



NOMINATION POLICY

2025 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES: 21-27 JULY 2025, RHINE-RUHR GERMANY**OVERVIEW**

Student Sport Ireland (SSI) is the sole sanctioning body responsible for identifying, selecting and organising Irish student athletes to compete at the 31st World University Games to be held in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany from 21 – 27 July 2025. SSI works closely with Athletics Ireland and Sport Ireland to achieve the best possible results at the World University Games.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This policy should be read in conjunction with the [Selection Panels Terms of Reference](#).

QUALIFICATION PERIODS		
Date	Event	Notes
1 April 2024 to 1 June 2025	All Events	
IMPORTANT DATES		
1 Mar 2025	National Team Declaration Form	Online Form
3 June 2025	Final Selection All Events	Names published after selection date

1. CONDITIONS

- 1.1 All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations, or its National Federations, and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules. Moreover, only results included to the [World Athletics Global Calendar](#) will be considered as valid performance;
- 1.2 Performances achieved in mixed events (between male and female participants), in track events shall not be accepted. Performances achieved in mixed events in Race Walks shall be accepted;
- 1.3 Wind assisted performances (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted;
- 1.4 Short track performances will be accepted;
- 1.5 Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m and 4x100m will not be accepted;
- 1.6 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized indoor tracks will be accepted. Subject to that an oval track length is greater than 201.2m (220 yards) but no greater than 400m; and the event is conducted in a competition area or facility in conformity with the Rules and in respect of which, if held on a temporary facility, a survey has been made in accordance with Rule 10 of the Technical Rules.

2. ENTRY RULES**Individual Events**

- 2.1 Member federation entries must comply with International University Sports Federation (FISU) Regulations, World Athletics (WA) Technical Regulations and Local Organising Committee (LOC) Entry Requirements.
- 2.2 Member Federations may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes per Individual Event of whom both may participate, other than the following exceptions:
 - 2.2.1 For 10,000m men and women, a maximum of 3 athletes may be entered, all of whom can participate.
 - 2.2.2 For the half-marathon men and women and the 20Km Race Walk men and women up to five (5) athletes can be entered, all of whom can participate.

Relays

- 2.3 Member federations may enter one (1) team per Relay Event.
 - 2.3.1 If a delegation entering a relay team has already entered 2 athletes or more in 100 / 200 m (in relation to 4x100m relay) or in 400m (in relation to 4x400m relay), the relay team can be filled in with a maximum of 2 relay specialists. For example: if 3 athletes are registered in 100/200m, only 2 additional athletes can be accepted for the relay.

2.3.2 If a delegation entering a relay team has entered 1 athlete or less in 100 / 200 m (in relation to 4x100m relay) or in 400m (in relation to 4x400m relay), the relay team may be filled up to a maximum of 4 athletes. For example: if 1 athlete is registered in 100/200m, 3 additional athletes can be accepted for the relay

2.3.4 For the 4x400m mixed relay a team must be composed of 2 men and 2 women. If a delegation entering a 4x400m mixed relay team has already entered 2 athletes or more in men's and women's 400m, the mixed relay team can be filled with a maximum of 2 relay specialists.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

3.1 Athletics Ireland has identified the 2025 World University Games as an important step on the championship pathway towards success at senior European and global championships. Athletics Ireland and SSI have established the selection criteria outlined below consistent with its high-performance mandate. Athletics Ireland has identified a successful World University Games as being one where individual athletes achieve a medal or top 8 finish while relay teams achieve a medal.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this policy obliges SSI/Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the FISU Entry Rules or the qualification standards. Athletics Ireland will nominate to SSI its team of athletes according to the criteria set out in this policy and as allowed by FISU Entry Rules.

SSI/FISU STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In addition to meeting the qualification standards set out below by Athletics Ireland, and ratified by SSI, students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate at the Games:

4.2 A student must be fully registered and hold a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered.

4.3 Students must be a national of the country they represent.

4.4 Students must be at least 18 years and no more than 25 years of age on 31 December 2025 (i.e. born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2007); (**Please see clause 4.4 below for SSI/Athletics Ireland's own age requirements**).

4.5 Only the following may participate as athletes in the FISU World University Games:

4.5.1 Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;

4.5.2 Former students of the institutions who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event.

4.6 Students must be pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum in Ireland and that leads to an award ranked at a minimum of Level 6 on the NQAI Framework (National Qualification Authority of Ireland), or 120 UK Academic credits per annum in Northern Ireland

4.7 The academic year shall be defined as September to August. Students in any institution with an academic calendar not running concurrently with this will be eligible for the academic year during which they enter and any subsequent academic years depending on the E.C.T.S. value of their course;

4.8 To see the SSI FISU Competitions Eligibility Criteria please follow this link: [FISU Eligibility Criteria - Student Sport](#)

4.9 Appeals in relation to eligibility will be heard by the Eligibility Committee members. Please follow the following link to view the [Student Sport Ireland Appeals Procedure](#).

4.10 Students must submit a [Declaration of Interest form](#) for the 2025 World University Games on Athletics Ireland website and have submitted all required paperwork, as detailed in Clause 6, with SSI.

Age Requirements

4.11 Regardless of the FISU eligibility rules for World University Games, Athletics Ireland will prioritise athletes for nomination that are aged at least twenty-three (23) and no more than twenty-five (25) as of 31st December 2025 (i.e. born 2002, 2001 or 2000).

4.11.1 Athletes aged eighteen (18) or nineteen (19) as of 31 December 2025 (i.e. born 2007 or 2006) are expected to prioritise their preparation for and participation in the 2025 European U20 Championships.

4.11.2 Athletes aged twenty (20) to twenty-two (22) as of 31 December 2025 (i.e. born 2005, 2004 or 2003) are expected to prioritise their preparation for and participation in the 2025 European U23 Championships.

4.11.3 Athletes aged eighteen (18) to twenty-two (22) in 2025 who wish to be selected for the World University Games over or in addition to either the 2025 European U20 Championships or 2025 European U23 Championships should contact Athletics Ireland Performance Director or respective Event Performance Lead to discuss same.

Long List

4.12 Athletics Ireland will contact athletes who have submitted a declaration of interest and whom they deem capable of achieving a top 8 finish to request submission of the documentation outlined in clause 6 below to SSI to ensure that all necessary information is in place and in order. Athletes who have submitted all required documentation will comprise the 'long list' for selections.

Performance Standards

4.13 SSI and Athletics Ireland have set their own performance standards for the purposes of this selection policy. The performance standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2025 World University Games are set out in clause 5 below. This policy has set a quota of just 10 athletes that can be selected for 2025 World University Games and a ranking process, as detailed in clause 4.17 to 4.20, may be used to select athletes. Therefore, B Standards should be considered as guideline selection standards only. Achieving a B standard does not guarantee selection. Equally it is possible to be selected having not achieved a B standard.

Qualification Period

4.14 SSI and Athletics Ireland have set the qualification period in which the performance standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances during the period from 1 April 2024 to 1 June 2025.

General Selection Criteria

4.15 The Selection Panel may "exercise their sole and overriding discretion" to nominate to SSI for selection an athlete(s) or relay team that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2025 World University Games and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.

4.15.1 The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

A. Consistency and Repeatability of performances (in all or any events) during the qualification period, achieving the performance standard and showing current form and fitness

B. Statistical data (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, course ratings, altitude/wind adjustments)

C. Championship performance history, in particular the history of the athlete's on-demand performances at major championships

D. The competitive head to head record of each athlete

E. Injury and illness history

4.16 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole and overriding discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.

Individual Selection Criteria

4.17 In order to nominate to SSI an athlete for selection, the selectors must be satisfied, after considering the matters set out in the criteria, that an athlete is capable of achieving a medal or top 8 finish at the 2025 World University Games.

4.18 Selectors will first consider for nomination all eligible athletes who have met all other criteria and who have achieved an A standard (clause 5) during the qualification period. Eligible athletes who have achieved an A standard and have met all other criteria and conditions of this policy will be nominated.

4.19 Should fewer athletes than the available quota have been nominated as per 4.18. above, then selectors will next consider for nomination eligible athletes who have met all other criteria and who have achieved a B standard (clause 5) during the qualification period.

4.19.1 If more athletes have achieved an A or B standard than there are quota spots available, then athletes who have achieved a B standard will be ranked according to their best performance during the qualification period, expressed as percentage of the B standard in that event, and will be nominated in order according to that rank until all quota spots have been filled.

4.20 Should fewer athletes than the available quota have been nominated as per 4.18. and 4.19 above, then selectors will next consider for nomination eligible athletes who have met all other criteria but who have not achieved an A or B standard (clause 5) during the qualification period.

4.20.1 Those athletes will be ranked according to their best performance during the qualification period, expressed as percentage of the B standard in that event, and will be nominated in order according to that rank until all quota spots have been filled.

4.20.2 If three (3) or more individual athletes have been nominated as per 4.18 and 4.19 that can contribute to a relay team that is deemed capable of achieving a medal at the 2025 WUG, then the selection panel will consider adding a maximum of 2 further relay athletes to complete that panel, provided that all those athletes are available to compete in the relay and

have committed to doing so. Those additional athletes will be included in available quota of nominations and will therefore reduce the number of available individual nominations by an equivalent number.

4.21 The selectors will consider any established breach of any code of conduct or athlete agreement by an athlete as a member of an Athletics Ireland representative team in deciding whether to select an athlete. Such a breach may result in the selectors not nominating an athlete for selection who would otherwise satisfy these criteria.

Relay Teams

4.22 Athletics Ireland may consider nomination of Relay Team(s) to SSI for Selection (Please note 4.20.2).

4.22.1 The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete to the relay panel, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

A. Consistency and Repeatability of performances (in relevant events) during the qualification period, and showing current form and fitness

B. Statistical data (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, altitude/wind adjustments)

C. Championship performance history, particularly the history of the athlete's on-demand performances at major championships

D. The competitive **head to head record** of each athlete

E. Injury and illness history

F. Previous/current relay experience (proven ability to pass and receive batons, championship experience, head to heads).

G. Relay splits taken from prior championship or non-championships events may be considered.

H. Commitment to relay programme and relay panel initiatives.

4.23 Final Relay Team Selections

The "Strike Four" athletes for any Relay Team(s) that run at the championships will be selected by the appointed Relay Coach in consultation with and confirmed by Team Management before final relay declarations. For selection purposes there are "No Appeals" against the final running order or to the selection of the "Strike Four" athletes.

Nomination Meeting

4.24 The Selection Panel members and the [Selectors Terms of Reference can be found here](#).

4.25 Nomination meeting for all events will be on 3 June 2025. SSI will confirm selections shortly thereafter.

Selection Queries

4.26 Athletes can seek clarification regarding selection policy from the [Athletics Ireland Performance Director](#).

After Selection

4.27 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the Team remain conditional** up and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness.

4.27.1 Form and fitness is proven by the athlete achieving a performance/result prior to the championships that is close/better than the published Performance Standards set in (see clause 5).

4.27.2 Failure by a selected athlete to show form and fitness prior to the championships will, at the discretion of the Selectors, Performance Pathway Manager and/or Team Manager result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn.

4.28 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2025 World University Games village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics Ireland's Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

4.28.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Leader/Manager considers an athlete does not have the standard of fitness or is otherwise not in condition to compete due to injury at a level appropriate to the event(s) for which they have been selected, the Team Leader/Manager will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

4.29 An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, WA, EAA, LOC or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition at the sole discretion of the Team Leader/Manager.

Non-nomination Appeals Process

4.30 An email to all athletes that have submitted an NTDF for this event confirming that Athletics Ireland have met to consider nominations to SSI for Selection will be **deemed the commencement of the 24 hour period to lodge non-Nomination Appeals** in accordance with this Selection Policy.

4.31 Any athlete who is not nominated in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-nomination to Athletics Ireland providing they:

4.31.1 Have submitted an NTDF in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and have submitted all required paperwork, as detailed in Clause 6, with SSI;

4.31.2 Submit an appeal their non-selection via online [Notice of Appeals Form](#) within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Nomination Announcement). The Notice of Appeal Form is submitted to the Chair of the Appeals Panel and the CEO of Athletics Ireland.

4.32 The [Selection Appeals Procedure](#) can be found on the HP section of Athletics Ireland website.

4.33 The Grounds upon which a Nomination decision may be appealed are limited to the following:

4.33.1 There has been an alleged failure by Selection Panel to follow or apply the relevant Selection Procedure and/or criteria set out in the Selection Policy, and/or

4.33.2 The decision for nomination for the championship has been reached based on an error of fact.

Additional Information

4.34 Subject to ratification by SSI the selection criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics Ireland, if SSI and Athletics Ireland are of the opinion that such amendment is necessary and in the best interests of SSI and Athletics Ireland or as a result of any change in FISU participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on both SSI's and Athletics Ireland website.

4.35 Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official Irish Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2025 World University Games.

Funding/Costs

4.36 SSI will not be in a position to provide any funding to support athletes participating at the Games. SSI's advice to all athletes being considered for selection for the Games is that while ultimately the cost of participation is the responsibility of the athlete the athlete's NGB will be expected to provide at least a third of each individual student's costs. In addition the athlete's college may be in a position to also support his/her participation;

4.37 SSI advise that all athletes under consideration should approach their College Sports Officer at the earliest opportunity to indicate their interest in participating at the Games and to determine if the College may be in a position to support their participation;

4.38 All student balances must be settled **1 WEEK** before departure for the Games. Failure to pay an outstanding balance before departure **WILL** result in SSI withdrawing a student's entry to participate at the Games;

4.39 Without exception, SSI will not facilitate payment of any fees and costs due until it first has received into its account all monies due.

5. Performance Standards

Men			Women	
A Standard	B Standard	Event	A Standard	B Standard
10.16	10.32	100m	11.24	11.40
20.45	20.75	200m	23.00	23.30
45.50	46.00	400m	51.50	52.25
1:45.20	1:46.50	800m	2:00.00	2:01.90
3:36.00	3:37.00	1500m	4:05.00	4:08.00
13:20.00	13:30.00	5000m	15:15.00	15:35.00
27:50.00	28:30.00	10000m	32:00.00	33:05.00
8:25.00	8:40.00	3000m SC	9:37.00	9:50.00
13.46	13.75	110mH/100mH	12.98	13.20
49.30	50.40	400H	55.70	57.00
1:01:40	1:03:15	Half Marathon	1:10:30	1:13:00
1:21:30	1:25:00	20km Walk	1:31:40	1:35:30
NA		4x100m	NA	
		4x400m		
		Mx 4x400m		
2.26m	2.22m	High Jump	1.92m	1.90m
5.75m	5.55m	Pole Vault	4.50m	4.40m
8.00m	7.90m	Long Jump	6.70m	6.55m
16.80m	16.20m	Triple Jump	14.15m	13.85m
20.85m	20.10m	Shot Put	18.00m	17.10m
65.20m	62.90m	Discus Throw	60.50m	57.80m
76.50m	75.00m	Hammer Throw	71.20m	69.00m
83.00m	79.00m	Javelin Throw	60.00m	58.20m
8200	7900	Combined Events	6300	6040

6. SSI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION

To be eligible for consideration for selection athletes are required to submit the original documentation to the SSI office. Failure to submit all documentation requested by the date may prevent the athlete's participation at the WUGs being considered by SSI.

6.1 A signed and stamped nomination form (completed in a Word doc), signed and stamped by the College Sports Officer.

6.2 Completed Academic Eligibility form stamped by the College Registrar. (AE forms not stamped by the registrar **will** be returned to the student).

6.3 Two passport photos.

6.4 A copy of the athlete's passport page.

7. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please note that it is SSI policy that personal information in relation to World University Games and Championships is only stored for the duration of that event and is deleted and shredded following the event.