



Eligibility and Participation in International Events

International programme - Athlete Eligibility Criteria

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) applies the following criteria when selecting and ratifying student athletes to represent New Zealand at International events.

International Federation Sports Universities (FISU) Criteria

Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU WUG sporting event:

- a) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards* a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;
- b) Former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event.

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

- a) be a national of the country they represent;
- b) be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December the year of the event.

(*Proceeding towards means enrolled and actively studying)

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) Criteria

1. General

- 1.1 You must be a New Zealand citizen and hold a current, full NZ passport.
- 1.2 If studying in NZ, you must be attending a New Zealand Tertiary Education Institution as recognised by the Ministry of Education and endorsed by University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand.
- 1.3 If studying overseas you must be studying at a University or similar Tertiary Education Institution that is recognised as holding Tertiary status by the appropriate academic authority of that country and approved by University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand.

2. Graduates

- 2.1 You must have successfully completed and graduated from your Tertiary Institution and course as per the University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand General Criteria in the twelve (12) months preceding the FISU event.
- 2.2 You must provide an original copy of your Graduation Certificate, signed and witnessed by a New Zealand Justice of the Peace or University Registrar.

3. Other

3.1 Student athletes seeking selection from non-UTSNZ Member campuses may be charged an additional participation fee as determined by University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand for that event.

3.2 Overseas based student athlete eligibility will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4. Ratification of Entry

4.1 As the affiliate to FISU, UTSNZ reserves the right to ratify entry to all FISU events.

INSTITUTIONS RECOGNISED BY NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & ENDORSED BY UNIVERSITY AND TERTIARY SPORT NEW ZEALAND

International Programme only

New Zealand Universities

1. The University of Auckland
2. AUT
3. Lincoln University
4. Massey University (Albany, Palmerston North & Wellington Campuses)
5. University of Canterbury
6. University of Otago
7. Victoria University of Wellington
8. Waikato University

Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics

1. Te Pukenga

Wānanga

1. Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
2. Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
3. Te Wānanga -o-Raukawa

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