

STUDENT EIGHT-BALL POOL HOME INTERNATIONALS INCORPORATING THE BUCS HOME NATIONS

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 you feel have a realistic chance of making the team.
- Players will trial to represent the country in which they are currently studying irrespective of their nationality.
- Nominated players and nominated players only will have their performances at the BUCS-UPC Eight-ball Pool Championships monitored and such performances will be used to determine selection for trial. Therefore please ensure that all potential representative players are nominated.
- “BUCS-UPC Eight-ball Pool Championships” also includes Shield level and Women’s competition. Players whose teams are participating at Shield level and Women players should also be nominated if deemed of sufficient standard.
- It may be possible for players unable to take part in the BUCS-UPC Eight-ball Pool Championships to gain a trial place. Such players must communicate the reasons for not attending the Championships, such reasons must be genuinely exceptional and be accompanied by supporting evidence. Such players will be judged on the information provided on the nomination form.
- Nominated players must conform to the eligibility criteria of BUCS (www.bucs.org.uk) and that of the Universities Pool Council (**see below**).
- Ensure the form is filled out **in full** so that trialists can be contacted without delay.
- The player must email the completed form to their Athletic Union, for onward **submission to BUCS using the following email address – info@bucs.org.uk**
- **Declaration A** confirms that the athletic union is content for the player to take part and that the player meets the eligibility criteria to participate. Athletic Unions must ensure such authorisation is valid prior to submission. If there are any difficulties please contact UPC immediately.
- By completing **Declaration B** the Athletic Union confirms that they are willing to financially support the player either in FULL OR PART. Maximum costs, including trials, are estimated at £160 excluding travel. Athletic Unions must ensure such authorisation is valid prior to submission. If there are any difficulties please contact UPC immediately.
- On being offered a trial place a player must lodge a refundable bond of £50.00 with UPC. The bond can **only** be lodged by personal cheque/bank transfer/PayPal - institutional cheques/bank transfer/PayPal will **not** be accepted. Should a player fail to progress through the trial the bond will be refunded. The bond of successful trialists will be held over to the Student Home International Championships and be governed by the rules of that competition. Players failing to attend the trial will forfeit their bonds. Please contact the Tournament Director, Jon Shapland, on jon.shapland@upc-pool.org.uk for details of where to send cheques.

UNIVERSITIES POOL COUNCIL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Eligibility to compete

8.1.1 Eligibility of players

To be eligible to compete in any competitions organised by the Council players must fulfill the following criteria:

- (a) represent an eligible institution as defined under provision 8.1.4 either as part of a team or as an individual.
- (b) have their participation authorised by the relevant authorities within their institution. The authorisation must be made by an official from the institution's athletic or student unions who are normally responsible for authorising such matters or a sabbatical officer of the union who has competence for sports clubs or societies. The authorisation shall take the form of a signature to that effect on the official entry forms. The Council shall have the right to question or reject such authorisation as it deems fit.
- (c) be an internally registered student at that institution, that is being classified as a student by the university Registrar as an internal student and be registered on a credit rated course, that is a programme of study registered under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme, undertaking a programme of study equivalent to at least sixty credits per year, or in the case of a postgraduate student be undertaking a programme of study no less than fifty percent of the full time student programme.

Also eligible are:

- (a) A sabbatical officer of either a student's union or an athletic union.
- (b) A student completing their course of study within the sporting year.
- (c) A student embarking on a sandwich course and / or year abroad course provided the duration of the course in industry is less than one year.

8.1.2 Ineligible players

- (a) No student may compete for more than one institution in any one academic year.
- (b) Students at 'franchised' colleges unless recognised as fully registered internal students of the institutions.
- (c) Externally registered students, as determined by the university's Registrar.
- (d) Students undertaking 'foundation' courses are only eligible if their institution's Registry Office (or equivalent) deems them to fulfill the above eligibility requirements
- (e) Research assistants who are not students will be deemed ineligible.

8.1.3 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(c) above. Should the card not bear a photograph of the student photographic proof of identity shall require a legal document such as a passport or photographic driving licence. Should the card not have a validity or 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 Council in advance. The decisions of the Council in this case are final.

8.1.4 Eligibility of institutions

Eligible institutions are those in membership of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS).