

BUCS EVENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This guide has been created to support students entering a British Universities and Colleges (BUCS) event on behalf of the Aston Athletic Union. Please ensure you read all the information carefully before registering for your BUCS event.



All BUCS sports may be entered with approval from Aston Students' Union, provided that competitors meet the eligibility criteria set by BUCS.

Individual Sports: You may register for individual BUCS events at any time, in line with official BUCS event timelines.

Team Sports: All team entries must be approved by Aston Students' Union. Teams must confirm they have the required number of eligible participants to compete.

ENTRY

Before registering for any BUCS Event, please inform the Students' Union Staff

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EVENT INFORMATION

All BUCS Events can be found here - <https://www.bucs.org.uk/events-listing.html>

Please read all event information carefully before submitting your event entry. Is it essential that you are available on the competition date(s) and are able to arrange travel to and from the events. Some sports may also have specific entry criteria that must be met for your application to be accepted.

All entries must be submitted before the published deadline to be considered. Please ensure you apply in good time, allowing us to contact you if any issues arise.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Competitor registration takes place via the **BUCS Playwaze App**.

A step-by-step guide on to downloading the app, creating an account and entering an event is available here - [BUCS Event Entry Guide](#)

The BUCS event page will provide entry information.

IMPORTANT: You must register using your **Aston email address**. BUCS will not accept entries submitted from personal or non – institutional email accounts

PAYMENT

All participants must purchase the **Athletic Union Membership (£15)** to be eligible to compete in any BUCS event and represent Aston. This membership can be purchased at the **Student Activities Office** in Aston Students' Union.

Aston will submit and pay for your event entry on your behalf. However, once your entry is submitted, you are responsible for covering any fines incurred for late withdrawal.

Please note: You will need to arrange and cover the cost of your own transport and accommodation, if required.

REGISTRATION APPROVAL OR REJECTION

Bucs will not contact you directly to confirm whether your entry has been accepted or rejected, and no notifications will be sent through the BUCS app. This information is published on the relevant event page on the BUCS website

You can find the event page here [BUCS Event Listing](#)

Please scroll or use the search function to locate your specific sport's event page. BUCS will add a subcategory in the event dropdown menu showing accepted or rejected entries. This is typically updated around two weeks before the event. Though it may appear later in some cases.

Make sure to check the events page regularly after submitting your entry to stay informed.

WITHDRAWAL PROCESS

BUCS enforces a very strict withdrawal procedure that must be followed exactly according to the timeline specified on the relevant event page.

If at any point you plan to or need to withdraw, you must notify Anita immediately (her contact details are provided above).

Withdrawals made after the BUCS deadline will incur a charge to Aston, which will then be passed on to you as the withdrawing competitor.

EVENT CANCELLATION

If BUCS cancel the event for any reason, then athletic union membership will be refunded in full.

LIABILITY

It is important that you understand your responsibility for any fines incurred if you enter a BUCS event and later withdraw after the BUCS deadline.

By entering the event and receiving this information, you are confirming that you acknowledge and accept liability for any such fines.

SHARE YOUR STORY

We are always keen to celebrate and promote student engagement in sport competitions. Please let us know how you get on and feel free to share any photos, videos or any stories from your events so we can showcase your achievements on social media. You can email Anita (athletic.union@aston.ac.uk) or tag us on Instagram using @_weareaston and @sportaston

FINAL NOTE

We hope this guide has been helpful in outlining the processes and procedures involved in entering a BUCS Event to represent Aston.

For any questions or concerns, please maintain clear and timely communication with the Students' Union.

Wishing you the very best of luck in your event

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