

LUSL SPORT SPECIFIC AFFILIATIONS 2026-27

Clubs, teams and individuals participating in certain competitions need to affiliate with their National Governing Body (NGB) or meet other requirements to be eligible to take part. Each sport is different. Find out your sport's requirements below.

Please read through this document carefully and use the links associated to each sport to access any further relevant information.

Most of the items in each section are compulsory requirements that **MUST** be met, and as a result, most carry sanctions if not completed by the published deadlines. However, there are also some others which are not compulsory requirements but that BUCS believes are valuable for members to undertake. Please read the details associated with each one for further information. Deadlines will **ONLY** be listed here, not on the sport specific pages or in the rules and regulations.

If there are any questions not answered by the information provided, then please feel free to contact LUSL directly via [email](#).

Please note that the information within this document is subject to change. Should any updates be required then the document will be re-published, and Institution Administrators will be notified via e-mail.

LUSL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS - LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUTS - NGB AFFILIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, REGISTRATIONS ETC.

Sport	Requirement(s)	How	Summary of Benefits	Deadline	Regulation
Football	Team / Club Affiliation All institutions/Playing Entities must affiliate to their respective Home Nation Football Association.	Clubs should affiliate their teams directly with their County FA via the FA's Clubs Portal system. The Competition options on platform are: - London Universities Sports League Men's - London Universities Sport League Women's Support guides on how to do this can be accessed here. Teams should be named as per the following examples: Men's Football: University, Team Name and Team Number [as named on BUCS play], (LUSL-competition day) <i>e.g. University College London Red Star 1st Team (LUSL Sat)</i> <i>e.g. Hult International Business School Undergraduates 1st Team (LUSL Weds)</i> [If you play in both the Saturday and Wednesday Saturday League you have to affiliate your team twice and specify the competition day in the team's name] Women's Football:		23:59 on Monday 21 September 2026.	£250 fine if not completed prior to the deadline. After the deadline, walkovers will be applied until the affiliation is complete.

		University, Team Name and Team Number [as named on BUCS play], (LUSL) <i>e.g. King's College London Medical School 2nd (LUSL)</i> <i>e.g. Imperial College School of Medicine 1st (LUSL)</i> Teams should then be added to the relevant BUCS 'Division' and 'Cup' within the competition on the Clubs Portal system. If you are unsure about the Clubs Portal process, please contact your County FA directly. Following the deadline, BUCS will access Clubs Portal to confirm completed affiliations.			
Rugby Union	Club Affiliation (English Institutions/Playing Entities) All teams must belong to a club which holds membership of the Students' Rugby Football Union (SRFU) and Rugby Football Union (RFU).	To affiliate, please visit the SRFU affiliation page.	A summary of the benefits of RFU and SRFU affiliation can be found in the FAQs here.	23:59 on Monday 21 September 2026.	£250 fine if not completed prior to the deadline. After the deadline, walkovers will be applied until completed.
Rugby Union	RFU Player Registration	To register, please visit the GMS University Process webpage.	Eligibility to enter LUSL Competitions.	Prior to being fielded (including as an unused	A fine of £50 per fixture will be levied if a team is found to have fielded (including as an unused

	All players must have an account, have confirmed their email address, and attached this account to their university organisation, on the RFU Game Management System (GMS).		Eligibility to access the SRFU rugby grants scheme. Entry to England ticket ballots (for RFU voting members). Invitations to member events including webinars, the RFU/BUCS/SRFU University rugby Development Forum, the University rugby Awards and SRFU AGM. Receive the University Rugby Update, and RFU comms throughout the season.	substitute) in a LUSL fixture.	substitute) any unregistered players.
Tennis (including Fast4)	LTA Venue Registration All institutions/Playing Entities must be 'Registered Venues' with the LTA.	Venue Registration is free to complete. Institutions/playing entities that are existing LTA 'Registered Venues' will need to complete a simple renewal process during the registration window. The reminder email for this will come from the LTA to the 'Club Contact' registered with them. If your institution/Playing Entity uses external courts (not owned by your institution/Playing Entity) to compete on, these will need to be added onto your venue registration. For any new or institutions not currently registered venues, BUCS/the LTA will be in touch about completing this process.	A summary of the benefits of LTA Venue Registration can be found here .	23:59 on Monday 30 November 2026 (the registration window will open in early October)	No sanction in place for the 2026-27 season.
Tennis (including Fast4)	LTA Advantage Membership and World Tennis Number (WTN)	More information and a link to take out membership can be found here, with specific support for HE institutions here.	Enables a player's individual match results to be added to the LTA Online League Planner and contribute to	Prior to being named on team sheet.	No sanction in place for the 2026-27 season.

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	LTA Advantage Membership and a World Tennis Number (WTN) are required by all competitors. A minimum of Advantage Play membership is required alongside the creation of a World Tennis Number (WTN).	Players should also attach their university to their LTA account, details as to how to do this can be viewed here. More information about how to activate the World Tennis Number (WTN) can be viewed here. BUCS will send out a spreadsheet for institutions to complete by Wednesday 30 September to submit any international students' iPINs and previous WTNs to link these with their LTA profiles. After this date, international students with an existing WTN should contact the LTA to ensure their previous WTN is linked with their LTA Advantage Membership account.	their WTN (World Tennis Number). Other benefits of LTA Advantage membership can be found here.		
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