

FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY MODERN PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

The FISU World University Modern Pentathlon Championships 2026 (WUCs) will take place in Madrid, Spain with competition dates of the 16th – 19th 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 in Spain on 15th August and depart on 20th August

Competition Categories

- Men's Individual
- Women's Individual
- Teams (mix)
- Mixed Relay

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an expression of interest on the BUCS website by **11.59pm on Sunday 10th May**.

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 Week Beginning 11th May 2026.

Selected athletes will be **notified by phone call and email by COB 14th May 2026**

You will have 24hrs to confirm your acceptance.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation and travel for this event will be covered by Pentathlon GB however the cost of GB Students kit is to be covered by the student-athletes. The **cost total's £182** and this will be required in full payment at the point of selection by **30th May 2026**.

Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement and accept financial liability including in the case of withdrawal related to injury or illness. Any unrecoverable costs will be passed on to the supporting National Governing Body.

GB Student leisure kit supplied by Canterbury includes:

- 2 x Club dry round-neck t-shirts
- Mid layer 3/4 zip up top
- White club-dry polo
- 1 x Shorts

Your NGB will supply your competition kit, please discuss this with them.

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 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

2026 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

- i. The purpose of attending 2026 FISU World University Games is primarily to meet the 'Performance aim' (although the Panel may also consider the Potential Aim and if selecting according to Potential should set out their reasons at the meeting).
- ii. Results from the 2026 National Rankings, 2026 BUCS | U24/U17 Grand Prix, and 2026 Performance Team designated International Competitions from February 2026 will be considered.
- iii. Selection for the 2026 FISU World University Games will be made taking account of the selection criteria set out at 3.2 from 2026 Pathway Selection Policy for athletes who have met the consideration standard.
- iv. Athletes must also meet FISU eligibility Criteria set out in the World University Games Selection Policy above.

Selection Panel

Rhys Edwards, Head of Pathways Pentathlon GB will Chair the selection panel.

The panel is expected to include:

- Russell North, Lead Talent Coach, Pentathlon GB
- Jamie Cooke, Performance Director, Pentathlon GB
- Clare Lobb, Head of Performance Support, Pentathlon GB
- BUCS Head of International Student Sport and/or International Student Sport Coordinator (Non-Voting / Observer)

Appeals

There is no appeals process for selections made for the GB Students team at the World University Modern Pentathlon Championships.

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:

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.

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).
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- 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.

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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.

AND

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 1.2.2 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 (including Trans+ Participation) For international competitions, the relevant gender eligibility policy or position followed will be that which the Organising Committee confirms.

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.