

BUCS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024-25

EVENT CRITERIA

Status

The BUCS Cross Country Championships are the annual National Championships for Higher Education athletes.

In 2023- 24, Temple Newsam, Leeds hosted the BUCS Cross-Country Championships on the 3rd February 2024. This one-day event saw 2,000 students from across the UK, come together to enjoy a competitive and exciting Cross-Country Championships. You can see a link to the 2023-24 event [here](#).

BUCS Cross-Country is one of the biggest and best events in the BUCS calendar and we are excited to receive applications to host in partnership with any interested University Athletic Union and/or University Sports Department.

Format

The one-day event currently features four races;

Men's Long: Circa 10km [BUCS Points Available]

Men's Short: 7-8km

Women's Long: 7-8km [BUCS Points Available]

Women's Short: 6-7.5km

[BUCS will apply for and obtain the necessary race permit]

Dates

Ideally the competition will take place on **Saturday 1st February 2025**.

The date is set according to advice from the Home Nation Athletics Bodies to avoid a clash with other major endurance events.

Host venue

One venue is required but joint bids from neighbouring Universities will also be accepted.

The venue should accommodate around 2000 competitors, 250 additional spectators and 50 event staff.

The venue should be accessible to all individuals, e.g. accessible toilets, access routes

Timetable

Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Bid Questionnaire available to complete
Friday 26 th July 2024 17:00	Deadline for submission of Bid Questionnaire
September 2024	Host venue announced

Officials / Marshals

Those bidding for the Championships are responsible for sourcing all officials.

The Officials required are as follows:

- X1 Race Referee Level 3 or 4
- X1 Assistant Referee
- X1 Chief Timekeeper Level 3 or 4
- X2 Timekeepers/Recorders
- X1 Chief Finish Co-Ordinator
- X2 Line Judge/Recorders
- X1 Chief Starter Level 3 or 4
- X1 Chief Start Co-ordinator
- X1 Clerk of Course
- X4 Finish Area Team (N.B. some of these roles could be filled by volunteers familiar with Cross Country)
- X6 Start Team (N.B. some of these roles could be filled by volunteers familiar with Cross Country)

The successful applicant will also need to utilise volunteer marshals to supplement the Officials at the Championships. Marshals are required in the following areas:

- At least x10 Course Marshals (in the 2024 event at Leeds approximately 30 marshals were utilised on the course)

The successful applicant needs to contact the Home County or County Officials Secretary or Regional Officials Secretary in England to source officials.

England Athletics

County Officials' Secretary

<https://d1laub10p5ibfa.cloudfront.net/2024/02/CofSec-List-Updated-080224.pdf>

Tri-regional Secretary contact details:

- Northern – tronorth@gmail.com
- Midlands and Southwest – midsswsecretary@gmail.com
- Southern – elsesec2022@gmail.com

In Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland the successful applicant should look for more information on the following Home Nations webpages:

Welsh Athletics

<https://www.welshathletics.org/en/page/official-s-resources>

Scottish Athletics

<https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/officials/>

Athletics Northern Ireland

<https://athleticsni.org/Officials>

BUCS can help with securing officials if the successful applicant is struggling to secure officials.

Event Budget

BUCS will cover costs for the results service, medical cover, officials' expenses, and associated costs. Hosts are expected to cover venue/facilities costs. This includes potential indoor space for spectators and competitors. All costs to be covered by BUCS will need invoices/receipts.

Hosts are encouraged to generate additional funding from other supporters. All additional funding must be cleared by the BUCS Office, to ensure compatibility with existing sponsors.

A proposed budget **MUST** be submitted with application.

For further information please see the [UKA – Guide to Cross Country Event Organisation](#)