

FISU Summer World University Games 2022

The FISU Summer World University Games (WUGs) will take place in Chengdu, China from 26 June – 7 July 2022. BUCS is sanctioning a GB Students team to attend, including athletes from table tennis.

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 23.59 on **7 February 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 week commencing the **14 February**.

Selected athletes will be notified by email **by 25 February** and the team announced **by 6 May 2022**.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £6200* (or £6700 for athletes at non-BUCS member institutions).

Given the current Covid-19 travel restrictions to China, certain event costs (e.g. flights/covid test requirements) are uncertain at this point in time, therefore this amount may be subject to change. 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.

*Each selected athlete will be required to meet all their costs of £6200 (or £6700 for athletes at non-BUCS member institutions). The costs of the coaches participation will be met in full by the NGB.

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. Due to the one year postponement, for this event, individuals must be born between 01/01/1996 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.

AND

1.3.1 Are affiliated to a Home Nation Table Tennis Association, holding a valid Home Nation Table Tennis Association Player Licence and are in good standing;

1.3.2 Are eligible to represent GB in Olympic events and have a valid British Passport;

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 6 men/6 women etc *maximum quota places per sport/event available in the regulations

Automatic Selection

Athletes will gain automatic selection, subject to compliance with the rest of this policy, if they meet one or more of the following criteria;

- Top 200 ITTF Senior World Ranking on the most recent ITTF ranking list available at the entry closing date (21/1/22);

Discretionary Selection

In the event that there are still places available after, or in the event that there are more automatic selections than places available, it will be for the selection panel to determine who shall be selected for the event.

That selection process is discretionary and the selection panel, as experts, are required to use their judgement to select the best team(s) possible. Their reasons must be rational, reasonable, free of bias and in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

The selection panel will consider all relevant criteria including the following:

- (i) Performances in ITTF/WTT international competitions in the three years to 21/1/22
- (ii) Two best wins as defined by the opponents ranking at the time of competition (these wins will only be accepted in WTT/ITTF ranking point events) in the three years to 21/1/22
- (iii) Performances in WTT or ITTF ranking events in the three years to 21/1/22
- (iv) Career WTT/ITTF ranking profile
- (v) Players development potential and ability to represent GB at future Olympic Games
- (vi) Team engagement and commitment to team competitions as experienced by the selection panel
- (vii) Any other information that the selection panel may deem relevant
- (viii) If there are insufficient players eligible for consideration for this event who have competed in the ITTF/WTT competitions in the three years to 21/1/22 and have a current ITTF/WTT ranking and whose performance standard the selection committee at its sole discretion deems sufficient to meet the objective of this policy, performances in the following competitions may also be taken in to account:
 - a. 2021 Table Tennis England Grand Prix
 - b. 2021/22 British League- Premier Division
 - c. 2021 BUCS Championships

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 NGB rep before submitting a nomination.

Selection Panel

A selection panel (all with voting rights) will be established comprising:

- i. GB Performance Director (Chair)
- ii. GB Head Coach
- iii. Table Tennis England Head of England Performance
- iv. Table Tennis Wales National Coach
- v. Table Tennis Scotland Director of Performance
- vi. Table Tennis Ireland National Coach (or similar as agreed by Table Tennis Ulster)

An independent observer(s) (non voting) will attend the selection meetings and ensure the selection process follows the requirements of this policy.

Additional experts may be asked to provide evidence and/or advice to the selection committee, at the request of the Chair.

In the event of any conflict of interest for any member, the GB Table Tennis conflict of interest policy should be adhered to. Any member with a conflict of interest shall not be entitled to vote on that issue.

Appeals

- i. Eligible players will have the right of appeal through the GBTT Selection Review Process which can be found here (<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/GBTT-Selection-Review-Policy-1.1.pdf>).
- ii. The review request procedure is restricted to either non-selection or de-selection. The purpose of providing an eligible player with a right of review against non-selection is to provide the machinery for the correction of an error and is therefore limited.
- iii. The only grounds for review are selection policy has not been followed or the principles of natural justice have not been respected.

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, 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 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 1.1.7 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.