



## GENERAL COMPTITION POLICY

### BRITISH UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SPORT & SCOTTISH STUDENT SPORT POLICY

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

RGU Sports Clubs will have the opportunity to participate in all British University and College Sport (BUCS) and Scottish Student Sport (SSS) activity. Entry into any other competition must be agreed within the handover period, with the President of Sport and Physical Activity and RGU SPORT Club Development Officer. Approval will be granted on a case-by-case basis and may be subject to increased fundraising targets. At any point in the season BUCS or SSS may changes their rules and regulations, it is the clubs responsibility to keep up to date with any relevant changes.

Competitions/trips the club wishes to attend should be clearly outlined in the club handover in May each year. If the information is not included in the handover, the associated expenses will not be budgeted for in the budget for the next academic year.

If the information is not included in the club handover, the associated costs will be approved or rejected by the President of Sport and Physical Activity on a case-by-case basis.

#### 2.0 REGULATIONS

##### 2.1 Eligibility

Students participating in BUCS and/or SSS league and knockout competition, must have a valid RGU Sports Club membership at the time of competition entry, or 48 hours prior to first fixtures.

Members must be registered on BUCS Play at least 48 hours prior to their first fixture.

Members must adhere to [BUCS Regulation 4: Individual Eligibility](#).

All Clubs, RGU Sports Club Members and Volunteers, must adhere to [BUCS](#) and [SSS](#) Sport Specific regulations.

Failure comply may result in the opposition Playing Under Protest as per [BUCS Regulation 12](#) and or [Regulation 15: Match Appeals](#).

A number of Sports require National Governing Body (NGB) affiliation in order to comply with [BUCS Regulations](#) for example Basketball, Football, and Volleyball. This will be reviewed on an annual basis by the President of Sport and Physical Activity in line with BUCS sport specific affiliations.

##### 2.1 BUCS Regulations

All Clubs must abide by and operate within [BUCS General Regulations](#).

#### 3.0 FIXTURE ADMINISTRATION

Fixtures should be checked weekly using BUCS Play by Club Presidents and Captains and are subject to change throughout the season.



Any errors, or insight into why a fixture may not be able to go ahead on the proposed date/time should be emailed to the President of Sport & Physical Activity, as soon as possible but at least two weeks prior to the fixture.

### 3.1 Eligibility

BUCS Play must be checked by captains at least 48 hours prior to your fixture, to ensure all players are “eligible” on the system. Any issues should be reported to the President of Sport & Physical Activity by email at least 48 hours prior to fixture start time.

### 3.2 Team Sheets

Team sheets must be completed for every league and knockout fixture in line with [BUCS Regulation 11: Team Selection and Team Sheets](#). All team sheets must be completed to the standard set by BUCS or else teams may be liable for any fines for incomplete or missing team sheets.

**Team sheets must be completed fully by Captains prior to warm up** and should be submitted via BUCS Play. Clubs **must** also keep a written physical copy, which must be brought to fixtures in case of technical issues.

### 3.3 Results

Results must be submitted to BUCS Play, and the President of Sport & Physical Activity by the end of the match day, detailing the score, with certain sports requiring additional information (Badminton, Tennis and Rugby). If additional information is not input on BUCS play, the team may not gain deserved additional points e.g. rugby bonus points for tries.

## 4.0 UMPIRES & OFFICIALS

All clubs are responsible for sourcing and paying for their own umpires and officials for fixtures.

All umpires and officials must comply with [BUCS Sport Specific Regulations](#).

## 5.0 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Club Presidents and/or captains should email/arrange to meet with the President of Sport & Physical Activity to notify them of competition entry details e.g., athletes, ranking, discipline at least 2 weeks prior to entry deadlines. If the club does not notify the President of Sport and Physical Activity of these details, the President of Sport and Physical Activity is not liable for any non-approved entries. At this point, the President of Sport & Physical Activity will approve or deny the entry proposal. If approved, you will be required to submit a [RGU Sports Clubs Trip Preparation form](#) at least 2 weeks prior to your departure to the President of Sport and Physical Activity for approval. When possible as much notice as possible should be given to organise trips.



Club Presidents and/or captains should ensure their competing members have signed up to BUCS Play no later than 5 days before the event deadline to ensure the President of Sport & Physical Activity can approve and confirm entries.

If an RGU Sports Club member withdraws from a competition after the withdrawal deadline, they will be expected to pay the individual entry sum back to the RGU Student Association income account within a month of receiving an invoice.

### **6.0 Travel To and From Fixtures and Competitions**

Please refer to the RGU sports clubs travel policy if traveling to or from a fixtures, trip or competition.