

LUSL SPORT SPECIFIC AFFILIATIONS 2025-26

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 BUCS 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	<p>Team / Club Affiliation</p> <p>All institutions/Playing Entities must affiliate to their respective Home Nation Football Association.</p>	<p>Clubs should affiliate their teams directly with their County FA via the FA's Clubs Portal system. The Competition options on platform are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> London Universities Sports League Men's London Universities Sport League Women's <p>Support guides on how to do this can be accessed here.</p> <p>Teams should be named as per the following examples:</p> <p>Men's Football:</p> <p>University, Team Name and Team Number [as named on BUCS play], (LUSL-competition day)</p> <p><i>e.g. University College London Red Star 1st Team (LUSL Sat)</i></p> <p><i>e.g. Hult International Business School Undergraduates 1st Team (LUSL Weds)</i></p> <p>[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]</p> <p>Women's Football:</p> <p>University, Team Name and Team Number [as named on BUCS play], (LUSL)</p> <p><i>e.g. King's College London Medical School 2nd (LUSL)</i></p>		<p>Monday 22 September 2025</p>	<p>£250 fine if not completed prior to the deadline.</p> <p>After the deadline, walkovers will be applied until the affiliation is complete.</p>

		<p><i>e.g. Imperial College School of Medicine 1st (LUSL)</i></p> <p>Teams should then be added to the relevant BUCS 'Division' and 'Cup' within the competition on the Clubs Portal system.</p> <p>If you are unsure about the Clubs Portal process, please contact your County FA directly.</p> <p>Following the deadline, BUCS will access Clubs Portal to confirm completed affiliations.</p>			
Rugby Union	<p>Club Affiliation (English Institutions/Playing Entities)</p> <p>All teams must belong to a club which holds membership of the Students' Rugby Football Union (SRFU) and Rugby Football Union (RFU).</p>	<p>To affiliate, please visit the SRFU affiliation page.</p>	<p>A summary of the benefits of RFU and SRFU affiliation can be found in the FAQs here.</p>	<p>Monday 22 September 2025</p>	<p>£250 fine if not completed prior to the deadline.</p> <p>After the deadline, walkovers will be applied until completed.</p>
Rugby Union	<p>RFU Player Registration</p> <p>All players must have an account, have confirmed their email address, and attached this account to their university</p>	<p>To register, please visit the GMS University Process webpage.</p>	<p>Eligibility to enter LUSL Competitions.</p> <p>Eligibility to access the SRFU rugby grants scheme.</p> <p>Entry to England ticket ballots (for RFU voting members).</p> <p>Invitations to member events including webinars, the</p>	<p>Prior to being fielded (including as an unused substitute) in a LUSL fixture.</p>	<p>No sanction in place for the 2025-26 season.</p>

	organisation, on the RFU Game Management System (GMS).		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.		
Tennis (including Fast4)	<p>LTA Venue Registration</p> <p>All institutions/Playing Entities must be 'Registered Venues' with the LTA.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Venue Registration is free to complete.</p> <p>Institutions/playing entities that are existing LTA 'Registered Venues' will need to complete a simple renewal process during the registration window.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For specific university Venue Registration support please read the LTA University Venue Registration Guide.</p> <p>To register, please visit the LTA Venue Registration page.</p>	<p>A summary of the benefits of LTA Venue Registration can be found here.</p>	<p>23:59 on Monday 22 September 2025.</p>	<p>£250 fine if requirement not met by the deadline.</p> <p>After the deadline has passed, walkovers will be applied until the requirement is met.</p>
Tennis (including Fast4)	<p>LTA Advantage Membership and World Tennis Number (WTN)</p> <p>LTA Advantage Membership and a World Tennis Number (WTN) are required by all competitors.</p>	<p>More information and a link to take out membership can be found here.</p>	<p>Enables a player's individual match results to be added to the LTA Tournament Software and contribute to their WTN (World Tennis Number).</p> <p>Other benefits of LTA Advantage membership can be found here.</p>	<p>Prior to being fielded (including as an unused substitute) in a LUSL fixture.</p>	<p>No sanction in place for the 2025-26 season.</p>

	<p>A minimum of Advantage Play membership is required alongside the creation of a World Tennis Number (WTN).</p>				
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