

# FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The FISU World University Orienteering Championships 2024 will take place in Bansko, Bulgaria with competition dates of the 1 August 2024 to 5 August 2024.

British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) is sanctioning a GB Students delegation as National University Sports Federation (NUSF) to represent the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The delegation is anticipated to arrive into Sofia Airport on Tuesday 30 July 2024 and depart on Tuesday 6 August 2024.

## Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 11.59pm on Sunday 7 April. All nominations will be open from Tuesday 5 March.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting document (IANA) 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 by **Thursday 18 April 2024**

Selected athletes will be notified by email **the week beginning 22 April 2024**

## Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £995 per delegate and will be required in full at the point of selection. 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.

At FISU World University Championships the cost of the Team Leaders, Team Coach, Entry Fees for participating delegates will be covered by British Orienteering. In addition, British Orienteering will manage all international flights. This is reflected in the above amount.

## 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

*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**

Athletes can be considered for Selection if they have satisfied the following criteria, to demonstrate they can compete effectively and safely at World University level:

Outstanding performances at the primary selection races:

- BUCs Individual Championships, 9th March, Cambridge
- JK Sprint, 29th March, Loughborough university
- JK Middle, 30th March, Beaudesert
- JK Long, 31st March, Beaudesert

As secondary information, results will be considered from: JWOC, WOC, EOC and World Cups 2023-2024.

Disciplines: S, MSR, M, FR Team: max 6 men & 6 women overall; 6 men & 6 women in each of S & M; 2 MSR teams; & 2 men's & 2 women's FR teams

The full criteria and targets for the WUOC are detailed in the British Orienteering Foot O selection policy published here: <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/Selection>

### **Selection Panel**

The Selection Panel, which is responsible for the implementation of the Policy as outlined in the Selection Framework, will be chaired by an individual nominated by the British Orienteering

British Orienteering's selection policy can be found here:  
<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/Selection>

3.2. The Selection Panel will consist of:

- Chair- Bob Dredge
- Performance Programme Director (TBC)
- BUCS & GB Students International Performance Manager- Marc Forrest
- Selectors- Pippa Archer, Emil Wingstedt
- Selection Advisors (Non-Voting)- Andy Kitchin, Tom Bray
- Scrutineer- Bob Dredge

The Selection Panel is therefore composed of 5 voting members, and shall be quorate if 3 members are present.

British Orienteering Appeals process can be found via:  
<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/Selection>.

## Appendix 1 - Eligibility for FISU World University Championships 2024

**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).
- 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 1.1.7** 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 Transgender athletes** 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.