

UPC STUDENT HOME INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017-2018

NOMINATION FORM GUIDANCE NOTES

- Each institution may nominate as many players as they deem worthy of selection. However, we would ask that English institutions (where the number of potential players is vast) exercise some quality control by only nominating players it is felt have a realistic chance of making the team.
- A player is nominated to represent the country in which he is currently studying irrespective of his nationality.
- Nominated players and nominated players only will have their performances at the SSI-UPC IntersVarsity Championships 2017-2018 and/or BUCS-UPC Eight-ball Championships 2017-2018 monitored and such performances will be used to determine selection for direct picks and trials. Therefore please ensure that all potential representative players are nominated.
- “SSI-UPC IntersVarsity Championships” and “BUCS-UPC Eight-ball Championships” also includes Trophy, Shield (or “Intermediate”) and Vase levels. Players whose teams are participating at these levels should also be nominated if deemed of sufficient standard.
- It may be possible for a player unable to take part in the SSI-UPC IntersVarsity Championships or the BUCS-UPC Eight-ball Championships to gain a trial place. Such a player must communicate the reasons for not attending the Championships. Such reasons must be genuinely exceptional and be accompanied by supporting evidence. Such a player will be judged on the information provided on the nomination form.
- Nominated players must conform to the eligibility criteria (below/overleaf).
- Ensure the form is filled out **in full** so that direct picks, trialists and reserves can be contacted without delay.
- Players must email completed nomination forms to their institution’s AU/SU/Sports Office, for onward **submission to the Tournament Director using the following email address:**
jon.shapland@upc-pool.org.uk
- **Declaration A** confirms that the AU/SI/Sports Office is content for the player to take part and that the player meets the eligibility criteria to participate. AUs/SUs/Sports Offices must ensure such authorisation is valid prior to submission. If there are any difficulties please contact the Tournament Director immediately.
- By completing **Declaration B** the AU/SU/Sports Office confirms that they are willing to financially support the player either in FULL OR PART. Maximum costs, including trials, are estimated at £100 excluding travel. AUs/SUs/Sports Offices must ensure such authorisation is valid prior to submission. If there are any difficulties please contact the TD immediately.
- On being offered a direct pick or a trial place a player must lodge a refundable bond of £50.00/€65.00 with UPC. The bond can **only** be lodged by personal cheque/bank transfer/PayPal – cheques/bank transfers/PayPal from institutions will **not** be accepted. A player failing to attend the trials will forfeit his bond. Should a player fail to progress through the trials his bond will be refunded. The bonds of direct picks and successful trialists will be held over to the Student Home International Championships and be governed by the rules of that competition.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Eligibility to compete

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To be eligible to compete in any competitions organised by the UPC players must fulfil the eligibility criteria of BUCS and/or SSI.

8.1.2 Proof of Eligibility

Proof of student status will be required at the registration for a competition. This will normally require a student card issued by the authorities of that institution bearing the name, student number and photograph of the student. The card must also have a date of validity or expiry date. Undergraduate students who are not full-time should also provide a letter from their head of department or the university registrar detailing the number of credits they are undertaking in the current academic year. Postgraduate students require a similar letter stating that they are undertaking a programme of study no less than fifty percent of the full-time student programme in accordance with 8.1.1 above. Should the card not bear a photograph of the student, photographic proof of identity shall be required. Examples of proof include legal documents such as a passport or photographic driving licence. Should the card not be valid or have an expiry date a letter will be required from the university registrar confirming that the person is a current internally registered student.

The burden of proof shall fall on the individual to prove their eligibility to compete.

Any queries on eligibility must be made to the UPC in advance. The decisions of the UPC in this case are final.

Players who have been registered at an event are normally deemed to have had their eligibility confirmed by that fact. However, the UPC reserves the right to investigate any eligibility queries that are lodged after the fact and, if proof be strong, the Tournament Director shall be able to impose an interim suspension on any player whose eligibility is called into question during an event.

8.1.3 Eligibility of institutions

Eligible institutions are those in membership of the BUCS and SSI as detailed in the relevant competition regulations.