

## **FISU Winter World University Games 2021**

The FISU Winter World University Games (WUGs) will take place in Lucerne, Switzerland from 11-21 December 2021, with the Curling competition running from 6-14 December 2021. BUCS is sanctioning a GB Students team to attend, including athletes from Curling.

### **Nominations**

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 23:59hrs BST on **30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting documentation 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**

Shortlisting will take place by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Selections will take place by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**.

Selected athletes will be notified by email by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021** and the team announced **at a later date to be confirmed**.

### **Athlete Costs**

The cost of participation for this event is in the region of £2400 per athlete. Each selected athlete will be required to make an Athlete Personal Contribution of £500. The balance of the costs of participation will be met in full by British Curling.

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.*

### **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 be born between 01/01/1996 and 31/12/2003.

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 2020 will be eligible to compete in 2021, as former students who have obtained their qualification in the calendar year preceding the event.

\*Students graduating in 2020 will be eligible to compete in 2021, 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 a men's and women's team consisting of a maximum of 5 athletes per team.

#### British Curling Eligibility and Availability Criteria

In addition to the BUCS and FISU eligibility criteria, athletes wishing to be considered for selection must:

- a. Hold a British Passport and be eligible under WCF rules.
- b. Be a current member of the Curling Home Nation\* Governing Body

- c. Be eligible to compete in World Curling Federation (WCF) competitions in the category for which they are being considered for selection.
- d. Be of a level of fitness and health to be able to compete to the best of their ability as determined by medical staff appointed by British Curling.
- e. Have no pending doping offences or currently serving a doping ban.
- f. Be available to compete at the Winter University Games in the discipline for which they are being considered for selection.
- g. Be available to fulfil all team commitments from the time of selection through to the Games.

\* Home Nation Governing Body is defined at Scottish Curling, Curling England or Welsh Curling.

### Selection Process

- a. Selection for Winter University Games is open to any athlete who completes the application process **and** fulfils the eligibility criteria outlined within this policy.
- b. Where nation qualification has been achieved the Selection Panel will meet to consider the criteria stated in below with a view to selecting a team of 5 athletes in that discipline(s).
- c. If circumstances arise where the Selection Panel are not able to confirm final selection at the initial meeting in September, British Curling reserves the right to shortlist and postpone final selection for one or both disciplines to a later date. If this occurs, all individuals under consideration will be informed.

### Selection Criteria

The Selection Panel will convene to consider the following criteria when making the selection of any individual athlete with a view to ensuring a cohesive compatible team.

- a. Results at previous Championships  
i.e. National Championships, World Junior Championships, World University Games, World Mixed Championships, EJCT results, Tour results and results from NCA tournaments and training in the COVID impacted season 2020-21 and 2021-22.  
Results and statistical information from Championships and Tour Events will be considered under the theme of 'Performing When It Counts'.
- b. Athletes will be assessed against the three areas of tactical, shot-making and readiness, as well as their commitment to improving themselves as a curler.
- c. Team Performance Potential – insights into the individuals best capable of forming winning teams, taking into account playing position.

The Winter University Games are a steppingstone to future performance and future performance opportunities therefore the Selection Panel will be selecting people who are demonstrating the appropriate commitment to Performance Curling.

***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 [performance@britishcurling.org.uk](mailto:performance@britishcurling.org.uk) before submitting a nomination.***

### **Selection Panel**

All selection matters will be the responsibility of the Selection Panel. Panel membership is as follows:

**Executive Performance Director** – Panel Chair and Voting Member

**Olympic Head Coach** – Voting Member

**Performance Foundation Manager** - Voting Member

**British Curling Representative** - Non-voting Member

Role: To observe and scrutinise the process, ensure the interests of athletes are prioritised, and hold the panel accountable to the policy and its criteria, and ensure the principles of fairness and acting without bias are upheld.

**Performance Analyst** - Non-voting Member

Role: To provide performance data and athlete insights as required.

**Scottish Curling Academy Manager** - Non-voting Member

Role: To provide performance data and athlete insights as required.

**Performance Operations Manager** – Non-voting Member.

Role: Official record keeper.

The Selection Panel will consider criteria stated above in making its decisions and may also consult other support staff specialists where appropriate.

The selection process is generally an exercise of judgment. Selection decisions are necessarily subjective and an exercise of expert opinion. As such, while an appeals policy is provided for individuals to appeal non-selection on the grounds that the policy has not been adhered to, individuals are not able to appeal against selection decisions on any other grounds including against a selector's judgement. A process whereby an athlete can request an appeal of decisions is provided for in the next section.

British Curling agrees to abide by all selection decisions made by BUCS. Should the BUCS choose not to endorse a nomination made by the Sport, it is British Curling, not the individual, that has responsibility to pursue any appeal in accordance with the BUCS's appeals policy.

**Appeals**

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection, in a First Appeal process; in accordance with the British Curling's Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained by emailing [performance@britishcurling.org.uk](mailto:performance@britishcurling.org.uk)

A Final Appeal may be lodged to an independent BUCS led panel, following the First Appeal process. A Final Appeal must be made in writing by email to [GBStudents@bucs.org.uk](mailto:GBStudents@bucs.org.uk), by the athlete who is appealing, within 24 hours of being informed of the outcome of the First Appeal. No appeals will be considered by third parties including relatives of athletes.

## **Appendix 1 - Eligibility for World University Competition 2021**

### **FISU Eligibility Regulations:**

Only the competitors who satisfy the following conditions may take part in a FISU events:

- students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country (*e.g. the Department for Education in the UK*); or former students of the institutions mentioned before, who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event
- be a national of the country they represent (*i.e. hold a full 10-year passport*)
- be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event

*Students studying abroad are eligible for selection provided they satisfy the above criteria.*

*Students attending courses franchised out from a registered institution providing they also conform to the additional eligibility criteria.*

### **BUCS Academic Eligibility Regulations:**

The minimum level of study has been set at Level 4 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, or equivalent. Level 4 is equivalent to Higher National Certificates (HNC) and Certificates of Higher Education (CertHE). *In Scotland this is generally equivalent to Level 7. Please contact BUCS with any queries.*