

EUSA EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES SPORT ASSOCIATION COMPETITION GUIDE

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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES COMPETITIONS

The European Universities Sports Association (EUSA) organises the European Universities Games and European Universities Championships held biennially in alternative years and invite member associations to enter teams and individuals from institutions. As a member association BUCS enter teams and individuals who qualify through domestic competitions, with athletes at EUSA competitions representing their university. Details about upcoming EUSA competitions can be found on the [BUCS website](#).

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES

The European Universities Games take place in even numbered years, the next in 2026, and is a multi-university sport competition at one location over a period of approximately two weeks. The Games involve the highest level of university teams competing against each other, as such the event represents the largest European multi-sport student event. Participants in this event are university teams and individuals who represent their institution, in comparison to other international university Games where they represent their country. An announcement on EUSA Games is made on their [website](#) regarding hosting of Games and which sport disciplines are covered at each event.

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

European Universities Championships take place in odd numbered years, the next in 2025, and are individual competitions in specific sports disciplines at a variety of locations, in 2013 a total of 19 different sports, with 5 separate events were included in the Sports Programme of the Championships. Participants in these events are university teams and individuals who represent their institution, in comparison to other international Championships where they represent their country. An announcement on EUSA championships is made on their [website](#) regarding which sport disciplines are covered each year.

SPORT DISCIPLINES

On the right is a list of sport disciplines that feature in EUSA competitions and the BUCS qualification route. Teams and individuals will qualify through BUCS domestic competitions either the national championship (league and knockout) or through BUCS events. Sports that do not feature in the BUCS domestic programme are able to qualify dependent upon the support of the sport specific national governing body (NGB).

Individual sports are predominately combat sports including judo, karate and taekwondo. In judo, karate and taekwondo individuals qualify through the BUCS domestic event programme. Para table tennis was a 2022 addition to EUSA competitions and was supported by British Para Table Tennis.

These sport disciplines currently feature in EUSA competitions as of 2022 and EUSA will state annually which sport disciplines will feature in their events per season.

Sport Discipline	Format	BUCS Qualifying Competition
Badminton	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
Basketball	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
3x3 Basketball	Team	Basketball National Championship – League and Knockout
Football	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
Futsal	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
Table Tennis	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
Tennis	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
Volleyball	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
Water Polo	Team	National Championship – League and Knockout
Taekwondo	Individual	Taekwondo Event Series (3) – Event
Judo	Individual	Judo Championships – Event
Handball	Team	Handball Championships – Event
Karate	Individual	Karate Championships – Event
Beach Volleyball	Team	Beach Volleyball Championships – Event
Rugby Sevens	Team	Rugby Sevens Championships – Event

QUALIFICATION

The qualification to European Universities Games and European Universities Championships is through the BUCS domestic leagues and events, subject to specific entry requirements set by the relevant organising committees. Qualification in sport disciplines that do not feature within BUCS' domestic programme is through collaboration with the sport specific national governing bodies and the BUCS International Department. Qualification through the BUCS domestic league and events qualifies the member institution, of which, the university can enter any athlete, not necessarily the athlete(s) who gained qualification for the EUSA competition, although preferable. This allows members to maximise opportunities for students.

All sport disciplines featuring in upcoming EUSA competitions and within in BUCS domestic league and knockout are informed of the opportunity and qualification method at the start of the domestic season and sport disciplines featuring in BUCS events, approximately four to six weeks prior to participating in the event, within the entry information. European Universities Competitions commonly occur in June, July or later in the season.



LEAGUE AND KNOCKOUT DISCIPLINES

Institutions with an applicable team(s) due to compete in a National Championship (league and knockout competition) will receive qualification information at the beginning of the domestic season and are able to 'opt-out' of attendance, using an online form completed by the Institution Administrator, confirming their non-attendance should they reach meet the qualifying standard. See applicable sports disciplines in Appendix A.

EVENT DISCIPLINES

Institutions with a team/individual competing in a BUCS event of an applicable sport discipline will receive information within event entry information, approximately four to six weeks before an event. This information will be within the entry information, within the event guide published prior to the event and announced at the event. Qualifiers are those who finish in the top four in a team sport event (sport disciplines that EUSA declare as team sports) or top two in an individual sports per category (such as combat sport disciplines, declared by EUSA).

In individual sports with weight categories such as judo/karate/taekwondo the gold/silver per category would qualify with discussions with the national governing body on any additional qualifiers.

Teams/athletes are required to confirm attendance within seven working days of the event finishing with the BUCS International Team with approval from their Institution Administrator and/or sports department. Event sports may occur after the first week of April, at which point it is the previous year's domestic events results which will be considered for qualification. See applicable sports disciplines in Appendix B.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Qualification for sports that are both an event and league and knockout-based, within the BUCS programme, will be taken from results in the National Championship due to EUSA Competitions being team-based competitions.

Sport disciplines that do not feature in the BUCS programme will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with the national governing body of the sport, an example of this with previous success is kickboxing with WAKO GB. See applicable sport disciplines in Appendix C.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

EUSA Competitions that run different sport disciplines in a variation of the sport, such as 3x3 basketball, qualify using the format of the sport which features in the BUCS programme. This will be included in the 'opt-out' notification for the relevant teams. National Championship teams that feature within the relevant league(s) for basketball will have the ability to 'opt-out' for both basketball and 3x3 basketball.

All qualification will be subject to regulations and delegation requirements per EUSA competition.

September-October	Opt-out offered for teams due to compete in the National Championship, confirming attendance at EUSA competitions if they were to meet the qualifying standards.
September-February	Qualification information of sport disciplines featuring in BUCS domestic events included on event pages four to six weeks prior to Events taking place (events taking place before first week of April), confirming attendance within seven days after the event completion. Events taking place after first week April, will qualify based on results of the event within the previous season.
November	Confirmed attendance of teams in league and knockout-based sport disciplines if they were to meet the qualifying standards.
November	Confirmed attendance of event sport disciplines from previous season, for events occurring after first week of April this season.
November-February	Information added to event guides for teams and individuals competing in event sports, highlighting qualification process.
November	Confirmed attendance of sports not included in BUCS domestic programme and their qualification method announced by BUCS International department.
November-February	Confirmed attendance of event sports known seven days after event (events occurring before first week of April).
January	BUCS webinar on administrative processes for EUSA competitions.
Mid-March	National Championship semi-finalists confirmed as qualified, knowledge of who will attend EUSA competitions known prior due to opt-out process.
April	All event sport disciplines teams/individuals confirmed as qualified and attending, knowledge of who will attend EUSA competitions known seven days after each event, or through previous season qualification.
June-September	Attend EUSA competition(s).

ENTRY PROCESS- OVERVIEW

EUSA competitions involve participants that represent their institutions, and it is the institutions that must complete the administrative processes for entries to EUSA competitions and are responsible for all finances that are related to entries, except for entries for composite sports. Administration for composite/individual sports will be completed by BUCS, or another relevant body. Students who qualify in composite sports will be communicated to directly from the BUCS International Team.

ENTRY PROCESS - EUSA

(G)eneral Entry- BUCS administration

(Q)uantitative Entry- institution administration

(I)ndividual Entry and Travel Plans- institution administration

Institutions are responsible for entering their team(s), with the BUCS international department, completing this for individuals who compete in composite sports. All stages of the entry process must be processed by the institution administrator and/or sport department, except for the general entry which is completed by BUCS.

ADMINISTRATION

Institution administrators and/or institutions sport departments will be responsible for confirming the registration of team(s) per EUSA competition with the BUCS International Team. This is through the opt-out process for league sport disciplines and with confirmation of attendance seven days after a BUCS event. Registration for sport disciplines that do not feature in the BUCS domestic programme will be dependent on national governing body participation in the EUSA competition and announced by the BUCS International Team on a case-by-case basis.

The teams must then provide specific information to BUCS, including:

- Contact person details
- Preliminary delegation numbers

The contact person should be an individual at the institution who is going to take responsibility for completing entry administration on behalf of their teams. They will be given access to the EUSA registration portal to be able to complete the process. It is recommended that this is one individual responsible for all teams per institution.

Preliminary delegation numbers relate to the estimate of number of individuals who will attend the EUSA competition including athletes, coaches, team managers, physios, media and any other related personal. All individuals who support the athlete are classed as officials. Some sport disciplines may require teams to supply a referee which will be confirmed at this point. Delegation regulations will be confirmed by EUSA and detail the delegation size per team and number of officials required.

It is mandatory to have one non-competing individual travel with the team who will be responsible for all individuals. This is often a team manager or coach. They cannot be a student.

BUCS will enter the ranking of the teams when completing the General Entry. Team ranking will be in order of final season position with ties decided by performance. EUSA will then approve the teams who are able to take part in the competition dependent on the competition structure per event and how many university teams the organising committee can host. If an entry is not approved by EUSA the deposit will be returned.

Once the contact information and preliminary numbers are provided to BUCS, and approved by EUSA, the contact person per institution will be invited to login to the EUSA portal where they can complete all further steps of the administration process.

Key points for the General Entry:

- BUCS will enter the confirmed teams and individuals and pay the deposit to EUSA.
- Invoices will be sent to institutions which must be paid by a set deadline.
- EUSA will approve the teams' entries.
- BUCS will enter the contact information and create an account on the EUSA portal.
- Only general entries with deposits paid within the defined deadlines will be considered.

ENTRY PROCESS - GENERAL ENTRY

BUCS will complete the 'General Entry' of all teams and individuals once confirmation of attendance is complete. This is the only part of the entry process that BUCS will complete on behalf of institutions.

The 'General Entry' process involves confirmation of attendance to EUSA and a payment of a BUCS deposit. This deposit payment includes the general entry deposit and BUCS admin fee. At this point the deposit payment should be paid to BUCS who will then pay the required EUSA deposit for all team(s) and individuals. Failure to complete payment to BUCS will result in no entry being processed.

Full financial obligations can be seen in Appendix D.



ENTRY PROCESS - QUANTITATIVE ENTRY

Quantitative entry form opens after the submission and approval of the general entry form. Institution administrators and/or representatives from the sport department will complete this part and beyond. The quantitative entry process involves entering the exact numbers of participants who will attend the event into the EUSA portal. The number of participants that are entered in this process are the exact amount that the institution will be invoiced for. If a referee is required, it must be entered at this point. BUCS are unable to complete these sections on behalf of institution this must be done by the contact person listed in the General Entry.

The quantitative form gives the outline for the number of male and female athletes and officials attending so the local organising can begin to organise accommodation and food etc. The 'Head of Delegation' must be entered at this stage and is the team leader per team. It is not possible to add individuals after this stage.

The quantitative entry form will automatically generate the 'EUSA Entry Fee' invoice based on the amount of people attending. This is usually 30 euro per person and must be paid to EUSA before the deadline set. To note, they must receive this exact amount in euros i.e., four individuals x 30 euro = 120 euro. Any international transfer fees must be handled by the institution/team. It is important to note that international transfers may take multiple days to reach the EUSA account. EUSA should be set up as a supplier per institution.

ENTRY PROCESS- REFEREE ENTRY

Some sport disciplines may require teams to bring a referee to the event or pay a fee to cover the appointment of referees. Referees with an international license issued by ISF/ESF or at least with the highest national license issued by NSF are allowed to be involved in EUSA competitions (if defined in the technical regulations of each respective sport). Referee's licence needs to be submitted by the Quantitative Entry deadline and must be verified and approved by the Technical Director of the sport and/or the organising committee.

Key Points for the Quantitative Entry:

- Institution contact person enters number of male and female athletes and officials (participants).
- Institution contact person enters referees, if required.
- EUSA portal generates EUSA entry fee invoice.
- Institutions must pay the EUSA entry fee invoice before the Quantitative Form deadline.





ENTRY PROCESS- TRAVEL PLANS

Travel plan opens after the submission of the Quantitative Entry Form and should be completed at the same time as the Individual Entry. Prior to this, submission is not possible.

The travel plan involves detailing the number of persons arriving and departing together, for example on the same flight. One travel plan therefore refers to the participants with the same date, hour and point of arrival/departure. Otherwise, additional travel plans should be created. Official arrival and departure dates are set by the organising committee, and it is considered as breach of discipline to arrive later or leave the event earlier than required by the official dates. Any arrangements that deviate from official dates must be confirmed with the organising committee and additional nights' accommodation sourced independently if needed.

COMPETITION CLOTHING

Teams will represent their institution alongside other institutions from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Teams and individuals are obliged to wear their specific university kit/colours throughout the competition. Institution administrators or sport leads will be able to purchase a commemorative item of clothing on behalf of their sport teams from the designated kit supplier's page. This will not be purchased by BUCS.

WEBINARS

BUCS international department will host webinars throughout the season to provide further information on specific EUSA competitions as well as provide support to administrators who are completing the entry process.

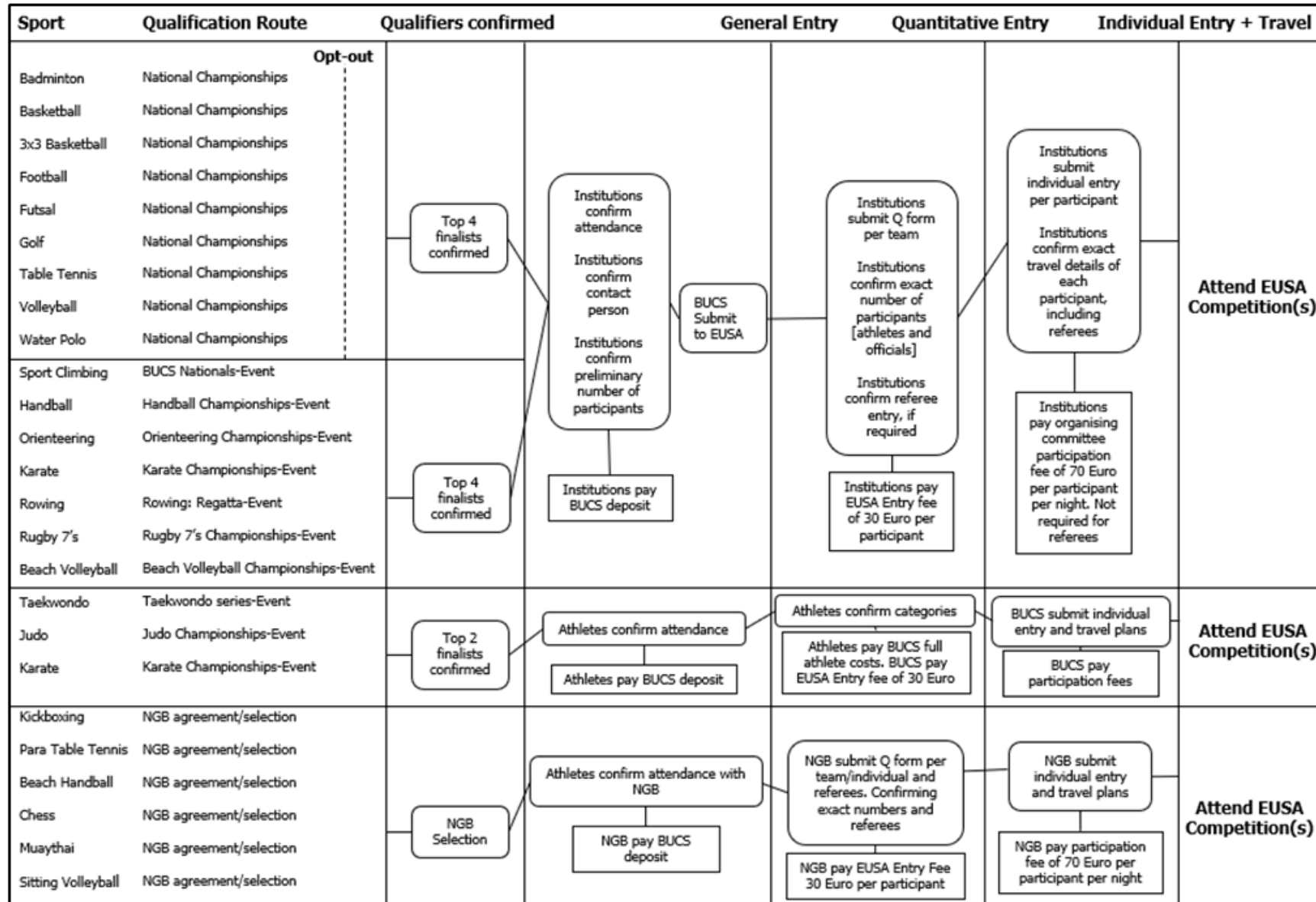
TEAM LEADERS AND UNIVERSITY DELEGATION STAFF

Each sporting discipline is required to provide a 'Team Leader'. This is a non-competing, non-student official from the same university, that will attend the event and act as the responsible individual per team. Institutions that have multiple teams competing should have a Team Leader per competing team. This individual will have full responsibility for their team and complete all operational elements including onsite accreditation, attending team leader meetings, and acting as a point of contact for the Organising Committee and BUCS office. Individual composite sports will have team leaders appointed by BUCS, the national governing body or other relevant body.

Universities are encouraged to send additional practitioners including physios, coaches, and support staff to gain international university competition experience, with BUCS supporting workforce development opportunities to members. This experience may be valuable when applying for roles with GB Students at FISU World University Games. In addition, providing a greater level of welfare, safeguarding and provision to aid student experience and performance.



APPENDIX- OVERVIEW DIAGRAM



APPENDIX A- LEAGUE AND KNOCKOUT SPORTS

A breakdown of the current domestic sport disciplines that feature in the BUCS league and knockout programme and EUSA competitions, in 2024-25.

3x3 basketball qualification will be through the Basketball National Championship. Teams in the National Championship for basketball will be asked to opt-out of both basketball and 3x3 basketball.

***In Games years reaching a National Championship semi final qualifies a team/individual to attend said Games, alternatively in Championship years finishing in the top four of a National League or Premier Tier league qualifies a team/individual to attend said Championships, subject to specific qualifying standards.**

Sport Discipline	BUCS Qualifying Competition*	Qualifying Positions*
Badminton	National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four
Basketball	National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four
3x3 Basketball	Basketball National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four
Football	National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four
Futsal	National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four
Table Tennis	National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four
Tennis	National Championship/National League	Semi Finalists/Top Four
Volleyball	National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four
Water Polo	National Championship/Premier Tier	Semi Finalists/Top Four

APPENDIX B- EVENT SPORTS

Sport Discipline	BUCS Qualifying Event(s)	Qualification
Taekwondo	Taekwondo Event Series (3)	Current season qualification (1)
Judo	Judo Championships	Current season qualification (2)
Karate	Karate Championships	Current season qualification (2)
Handball	Handball Championships	Previous season qualification (4)
Beach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball Championships	Previous season qualification (4)
Rugby Sevens	Rugby Sevens Championships	Previous season qualification (4)

A breakdown of the current domestic sport disciplines that feature in the BUCS events and EUSA competitions.

Team sport disciplines allow four teams to qualify per event.

Individual sport disciplines allow one or two qualifiers per category, with further subject to national governing body discussion.

APPENDIX D FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

See below a summary of all financial obligations for EUSA competitions. The EUSA portal will automatically calculate invoices for payments two and three.

1. BUCS Deposit

Deposit amount will differ per competition (EUSA Games, EUSA Championships).

Deposit amount to be paid per team, e.g., women's basketball and men's basketball from the same institution will require two separate deposits.

Deposit amount will include:

- EUSA deposit fee (set by EUSA for each sport discipline).

2. EUSA Entry Fee

50 euro per participant.

- Entrance fee paid directly to the European Universities Sports Association (EUSA).

- Payment must be received prior to the Quantitative Form deadline.

3. Organising Committee Participation Fee

- 75 euro per participant, per night.

- Fee paid directly to the local organising committee of each competition.

- Fee covers accommodation with full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner inclusive of arrival and departure days), as well as transportation from the airport, local transportation, training sessions, competitions, ceremonies, and general organisation of the event.

- This amount is calculated automatically based on the numbers entered in the Quantitative Entry Form minus the EUSA deposit that was collected as part of the BUCS deposit.

To note, the 2024 EUSA Games deposit fee ranged from 642-3210 EURO per team, to be published with the rules and regulations for each specific competition.

To note, payments two and three must be paid in euros and any international transfer fees should be handled on the side of the payee. International transfers may take some days to process, this payment should be completed in advance of the deadline.