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Student Sport Ireland is the governing body of third level sport in Ireland representing approximately thirty colleges from throughout the island. The colleges are represented on the SSI Board and its various committees and working groups by Sports Officers and Administrators and student elected representatives.

SSI's mission is to promote and develop third level sport in Ireland.

The Association is affiliated to the International University Sports Federation (FISU), the international governing body for university sport, which coordinates World University Championship events and the multi- sport World University Games during alternate years.

To this end, the SSI High Performance Committee endeavors to provide the opportunity for high performance Irish student athletes to participate at the highest possible level within the student sport structure. All parties involved in sending a delegation agree that:

1. The standard of the World University Championships is very high, and that only those of proven ability or with the perceived potential should be considered
2. All eligible students should be identified as early as possible after the appointment of managers and coaches and
3. SSI ratifies all selection decisions.

### **Nomination and Selection of a Manager and/or a Head Coach.**

SSI will invite all of those listed below to nominate a Manager/Head Coach for SSI teams that may represent Ireland at FISU Events.

- All SSI member colleges
- The Irish Universities / Colleges Governing Body of a respective sport
- The National Governing Bodies of the respective sport
- The Northern Ireland Governing Body of a respective sport.

### **The Role of a Manager / Head Coach**

#### *Initial Meeting:*

The SSI High Performance Committee may request that the appointed Manager / Head Coach meet with the Committee to discuss her/his role for the World University Championships.

#### *Nomination and Selection of Student Competitors:*

All eligible student athletes should be considered for selection. The Manager / Head Coach will invite all of the above mentioned organisations to nominate athletes within the FISU and SSI Eligibility Rules (refer to SSI web site). The Manager / Head Coach will then put their short listed athletes / players, along with all necessary information (completed eligibility form, personal bests, achievements, regional, national and international rankings, current form, etc.) forward to SSI for ratification. If those nominated are considered to be not of the appropriate standard for these world class events, it may well be that the student will not be ratified.

### Qualification Standards for Nomination:

While the Manager / Head Coach and other organisations will have an input, SSI will ratify the qualifying standards which will apply for the nomination of participating athletes, or wherever objective standards can be applied.

### Accommodation

With the exception of referees / judges, all delegation officials are required to be resident in the Athletes Village during the Championships.

### Uniforms & Sports Gear:

All SSI delegations are required to use the SSI logo on sports clothing and uniforms used during the FISU Games / Championships. The Manager / Head Coach should liaise with the SSI office regarding this aspect.

### Financing the SSI Delegation:

The SSI Treasurer will manage Championship funds.

SSI work closely with the NGB for each individual sport in respect of participation in FISU events. Sport Ireland High Performance funding is now directed through the National Governing Bodies High Performance plans for each year. The balance of funding must be secured from the following sources.

- Athletes' and Officials' College / University;
- College / University Governing Body of a respective sport;
- National Governing Body of a respective sport;
- Fundraising events;
- Business Sponsorship and
- Personal Contributions from those travelling

### Reports:

All officials are requested to complete reports, to be submitted to SSI office immediately following the delegations return, under the following headings:

- Selection of athletes
- Training /Preparation
- Accreditation
- Travel
- Accommodation
- Competition Venue, Organisation, Standard
- Full Official Results
- Individual Performances
- Financial Statement
- Recommendations for future participation and conclusion.

### **Contact**

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