

British Fencing Selection Policy World University Games 2015

BUCS will sanction a Great Britain Fencing Team to attend the FISU World University Games, Gwangju, South Korea from 3rd – 14th July 2015. It is anticipated the team will travel on 29 June and return on 10 July.

1. Nominations

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection for the 2015 World University Games must complete and submit a SEPARATE on-line nomination form available on the BUCS website: <http://www.bucs.org.uk/sport.asp?section=17343§ionTitle=World+University+Summer+Games+2015> and return the hard-copy supporting documentation to BUCS no later than no later than **Friday 3rd April 2015**.

Please note that any athlete with outstanding information after the published deadlines will not necessarily be considered for selection.

2. Athlete Personal Contributions

The cost of participation for this event is in excess of £2,250 per athlete.

If selected, each athlete will be required to make an Athlete Personal Contribution to BUCS of £765 (or £880 for non-BUCS members).

The balance of the costs of participation will be met in full by British Fencing and BUCS.

Payment(s) will be required in full at the point of selection. Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement by indicating their acceptance of the Team Members Agreement, and accept that any unrecoverable costs incurred by BUCS resulting from athlete withdrawal from the nomination process will be passed onto the athlete concerned.

3. FISU Criteria (General)

- a) FISU regulation 5.2.1 – All athletes must meet the FISU (International University Sports Federation) eligibility criteria:
 - i) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country (e.g. the Department of Education in the UK).
 - ii) Former students of the institutions mentioned in (i) who have obtained their academic degree/diploma in the year preceding the event.
- b) FISU Regulations 5.2.3 - All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:
 - i) be a national of the country they represent (therefore hold a full 10 year UK passport)
 - ii) be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 1987 and 31 December 1997)

- c) Students studying abroad are eligible for selection provided they satisfy FISU regulations 5.2.1 and 5.2.3
- d) Students attending courses franchised out from an institution [complying with FISU Regulations 5.2.1 (i)] are eligible for selection providing they also satisfy FISU Regulation 5.2.3.

4. BUCS Criteria (Academic)

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).

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

1. The student still meets the FISU regulation 5.2.1.i) above
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.

5. Fencing Performance Criteria

To qualify for consideration for selection Athletes must have achieved either:

- (1) A **L16** in a Senior World Cup Individual Event between 1st September 2014 and 4th May 2015 **or a L32** at the Senior European or World Championships 2014; OR
- (2) A **L8** place in a Junior World Cup Individual Event, Junior World Championships or Junior European Championships between 1st September 2014 and 5th May 2015; OR
- (3) A **L8** place as part of a Team competing in a Senior World Cup Team Event between 1st September 2014 and 4th May 2015 or at the Senior European or World Championships 2014; OR
- (4) A **Medal** in the Team event at the Junior World or European Championships between 1st September 2014 and 5th May 2015.

N.B. (1) and (2) are on the proviso that these results have led to the athlete finishing at least in the top half of the entered field; (3) on the proviso that the team won through at least one direct elimination round.

(5) In addition, British Fencing may select fencers from its World Class Performance Programme as part of their development towards 2016 and 2020. Fencers selected under (5) will only be selected to fill vacancies not taken by fencers qualified under (1) to (4) above (i.e. no fencer qualified under (1) to (4) above will be displaced by a fencer selected under (5)).

Codicils to the above would be: Qualification via criteria (3) and (4) is only applicable to the qualification of a team to compete in the WUG - it cannot be used to qualify an individual where no team is fencing; and British Fencing reserves the right to downgrade an event which is not deemed to be of a sufficiently high standard for the purposes of qualification.

Any athlete who has not met the performance criteria stated for automatic qualification shall have no right of appeal against non-selection.

The selection date will be the **5th May 2015**.