

FISU SUMMER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2025

SWIMMING

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 31st March 2025 at 23:59.

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 **22nd April, 2025**.
Selected athletes will be notified by email **by Friday 25th April**.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £1800 - £2200 excluding 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.

At FISU Summer World University Games the cost of the Team Leaders or/and Team Coach will be spread evenly across all participating athletes (should no means of other funding be available). 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) 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

[Regulations-for-the-Rhine-Ruhr-2025-FISU-Games-20240903.pdf](#)

Sports Criteria

1. Athletes selected by Aquatics GB (AGB) to represent Great Britain at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships (Singapore) and /or 2025 European Aquatics Under 23 Championships (Slovakia) are NOT eligible for consideration for selection to the FISU 2025 World University Games. AGB team selections will be made on 22nd April 2025.
2. Up to 10 athletes will be selected for the British Students team to compete at the FISU 2025 Summer World University Games. Selections will be made based on performances at the Aquatics GB Championships, 15th -20th April 2025, London Aquatics Centre. Athletes are asked to note that:
 - a. The team size is a maximum and there is no obligation by the panel to select 10 athletes.
 - b. The panel will assess the standard of nominations based on previous World University Games results of nominated athletes in determining team size.
 - c. Each individual event is limited to a maximum of two British athletes.
3. All eligible athletes (those completing the online nomination for by the 31st March deadline and ratified by BUCS) will be ranked, on the basis of their performances in their final round of their individual events at the 2025 AGB Championships. Athlete performances will be ranked as a percentage away from the times in table 1. Athletes recording times closest to the Table 1 time will be prioritised for selection.

Table 1 – Benchmark times

FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
00:24.61	50 Freestyle	00:21.88
00:53.55	100 Freestyle	00:48.06
01:56.65	200 Freestyle	01:45.96
04:04.98	400 Freestyle	03:45.43
08:25.84	800 Freestyle	07:47.80
16:02.39	1500 Freestyle	14:54.29
00:59.46	100 Backstroke	00:53.20
02:08.68	200 Backstroke	01:57.28
01:06.31	100 Breaststroke	00:59.65
02:23.04	200 Breaststroke	02:09.55
00:57.20	100 Butterfly	00:51.35
02:07.96	200 Butterfly	01:54.97
02:10.62	200 Individual Medley	01:57.18
04:37.84	400 Individual Medley	04:11.90

Selection Panel

- Euan Dale, Swimming Performance Pathway Lead, Aquatics GB
- Leyanne Jenkins, BUCS International Student Sport Lead
- BUCS representative to be confirmed

Appeals

There is no facility for an appeal.

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.