



## 1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process to nominate a team to British University and Colleges Sport (BUCS) to represent Great Britain University and Colleges at the 2019 World University Games (Summer Universiade 2019).

## 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The objective for this event is to provide an international competition opportunity for targeted athletes (in consideration to 4.6) as part of their development to delivering future Olympic Podium success.

## 3. TEAM SIZE

- 3.1. A maximum team size of 14 swimmers will be selected. The team size is subject to available funding and there is no obligation to select the maximum.

## 4. SELECTION PROCESS

- 4.1. Selections will be made from:
  - 4.1.1. Swimmers NOT selected for the 2019 World Championships (Gwangju, South Korea, 2019) pool team
  - 4.1.2. Swimmers meeting all eligibility criteria as outlined by BUCS and summarised on the BUCS website – please access via the link: [click here](#)
  - 4.1.3. Swimmers submitting a completed expression of interest form to British Swimming **by 5pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. This is available on the British Swimming website: <http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/swimming/selection-policies/>
- 4.2. All selections will be made at the complete discretion of the British Swimming GB Head Coach in consultation with the Head of Elite Development and the British Swimming Team Leader, in consideration of selection criteria outlined in 4.6 (below).
- 4.3. This policy selects the swimmers onto the 2019 World University Games Team. Once athletes are selected on to the World University Games team, the GB Head Coach and Head of Elite Development will determine individual event entries, including those for non-Olympic events.
- 4.4. Only eligible athletes (as described in 4.1) competing at the 2019 British Swimming Championships (Tollcross International Swimming Centre, Glasgow 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019) will be considered for selection.
- 4.5. Athletes ranked outside the top 30 in the World<sup>1</sup> (2 per nation), based on their 2019 British Championship performance, will not normally be considered for selection. Any consideration outside the top 30 in the World<sup>1</sup> will be at the complete discretion of the British Swimming GB Head Coach.
- 4.6. All team selections will be made by taking into consideration:
  - 4.6.1. The long term priorities of the British Swimming World Class Swimming Programme as determined by British Swimming in its complete discretion.
  - 4.6.2. The long term development needs of individual athletes in terms of their potential to compete as part of the GB Olympic team at the Tokyo 2020 and/or Paris 2024 Games.
  - 4.6.3. The higher priority of other international teams or squads selected by British Swimming in 2019. Such priority is at the complete discretion of British Swimming.
- 4.7. Selected athletes will be required to pay a personal financial contribution, up to a maximum of £1,500 (or £tbc for students at non BUCS-member institutions) towards the cost of attendance.
- 4.8. Selections will be notified by 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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<sup>1</sup> Based on 2018 World Rankings



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## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Athletes must:

- G1 Meet all eligibility criteria as per 4.1.1, 4.12 and 4.1.3
- G2 Be available to fulfill all agreed team commitments.

### **TEAM COMMITMENTS**

All Team members will be required to:

- G3 Comply with the BUCS Team Members Agreement and British Swimming Code Of Conduct. A breach of the Agreement or Code of Conduct may result in de-selection from the team
- G4 Abide by any prescribed media protocols Athletes must only speak to the media about their own performances and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation selection-related matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader.
- G8 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between their selection and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the National Performance Director.
- G5 Make themselves available for relevant team activities designated by BUCS and agreed with British Swimming.
- G6 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

### **WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS**

- G7 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G3 to G6) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G8 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach. In the event of injury or illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer or his designate.
- G9 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with BUCS if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.

### **OTHER**

- G10 BUCS in consultation with the British Swimming World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group (PLG) may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

### **APPEALS**

- G11 Any appeals against selections in relation to selection policies must be made in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available on the British Swimming Website ([click here](#)) or by request from Adam Clarke, Head of Performance Services via email at [adam.clarke@swimming.org](mailto:adam.clarke@swimming.org). Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

**In the event of any conflict between British Swimming and BUCS protocols, then BUCS protocols shall take precedent.**



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## Eligibility for World University Competition 2018/19

### FISU Criteria (General)

#### FISU Regulations 5.2.1

Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU Sporting Event:

- i) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the 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. i.e. students graduating in 2017/18 are eligible to compete.

#### 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 18 and less than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event (born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 2001)

Students studying abroad are eligible for selection provided they satisfy FISU regulations 5.2.1 and 5.2.3

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.

### 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.