



## **FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**

The FISU World University Triathlon Championships 2026 (WUCs) will take place in Nyon, Switzerland with competition dates of the 8-9 August.

British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) are sanctioning a GB Students delegation as National University Sports Federation (NUSF) to represent the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The delegation will arrive to Nyon, Switzerland on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and depart on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2026.

The Championship will comprise of individual and mixed relay events.

### **Nominations**

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an expression of interest on the BUCS website by **11.59pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** .

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting document (including the FISU Eligibility 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 the FISU Eligibility Form, and this being received by BUCS by the stated deadline.

### **Selections**

Selections will take place by Thursday **2 July 2026**

Selected athletes will be **notified by email by latest COB Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026.**

**You will have 24hrs to confirm your acceptance.**

### **Athlete Costs**

The cost of participation in this event will be in the **range of £925 - £995** plus the cost of your return travel to the event, noting all Athletes are to book their own return travel and arrive at the team hotel on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 and depart Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

The athlete cost will be required in full payment at the point of selection by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.**

The above amount includes event entry, accreditation, travel insurance, GB Student leisure kit, accommodation, food and transfers to / from the event from the arrival location in Switzerland.

The event organisers will provide transfers between the official entry point (Geneva Airport or Nyon train station) to the accommodation.

Students at non-BUCS Member institutions must pay an additional supplement of £200.

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

**GB Student leisure kit supplied by Canterbury includes:**

- Club-dry polo (white)
- 2 x Club dry t-shirts (round-neck)
- Club ¼ zip mid layer training top
- Club Shorts
- Club Jacket
- Stretch tapered pant
- Medium backpack

**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 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2008)

*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

### **SECTION 1: BRITISH TRIATHLON ELIGIBILITY**

To be considered for nomination to the Championships athletes need to meet **ALL** the stated eligibility criteria (British Triathlon, BUCS and FISU) in full.

- a. Be a member in good standing of a Home Nation Triathlon Association which is a member of the BTF and eligible to represent Great Britain in international championships under the rules of World Triathlon;
- b. Have self-nominated via BUCS [here](#) and filled out the required nomination form in full by 25/06/2026
- c. Have undergone the required World Triathlon Pre-Participation Examination and submitted the BTF Fit-To-Compete (FTC) form to [eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org) by 25/06/2026;
- d. Have completed the UKAD Compete Clean + e-learning course AND uploaded the certificate of completion to the World Triathlon education hub by 25/06/2026;
- e. In respect of nomination for the female event, be an athlete who was registered as a female at birth. See the BTF Transgender Policy [HERE](#);
- f. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

### **SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS - INDIVIDUAL EVENT**

- 2.1 A team of 4 male and 4 female athletes will be selected for the individual male and female events.
- 2.2 Athletes must inform BTF immediately if there is any change to the information provided on their FTC (see paragraph 1.1.1[i]) after its submission. If information disclosed by the FTC suggests increased risk of racing, or if the Panel are made aware of any potentially significant medical conditions that were not disclosed by the athlete, the Panel reserves the right not to nominate the athlete to this event or withdraw them from the start list.

## 2.3 Selections

**2.3.1** Eligible athletes who have achieved one or more of the following criteria by **June 28 2026** will be considered for to the FISU World University Championships and selected to the team according to the priority order listed below.

### **In the 2025 and/or 2026 season:**

- i. A podium at the Paris Olympic Games; OR
- ii. A podium at the WTCS Grand Final; OR
- iii. Multiple WTCS podiums; OR
- iv. A top 5 at the Paris Olympic Games; OR
- v. A podium in a WTCS race; OR
- vi. A top 5 in the WTCS Grand Final; OR
- vii. A top 5 in a WTCS race; OR
- viii. A top 8 in the WTCS Grand Final; OR
- ix. Multiple podiums at European Standard Distance Championship / European Sprint Championship / World U23 Championship / WC races; OR
- x. A top 8 in a WTCS race; OR
- xi. A podium in the European Standard Distance Championship / European Sprint Championship / World U23 Championship / a WC race; OR
- xii. Multiple top 12's in a WTCS race / OR A single WTCS top 12 AND Grand Final top 15; OR
- xiii. A top 5 in the European Standard Distance Championship / European Sprint Championship / World U23 Championship / a European WC race; OR
- xiv. Multiple top 5's in a World Cup race; OR
- xv. Multiple podiums at European U23 Championship / World Junior Championship / European Cup races; OR
- xvi. A top 8 in the European Standard Distance Championship / European Sprint Championship / World U23 Championship / a WC race; OR

### **In the 12 months prior to the entry deadline:**

- xvii. A podium in the European U23 Championships / World Junior Championships / a European Cup race; OR
  - xviii. A top 5 in the European U23 Championships / World Junior Championships / a European Cup race; OR
  - xix. Multiple podiums at BTF Senior Super Series races / European Junior Championship; OR
  - xx. A podium in the European Junior Championship; OR
  - xxi. A top 8 in the European U23 Championships / World Junior Championships / a European Cup race;
  - xxii. A podium in a BTF Senior Super Series race; OR
  - xxiii. Multiple Top 5's in a BTF Super Series race; OR
  - xxiv. A top 5 in a BTF Super Series race/European Junior Championship or the winner at BUCS Sprint; OR
  - xxv. Multiple Top 8's in a BTF Super Series race; OR
  - xxvi. A top 8 in a BTF Super Series race/European Junior Championship/Podium at BUCS Sprint; OR
  - xxvii. Qualified for the 2025 Junior World Triathlon Championship team.
- b. Upon completion of selection across 2.4.1 [i-xxvii] should there still be places available the panel will then consider the following;
- i. A top 12 in a BTF Super Series race / European Junior Championship or a Top 5 at BUCS Sprint

**2.3.2** If multiple athletes have the same level of performance at 2.3.1 [i-xxvii] and/or 2.3.1.b [i] the Panel will determine what they consider to be that athlete's best performance and then rank athletes accordingly, selecting to the team the athlete(s) who are ranked highest.

**NB** all results in BTF Super Series races are considered as overall in the entire field they are not age category specific i.e., the result includes ALL racing categories: Seniors, Juniors and Youth B as relevant.

### **SECTION 3: SELECTION PROCESS – MIXED RELAY (MR)**

- 3.1 Only those athletes who travel to the FISU World University Championships will be eligible for nomination to the MR event.
- 3.2 By selecting 4 men and 4 women BTF hopes to select 2 MR teams. The final selection of these two teams will be made by the coach at the Championships in collaboration with at least 1 other voting member of the Panel. This will be done following conclusion of the individual events.
- 3.3 Selection of the team will be **entirely discretionary** and will be based on a combination of the following, as well as any other criteria that may be deemed relevant by the Panel:
- The individual profile of each athlete and how it relates to the course profile, competition and desired race tactics to maximise race outcomes and/or race learning
  - Result in the individual events<sup>1</sup>;
  - Athletes' state of recovery and readiness following the individual events (taking into account injury and recovery history prior to the Championships);
  - Athletes' race plan; AND
  - Athletes' previous MR experience.

**Note 1:** The outcome or result of the individual event will **NOT** infer any automatic selection to Mixed Relay team.

### **SECTION 4: SELECTION PANEL**

Dan Salcedo BTF Head of Olympic Pathway will Chair the selection panel.

The panel will convene either via email or conference call in advance of the selection deadline and shall comprise:

- Luke Watson – BTF Olympic National Development Coach (voting)
- Guy Punja – BTF Pathway Co-ordinator (voting)
- BUCS Head of International Student Sport and/or International Student Sport Coordinator (Non-Voting / Observer)

### **SECTION 5: ALTERNATIVE SELECTION RACE PROVISIONS & CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 Any selections (as per paragraph 2.3.1) will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of the race in which an athlete achieved a performance that qualified them consideration was significantly impacted by:
- Significantly reduced quality of field (QOF) e.g., due to large-scale travel delays or other similar issue; OR
  - Environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format; OR
  - A large-scale racing incident (such as a multiple rider crash); OR
  - an anomalous incident, usually completely outside of the athletes' control (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) – please note, this does **NOT** include individual mechanical issues.

- 4.2 Where this is the case, the panel will defer to the athletes next best result within the listed criteria at paragraph 2.3.1 [i-xx]. If an athlete does not have another result the Panel will be unable to consider them further.

## **SECTION 6: APPEALS**

There shall be no right of appeal against the selection decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to the individual or MR selections for the 2026 FISU World University Championships. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case. In addition, any athlete who wishes to seek independent advice regarding the selection process in general are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at [www.britishathletes.org](http://www.britishathletes.org).

## **SECTION 7: AMMENDMENTS**

In the event that any unforeseen circumstance makes any provision of this Policy unworkable or ineffective to promote the aims of the Policy, the BTF will be entitled to amend this Policy so that the aims can be secured. Any amended version will be made available at [www.britishtriathlon.org](http://www.britishtriathlon.org).

### **Appendix 1 - Eligibility for FISU World University Championships 2026**

**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 1.1.2** Be a registered student at an institution which is a recognised provider of Higher Education (HE).

*AND*

**INT 1.1.3** Be within the age range limits for the specific event they are attending, as set by FISU.

*AND*

**INT 1.1.4** Be registered on a course which is at or above one of the following minimum levels:

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*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.

*AND*

**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:

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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 Gender Eligibility (including Trans+ Participation)** For international competitions, the relevant gender eligibility policy or position followed will be that which the Organising Committee confirms, or stated by the NGB.

**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 1.4.3** Any trans+ athlete receiving gender affirming hormone treatment should ensure they are following the relevant Organising Committee position and acquiring a Therapeutic Use Exemption where required by that Organising Committee regulations.

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

**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.