



Tennis Ireland FISU World University Games Nomination and Selection Policy

2025

FISU World University Games 2025

The 2025 FISU World University Games is due to take place in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany from 16th – 27th July 2025.

Tennis events include singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The number of players selected will be determined by the selection criteria outlined below.

A maximum of two players (male and/or female) will be nominated for selection, provided they meet the criteria i.e. if only one player meets the criteria, one player will be nominated and selected to represent Ireland at the games. Final selection is carried out by the Student Sport Ireland.

2025 World University Games Selection Criteria

In order to be nominated and selected to compete at the World University Games, players must have:

1. College (NCAA Division 1) singles ranking
2. ATP/WTA singles ranking

The nomination date is Monday 28th April.

If a player has graduated within the previous year, their ATP/WTA ranking will be used to determine selection with the highest ranked player(s) being nominated for selection.

Student Sport Ireland is the sole sanctioning body responsible for identifying, selecting and organising Irish teams and individuals to attend the 2025 FISU World University Games aided by the selection criteria outlined above. Student Sport Ireland will review each student nomination and individually ratify his/her nomination as appropriate.

Ultimately the decision of whether a student tennis player is selected for participation at the Games is with Student Sport Ireland.

Player Eligibility

In order to be considered for nomination for the World University Games, players must meet the FISU and SSI Eligibility Criteria for International Competitions as published on the SSI web site: <https://www.studentsport.ie/international/eligibility-guidelines-international/>

- Students must be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31st December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 01 January 2000 and 31 December 2007)
- Be on the Long list provided by Tennis Ireland.
- Hold a valid Irish Passport.
- Have a NCAA Division 1 ranking and/or ATP/WTA ranking (if the player has graduated within the previous year).
- Players must be available for all dates of the World University Games including the departure day and day after the closing ceremony (departure day).
If a player exits the tournament early, Tennis Ireland will arrange for earlier return flights.
- Players must not have represented any other Nation in previous events. Including: ATP/WTA Tour or ITF World Tennis Tour nationality.

- Players must be in good standing with Tennis Ireland and their University.
- Players must be competing regularly in Division 1 College Tennis, Tennis Ireland Tour and/or in ITF/ATP/WTA events where possible.
- Players must adhere to Tennis Ireland's Anti-Doping Policy.
- Have completed the on-line anti-doping course through WADA or a Sport Ireland/Sport Northern Ireland approved anti-doping workshop within 12 months prior to the nomination date.
- Is not currently serving a period of ineligibility or period of provisional suspension in relation to an anti-doping rule violation.
- Players must adhere to Tennis Ireland's Player Code of Conduct.
- Have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Tennis Ireland and their University that they are fit to perform at a sufficiently competitive level at the Games.
- Has not acted in such a manner so as to bring himself/herself, Tennis Ireland, the sport, the University or the International Federation into current disrepute. For the avoidance of doubt: the evaluation of this requirement is at the sole discretion of the NF Nomination Committee for the purposes of Nomination and at the sole discretion of Student Sport Ireland. for the purposes of selection: the public disrepute referred to within this clause includes potential and/or actual disrepute; an example of such public disrepute may include (but is not limited to) an athlete being charged with or convicted of a criminal offence.
- Complete any requirements as outlined by Student Sport Ireland.

Conditions of Nominated Players

Players nominated by Tennis Ireland to Student Sport Ireland for selection must continue to compete in college and/or international events in the lead up to the World University Games in July. Tennis Ireland will require monthly reports of matches or tournaments the player(s) are competing in.

De-Selection / Removal

A player may remove themselves from the process or may be removed for any of the following reasons, including after selection.

Injury/Illness

- If a player becomes ill / injured prior to selection, they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness through competition/training sessions prior to departure.

Ineligibility

- A player who becomes ineligible based on the criteria in this policy may be removed from the process / de-selected.
- A player who breaches any of the policies and/or codes of conduct referenced in this policy may be removed from the process / de-selected.

Preparation

- A player who does not meet the agreed training and competition goals prior to the World University Games may be de-selected.

Replacement

If a player is removed or de-selected, a replacement player may be selected only if they meet the selection criteria.

Player Selection and Notification

Player selection is at the sole discretion of the Student Sport and will be based on the Tennis Ireland nominations made against this nomination policy. Nominations will be submitted to Student Sport Ireland and the team will be announced following selection by Student Sport Ireland.

Announcement of Selection by Student Sport Ireland and Tennis Ireland

Selected players are not permitted to make any announcements to the media or the general public in any form whatsoever (including via any social media platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, X and Facebook) of their possible or confirmed selection or non-selection prior to official announcement by Student Sport Ireland and Tennis Ireland.

The date for Team Announcement will be confirmed in due course.

Provision of Tennis Coach

Tennis Ireland is providing one coach for the World University Games as part of the overall team. The name of the coach will be provided to the selected players by Tennis Ireland.