

FISU Summer World University GAMES 2025

FENCING

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 31 March 2025.

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 6 May 2025

Selected athletes will be notified by email by 9 May 2025

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £2250 – 2700 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). Students from universities not included as part of the BUCS membership will be required to pay an additional £200 surcharge.

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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

FENCING

GENERAL TERMS

1.1. The Fencing events will be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the "Fédération

Internationale d'Esgrime" (FIE). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of these rules, the French text will be regarded as authoritative.

1.2. The programme and duration of the competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee. In principle, the programme will last six days and will include the following events:

Individual events:

Men Women

Epée Epée

Foil Foil

Sabre Sabre

Team events:

Men Women

Epée Epée

Foil Foil

Sabre Sabre

1.3. Each delegation is authorised to enter 24 athletes.

For the individual competitions, a delegation can enter a maximum of 4 athletes for each weapon. Each athlete may

compete in more than one weapon.

For the team competitions, each delegation can enter only 1 team for each weapon. Each participating team is made up of a maximum of 4 athletes and a minimum of 3.

1.4. At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or their representative shall confirm and sign the official list of athletes.

Any entry not duly confirmed at the first General Technical Meeting will not be taken into consideration except for force majeure.

Only with an accreditation card approved by the CIC can an athlete be entitled to participate in any of the competitions.

PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

2.1. Payment (cf. FISU Games General Regulations Art. 5.5.5)

Two months before the opening ceremony of the FISU World University Games, all delegations participating in Diving must confirm their participation with the payment of a deposit of EUR 425 per athlete and official registered in the Quantitative Entry.

The deposit shall be received by the Organising Committee and shall be credited to the remainder of the participation fees to be paid to the Organising Committee.

2.2. Seeding and Draw

Fencers participating in the individual competitions will be seeded according to their current position in the FIE World Cup ranking.

The position of unranked fencers will be randomly drawn. For team events, teams will be seeded based on the results of their team members in the individual competitions.

The three best results will be added up to determine the seed in that particular weapon. The team with the smallest sum will be seeded as number one, etc.

Fencers not participating in the individual competition of a discipline will receive a number equal to the total of participants in the respective individual event plus one.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

3.1. Nomination

All international technical officials are nominated by FIE and approved by the FISU Fencing Technical Committee Chair. These ITOs must be invited by the OC no less than three months before the opening ceremony of the FISU World University Games.

In addition, FIE will nominate five ITOs into the Technical Committee for Fencing. The OC and the NF will appoint one ITO to be part of the Technical Committee and NTOs to complement the team of technical officials required for Fencing.

3.2. Number of Technical Officials

There shall be 37 ITOs:

- 5 ITOs for the Technical Committee (4 ITOs to be nominated by FIE and 1 by the NF);
- 24 foreign referees (to be nominated by FIE);
- 8 domestic referees (to be nominated by the NF and notified to FIE).

All referees must have an active FIE license (i.e. must have refereed an international competition in the previous two years).

The number and the roles of the NTOs shall be agreed between the OC and FISU.

3.3. Arrival and departure days

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, all international technical officials are to arrive one day prior to their first official meeting as agreed between FISU and the OC and depart one day after the end of competition.

3.4. Accommodation

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, ITOs are to be accommodated in single rooms.

3.5. Financial obligations

Participating teams must pay a contribution fee for the ITOs' costs to the Organising Committee in order to cover the cost (travel expenses, accommodation, full board) of the international referees from FIE according to the prorata of athletes registered.

The fixed contribution fee for the ITOs' costs is indicated in the General Regulations Article 5.5.9.

The cost (travel expenses, accommodation, full board and the per-diem) of the five ITOs into the Technical Committee is to be borne by the Organising Committee.

Sports Criteria

[Extract from BF's GBR Selection Policy:](#)

144. BF Performance Criteria - Selections will be made using the following order of priority:

a) Meeting the any of the qualification standards at Senior International nominated events. (See item 53.)

b) Medal winning performance at Major Championships at Under 23 level during the current or previous season. (ref 53.b)

c) Medal winning performance at Major Championships at Junior level during the current or previous season. (ref 53.b)

d) Meeting qualification standards at U23 International Nominated events. (See item 53.)

e) Meeting qualification standards at Junior International Nominated events. (See item 53.)

f) Discretionary selection through the GPP using the General Principles set in section 5.3.1

145. BF reserves the right for this specific event to require athletes to be aged 18 or over on the date of travel. This decision will be based on safeguarding and security considerations.

Selection Panel

- Chair – Dusty Miller - Head of Performance Coaching
- GPP Performance Rep – Sarah Jones – Head of Talent
- GPP Weapon Rep – Epee – Lindsay Bottoms
- GPP Weapon Rep – Sabre – Anthony Crutchett
- GPP Weapon Rep – Foil – Mike McKay
- Pathway Data and Insight – Ian Lichfield (Non-voting)
- GB Students International Student Sport Manager, Leyanne Jenkins (Non voting)

Appeals

Extract from BF's GBR Selection Policy:

15. APPEALS & COMPLAINTS

175. Any athlete who has not achieved the eligibility criteria and qualifying performance standards for automatic selection for any International Competitions or Major Championships shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.
176. Any athlete who has not provided a completed IADP shall have no right of appeal against non-selection for these competitions.
177. An athlete shall have no right of appeal against non-selection because the data supplied by the Athlete (via the most recent submitted IADP or in the case of returning performers, the Discretionary Application Form) was missing or inaccurate.
178. The Appeal Policy and Procedure is published on the BF website.
179. Outside of matters that fall under the Appeal Policy and Procedure, general comments and complaints relating to selection can be sent using the following form: [Click here](#). They will be handled according to the Comments and Complaints Policy.

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.