

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 Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 13:00 on **7th 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 **6th April 2022**.

Selected athletes will be notified by email **by 15th April 2022** and the team announced **by 6 May 2022**.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £6400 (or £6600 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.

The cost of participation for this event is in excess of £6400-6800 per athlete. Each selected athlete will be required to make an Athlete Personal Contribution of £5400-5800 (or £5600 for athletes at non-BUCS member institutions). The remaining balance of the costs of 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.

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 maximum of the following:-

2 women (Individual) 5-6 women (group+1) – *maximum quota places per sport

Final selection will be at the discretion of the selection panel and will take into account the following criteria:

1. Selections will be made on the basis of the athletes most capable of performing and challenging to win medals.
2. To score:
 - For the individuals, an average of 23.00 per exercise across all exercises performed in Competition II
 - One individual to finish within the top 20 in Competition II
 - For the Senior Group selected to score 27.000 on one of the two routines competed.
 - Group target placing within the top half of the groups.
3. The Nomination Panel will take into consideration performances at the following Designated Selection Events (DSE's):
 - a. FIG recognised International Competitions between January 2021 and April 2022
 - b. GBR Squad Selection Event - December 2021, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Shropshire
 - c. Senior individual/apparatus open championships - Oct 2021
 - d. Any Official Trials/Selection competitions (to be determined).
 - e. Performances at squad training official control tests (GBR & Home Nations)

The following criteria must be met for consideration

1. Ability to achieve the performance target for the event.

† **There will be a change in the Code of Points from January 2022, and BG reserve the right to take into consideration scores achieved prior to the change as well as following the change through monitoring of international and national scoring prior to that date.**

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 – Karen Williams (karen.williams@british-gymnastics.org) before submitting a nomination.

Selection Panel

Karen Williams (Head of Performance Programmes) will chair the selection panel. The panel is expected to include:

- Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee chair – Vicki Pearson
- Rhythmic Gymnastics Judging Co-ordinator – Karen Crutchley

Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection, in a First Appeal process; in accordance with the British Gymnastics Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained by emailing Karen Williams (karen.williams@british-gymnastics.org).

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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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 1.2.3 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.