any room hire, travel and other expenses incurred in establishing the Appeal Panel, but nothing shall be included on account of a party’s professional charges for representation or otherwise.

4. Appeal Process Overview

