

# FISU WINTER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2025

## CURLING

The FISU Winter World University Games will take place in Torino, Italy with competition dates across the 13 January 2025 to 23 January 2025. Mixed Doubles Curling will commence on 11 January 2025 and the Men's and Women's Curling events will commence on 15 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 Curling is anticipated to arrive at the official entry point of Torino International Airport "Caselle" in accordance with the official arrival and departure dates for sporting disciplines.

### Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 11.59pm on 7 September 2024. All nominations will be open from 19 August 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 **13 September 2024**

Selected athletes will be notified by email **the week beginning 16 September 2024**

### Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £2500 including flights (cost based on UK to Italy, may vary subject to accommodating individual circumstances or requirements). Each athlete will be required to make a personal contribution of £1000 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. The remaining cost will be covered by British Curling.

At FISU Winter World University Games the cost of the Team Leaders or/and Team Coach will be covered by British Curling. 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).

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 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

**Athletes wishing to be considered should ensure they are available on the dates outlined below. Please note that during the WUGS competition period the EJCT Perth and GSOC Masters are scheduled to take place. Perth Masters may be considered a training event for WUG's Men's and Women's Teams.**

Mixed Doubles: 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (availability period 8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

Men's/Women's: 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (availability period 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

### Performance Objective

The objective is a combination of:

- Sending the best team
- Learning about teams and individuals
- Development opportunities for athletes

A combination of different objectives may be applied to different disciplines.

### British Curling Eligibility and Availability Criteria

In addition to the BUCS and FISU eligibility criteria, athletes wishing to be considered for selection must:

- a. Hold a British Passport and be eligible under WCF rules.
- b. Be a current member of the Curling Home Nation\* Governing Body
- c. Be eligible to compete in World Curling Federation (WCF) competitions in the category for which they are being considered for selection.
- d. Be of a level of fitness and health to be able to compete to the best of their ability as determined by medical staff appointed by British Curling.
- e. Have no pending doping offences or currently serving a doping ban.
- f. Be available to compete at the FISU Winter World University Games in the discipline for which they are being considered for selection.
- g. Be available to fulfil all team commitments from the time of selection through to the Games.

\* Home Nation Governing Body is defined at Scottish Curling, Curling England or Welsh Curling.

### Selection Process

- a. Selection for FISU Winter World University Games is open to any athlete who completes the application process **and** fulfils the eligibility criteria outlined within this policy.
- b. Where nation qualification has been achieved the Selection Panel will meet to consider the criteria stated in below with a view to selecting a team of athletes in that discipline(s).
- c. If circumstances arise where the Selection Panel are not able to confirm final selection at the initial meeting in September, British Curling reserves the right to shortlist and postpone final

- d. selection for one or both disciplines to a later date. If this occurs, all individuals under consideration will be informed.
- e. In the event the selection panel are unable to field a team capable of achieving the performance objectives of the event, British Curling reserves the right to withdraw an entry from the event.

### Selection Criteria

The Selection Panel will convene to consider the following criteria when making the selection of any individual athlete with a view to ensuring a cohesive compatible team.

- a. Results at previous Championships and events  
i.e. National Championships, World Junior Championships, World University Games, EJCT results, Tour results in season 2022-23 and season 2023-24.  
Results and statistical information from Championships and Tour Events will be considered
- b. Skills data that may have been gathered on individual athletes in relation to the British Curling What it Takes to Win (WITTW) model.
- c. Team Performance Potential – insights into the individuals most capable of forming winning teams, taking into account playing position and team dynamics.

The FISU Winter World University Games are a steppingstone to future performance and future performance opportunities therefore the Selection Panel will be selecting people who are demonstrating the appropriate commitment to Performance Curling.

It is anticipated that an additional training commitment will be required upon selection for the Games which would involve regular training at the National Curling Academy in Stirling.

***Athletes are reminded that this is a national representative squad, and they should have realistic aspirations to represent their country at a performance level. Please do NOT submit a speculative nomination if you do not meet the above criteria. If in doubt, please contact [international@bucs.org.uk](mailto:international@bucs.org.uk) or [performance@britishcurling.org.uk](mailto:performance@britishcurling.org.uk) before submitting a nomination.***

### **Selection Panel**

- **Interim Chief Operating Officer** – Panel Chair and Non-voting Member
  - Role: To chair the meeting and scrutinise the process, ensure the interests of athletes are prioritised, and hold the panel accountable to the policy and its criteria, and ensure the principles of fairness and acting without bias are upheld.
- **Olympic Head Coach** – Voting Member
- **Interim Performance Director** – Voting Member
- **Olympic Pathway Manager** - Voting Member
- **Performance Analyst** - Non-voting Member
  - Role: To provide performance data and athlete insights as required.
- **Data Scientist** - Non-voting Member
  - Role: To provide performance data and athlete insights as required.
- **Scottish Curling Academy Manager** - Non-voting Member
  - Role: To provide performance data and athlete insights as required.
- **BUCS & GB Students International Performance Manager – Non-voting Member**
  - Role: To oversee all GB Students Selection Panels relating to the FISU Winter World University Games.
- **Performance Administrator – Non-voting Member.**
  - Role: Official record keeper.

The Selection Panel will consider criteria stated above in making its decisions and may also consult other support staff specialists where appropriate.

The selection process is generally an exercise of judgment. Selection decisions are necessarily subjective and an exercise of expert opinion. As such, while an appeals policy is provided for individuals to appeal non-selection on the grounds that the policy has not been adhered to, individuals are not able to appeal against selection decisions on any other grounds including against a selector's judgement. A process whereby an athlete can request an appeal of decisions is provided for in the next section.

British Curling agrees to abide by all selection decisions made by BUCS. Should BUCS choose not to endorse a nomination made by the Sport, it is British Curling, not the individual, that has responsibility to pursue any appeal in accordance with the BUCS's appeals policy.

### **Appeals**

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection, in a First Appeal process; in accordance with the British Curling's Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained by emailing [performance@britishcurling.org.uk](mailto:performance@britishcurling.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 1.1.7** 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.