

FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

The FISU World University Squash Championships 2026 (WUCs) will take place in Mumbai, India with competition event dates of the 3rd August 2026 to 9th August 2026.

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.

This GB Students team can consist of up to a maximum of three male players and three female players. In order for the GB Students team to be able to compete in the mixed team event that takes place as part of this Championships, there must be a minimum of 2 male players and 1 female player selected and able to attend this championship.

Travel dates: The delegation will travel to Mumbai, India to arrive on 31st July and depart on 10th August, 2026.

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an expression of interest on the BUCS website by **11.59pm Tuesday 21st April, 2026**.

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 on **Thursday 23rd April 2026**

Selected athletes will be notified by email **by Friday 24th April 2026** – team announcements will take place after all Athletes have confirmed and paid for their places.

You will have 24hrs to confirm your acceptance.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be approximately in the range of £1650 – £1950 plus return flight costs.

This will be required in full payment at the point of selection by the latest **Friday 15th May**, if you foresee any issues with this, please reach out to BUCS via GBStudents@BUCS.org.uk to discuss this with BUCS.

Noting, Athletes to book own flights once selection has been confirmed and ensuring these are in accordance with BUCS instructions on travel dates and coordinating with the Team Leader travel itinerary. In the unlikely event that any unforeseen additional costs arise we will notify you as soon as possible.

The above amount includes entry to the event, accreditation, travel insurance, GB Students leisure kit, accommodation, food, plus transport to and from hotel accommodation and contribution towards ITO's. The cost of Team Leader/Coach must also be covered by the athletes selected. This cost is reflected in the above amount.

Students at non-BUCS Member institutions must pay an additional supplement of £200.

Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement and accept financial liability including in the case of withdrawal related to injury or illness.

GB Student branded leisure kit supplied by Canterbury includes:

- 1 x Club-dry polo (white)
- 4 x Club dry t-shirts (round-neck, blue / red)
- 1 x Club ¼ zip mid layer training top
- 1 x Club Shorts
- 1 x Club Jacket
- 1 x Stretch tapered pant
- Medium backpack

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

The team for the event will consist of a maximum of 3 men/ 2 women *maximum quota places per sport/event available in the regulations. The selection panel will consider the following factors when selecting eligible athletes:

- Results and ranking on the PSA World Tour
- Results in BUCS competition (Team & Individual)
- Results in a College Squash Association (USA) fixtures (Team & Individual)
- PSA World Ranking
- BUCS Individual Championship Finishing Position for athletes studying in the UK.
- Head to head results against other eligible players that put themselves forward for selection
- Current form
- In the opinion of the panel, to have the proven ability to contest for a medal-placing at the event, or significant contribution to a team medal
- In the opinion of the panel, the capacity to remain competitive throughout the duration of the tournament schedule, and to positively contribute to team morale/harmony/ pride whilst playing in the spirit of the game.

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.

Selection Panel

The selection panel will consist of the following people:

Chair:

James Marengi (Chair, BUCS Squash Sports Advisory Group)

Panel Members:

- Jon Tate (BUCS Performance Squash Lead)
- Chris Robertson (National Performance Coach, England Squash), Paul Bell (National Coach, Scottish Squash)
- David Evans (Performance Director, Welsh Squash)
- Chris Ryder (Head of Squash at Nottingham University and former World Squash University Champion).
- BUCS Representative – non-voting/ observer role.

Whereby a decision has a split verdict it will rest with the panel chair.

Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection. First appeals will be handled by the selection panel consisting of the members stated above. Any appeal must be made in writing to GBStudents@bucs.org.uk within 24 hours of selection announcement. No appeals will be considered by third parties. The appeals panel will be an independent BUCS led panel. It will be chaired by a (BUCS SAG Committee Member) alongside three Head Coaches in roles within higher education institutions and a BUCS Representative. The decision of the appeal panel will be final.

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:

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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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AND

INT 1.1.5 Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to:

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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.