



28th World University Games

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Athletics Selection Criteria, Standards and other Information.

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1. OVERVIEW.

Student Sport Ireland is the sole sanctioning body responsible for identifying, selecting and organising Irish student athletes to compete at the 28th World University Games to be held in Gwangju, South Korea from the 3rd – 14th July 2015. SSI works closely with Athletics Ireland, Irish Sports Council and Sport Northern Ireland to achieve best possible results at the WUGs.

Athletics Ireland has identified the 2015 World University Game as an important competition pathway during the 2015 season. Athletics Ireland approaches this event as a dress rehearsal for future world championship events. Athletics Ireland and SSI has established the selection criteria outlined below consistent with its high performance mandate. Athletics Ireland’s has identified a successful World University Games as being one where its athletes achieve a top 16 finish and compete successfully with the best in the world at the event.

Summary of Selection Process:

- 1.1. Team Manager appointed in October 2014;
- 1.2. Long list of eligible students forwarded to SSI by Team Manager (October 2014);
- 1.3. Eligible students to have registered with SSI by the deadline date of the 28th November 2014;
- 1.4. Qualifying Period: 1st October 2014 to 1st June 2015;
- 1.5. Final Selection (3rd June 2015): Team Manager submits final selection of athletes to SSI to review, and in consultation with Athletics Ireland, ratify.

PERFORMANCE PERIODS		
Date	Event	Note
01 October 2014 to 01 June 2015	Performance Qualifying Period	

IMPORTANT DATES		
	Expression of Interest Form (EOI) to AI for inclusion on long list	Online Form
3 rd June 2015	Final selections all events	Names published after selection date on SSI and AI website.

2. 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:

- 2.1. A student must be fully registered and hold a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered;
- 2.2. Students must be a national of the country they represent;

- 2.3. Students must be at least 17 years and less than 28 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event;
- 2.4. 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
- 2.5. The academic year shall be defined as October to September. 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;
- 2.6. Students will be eligible for competition under the year of grace rule if they have obtained their academic qualification in the year (calendar year) preceding the event;
- 2.7. 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](#).
- 2.8. Fill out an [expression of interest form](#) (EOI) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website.

3. FISU Entry Conditions.

- 3.1. Member federation entries must comply with International University Sports Federation (FISU) Regulations, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Technical Regulations and Local Organising Committee (LOC) Entry Requirements.

Individual Events

- 3.2. Member Federations may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes per Individual Event other than the following exceptions:
 - 3.2.1. For the Men's and Women's 10,000m up to three (3) athletes can be entered per event.
 - 3.2.2. For the Men's and Women's Half Marathon and the Men's and Women's 20Km Race Walk for men up to five (5) can be entered per event.

Relays

- 3.3. Member federations may enter one (1) team per Relay Event.
- 3.4. Up to six (6) athletes can be entered per Relay Team (i.e. without being selected for an Individual Event).
- 3.5. For further information refer to *2012 IAAF Rules* regarding the confirmation and composition of *Relay Teams* at IAAF Championships.

4. Selection Philosophy.

The 2015 World University Games is an event where an athlete selected to compete as an individual will be expected to obtain a top 16 finish. Achieving a performance standard gives no right or guarantee of selection

5. Selection Process.

Participation Criteria

- 5.1. Nothing in this policy obliges SSI 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 as allowed by FISU Entry Rules.

Performance Standards

- 5.2. 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 2015 World University Games are set out in 6 below.

Performance Period

- 5.3. SSI and Athletics Ireland have set a performance period in which the performance standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances during the period from 1 October 2014 to 01 June 2015.

Selection Criteria

- 5.4. The Selectors may “exercise their sole discretion” to select an athlete(s) that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2015 World University Games and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.
- 5.5. In order to nominate 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 top 16 finish at the 2015 World University Games;
- 5.6. For an athlete to be considered for nomination to the 2015 World University Games the athlete must achieve a performance standard within the performance period for the particular event (clause 5.3) on more than one occasion;
- 5.7. Where there are more athletes who have bettered the performance standard (entry limit) in one event, the selectors will decide which of the athlete(s) is to be nominated for selection;
- 5.8. 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.

Long List

- 5.9. Once the selectors are satisfied that an athlete is capable of achieving a top 16 finish the athlete’s name will be included in a long list submitted by the Team Manager forwarded to SSI in October 2014. SSI will contact the athletes included on the long list via email to request submission of the documentation outlined in 7 below to ensure that all necessary information is in place and in order in advance of the deadline for registration with SSI of the 28th November 2014.

After Selection

- 5.10. An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2015 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 the Athletics Ireland’s Physio or a Team Ireland Physio as appropriate;
- 5.11. If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Manager consider 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 Manager will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

Selectors Meetings

- 5.12. Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:
 - 5.12.1. 02 June 2015 - Final nominations all events.

5.12.2. Final Selection announced by SSI after the 3rd June 2015.

Additional Information

- 5.13. 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 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 the both SSI's and Athletics Ireland website.
- 5.14. 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 2015 World University Games.

Funding/Costs

- 5.15. Athletes may receive funding for the 2015 World University Games under their Athletics Ireland Athlete Agreements. The decision whether to provide funding to an athlete who has been selected and the extent of any funding will be made by the AI's High Performance Director;
- 5.16. 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;
- 5.17. 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;
- 5.18. 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;
- 5.19. Without exception, SSI will not facilitate payment of any fees and costs due until it first has received into its account all monies due.

Team Manager/Coach/Staff

- 5.20. A team manager will be appointed by October 2015 with a team coach subsequently appointed (if deemed necessary by SSI and Athletics Ireland).

6. Performance Standards.

MALE	EVENTS	FEMALE
10.45	100m	11.65
21.00	200m	23.70
46.80	400m	53.30
1:48.25	800m	2:04.30
3:44.50	1500m	4:14.30
4:02.00	Mile	4:34.00
14:06.00	5000m	16:15.00
29:45.00	10,000m	35:00.00

1:06:30	½ Marathon	1:17:45
14.00	110mH/100mH	13.50
50.60	400mH	57.35
8:45.00	3000m SC	10:05.00
2.20m	High Jump	1.85m
5.30m	Pole Vault	4.15m
7.80m	Long Jump	6.30m
16.25m	Triple Jump	13.35m
18.25m	Shot	15.90m
57.00m	Discus	54.00m
68.00m	Hammer	63.00m
73.00m	Javelin	53.00m
7500	Combined Events	5600
1:26:00	20km Walk	1:39:00
40.30	4x100m Relay	45.00
3:10.00	4x400m Relay	3:36.00

7. SSI Registration Documentation.

To be eligible for consideration for selection athletes are required to submit the original documentation to the SSI office by no later than the 28th November 2014. Failure to submit all documentation requested by the date will prevent the athlete's participation at the WUGs being considered by SSI.

- 7.1. A signed and stamped nomination form (completed in a Word doc), signed and stamped by the College Sports Officer.
- 7.2. Completed Academic Eligibility form stamped by the College Registrar. (AE forms not stamped by the registrar **will** be returned to the student).
- 7.3. Two passport photos.
- 7.4. A copy of the athlete's passport page.

8. 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.

9. Visas

It is not envisaged that visas will be required to participate at the 2015 WUGs.