

# FISU WINTER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2025

## ICE HOCKEY

The FISU Winter World University Games will take place in Torino, Italy with competition dates across the 13 January 2025 to 23 January 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 for Ice Hockey will arrive at the official entry point of Torino International Airport "Caselle" on 9 January 2025 and depart 24 January 2025.

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 11.59pm on 15 September 2024. All nominations will be open from 1 September 2024.

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 **w/b 16 September**.

Selected athletes will be notified by email **the w/b 23 September 2024**.

### Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £2400 inclusive of flights and will be required in full at the point of selection. Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement and accept financial liability including in the case of withdrawal related to injury or illness.

British Universities Ice Hockey will be responsible for the purchase of International travel.

At FISU Winter World University Games the cost of the Team staff will be covered by the British Universities Ice Hockey Association (BUIHA). This is reflected in the above amount. Students from universities not included as part of the BUCS membership will be required to pay an additional £200 surcharge.

### 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).

AND

**INT 1.1.3** Be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31 December of the year of the event (i.e., born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2007); with exception in Para events (Alpine Skiing and Cross-Country Skiing), be 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)

**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 2023 will be eligible to compete in 2024, 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.

### Sports Criteria

Each country is authorised to enter a men's team and/or a women's team composed of minimum 15 players and two 2 goalkeepers and maximum twenty 20 players and three 3 goalkeepers.

Final selection will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel. All athletes will be considered whether they have participated at international level before or not, as long as they can fulfil the programme expectations, detailed below:

- Athletes are expected to meet the FISU/IIHF/BUCS eligibility requirements
- Athletes are expected to have played in a competitive league (e.g. EIHL, NIHL, EIHA/SIHA, BUIHA)
- Athletes must be gaining regular on-ice minutes within the competitive league between 2023-2025
- Consideration will be given based on number of appearances
- Consideration will be given to the previous experience at international competition
- Consideration will be given based on team dynamics and position specific balance.

### Selection Panel

- Ryan Rathbone, GBS -Chair
- Abigail Culshaw, GBS-W Assistant Coach
- Aisling Rafter, GBS-W Assistant Coach
- Marc Forrest, GB Students & BUCS International Performance Manager
- TBC, Independent BUCS Member (Non-Voting)

### Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection, in a First Appeal process; in accordance with the British Universities Ice Hockey Association Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained by emailing [ryan.rathbone@buiha.org.uk](mailto:ryan.rathbone@buiha.org.uk).

## Appendix 1 - Eligibility for FISU Winter 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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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

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**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 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.