



SUS(COMPS) Representative Squad Eligibility and Nominations Policy

Eligibility

The following guidance notes are pertinent to any SUS team (or individual representing SUS) in competitions outwith the BUSA programme.

The BUSA regulations for representative sport and are included in Appendix 1 for direct application to instances when SUS competes in BUSA Competitions (e.g. BUGs).

Representative Squad Nominations

1. All those students who meet the required criteria for the given event are eligible for selection
2. For SUS representative opportunities that fall outwith the BUSA programme, any student that is matriculated at a SUS member institution shall be eligible for selection.
3. There will be a nominations deadline for each sport
4. The Institution (including coaches, players and clubs) should encourage all eligible students of the requisite playing standard to submit a nomination
5. Where there is a cap on numbers of nominations per institution in any given sport, the AU president will liaise with the club, coaches and SDC as appropriate to decide which nominations will go forward
6. **Any athlete that wishes to represent SUS in competition must first have filled in an official nomination form**
7. **All nominations must be signed by the Athletic Union (or equivalent) to confirm that the player is a registered student at the institution and therefore eligible for selection**
8. Nomination forms will be submitted online or downloaded from the SUS website as instructed by the SUS Sport Programmes Manager
9. All nominations will be held until this deadline before being submitted to SUS en masse

Guidance Notes for team managers and coaches (Team Staff)

- i. Team Staff are advised to be aware of the nominations process and eligibility requirements pertinent to the relevant event/s
- ii. It is expected that teams will mostly comprise athletes that regularly compete in Inter-University competition
- iii. Competitors that fall outwith note ii but have followed the nominations process may be included in teams at the discretion of Team Staff
- iv. Institutions may choose not to financially support any athlete
- v. Institutions shall often elect only to support athletes that regularly compete in Inter-University competition

APPENDIX 1

BUSA ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

REG 14. ELIGIBILITY

REG 14.1 Eligible Participants

For a student to be eligible for BUSA Individual Championships or to represent his/her University in BUSA Team Championships and in BUSA Domestic Representative matches, he/she shall:

- REG 14.1.1 Be an internally registered¹ student at an institution of Higher Education² that holds current membership of the Association; and
- REG 14.1.2 Be registered on a credit rated course (e.g. MSc, Degree or HND)³, and
- REG 14.1.3 Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to at least 60 credits per year, or in the case of a postgraduate student be undertaking a study programme of no less than 50% of the full time student programme. HE institutions that have FE students registered with them and undertaking a minimum of 225 Guided Learning Hours are eligible to compete in BUSA competitions as long as they fulfil their National Governing Body regulations on age, and
- REG 14.1.4 Be a player who is permitted by the Governing Body of the sport concerned to participate alongside amateur competition in that sport; and
- REG 14.1.5 Have paid the appropriate Union or Athletic Union subscription.
- REG 14.1.6 Students may only compete for the institution(s) with whom they are internally registered.

REG 14.2 Special Cases for Participation

The following persons are classified as eligible to participate in BUSA Individual Championships or to represent his/her University in BUSA Team Championships and in Domestic Representative matches:

- REG 14.2.1 A student who is fully registered as an internal student at more than one BUSA member institution (and is by BUSA regulations eligible to compete for each of those institutions) may choose, annually, on a sport-by-sport basis, from among the institutions which they are eligible, which of those member institutions to represent (noting REG 14.2.2 below).
- REG 14.2.2 ***No student may compete in the same sport for more than one institution in any one academic year.***
- REG 14.2.3 A sabbatical officer of either a Students' Union or an Athletic Union who has paid the appropriate Union or Athletic Union subscription.
- REG 14.2.4 A student satisfactorily finishing his/her course of study between December and March or later until the end of the academic year provided his/her Union or Athletic Union subscription has been paid.
- REG 14.2.5 A student embarking on a Sandwich Course and/or Year Abroad course provided all of the following:
 - REG 14.2.6.1 The appropriate fee has been paid to their Athletic Union, and
 - REG 14.2.6.2 Their Athletic Union has paid affiliation fees to BUSA on his/her behalf, and
 - REG 14.2.6.3 The duration of the course in industry is less than one year.
 - REG 14.2.6.4 Officers of Athletic Unions at Universities should in cases of doubt refer the circumstances to the BUSA Chief Executive.

REG 14.3 Ineligible Participants

The following students are ineligible to participate:

- REG 14.3.1 Students at 'franchised' colleges unless recognised as fully registered internal students of the member institutions of the Association (and whose BUSA affiliation fee for the franchised college has been paid by the member institution).
- REG 14.3.2 Externally registered students, as determined by the University's Registrar.
- REG 14.3.3 Students undertaking 'foundation' courses are only eligible if their institution's Registry Office (or equivalent) deems them to fulfil these BUSA eligibility requirements; i.e. are internally registered students of the BUSA member institution and are studying an appropriate course as listed above.

REG 26. REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

REG 26.1 Definition

BUSA's sporting programme includes both UK and international representative sport. UK representative sport includes trials, selection events, preparation events for British, English (or one of its regions), Welsh, Scottish or Northern Ireland Universities teams competing in the UK. International representative sport includes trials, selection & preparation events and competition for Great Britain at FISU (Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire) events or other tournaments as sanctioned by BUSA's International Sport Committee.

REG 26.2 Eligibility – UK Representative Sport

Any student complying with BUSA's general eligibility regulations is entitled to submit a nomination and be selected for any aspect of BUSA's UK Representative programme. Institutions are required to sign nomination forms confirming an athlete's compliance with BUSA Eligibility Regulations. In the same way that they may compete in any BUSA Championship, an athlete may compete for British, English, Welsh, Scottish or Northern Ireland Universities regardless of their nationality. In Home Nation sports, athletes must compete for the country in which their institution resides; e.g. a Scottish or Greek student at Cardiff University may represent Welsh and/or British Universities as appropriate.

REG 26.3 Eligibility – International Representative Sport

UK citizens, as defined by the holding of a UK passport, are entitled to represent Great Britain in FISU events regardless of whether they are studying at a BUSA member institution, provided they meet FISU eligibility regulations. BUSA may wish to restrict membership of teams competing internationally in non-FISU events to athletes from BUSA member institutions.

REG 26.4 Nomination forms for BUSA representative sport (including British, English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Universities) will be accepted only if signed by an official representative of the Athletic Union (or equivalent). Two signatures will be required: a) the first will confirm the eligibility of that student to compete in BUSA UK representative matches (REG 14 - Eligibility); b) the second will confirm the acceptance by that institution of liability for the costs incurred by that player / competitor during the course of that season's representative programme.

REG 26.5 Institutions are entitled to sign part a) of the nomination form (confirming the eligibility of the student to compete in representative matches) while declining to accept responsibility for costs incurred (i.e. not signing for a second time).

REG 26.6 Students for whom their institution will not confirm their eligibility for representative selection will have the right to appeal to BUSA's Disciplinary Committee who shall consider the dispute in an appropriate timescale.

REG 26.7 When issuing nomination forms, the BUSA Office will endeavor to provide an accurate assessment of possible costs that could be incurred.

REG 26.8 The rules of the relevant NGB in respect of match precedents vis-a-vis national representative teams shall apply for each sport unless specified otherwise in the sports specific regulations. These will normally only apply for senior international representation and shall apply for competitive matches and not training / practice / selection events.

1 A student who is classified by the university Registrar as a student who is studying at the member institution or assigned campus in an internal classification.

2 On the merger of the previous organisations in 1994, and in the immediate period thereafter, seven HE/FE institutions were accepted into membership of BUSA. Thus the membership status of those institutions will not be affected by the above regulation, and for such institutions REG 14.1.1 shall read 'be an internally registered student at an institution that holds current membership of the Association'.

3 That is a course that is registered under CATS (Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme).