

INFO SHEET

The British Universities American Football League

Season 2011-12

Team Information Sheet

Eligibility

The League is now comprised of teams where students may only play for their parent institution. The League also follows the eligibility guidelines used by the majority of BUCS sports.

These are taken from the BUCS General Regulations document.

Please note. Where references are made to 'The Company' this means BUCS. Please read this as membership of the League and where appropriate references to fees should be interpreted as BAFA fees (including League fees).

Key Contacts:

League Office: details on BUAFL website

This list is subject to change should BUCS amend their rules and regulations.

REG 7. ELIGIBILITY

REG 7.1 Eligible Participants

For a student to be eligible for BUCS Individual Championships or to represent his/her university in BUCS Team Championships and in BUCS Domestic Representative matches, he/she shall:

REG 7.1.1 Be an internally registered¹ student at an institution of Higher or Further Education (and aged 18 or over in the case of FE) that holds current membership of the Company, and

REG 7.1.2 Be registered on a credit rated course (e.g. MSc, Degree or HND)², and

REG 7.1.3 Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to at least 60 credits per year, or in the case of a postgraduate student be undertaking a study programme of no less than 50% of the full time student programme. HE institutions that have FE students registered with them and undertaking a minimum of 225 Guided Learning Hours are eligible to compete in BUCS competitions as long as they fulfil their National Governing Body regulations on age, and

REG 7.1.4 Be a player who is permitted by the National Governing Body of the sport concerned to participate alongside amateur competition in that sport; and

REG 7.1.5 Have paid the appropriate Union or Athletic Union subscription.

REG 7.1.6 Students may only compete for the institution(s) with whom they are internally registered.

REG 7.2 Special Cases for Participation

The following persons are classified as eligible to participate in BUCS Individual Championships or to represent his/her university in BUCS Team Championships and in Domestic Representative matches:

REG 7.2.1 A student who is fully registered as an internal student at more than one BUCS member institution (and is by BUCS regulations eligible to compete for each of those institutions) may choose, annually, on a sport-by-sport basis, from among the institutions which they are eligible, which of those member institutions to represent (noting REG 7.2.2 below).

REG 7.2.2 *No student may compete in the same sport for more than one institution in any one academic year.*

REG 7.2.3 A sabbatical officer of either a Students' Union or an Athletic Union who has paid the appropriate Union or Athletic Union subscription.

REG 7.2.4 A student satisfactorily finishing his/her course of study between December and March or later until the end of the academic year provided his/her Union or Athletic Union subscription has been paid and his/her institution still classifies them as a registered student.

REG 7.2.5 A student embarking on a Sandwich Course and/or Year Abroad course provided all of the following:

REG 7.2.5.1 The appropriate fee has been paid to their Athletic Union, and

REG 7.2.5.2 Their Athletic Union has paid affiliation fees to BUCS on his/her behalf, and

REG 7.2.5.3 The duration of the course in industry is less than one year.

REG 7.2.5.4 Officers of Athletic Unions at universities should in cases of doubt refer the circumstances to the BUCS CEO (read: League Office)

REG 7.3 Ineligible Participants

The following students are ineligible to participate:

REG 7.3.1 Externally registered students, as determined by the University's Registrar.

REG 7.3.2 Students undertaking 'foundation' courses are only eligible if their institution's Registry Office (or equivalent) deems them to fulfil the BUCS eligibility requirements; i.e. are internally registered students of the BUCS member institution and are studying an appropriate course as listed above.

¹ a student who is classified by the university Registrar as a student who is studying at the member institution or assigned campus in an internal classification.

² that is a course that is registered under CATS (Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme)