



2025-2026

# BUCS & BUCS PLAY



**THE STUDENTS'  
UNION**  
AT UWE





# WHAT IS BUCS?

- **BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT (BUCS)**
- **THEIR VISION IS TO ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE THROUGH SPORT**
- **2.3 MILLION STUDENT COMPETING IN 4800+ TEAMS, 50 SPORTS AND 100+ CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **2023-24 - UWE FINISHED IN 36TH PLACE OUT OF 160+ INSTITUTIONS, 1426 POINTS**
- **UWE ENTERED 50+ TEAMS INTO BUCS FOR THE 23/24 SEASON.**





# BUCS COMPETITIVE OFFERING

BUCS sport can be split into 3 main categories;

- Leagues: Weekly fixtures in Tiers Premier - Tier 4+
- Cups: Knockout tournament style fixtures, e.g. National championships, National Trophy, Conference Cup
- Championship events: Individual & Team competition, e.g. BUCS nationals

*\*Your sport may have a specific format or round robin events e.g. tennis fast 4, Equestrian pools & Squash*





# BUCS COMPETITIVE OFFERING

<https://www.bucs.org.uk/rules-and-regulations/general-regulations/appendices.html>

## Bucs Appendix 1



### ULTIMATE

#### Indoor Championships

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Championship (Men's and Women's)	50	35	24	16	14	12	10	8
Trophy (Men's and Women's)	30	21	14	12	11	9	7	5

#### Outdoor – Leagues (Men's and Women's)

Tier 1		Tier 2 (Men's Only)	
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	1 <sup>st</sup>	24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	29	2 <sup>nd</sup>	23
3 <sup>rd</sup>	28	3 <sup>rd</sup>	22
4 <sup>th</sup>	27	4 <sup>th</sup>	21
5 <sup>th</sup>	26	5 <sup>th</sup>	20
6 <sup>th</sup>	25	6 <sup>th</sup>	19
7 <sup>th</sup>	24	7 <sup>th</sup>	18
8 <sup>th</sup>	23	8 <sup>th</sup>	17
9 <sup>th</sup>	22	9 <sup>th</sup>	16
10 <sup>th</sup>	21	10 <sup>th</sup>	15

#### Outdoor – Knockouts (Men's and Women's)

National Championship		National Trophy		National Shield (Men's only)	
Winner	50	Winner	30	Winner	20
Runner Up	35	Runner Up	21	Runner Up	14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	24	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	10
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	16	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	12	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	7
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	14	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	11	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	5
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	12	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	9	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	3
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	10	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	7	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	2
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	8	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	5	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	1
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	6	9 <sup>th</sup> Place	0	9 <sup>th</sup> Place	0
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	6	10 <sup>th</sup> Place	0	10 <sup>th</sup> Place	0
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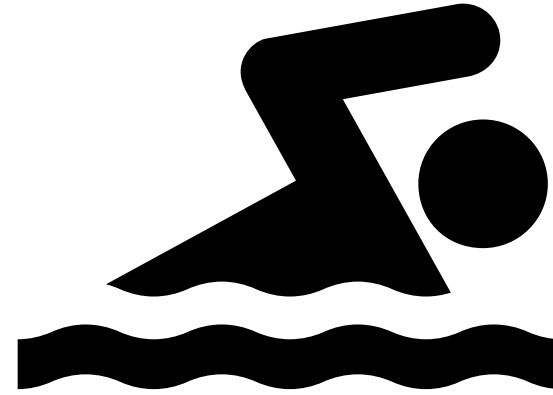
# BUCS NATIONALS

## CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS FOR 6 SPORTS:

**Athletics (Indoors)**



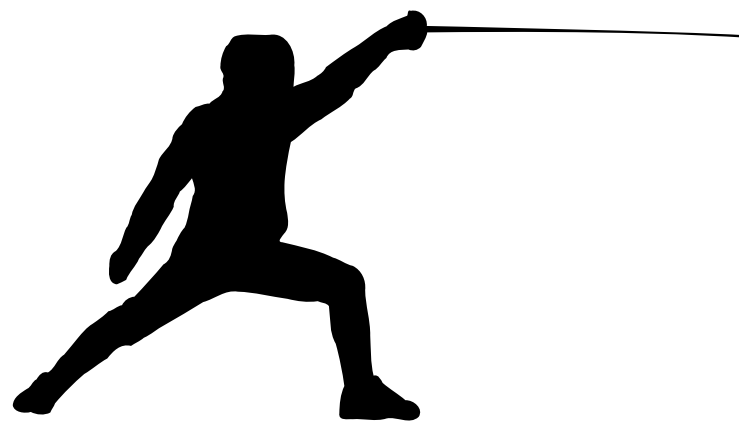
**Swimming (Long Course)**



**Badminton**



**Fencing**



**Karate**



**Climbing**







# CONFERENCE CUP FINALS

- The finals of all regional Conference Cup competitions

# BIG BUCS WEDNESDAY

National championships & National trophy competition finals







# THE NEW HOME OF BUCS SPORT





# WHAT YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF

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# THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

- BUCS Fixtures can change! Check BUCS play regularly to stay up to date with changes.
- We will email you weekly with information about your upcoming fixtures - Transport/team sheets/start time etc.
- BUCS deadlines are strict. It is the student's responsibility to sign up to competitions/events before the deadline.
- It is the club's responsibility to organise officials for your fixtures.
- Check your emails regularly for any transport/fixture changes.
- Work with us, not against us. We want you to play as much sport as possible and succeed!
- Keep us in the loop and let us know ASAP if you are having problems - do not leave it until 5pm on a Tuesday!



# ELIGIBILITY

- Be a student at UWE Studying at least 60 credits for the academic year
- Paid your £23 sports fee and club membership for the year
- Your club must have a minimum of 25 members by the 31st October for your club to remain active





# **BUCS WEDNESDAY & FIXTURES**



# TEAM SHEETS



- Team sheets must be submitted by **Tuesday 12pm** before each of your matches (Friday 12pm for weekend games)
- These are done on BUCS Play - all players must be registered to BUCS play & have joined your club.
- Captain's responsibility to ensure that players have paid their membership before playing their first game.
- Hard copy of a team sheet in case of lack of signal on game day/BUCS Play errors.
- Take student cards to every game as proof of ID



# PLAYER IDS

- All players **MUST have their IDs** with them to play in matches
- Cannot get on a coach without showing ID
- Your student ID confirms your eligibility for BUCS fixtures, you must have this with you at BUCS competitions
- Failure to present your student ID at any BUCS fixture or competition may result in disqualification, forfeiture of fixtures and potential disciplinary action.
- TOP TIP: Take a photo of your student ID on your phone in case you forget your student card





# PLAYING OFFICIALS



- Before any official can be paid by the Students' Union they must complete a determination form
- Once they have filled this in and it has been approved by our finance team, we can pay them by BACS
- DO NOT GIVE YOUR OFFICIAL ANY CASH  
- WE WILL NOT REIMBURSE YOU IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN THROUGH THIS PROCESS



# PLAYING UNDER PROTEST

*REG 12.1* If a team feels, upon arrival or during a fixture, that the conditions do not adhere to those outlined in the BUCS rules and regulations, they should complete a 'BUCS Playing Under Protest Form' (Appendix 8) as soon as the grievance is noted. All teams are advised to carry with them at least two hard copies of the form so that they are adequately prepared for any such scenario.





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*REG 12.1.1* If a team travels to, begins or continues a fixture with knowledge of conditions that amount to a breach of regulations but fails to complete a Playing Under Protest form they are deemed to have accepted the conditions of play and can therefore not later 'play under protest' regarding them, nor submit a match appeal (*REG 15*) based on those grounds.





# ZERO WALK OVER POLICY

It is our policy, that we do not concede ANY walkover's for fixtures. Any club that concedes a walkover under any circumstances, will lose their funding for BUCS and will be expected to cover all costs associated with fixtures. We may also remove the team from BUCS and will may also receive a fine from BUCS for conceding a walkover.





# **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS & COMPETITIONS**



# EVENT/COMPETITION ENTRY

- Clubs will be contacted by SU when competition entries are open with details of the event and where to find further information
- For all BUCS events/competitions all information can be found: <https://www.bucs.org.uk/events-listing.html>
- When entering events you may be asked for emergency contact details, ranking, affiliation number, membership number etc





# EVENT/COMPETITION ENTRY

- Athletes will need to enter themselves into the correct discipline for that competition
- Some competitions may require “Team entry” , please contact Alice ASAP, if your event requires a team entry (e.g. Athletics relay).
- CHECK ENTRY DEADLINES! Make sure all of your team entries are declared before the team entry deadline
- Tell us your team details so we can check the entries are correct and done before the deadline passes (This can be done on a word document sent via email)

Anyone not entered by the deadline in that discipline will NOT be able to compete (Reserve list)





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- Study your sports regulations!
- Communicate with us as much as possible, if you are having any issues, let us know ASAP!
- Be mindful that there are over 50 other clubs to yours.
- DO NOT re-arrange fixtures yourselves. This must be done via institution administrators only (Blake).
- BUCS deadlines are strict, if you miss a deadline, there is not a lot we can do to help!
- We want as much sport to be played as possible! We will always try to re-arrange fixtures, however, this isn't always possible! The more notice we get the better.
- Zero-Walk over policy!