

FISU World University Orienteering Championships 2020

BUCS will sanction a GB Students Orienteering team to attend the following event:

- World University Orienteering Championships – Smolensk, Russia, 14-18 July 2020

Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must submit an online registration on the [BUCS website](#) by 12:00 on **Wednesday 1 April 2020**.

Any athlete who fails to complete the online registration and submit the supporting hard-copy documentation by the deadline may not be considered for selection. Please note that this process will necessitate your University physically signing and stamping a template Certificate of Academic Eligibility Form and an Institution Athlete Nomination Acknowledgement Form, and these forms being received by BUCS by the stated deadline.

Selections

Selections will take place following the JK 2020 event on **Monday 13 April 2020**.

Selected athletes will be notified by email and the team published **by Saturday 25 April 2020**.

Athlete Costs

The cost of participation in this event will not exceed £1300 per athlete based on known costs at this time. In the unlikely event that any unforeseen additional costs arise we will notify you as soon as possible.

Students at non-BUCS Member institutions must pay an additional supplement of £200.

Payment of the above amount 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 they are able to assist with coverage of the costs.

Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria are required to be met;

- Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a Level 4 qualification (on the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or equivalent or above*
- Be a national of the country they represent (therefore hold a full 10-year UK passport)
- 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 01/01/1995 and 31/12/2002).

*Students graduating in 2019 will be eligible to compete in 2020, 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 Selection Criteria

The team for the event will consist of a maximum of six men and six women.

Whilst it may be desirable to take a full team, the selectors may not select for all positions, at a specific competition, if they feel that the standard of an athlete will not contribute towards the overall aims and objectives of the competition.

Disciplines

- Sprint (S)
- Mixed Sprint Relay (MSR)
- Middle (M)
- Long (L)
- Forest Relay (FR)

Team size for each discipline

- 4 men & 4 women in each of Sprint, Middle and Long
- 1 Mixed Sprint Relay Team
- 2 men's & 2 women's Forest Relay Team

Sport Eligibility

In addition to meeting the above academic and age criteria, each athlete will need to meet the sport eligibility requirements specified below:

- Hold a valid British passport and be eligible to represent Great Britain in accordance with the rules of the International Orienteering Federation;
- Hold a valid and current membership of British Orienteering;
- Meet the age class requirements of the competition on 31st December in the year of competition;
- Comply with the UK Anti-Doping Rules;
- Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation;
- Justify the opinion of the Selectors that selection of the individual will not jeopardise the efficient, safe and orderly management of the group and or individual during the trip.

Selection Information

Performance and performance data (split times etc) from the races listed below will be taken into account when athletes are considered for selection. Sprint performances will only be considered in Sprint selection and Forest performances will only be considered in Forest selection.

Sprint Races	Forest Races
2019 WC3 Sprint & KO Sprint (September)	2019 WOC Middle, Long and Forest Relay (August)
2019 WC4 Sprint & MSR (October)	2019 WC 3 Middle (September)
2020 BUCS Individual (March).	2019 WC 4 Middle (October)
2020 JK Sprint (April)	2020 JK Middle, Long and Forest Relay (April)

Performances in the final open entry race before selection will be given priority for assessing current form in all selection decisions. Open entry races are highlighted in **bold**.

In addition, the following may be taken into consideration:

- An athlete that has clearly demonstrated the potential to podium at WOC
- Development opportunities for athletes who are potentially top 10 athletes in future WOCs and who will benefit from the experience
- Experience from previous international relay competition
- Evidence that athletes have shown progression over the last two years
- Adherence to the BOF Code of Conduct and any outstanding disciplinary matters
- Demonstration of behaviour that indicates a commitment to a positive team environment both on and off the field of play.

The criteria above are not listed in any order of priority and those involved in selecting will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions. In situations where all these factors have been considered and it remains difficult to split athletes, then athlete World Ranking scores and/or outstanding performance in international races from the previous year may also be considered. Doing so may include consideration of the likelihood of beneficial impact for future competitions as a result of giving any specific athlete an opportunity to improve their World Ranking scores and position.

Athletes wishing to be selected must have competed in at least one named race to be considered.

Athletes will be selected to relay teams or a relay pool at the time of selection any subsequent change will be made at the discretion of the Team Manager. Selection criteria will include all disciplines and selected teams may include athletes not selected to compete in the individual disciplines at a competition. Changes to relay teams may take place prior to or at the competition. Selection for the Relay Teams is entirely at the discretion of the Team Manager and as such is not subject to the appeals provisions.

The Team Manager at a competition has a duty of care to the athletes and may, in the best interests of the athletes and squad, withdraw athletes from disciplines or races prior to or during an event. Other athletes at the event may be substituted if the Team Manager believes this to be appropriate.

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 GBStudents@bucs.org.uk before submitting a nomination.

Selection Panel

The selection panel is expected to include:

- Selection Advisors: Jon Cross & Helen Winskill
- Squad Manager: TBC
- Scrutineer: Bob Dredge, Chair of Talent & Performance Steering Group
- BUCS Representative – TBC

Additional expert guidance may be sought from specific coaches, technical experts or programme medics if appropriate.

Appeals

Any appeal against the decision of the selection panel will only be considered if made in writing by email to GBStudents@bucs.org.uk and peter.hart@britishorienteering.org.uk by the athlete. The appeal must be made within 48 hours of being informed of selection or non-selection.

The [Full Appeals Procedure can be found here](#). No appeals will be considered by third parties including parents of athletes.

Appendix 1 - Eligibility for World University Competition 2020

FISU Eligibility Regulations

Only the competitors who satisfy the following conditions may take part in a FISU events:

- students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country (*e.g. the Department for Education in the UK*); or former students of the institutions mentioned before, who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event
- be a national of the country they represent (*i.e. hold a full 10-year passport*)
- be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event

Students studying abroad are eligible for selection provided they satisfy the above criteria.

Students attending courses franchised out from a registered institution providing they also conform to the additional eligibility criteria.

BUCS Academic Eligibility Regulations

The minimum level of study has been set at Level 4 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, or equivalent. Level 4 is equivalent to Higher National Certificates (HNC) and Certificates of Higher Education (CertHE). *In Scotland this is generally equivalent to Level 7. Please contact BUCS with any queries.*

Exemptions to permit the selection of student athletes studying below Level 4 can be considered where:

1. The student still meets the FISU eligibility regulations
2. There is no direct financial implication to BUCS
3. It can be demonstrated that this inclusion encourages additional benefit to Level 4 students

The inclusion of students studying below Level 4 should not be at the expense of a student studying at Level 4 or above.