



# FISU Summer World University GAMES 2025 - Badminton

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.

## **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 **10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. All nominations will be open from **10<sup>th</sup> February 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 latest w/c **17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
Selected athletes will be notified by email by latest w/c **17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## **Athlete Costs**

The anticipated cost of participation in this event **based on a minimum Team size of 6 athletes and one Team Manager** are estimated to be in the region of £1750-2250 per athlete. This cost excludes the pro-rata costs associated with the travelling Team Manager, which will be spread evenly across all participating athletes (should no means of other funding be available) along with field of play competition wear costs to include printing. These costs will be required in full at the point of athlete selection. If the Team size selected exceeds the minimum Team size of 6 athletes noted above, the cost of attending may reduce accordingly should the Coach costs need to be included across all athletes participation



costs. 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 Leader/ Coach will be covered across all participating athletes in attendance, unless by other means. Students from universities not included as part of the BUCS membership will be required to pay an additional £200 surcharge.

### 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**

Please view link [here](#) (pages 38-41) for the Badminton specific regulations relating to the FISU Summer World University Games in Rhine Ruhr 2025. These can be located on the FISU website [here](#)

### **Badminton Specific Performance Selection Objectives and Criteria**

#### **Performance Objective**

The performance objective for this competition is to select players that provide Great Britain the greatest opportunity to reach the last 16 / quarter-final stages in the Individual and Team Event, with the overall aim of being competitive at this Event.

For individuals to be considered for selection against the above Performance Objective, they should provide evidence of meeting the following criteria within the last 12 months, to demonstrate they can support the achievement of the Policy Objective:

- In good standing with their relevant Home Nation

The Panel will consider the following within the last 12 months from selection date when making decisions regarding selection of athletes who have put themselves forward for nomination:

- International results at BWF sanctioned competition
- BWF World Ranking
- Performance at BUCS Individual Championships (or international equivalent)
- Significant results / performances at BWF sanctioned competition (in the expert opinion of the Panel)

### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS DURING SELECTION**

Where necessary, the Panel's decision making may be guided by all or any of the following in any order and with any weighting that they see fit utilising their knowledge and discretion to select players relating to achieving the Policy Objective. The below will be based within the last 12 months from selection date:

- Quality of Event and opposition the athlete has competed in/against
- Head to heads between players / pairs
- An athlete's most recent results (last 6 months), consistency and current stage of development (age relevant to level)
- Unforeseen circumstances within an athlete's draw i.e., byes, walk-overs and withdrawals
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury and/or illness which has impacted on a player's ability to compete during the period which they have been required to have met criteria. Where this is the case, the athlete's prior performance level may be considered

If athletes have been on injury / illness status during the most recent season, this may be considered by the Selection Panel.

If more athletes are proposed than quota places are available, the Selection Panel has discretion to select the athletes they consider most likely to achieve the best result at the Competition as per the Performance Objective.

Selection will likely consist of a team size of 4 males and 4 females (dependent on the format of the competition and regulations for the Event), with a minimum Team size of 3 males and 3 females and maximum size of 6 male and 6 female, to provide the best combination and balance to achieve the Performance Objective across both Events. Should less applications be received, then it may be decided that only the Individual Event can be entered.

### **Selection Panel**

- GB Badminton Board Member (Chair)
- GB Performance Director (or relevant nominated deputy)
- BUCS & GB Students Senior Leadership Team rep (non-voting)
- GB Badminton Technical Advisory Group Member from each Home Nation (or nominated deputy)
- Administration – Minute taker (non-voting)



## **Appeals**

Athletes have the right to appeal their non-selection or de-selection.

Any Appeal against a decision of the Selection Panel must follow strict procedures. The following procedure is applicable to all sports in respect of Selections.

Any Appeal against Selection for a FISU World University Games or FISU World University Championships must follow the Appeal Process laid out in the Selection Policy.

## **Grounds of Appeal**

An athlete, or their Authorised Representative, ("the Appellant"), may make an Appeal against a Selection decision on the following grounds:

- There has been a failure to follow the selection criteria contained in this Policy correctly;

The appeal process will be in accordance with the Appeals Process of GB Badminton

## **The Process**

An Appeal will be made to the Appeals Panel, who will consider the Appeal and respond, either:

- a) confirm the decision of the Selection Panel and reject the Appellant's Appeal, explaining its reason for the decision; or
- b) quash the selection decision and remit the matter back to the Selection Panel identifying the error/s they have identified in the conduct of the selection process (as per the grounds of appeal) and requesting that a re-selection is made within one week taking into account the identified error/s.

## 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.