



## BUCS ATHLETICS

### GUIDE TO PARALLEL SUCCESS (DISABILITY) ATHLETE ENTRIES

More and more students are realising that there are disability athletics events open to them, and more Universities are discovering athletes studying with them. In 2017, BUCS received more entries than ever into the disability programme. This was further bolstered by the continuing support of UKA in sending guest athletes to the Outdoor Championships.

What this increase in athletes has highlighted is a lack of understanding surrounding the disability event categories, which has resulted in incorrect and missed entries. This guide aims to highlight the differences between events and athletes and help clarify the entry process for the Indoor and Athletics Championships in future seasons.



#### **Events offered at BUCS Athletics' Championships**

Ambulant 60m (Indoor Only)  
Ambulant 100m (Outdoors Only)  
Ambulant 200m (Outdoors Only)  
Ambulant 400m (Outdoors Only)  
Wheelchair 100m (Outdoors Only)  
Wheelchair 800m (Outdoors Only)  
Seated Shot Put (Outdoors Only)  
Seated Discus (Outdoors Only)  
Ambulant Shot Put  
Ambulant Discus (Outdoors Only)  
Ambulant Long Jump

**Ambulant** events are for athletes who are able to compete whilst standing. This covers track and field disciplines.

**Seated** events are for athletes who are unable to compete whilst standing. This covers field throwing disciplines.

**Wheelchair** events are for athletes who are unable to compete whilst standing. This covers track disciplines.

## **Disability Classification**

Athletes are given a classification according to their type of impairment and severity. This may change over time.

Athletes without a UK Classification, wishing to compete should get in touch with British Athletics at their earliest opportunity via [classification@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:classification@britishathletics.org.uk)

## **Classification Key**

T = Track

F = Field

## **Track and Jumps**

Ambulant classifications will be: T11-13, T20, T35-38, T40-41, T42-44, and T45-47

Wheelchair racing classifications will be: T32-34 and T51-54

## **Throws**

### **Ambulant Throws**

Athlete classifications will be: F11-13, F20, F35-38, F40-41, F42-44, and F45-46

### **Seated Throws**

Athlete classifications will be: F31-34 and F51-57.

You can read further information about classifications [here](#).

## **The RAZA System**

In large events such as the Paralympics there are many athletes for each classification meaning that events can be run singly. E.G F13 Shot Put, F35 Shot Put.

In events such as BUCS this is not the case and so we use the RAZA system. This results system was designed to allow people with different disabilities to compete against each other and allows a direct comparison of performances so that placings can be determined. It is constantly evolving as more and more accurate athlete data is gathered.

The simple explanation for how it works: Each disability classification is given set points. The distance an athlete throws/ jumps, or time they run is put into the system and converted. The total number of points they achieve are their RAZA points. The athlete with most points is the winner.

Here's an example from 2017:

<b>Ambulant Shot Put</b>	<b>Disability Classification</b>	<b>Distance Thrown</b>	<b>Raza Points</b>	<b>Position</b>
Athlete A	F44	12.38m	545	<b>2</b>
Athlete B	F37	11.91m	660	<b>1</b>
Athlete C	F41	9.64m	529	<b>3</b>
Athlete D	F35	9.10m	226	<b>4</b>

## **BUCS Points**

The individual points available per event for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place are:

12      8      6      4

*Please note **REG 6.2.2:*** BUCS Medals will not be awarded where the minimum number of competitors/teams has not been reached, however, where the minimum number has been reached an individual/team is not required to have beaten another individual/team in order to be awarded a BUCS Medal, only to have competed (i.e. if only 3 individuals/teams compete in an event, Gold, Silver and Bronze

medals will be awarded).

### **Event Points**

These are athletics specific and cascade from four to one for the top four finishing athletes in an event (12, 8, 6, 4). They contribute to the Men's and Women's Overall Team Championships (top 8 of each gender receive Team BUCS Points). Each athlete has to beat somebody to be awarded points.

### **Entry process on BUCS Play**

BUCS' Disability events open and close for entry at the same time as the full athletics programme and take place on the same weekend.

Information needed for Entry

- Athlete Name
- Athlete DOB
- Athlete Disability Classification
- Athlete Next of Kin Information
- Athlete BP per event [Set within the last two years. Dates confirmed when entries open]
- Power of 10 URL link [[verified athletics results website](#)]

### **Additional Information / Comments**

Please make us aware of any additional support the athlete needs in order to compete. For example:  
"Chalk for visibility of take-off board in the long jump"  
"Runs with a guide runner"

At the time of entry your athlete may still be awaiting classification. You should enter TBC. This MUST be submitted to the BUCS Event Coordinator prior to the event. Otherwise the student's result cannot be counted as the Raza system will not work.

Your athlete may never have competed in the event before. For the disability events this is not a problem. You should enter N/A.

If your athlete has not competed they may not have a Power of 10 profile. Again, enter N/A here.

### **Check your entries**

When you enter your athlete you need to check that it is into the correct event. For example a person wishing to throw the shot put who is classified as F52 cannot stand. They must be entered into the Seated shot put **NOT** the Ambulant shot put.

### **My student's event is not listed, can they still enter?**

Yes.

At the Indoor Championships each University is limited to two entries per event. If you have any athlete with a disability that is able to compete in the competition and you wish to enter them they MUST have a BP within the last two years.

At the Outdoor Championships Universities can enter up to four athletes per event, providing all meet an entry standard. **Please highlight** that your athlete is a disability athlete in the comments box as they **will not be subject to the same entry standard**. For track events they will compete during the heats. For field events the competition director will assess the entries. If the timetable allows they will compete alongside the finalists and have 6 attempts. If the timetable is tight they will compete in the pools. This will

be confirmed closer to the competition. **You must highlight your athlete to us.** If we don't know who they are we cannot make provisions for them that will enable them to compete.

For queries around the entry process please contact the BUCS Athletics Event Manager or the BUCS office at [alison.root@bucs.org.uk](mailto:alison.root@bucs.org.uk) / 0207 633 5080

British Athletics can provide information on local athletics clubs, coaching equipment and additional competition opportunities. Contact [ps@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:ps@britishathletics.org.uk)

For further information on identifying and supporting athletes please contact the team of Parallel Success Coordinators via [ps@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:ps@britishathletics.org.uk)

