

FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CANOE SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

The FISU World University Canoe Sprint Championships 2026 (WUCs) will take place in Sukoro, Hungary with competition dates of the 17-20th August.

The following events will be available for selection:

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Distance	Male		Female	
	Kayak	Canoe	Kayak	Canoe
200m	K1	C1	K1, K2	C1, C2
500m	K1, K2, K4	C1, C2	K1, K2	C1, C2
1000m	K1, K2	C1, C2	K1	C1
5000m	K1,	C1	K1	C1

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.

Subject to confirmation, the delegation will arrive at Budapest Airport on 15th August and depart on 20th August.

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an expression of interest on the BUCS website by **11.59pm on 1st 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 at the April National Sprint Regatta on 11th-12th April 2026 at Holme Pierrepont. Selected athletes will be **notified by email by COB Wednesday 15th April 2026**.

You will have 24hrs to confirm your acceptance.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the **range of £1380 – 1450 plus flights (organised by Paddle UK)** and this will be required in full payment at the point of selection by 30th April 2026.

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.

The above amount includes entry to the event, accreditation, accommodation, food, in-country transfers, GB Student leisure kit and boat rental Paddle UK will also supply your on-water kit if required as part of the cost of participation which includes, racing vest and shorts.

GB Student leisure kit supplied by Canterbury includes:

- Tapered stretch pant / tracksuit bottoms
- Mid layer 3/4 zip up top
- White club-dry polo
- 2 x Club dry round-neck t-shirts
- 1 x Shorts
- Club Vaposhield stadium Jacket
- 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 2025 will be eligible to compete in 2026, 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 Selection Criteria

A squad of up to 6 Kayak men, 6 Kayak women, 2 Canoe men and 2 Canoe women will be selected, subject to an assessment of performance standard (see **Appendix 2**) from eligible athletes who have met the following criteria:

- Eligible athletes in kayak events who achieved selection to a 2026 U23 and/or Senior Athlete Pool at the April Regatta 11-12 April and have registered for the event.
- Eligible athletes in canoe events will be considered based on their performance in an Olympic distance C1 at the April Regatta 11-12 April and have registered for the event.
- In addition, the selection panel has absolute discretion, subject to an assessment of performance standard to select any eligible athlete who has registered for the event. This may include where an athlete may have been ill/injured during the most recent season as long as the panel are made aware of this prior to the start of the selection competition in April 2026.

If more athletes are proposed than quota places are available, the Selection Panel has absolute discretion to select the athletes most likely to achieve the best result at the Competition.

Once the Selection Panel has confirmed the Squad, the Academy Coach in consultation with other Paddle UK section coaches, will consider forming single and crew boats in the following events to maximise the Team's overall performance potential: **C1, C2, K1, K2, K4,**

Performance Standard

The selection panel will apply a performance standard to ensure athletes are of the appropriate level for the competition they are being considered for. The detail of the application of performance standards can be found in Appendix 2. The selection panel reserves the right to not apply a performance standard either at all or as prescribed in Appendix 2, where circumstances arise which in the IP's reasonable opinion would make the application of the performance standard at Appendix 2 unsuitable.

Selection & Nomination Panel

The Selection Panel, which is responsible for the implementation of the Policy as outlined in the International Selection and Provision Framework (ISPF), will be chaired by an individual nominated by Paddle UK.

The Selection Panel will consist of :

- Ekaitz Saies: Performance Director, Paddle UK
- Sam Glover, Academy Coach, Paddle UK
- James Train, Head of Performance Development, Paddle UK (Panel Chair)
- International Panel Member Chair Sprint Racing Committee
- BUCS Head of International Student Sport, or International Student Sport Coordinator (Non-Voting / Observer)

The Selection Panel is therefore composed of 4 voting members and shall be quorate if 3 voting members are present. In the event of going to voting, the Performance Director shall have the casting vote.

Selections will be made without bias or discrimination, and, as such, any conflicts, real or perceived, must be declared and recorded at the start of the meeting. The existence of a disclosed conflict will not preclude a Selection Panel member, or attendee, from participating in deliberations. Depending on the nature of the conflict a Selection Panel member may have to abstain from voting if a vote is required.

Appeals

The Paddle UK Appeals process applied to this policy and can be found [here](#). Any athletes who have questions regarding the appeals process may contact appeals@paddleuk.org.uk

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:

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:

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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 1.2.2 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.

Appendix 2- Performance Standards

Event	U23 WLT	U23 WLT (in Seconds)	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%
			U23 Championship A and B Final Standard in Good* Conditions at HPP, Nottingham							
K1M 200m	00:34.69	34.69	35.04	35.38	35.73	36.08	36.42	36.77	37.12	37.47
K2M 200m	00:32.15	32.15	32.47	32.79	33.11	33.44	33.76	34.08	34.40	34.72
K1M 500m	01:38.40	98.40	99.38	100.37	101.35	102.34	103.32	104.30	105.29	106.27
K2M 500m	01:29.84	89.84	90.73	91.63	92.53	93.43	94.33	95.23	96.12	97.02
K4M 500m	01:20.49	80.49	81.29	82.10	82.90	83.71	84.51	85.32	86.12	86.93
K1M 1000m	03:29.84	209.84	211.94	214.04	216.14	218.23	220.33	222.43	224.53	246.63
K2M 1000m	03:12.76	192.76	194.69	196.62	198.54	200.47	202.40	204.33	206.25	208.18
C1M 200m	00:38.94	38.94	39.32	39.71	40.10	40.49	40.88	41.27	41.66	42.05
C1M 500m	01:49.79	109.79	110.88	111.98	113.08	114.18	115.27	116.37	117.47	118.57
C2M 500m	01:40.94	100.94	101.95	102.96	103.97	104.98	105.99	107.00	108.01	109.02
C1M 1000m	03:52.58	232.58	234.90	237.23	239.55	241.88	244.20	246.53	248.86	251.18
C2M 1000m	03:33.05	213.05	215.18	217.31	219.44	221.57	223.70	225.83	227.96	230.09
K1W 200m	00:40.32	40.32	40.72	41.13	41.53	41.93	42.34	42.74	43.14	43.55
K1W 500m	01:50.75	110.75	111.86	112.96	114.07	115.18	116.29	117.40	118.50	119.61
K2W 500m	01:42.25	102.25	103.27	104.30	105.32	106.34	107.36	108.39	109.41	110.43
K4W 500m	01:33.63	93.63	94.57	95.50	96.44	97.38	98.31	99.25	100.18	101.12
K1W 1000m	03:58.44	238.44	240.82	243.20	245.59	247.97	250.36	252.74	255.13	257.51
C1W 200m	00:46.97	46.97	47.43	47.90	48.37	48.84	49.31	49.78	50.25	50.72
C2W 200m	00:45.05	45.05	45.50	45.95	46.40	46.85	47.30	47.75	48.20	48.65
C1W 500m	02:09.31	129.31	130.60	131.89	133.18	134.48	135.77	137.06	138.36	139.65
C2W 500m	01:58.56	118.56	119.75	120.93	122.12	123.30	124.49	125.67	126.86	128.04

**Good Conditions are defined as a tail wind of between 1-2.5m/s, water temperature of 18°C.*