

## **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 Short Track Speed Skating and Figure Skating.

### **Nominations**

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by **17:00 on 24<sup>th</sup> August** and must have confirmed their commitment to attendance (pending selection) **by 17:00 on 11<sup>th</sup> August** to British Ice Skating: [Perfomance@iceskating.org.uk](mailto:Perfomance@iceskating.org.uk).

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**

Selections will take place on:

Short Track - 26<sup>th</sup> August

Figure Skating – 29th August

Selected athletes will be notified by email **by 6<sup>th</sup> September** and the team announced **by 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **Athlete Costs**

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £2,024 per Short Track athlete and £2,661 per Figure Skating athlete (Students at non-BUCS Member institutions must pay an additional supplement of £200).

Certain event costs (e.g. flights) are variable until details can be confirmed post team selection therefore this amount may reduce. At the Winter WUGs the cost of Team Leaders/Coaches and Support staff must also be covered by the athletes selected. This is reflected in the above amount.

*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.

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:

	Male	Female
Figure Skating (Singles)	3 Quota Places	3 Quota Places
Ice Dance	3 (couples) Quota Places	3 (couples) Quota Places
Short Track Speed Skating	6 Quota places	6 Quota places

\*Quota places and entries may change in accordance with FISU Regulations (Published January 2021)

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

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1. Current BIS membership.
2. Adherence to BIS General Rules, Codes of Conduct and any Athlete Agreement applicable to the individual; and
3. Achieved Full Senior (Level 10) test (Figure Skating and Ice Dance)
4. Not be serving any suspension relating to Anti-Doping or disciplinary offences.

The selection panel will consider the following factors when selecting eligible athletes:

Short Track:

Minimum standard: star class time achieved for the 21/22 season in the athletes age category (Junior A or Senior Category).

### Performance Squad Selection Event

- i. The Overall Ranking from the testing event.
- ii. The overall winner of each individual distance ranking in the men and women from the BIS Performance Selection Event.
- iii. The second overall place finish in each individual distance ranking in the men and women from the BIS Performance Selection Event.

Selection of the individual distances will be selected pursuant to the process below:

- The highest eligible athlete of each individual distance ranking in the men and women from the BIS Performance Selection Event.
- The second highest eligible athlete of each individual distance ranking in the men and women from the BIS Performance Selection Event.
- The third highest eligible athlete of each individual distance ranking in the men and women from the BIS Performance Selection Event.

The athletes selected to race each relay event will be done by the Lead Coach in collaboration with all GBR coaches attending the Event based on their impact on medal-winning potential in relay teams, including:

- a) Individual distance performances.
- b) Top speed within racing on current competition day.
- c) Top speed within pre-competition training at the competition venue.

## Figure Skating and Ice Dance:

- A minimum standard of a completed Full Senior (Level 10) test (Figure Skating) is required as a minimum performance standard.
- Priority will be given to Senior category skaters and then eligible Junior if quota places have not been filled.
- Athletes will be selected by the highest skater in the Senior BIS ranking list at the cut-off date who has met the eligibility, nominations, and sports criteria sections.
- If quota places remain, the Junior BIS ranking will be used to select eligible athletes up to the number of remaining quota places.

***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@iceskating.org.uk before submitting a nomination.***

## Selection Panel

The panel is expected to include:

## Short Track:

- (a) Short Track Technical Advisory Committee Chair (Voting Member);
- (b) British Ice Skating Honorary Short Track Head Coach (Voting Member);
- (c) British Ice Skating Talent and Performance Manager (Voting Member casting vote);
- (d) Note-takers etc. as required (non-Voting Member).
- (e) Independent member from an outside sporting body (non-Voting Member);

## Figure Skating:

Selection will be made by British Ice Skating Performance Technical Advisory Committee with an independent observer:

- a) TAC Member: Ice Dance
- b) TAC Member: Singles and Pairs
- c) TAC Member: Synchro
- d) TAC Member: Short Track/Long Track
- e) 3 x members of International judging level or above, 1 ice dance, 1 singles and pairs and one other.

## Mitigating Circumstances

Mitigating Circumstances Should an athlete miss an event or fall ill during, or prior to, the 2021-22 selection process British Ice Skating may, at its absolute discretion, provide an opportunity for such an athlete to compete and challenge for selection where evidence of illness (preferably certified by a Doctor), or any other mitigating circumstance, is presented to British Ice Skating prior to the commencement of the selection procedure In such circumstances. Full details of all evidence relied upon must be provided to British Ice Skating no later than 24 hours prior to the selection procedure. British Ice Skating may have regard, in such circumstances, to all information it reasonably regards as relevant, including past performances, training data and any medical evidence obtained by BIS. British Ice Skatings decision in respect of any such application is final. The criteria outlined in this document may be amended by BIS in the event that COVID-19

## **Appeals**

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection, in a First Appeal process; in accordance with the British Ice Skatings Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained from [www.iceskating.org.uk](http://www.iceskating.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**

### **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 1.1.6** 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.