



British Wrestling Selection Policy – World University Championships 2010

1. Eligibility criteria

Wrestlers will be eligible for consideration provided they are a member of the British Wrestling Association AND are eligible under the below FISU and BUCS criteria:

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 2009/10 are eligible to compete.
- 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 (born between 1 January 1983 and 31 December 1993)
- 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.

BUCS Criteria (Academic)

The minimum level of study has been set at (the equivalent of) 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. There is no direct financial implication to BUCS
2. 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

2. Selection Panel

2.1 The Selection Panel will consist of the following:

- BWA Performance Director
- BWA National Senior Coach

2.2 Members of the selection panel will perform the following duties:

BWA Performance Director: will assume the role of a Selection Panel Member and will participate in the selection discussions and will be entitled to one vote in the selection.

BWA National Senior Coach: will assume the role of a Selection Panel Member and will participate in the selection discussions and will be entitled to one vote in the selection.

2.3 If for any reason any member(s) cannot attend, The Chair of the British Wrestling Association will appoint an appropriate substitute(s) who will perform the duties of the member(s) that they are substituting.

3. Selection criteria

3.1 The Selection Panel will use the following criteria for the selection of athletes to represent Great Britain at the World University Championships. These criteria are listed in priority order, and will be weighted accordingly:

(a) The athlete with the most potential to win a medal and / or to contribute to the fulfilment of the BWA's performance targets for the event.

Note: *"The athlete with the most potential to win a medal"* is considered the major criteria to be used in the selection process and it will have precedence over all other criteria listed below.

(b) The athlete's competition results in the 24 months immediately prior to the time of selection. Performance in the following events, which are listed in priority order, will be taken into consideration:

- World Championships
- European Championships
- Golden Grand Prix events
- International FILA Tournaments
- Major Domestic Events (British and English Open Championships only) – an athlete will not normally be considered for Great Britain selection unless s/he has achieved a podium finish in these tournaments.

An athlete will normally, but not essentially, need to achieve a top six finish in a minimum of one FILA International tournament within the twelve months prior to selection to be considered for selection to the World University Championships

In considering previous competition results, factors other than the final placing will be taken into account. These factors may include the standard of the event, the draw, the opposition, officiating, injury and any other factors that may have influenced the final results.

- (c) Additional factors which may be considered include:
- consistency of performances and current rate of improvement
 - current weight and the ability to make the fighting weight
 - age
 - current level of physical fitness and current medical/injury status
 - bona-fide medical evidence for absence
 - suitability as a team member (past behaviour)

- 3.2 While at all times having due regard to principles of equity and transparency, the Selection Panel reserves to itself the following rights:
- to give added weight to a specific criterion under particular circumstances
 - not to select an athlete for a weight category if there is no athlete judged to be of a suitable standard

The selection panel will meet the third week in September to make selections for the World University Championships.

4. Proceedings of the Selection Panel

- 4.1 Each selection decision will be formally recorded, including details of discussions regarding each of the athletes being considered for selection.
- 4.2 The Performance Director will communicate selection decisions to the selected athletes within three working days of the Selection Panel meeting.
- 4.3 All athletes who accept their selection will be required to abide by such BWA rules, regulations and codes of conduct as may be in force from time to time, and to sign such athlete agreements as the BWA may require from time to time. In any event, if an athlete accepts his/her selection to the World University Championships, then this will be held to imply acceptance of the rules, regulations and codes of conduct of the BWA and of the terms of any relevant athlete agreement, whether this has been signed or not.

5. Appeals Procedure

- 5.1 An athlete who was eligible for selection but was not selected by the Selection Panel may appeal against the decision of the Selection Panel only on the grounds that this selection policy and / or the selection criteria were not applied correctly.
- 5.2 An appeal must be made in writing to the Chair of the Selection Panel within 72 hours of the publication of the Selection Panel's decision. An appeal must be made with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation.

- 5.3 Within seven working days of receiving the appeal, the Chair of the Selection Panel will establish an Appeals Committee comprising of three independent people (e.g., a Performance Director from a sport other than wrestling, a independent sports professional, and an independent member of the BWA Executive), one of whom will be required to have elite sport experience. No member of the original Selection Panel will be involved in the Appeals Committee.
- 5.4 The Appeals Committee will stage a hearing at which it will investigate the appeal. At this hearing the Selection Panel will be required to state the reason for its decision, and the process which was conducted to arrive at that decision. The athlete may make personal representation to the Appeals Committee, and may be accompanied by a third party who may observe the appeal proceedings but may not contribute to them.
- 5.5 The Appeals Committee shall have power either to uphold or to reject the appeal. A nominated member of the Appeals Committee will in inform all parties of their decision in writing within 48 hours of the appeal hearing being staged.
- 5.6 The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and binding on the athlete(s) being an exercise of discretion in the matter of selection. It is not a disciplinary or “judicial” finding and as such is not subject to appeal.