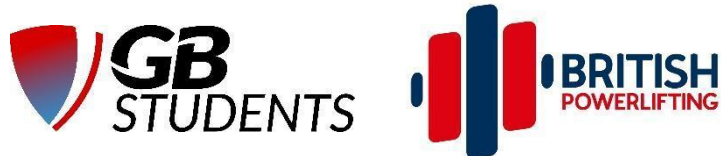


INTERNATIONAL SELECTION & PROVISION FRAMEWORK (ISPF)



Name: British Universities & Colleges Sport & GB Students

In Association with: British Powerlifting

Lead Contact for GB Students: International Performance Manager

Lead Contact for British Powerlifting: Performance Director

Events: FISU World University Games & FISU World University Championships

Term: Ongoing and reviewed following each competition

1. Objectives and Approach

1.1. This document outlines the Selection Framework (the “Framework”) which British Universities & Colleges Sport (“BUCS”) will follow when sanctioning and selecting athletes to represent GB Students on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as ‘GBR’) relating to all sporting disciplines governed by British Powerlifting, the sport specific National Governing Body (“NGB”) for Powerlifting.

1.2. The Framework sets out the overarching primary criteria for Selection (“Selection”) to represent GB Students and is to accompany and be in conjunction with a Policy (the “Policy”) to this document. Each Policy relates to a sport-specific discipline.

1.3. The Framework provides further detailed information to assist athletes and coaches in understanding relevant criteria likely to be used by the BUCS & British Powerlifting Selection Panel (the “Selection Panel”) for that discipline. When required, additional Policies may be created and published for major Competitions, examples being the World University Games or as a consequence of new qualifying standards published by the Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (“FISU”).

1.4. The Framework and/or the Selection Criteria contained herein may be amended from time to time by BUCS, including in particular in the event that COVID-19 materially impacts any matters related to the Policy, including in respect of qualification events or timelines.

2. The Purpose of the Selection Framework

2.1. The purpose of the Selection Framework is to:

2.1.1. outline the provision and ambition of BUCS & British Powerlifting for GB Students as part of the international university programme and British Powerlifting talent pathway.

2.1.2. Bridge the gap to support the transition of elite student athletes from age group to senior level competition including those within the British Powerlifting talent pathway.

2.1.3. deliver opportunities for the long-term formative development and performance of elite student athletes who are, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, capable of being competitive at international Games or Championships.

2.1.4. deliver the basis for selecting athletes for specific Squads or Competitions, including the FISU World University Games and FISU World University Championships.

2.1.5 deliver exceptional world class experiences that enrich the student experience of elite student athletes as the pinnacle of international university sport.

2.1.6 Deliver multi-sport and sport specific workforce development opportunities for athlete support personnel.

2.2. The Selection Framework will be in conjunction with a competition specific associated Policy which relates to a Games or Championships of which will be published no later than eight months prior to competition. Selections will be made by no later than four months from the publish start date of competition.

2.3. Each Selection Framework and Policy will be versioned and dated such that no earlier policies may be used or deemed relevant. Each current Selection Framework will be available on the BUCS Website.

3. The Selection Panel

3.1. The Selection Panel, which is responsible for the implementation of the Policy as outlined in the Selection Framework, will be chaired by an individual nominated by British Powerlifting.

3.2. The Selection Panel will consist of:

- 1. Tom Morgan (CEO)
- 2. Rob Palmer (Performance Director)
- 3. Scott Simon (Independent Director)
- 4. Marc Forrest (BUCS & GB Students International Performance Manager)
- 5. Daniel Clarke (British Powerlifting University Team Head Coach)

Head Coach Daniel Clarke will make recommendations for selection to the selection panel

3.3. The Selection Panel is therefore composed of: senior executives of British Powerlifting and the current BUCS team head coach.

3.4. The selection panel will firstly be asked to confirm the correct selection process has taken place as per the Selection Policy. The selection panel will then be asked to approve the final nominations made by the Head Coach in consultation with the CEO, Performance Director, Independent Director and the GB Students International Performance Manager.

3.5. Selections will be made without bias or discrimination, and, as such, any conflicts, real or perceived, must be declared and recorded at the start of the meeting. The existence of a disclosed conflict will not preclude a Selection Panel member, or attendee, from participating in deliberations. Depending on the nature of the conflict a Selection Panel member may have to abstain from voting if a vote is required.

3.6. The Selection Panel has total discretion to make Selections appropriate to the Competition, Championship, Games, or Squad but in accordance with the purpose of the Selection Framework stated above. It will use, in conjunction with its own assessment, the most recently published discipline specific Selection Criteria as a guide to their deliberations and conclusions. Any Appeal made against a decision of the Selection Panel cannot challenge the exercise of discretion unless the Appeal can demonstrate that the discretion has not been exercised in a reasonable manner and that such discretion was exercised in such a way as to be prejudicial to the Appellant.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1. For an individual to be eligible to represent BUCS & GB Students in FISU competitions they shall:

4.1.1. Be a British (United Kingdom) national and passport holder.

4.1.2. Be a registered student at an institution which is a recognised provider of Higher Education (HE).

AND

4.1.3. Be within the age range limits for the specific Games or Championships they are attending, as set by FISU.

4.1.4. Be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31 December of the year of the event

4.1.5 A former student of an eligible institution (as per 4.1.2) who has obtained an eligible qualification (as per 4.1.6) from said institution in the calendar year preceding the event.

AND

4.1.6 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).

4.1.6.1 An individual at an institution outside of the UK shall be registered on a course equivalent to those covered under 4.1.6.

AND

4.1.7 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.

4.1.7.1 A year will be taken as 12 months from the start date of their course.

4.1.7.2 An individual at an institution outside of the UK shall be undertaking a study programme equivalent to the requirements of 4.1.7

AND

4.1.8. 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.

4.2 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:

4.2.1 Notwithstanding 4.1.7, an individual who is otherwise eligible under 4.1 on a sandwich/industrial placement as part of their course is eligible during this time.

4.2.2 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.

4.3 All participants in BUCS sanctioned 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:

4.3.1 All participants are subject to testing.

4.3.2 Any individual who is serving a suspension as a result of an Anti-Doping rule violation will not be eligible to participate in BUCS international university programme competitions.

4.3.3 All Athlete Support Personnel (ASP) are strongly advised to complete the UKAD Introduction to Clean Sport qualification prior to attending FISU World University Championships and/or World University Games.

4.3.4 All Athletes are strongly advised to complete the new Complete Clean + eLearning course

4.4 Assuming an athlete meets the above conditions, the athlete is eligible for Selection. An athlete cannot be selected for any FISU World University Games or FISU World Universities Championship unless that athlete has been selected by BUCS & GB Students in association with British Powerlifting.

4.5 Any Selection does not entitle an athlete to receive funding.

4.6 Allowing ineligible participants to represent an institution will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken.

INT 5.1 Transgender athletes BUCS will advocate and implement the transgender policy applied by the sport specific NGB for the purpose of the NGB Framework and in compliance with FISU competition regulations. 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.

INT 5.1.1 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 5.1.2 Drug testing procedures and prohibitions, as outlined in 4.3.1, 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 1.5 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.

5. Selection Process

5.1. The Selection Panel is responsible for Selection of all athletes for the FISU World University Games and FISU World University Championships.

5.2. The Selection Criteria outlined in the Policy is referenced as the main input into the Selection decision making process.

5.3 The Policy document specific to any Games of Championships will align with the BUCS and sport specific NGB Selection Framework

5.4 The Policy will be made available to sport specific BUCS Sport Advisory Group (SAG) prior to nominations opening.

5.5 The BUCS membership will be notified upon nominations opening with the Policy made available.

5.6 The nomination window will be open for a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of four weeks for athlete to submit relevant information, IANA & CAE Form.

5.7 Following the Selection Panel meeting, athletes will be notified of their Selection by BUCS on behalf of GB Students with Selections published on the BUCS Website once all Selections are accepted and the Appeals window has closed.

5.8 Payment of the athlete costs will be required in full at the point of selection.

5.8.1 Athletes acceptance of Selection acknowledges commitment to the Team Member Agreement, BUCS Code of Conduct & Acknowledgement of Financial Liability.

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

5.9 Selections accept that any unrecoverable or costs incurred by BUCS resulting from athlete withdrawal will be passed onto the athlete concerned directly or via British Powerlifting.

6.0 The Athlete Student Contribution payments, inclusive of all costs per individual, are to be paid by all set deadlines. Any outstanding costs must be paid by British Powerlifting to BUCS on behalf of the athlete/s to reclaim directly no later than 14 days prior to the start of the competition.

6.1 All relevant individual personal information will be acquired at the point of nomination including supporting documents.

6. Appeal Process

6.1 As per the British Powerlifting selection policy for this competition, the decision of the Selection Panel is non-appealable.

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A 1.1. 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.1.1.1. Selection Criteria

Individuals should be compliant with all eligibility criteria set out in section 4.

Athletes who place top 2 in their weight class (or their dispensated total would have placed them top 2) at the BUCS championship will be invited to attend the FISU World Championships if the following conditions are met

- They have not been selected to compete on the British Powerlifting Junior or Senior Team in the same year as the FISU championships
- They have not been out totalled by an eligible lifter in the weight class below who wishes to move up a weight class
- Their total meets or exceeds the British Powerlifting open qualifying total for their weight class

Should one of the top 2 athletes decline their place or be ineligible to compete the 3rd place athlete will be invited (and so on if multiple athletes are ineligible) provided they meet all the both criteria.

A.2.1 If athletes have been on injury status during the most recent season, this may be considered by the Selection Panel if appropriate dispensation has been granted.

A.3.1 If more athletes are proposed than quota places are available, the Selection Panel has discretion to select the athletes most likely to achieve the best result at the Competition.

A.4.1 16 male and 16 female athletes can be selected - 2 per weight class.

A.4.2 1 Head Coach, 4 coaches and up to 3 assistant coaches will be present.

A.4.3 British Powerlifting will support funding for a coach/es to attend for development purposes (as per the current agreed rate per position). Any coaches where this is chosen to apply to will be selected by British Powerlifting.

A.4.4 GB Students kit will be worn during non-competition including opening ceremony, closing ceremony and medal podium with British Powerlifting kit to be worn during competition. The British Powerlifting kit must include the GB Students and BUCS logo and be provided to BUCS for approval for the Organising Committee.

A.4.5 - Athletes are expected to self-fund all entry and anti-doping fees, flights, airport transfers, equipment, food and accommodation for the championship. British Powerlifting will pay entry fees,

hotel and airport transfers directly to the IPF for the lifters and invoice the lifters appropriately. Should an athlete come in the top half of the standings in their weight class their entry and anti-doping fee's will be refunded by British Powerlifting.

Coaches - The head coach will receive £250 from British Powerlifting and have a single hotel room paid for the duration of their stay.

Coaches will receive a £125 flat fee from British Powerlifting

Assistant coaches will be completely self funded

Referees/officials: Up to 3 referees will have 4 nights in the hotel funded by British Powerlifting