

CHANGCHUN 2027 WINTER UNIVERSIADE

SKI-MOUNTAINEERING

The FISU Winter Universiade will take place in Changchun, China with the Opening Ceremony taking place on 15th January and Closing Ceremony on 25th January 2027, with all competition dates between. The event website can be found [here](#), providing more information on the event.

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.

Please read all the information below carefully, taking note of deadline and all actions required to self-nominate.

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must complete and submit their self-nomination online form and upload all relevant files on the [BUCS website](#) by 11:59pm Friday 11th September.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration may not be considered for selection.

To complete the self-nomination online form, you will be required to upload the following documents:

- Accreditation photo (passport size, white background, neutral expression, no selfies)
- Passport (in a jpeg or pdf format with a **minimum of 6 months validity** after the expected return flight date)
- FISU Eligibility Certificate (this process will necessitate your university confirming your eligibility in writing on a template form and gaining your University stamp. The form is available for download on the online registration form – this will need to **be signed and stamped by a member of your university**).

Please note there may be additional documentation requirements for para-athletes. On completion of your online registration, Amy Garrett, the International Student Sport Coordinator will be in contact to liaise with you directly any additional documentation requirements.

Selection Information and Process

Selections will take place by **18 Sep 26**

Selected athletes will be notified by email **the week beginning 21 Sep 26**

Once BUCS writes to confirm the selected Athletes, the process is open for any appeals. Please see the appeals process towards the end of this document for further information.



Once the appeals process has been completed and the final selection has been confirmed, you will have **24 hours** to confirm your acceptance to BUCS, return your completed **Team Member Agreement** and confirm your preferred payment option.

Upon receipt of your completed Team Member Agreement and confirmation of your acceptance, you will be issued an invoice to secure your place.

Post this, we will be in touch to book a phone call to discuss your travel plans.

Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement and accept financial liability including in the case of withdrawal related to injury or illness.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the range of £ 3270 – 4150 plus return flights for the athlete.

Please note, this is based on 2 athletes and 1 coach attending the event – the outcome of selections will determine athlete numbers and final athlete cost to attend.

Payment Plan

If you would like the option to pay your invoice instalments, please see options below.

There are 3 payment options available.

- 1) Payment of the full amount at the point of selection.
- 2) Payment of non-refundable deposit at the point of selection, 2nd payment of remaining balance by 1st December.
- 3) Payment of non-refundable deposit at the point of selection, the remaining balance paid in two monthly instalments on 1st November and 1st December.

Deposit

The deposit required is £400.

What's included in the costs

The costs above include event entry, accreditation, accommodation, food, in-country airport transfers and GB Students winter leisure kit (see provisional list below). They also include a contribution towards the central support team, including the Chef de Mission and a small volunteer support team (dependent on final athlete numbers), as well as physiotherapy and medical provision.

Not included:

Return flights and your travel / sport insurance is not included in the costs. In coordination with Amy Garrett, BUCS International Student Sport Coordinator, Athletes are to book and pay for their own return flights and UK transfers.

Insurance

Athletes are required to purchase their own insurance for travel and the event, as per regulations.

Coaches / Fee's

At FISU Winter Universiade the cost of the Team Manager or/and Team Coach will not be covered by GB Skimo. This is reflected in the above amount and covers their travel, kit, accreditation and stay / food at the event.

Coaching fees shall be arranged directly with coaches, and any coaching fees will be settled between athlete and coach.

Travel information / Proposed travel dates:

The GB Students delegation for Ski Mountaineering is anticipated to arrive at the official entry point of Changchun Longjia International Airport (CGQ) in accordance with the official arrival and departure dates for sporting disciplines.

Based on the current schedule, GB Skimo and BUCS have developed a draft travel plan to help determine the anticipated number of days at the event and estimate the associated costs for each event, as shown above. Costs are presented as a range to reflect the current uncertainty around travel dates, duration of stay and final delegation numbers.

Subject to confirmation, we propose the GB Skimo delegation to arrive on 17 Jan 27 and depart on 25 Jan 27.

Travel and competition dates are based on the FISU draft schedule (as of 1 June 2026), available [here](#). As FISU and the OC may continue to update the schedule, please check online for the latest version.

MON 19-Jan	TUE 19-Jan	WED 20-Jan	THU 21-Jan	FRI 22-Jan	SAT 23-Jan	SUN 24-Jan	MON 25-Jan
Unofficial Training	Unofficial Training	Vertical WM 11:00-11:45 W 12:00-12:45 M	Individual MW 10:00-12:00 W 12:30-14:30 M	Reserve day	Sprint WM 11:00-13:30	Mixed Relay 11:00-13:45	Reserve Day

These travel dates allow c.72 hrs to land and settle at the event, aligning to the FISU Technical regulations which state: Athletes taking part in the Winter Universiade must arrive in the Universiade Village at least 48 hours before their first competition.

As the competition schedule remains provisional, all costs are indicative estimates. We aim to confirm the final costs once the OC publishes the final schedule and our delegation numbers are confirmed following completion of all sport selections, expected by mid-to-late October.

Once your selection has been accepted, Amy Garrett, the International Student Sport Coordinator, will be in touch to discuss the competition schedule and your proposed travel plans, and to agree the most appropriate travel arrangements so Skimo Athletes can book their own return flights and UK transfers. This will also help us finalise costs and total nights staying at the event.

Non-BUCS Member Universities

Please note: Students from universities not included as part of the BUCS membership will be required to pay an additional £200 surcharge.

Winters Leisure Kit – Provisional list

We are working with Trespass around the following items to be included in the GB Student kit and as part of your total cost;

Slope Sports

- Ski Jacket
- Under jacket
- Softshell trousers
- Ski Trousers
- Hoodie
- 4 t-shirts
- Backpack
- Gloves
- Fleece Hat
- Snood
- Blanket

ISMF Licence

FISU requires each athlete to have an ISMF 'Elite' licence. If an athlete does not possess one already, the BMC will arrange for its issue. Licences are €100 for seniors / U23s or €60 for U20s / U18s, and must be paid for by the athlete. In turn, the ISMF requires all licence holders to be members of their National Governing Body; athletes must ensure they join the BMC prior to the licence being arranged.

Dual Nationality

If you hold dual nationality, please ensure you travel on and with your British Passport.

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 for FISU Winter Universiade 2027

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 28 years of age on 31 December 2027 (i.e., born between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2009). Para Alpine Skiing and Para Cross-Country Skiing athletes must be at least 18 on 31 December of the year of the event (i.e., born on or before 31 December 2009);

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 1.1.7 Meet the Sport Specific Eligibility Requirements as defined in the individual competition selection policy for that competition

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.

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 Gender eligibility For all FISU competitions, the gender eligibility criteria will be as communicated by FISU.

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 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 1.4.3 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 1.4.4 All delegates will be required to complete the UKAD Introduction to Clean Sport qualification prior to attending the any GB representative event.

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 are to submit a detailed skimo racing 'CV', setting out their performance level, qualifications and experience in skimo, supplemented by their ability and results in other related disciplines (fell running, orienteering, downhill skiing, ski touring, alpine mountaineering etc.).

Included in this, athletes should submit a record of their skimo race results from the 24/25 and 25/26 winter seasons. Each result must be accompanied with a link to the official results.

As a guide, races should come from the following list, or be similar in prestige / quality of field:

ISMF World Cup	CISM - Military World Winter Games	Skimo Scotland Races
ISMF Youth WC	FISU World University Games	Transvanoise
ISMF World Champs	Asian Winter Games	La Grande Trace
ISMF European Champs	National / Continental Cup races	La Trace des Grands
ISMF Series	Les Pointes Blanches	Serre Che Glacier
Sella Ronda	National / Continental Championship races	L'Etape de la Pierre
Grande Course races	British Skimo Championships	Mountain Attack

The panel shall exercise performance discretion in assessing the overall strength of each athlete's case against the purpose of the policy. No single result, ranking or consideration will automatically determine selection or non-selection. The panel may give different weight to different factors depending on the circumstances of the event, athlete trajectory, medal potential and competition demands.

Should more athletes meet the quality standard than there are quota places (8M & 8F), then the panel shall rank athletes and select those of the highest quality, until the quota is reached.

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel, which is responsible for the implementation of the Policy, will be conducted by GB Skimo, on behalf of the British Mountaineering Council.

The Selection Panel will consist of the:

- Chair of GB Skimo (selection panel chair);
- GB Skimo Team Manager;
- BUCS; either Head of International Student Sport, or International Student Sport Coordinator will represent at the selection panel, as an observer and non-voting member.

Appeals

Any appeal shall follow the British Mountaineering Council's standard [selection appeals procedure](#).