

FISU Summer World University Championships Cross Country 2022

The FISU Summer World University Championship (Sport) (WUCs) will take place in Aveiro, Portugal on the 12th March 2022. BUCS is sanctioning a GB Students team to attend.

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by noon on **Friday 28 January 2022**.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting documentation (CAE form and 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 on **Saturday 5 February 2022** at **Brunel University**.

Selected athletes will be notified by phone or email **by 11 February 2022** and the team announced **by Monday 14 February 2022**.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £1000 (or £1200 for athletes at non-BUCS member institutions).

Given the current Covid-19 travel restrictions certain event costs (e.g. flights/covid test requirements) are uncertain at this point in time, therefore this amount may increase or decrease. Students at non-BUCS Member institutions must pay an additional supplement of £200.

Payment of the athlete costs will be required in full at the point of selection. Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement by indicating their acceptance of the Team Member's Agreement. Furthermore, they accept that any unrecoverable costs incurred by BUCS resulting from athlete withdrawal from the nomination process will be passed onto the athlete concerned.

Athletes should speak to their institution in the first instance to see if their institution is able to assist with coverage of the costs.

At WUCs the cost of Team Leaders/Coaches and Support staff is met by the Home Countries and / or UKA. This is reflected in the above amount.

Eligibility Criteria

For an individual to be eligible to represent BUCS/GB Students in FISU competitions 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 within the age range limits for the specific event they are attending, as set by FISU. For this event, individuals must be born between 01/01/1997 and 31/12/2004.

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. Due to the one-year postponement, for this event Students graduating in 2020 and 2021 will be eligible to compete in 2022, 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

The team for the event will consist of up to six (6) male and up to six (6) female athletes (including 2 male and 2 females for the relay team).

This policy has been structured to select a team with the following aims:

- Medal success at the 2022 World University Cross-Country Championships and;
- Opportunities for developing athletes with the potential for future success at senior outdoor major championships (including future Cross-Country championships).

The Official Trial (“the Trials”) for this competition will be the BUCS Cross-Country Championships which take place on Saturday 5th February 2020. However, if the Trial event cannot go ahead because of any covid related issues or any other issue then current form, fitness and competition history up to and including 5th February 2022 may be used to select athletes. Details will be available on the BUCS website if this policy changes due to any reasons.

Discretionary places may be available for those not able to compete in this event due to;

Injury/illness (supporting documentation from medical team may be requested).

Graduation in 2021.

Studying at a non-BUCS member institution/overseas.

The selection process will be as follows;

1. Eligible senior athletes who finish in the top **Three** at the Trials** will be automatically selected for the non relay event. For the avoidance of doubt, if any of the top three at the Trials decline selection (through injury or any other reason), their automatic selection will NOT be offered to the next eligible athlete at the trials. Their place will be re-allocated based on point 2 below.

** For all athletes this applies to the A Race/Long Race.

2. The Selection Panel may select athletes to fill the remaining team spots based on remaining eligible athletes’ form, fitness and competition history up to and including 5th February 2022.
3. The selection panel may select up to two non-travelling reserves for each of the male and female teams who may be added to the relevant team should an athlete withdraw prior to the final entry date, each subject to minimum overriding objectives. Non-travelling reserve places will be selected based on remaining eligible athletes’ form, fitness and competition history up to and including 5th February 2022.
4. Relay event: Two women and two men may be selected. The running order is W, M, W, M. The first two athletes of each team will compete over two laps and the last two over one lap. It means the first woman and the first man will run approximately 4km and the other two will run approximately 2km each. Selection for the relay will be based on expressions of interest and will primarily be based on track performances and current form up to the deadline date of 5th February. Indoor times can be considered. Anyone interested in putting themselves forward for the relay teams should send expressions of interest along with all relevant performance details to sduval@englandathletics.org BEFORE 12:00 on 5th February 2022.

The team will travel to the Championships as a single team, departing from a UK based airport. Travel to the airport is not included in the costs, this also applies to athletes not based in the UK. If you are not based in the UK, you will be required to cover the cost of their own travel to/from the UK.

All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas or discretionary slots) and the trial race should be directed to Spencer Duval at sduval@englandathletics.org

Athletes are reminded that this is a national representative squad, and they should have realistic aspirations to represent their country at a performance level. Please do NOT submit a speculative nomination if you do not meet the above criteria. If in doubt, please contact [Spencer Duval](mailto:sduval@englandathletics.org) before submitting a nomination.

Selection Panel

The selection panel will have representatives from the Home Country National Governing Bodies and BUCS.

Appeals

Info from Cross Country: No appeals will be permitted. The decision of the Selection Panel is final. If however, you feel that your nomination has not been fairly considered you are entitled to raise any concerns to BUCS and for them to be heard independently.

BUCS info: A Final Appeal may be lodged to an independent BUCS led panel. A Final Appeal must be made in writing by email to GBStudents@bucs.org.uk, by the athlete who is appealing, within 24 hours of the selection date. No appeals will be considered by third parties including relatives of athletes.

Appendix 1 - Eligibility for World University Championships 2022

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU) COMPETITIONS

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 1.1.6 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.

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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 supports equal opportunities in sport for all, to include transgender athletes on the basis of the gender with which they identify. 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.