



FISU SUMMER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2025

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The FISU Summer World University Games will take place across the Rhine-Ruhr region of Germany with competition dates across the 16 July 2025 to 27 July 2025.

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 GB Students delegation is anticipated to arrive at the official entry point of Dusseldorf Airport in accordance with the official arrival and departure dates for sporting disciplines.

The British Volleyball Federation (BVF) is sanctioned to work with BUCS to select athletes in line with this selection policy to the World University Games.

Athlete Arrivals

All athletes must activate their accreditation card at least 48 hours before their first competition. Athletes arriving late might not be accredited on time for the General Technical Meeting/Draw of their competition and therefore might not be allowed to compete following the rules of the concerned sports.

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 11.59pm on 28th March 2025.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting document (IANA 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 a template form, and this being received by BUCS by the stated deadline.

Selections

Selections will take place by **1st April 2025**

Selected athletes will be notified by email **the week beginning 7th April 2025**

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will be in the region of £2500 - £3000 excluding flights and will be required in full at the point of selection. Beach Volleyball athletes selected for the event will need to book their own flights and send details to the BVF Performance Manager and BUCS International Manager. Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement and accept financial liability including in the case of withdrawal related to injury or illness.



At FISU Summer World University Games the cost of the Team Leaders or/and Team Coach will be covered by the selected pairs unless otherwise agreed with the BVF. Students from universities not included as part of the BUCS membership will be required to pay an additional £200 surcharge. Athletes should work with their university to assist in getting any financial assistance for the event. Where needed both the BVF and BUCS can assist with this.

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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) proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland).

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 2000 and 31 December 2007). For 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball the age limit will be exceptionally extended allowing athletes at least 18 and no older than 28 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2007) to take part in it.

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 2024 will be eligible to compete in 2025, 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.

Sport Specific Regulations

Can be found online here:

[Regulations-for-the-Rhine-Ruhr-2025-FISU-Games-20240903.pdf](#)

The Beach Volleyball events will be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of these rules, the English text will be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of the events are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee. In principle, the programme will last six days and include:

Men - 24 teams' tournament
Women - 24 teams' tournament
The games will be held outdoor.



All teams will be seeded and divided into pools based on the FIVB Ranking at the time of the deadline for Individual Entries. If not applicable, it is at the discretion of FISU to seed the remaining teams according to the most recent performances.

Sports Criteria

GB Students/BVF will nominate a maximum of one (1) male and one (1) female pair. NGB will not fund the cost of the event, and therefore athletes need to self-fund their attendance, unless agreed as part of a funded performance programme (where applicable with beach athlete).

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:

- a) Team must have an FIVB Team World Ranking (as of 1st April 2025).
- b) Team must have main draw competition experience at FIVB Beach Pro Tour (Futures, Challenge, Elite 16).

Prioritisation;

Prioritisation would go to the highest ranked team as of (1st April 2025) as per the FIVB Team World Ranking.

Selection Panel

- Chair – Joanna Cook, BVF Performance Manager
- Kirk Pitman – Volleyball England Beach Performance Director
- Mark Kontopoulos – chair of the BVF, or Dev Palmer – legal independent board director
- Leyanne Jenkins – BUCS & GB International Student Sport Lead (Non-voting observer)
- * Luis Bello – BVF/VE Beach Performance Coach

***Luis Bello will only be involved in the female selection panel due to the conflict of interest on the male side**

Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal, their non-selection or de-selection, in a First Appeal process; in accordance with the NGB's Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained by emailing Joanna Cook. The appeals panel will be the president of the BVF and two board members.



Appendix 1 - Eligibility for FISU Summer World University Games 2025

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 1.1.7 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 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.