

# **UNIVERSITY SPORT SOUTH AFRICA**

## **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION AT UNIVERSIADES**

Participation in FISU Universiades (World University/Student Games) is the highest honour and achievement for a student representing his/her country.

1. Participants in USSA teams should comply with the following criteria:
  - (a) current bona fide higher education students who are officially registered for and pursuing a full course of study at a member institution whose status as a higher education institution is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of South Africa, i.e. National Department of Education;
  - (b) former students of the institutions mentioned in (a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the previous year on condition that such persons attended a USSA tournament or trials and have been included in the national squad from which the final team will be selected for participation in the Championship/Games;
  - (c) South African citizens in possession of a South African passport. Citizens with foreign passports will not be accepted;
  - (d) students between 17 and 28 years of age on 1 January in the year of the event - Notwithstanding the above, all participants in the basketball competitions must in accordance with an agreement with FIBA, be between 17 and 25 years of age on 1 January in the year of the event.

If an official of a delegation deliberately miss-inform USSA and FISU about the eligibility of a competitor(s), the team of the sport concerned will be excluded from further participation in such event. Such fraud could be grounds for the termination of that institution's membership to USSA and even South Africa's membership of FISU.

2. USSA Associations shall, with the approval of the NEC of USSA and their respective National Federations, determine the standards for team selection based on the following:
  - (a) international rankings;
  - (b) ranking of teams in Africa;
  - (c) results at previous international/continental university championships;
  - (d) record of previous international/continental performance (e.g. consistency);
  - (e) guidelines set by their respective National Federations;
  - (f) skill, fitness and potential of individuals (merit and quality);
  - (g) talent in the national context (Olympians, international ranking, etc.);
  - (h) representation and balance in terms of colour and gender.
3. Each Association must hold official USSA tournaments or trials to select their national team. The date, venue and format of trials, shall be approved by the NEC of USSA. The format of the trials must provide an opportunity for all students to come into contention for selection.
4. Associations must further submit the necessary proof that an effective development programme has resulted in an improvement in the standard of teams from those that participated at previous international/continental university championships.
5. A limited number of South African citizens studying abroad may, with the approval of the NEC of USSA, be included in national teams. Associations that wish to include South African students studying abroad in their national teams, should submit fully motivated applications to the NEC of USSA. Such students should further have participated in an official qualifying event or trials of USSA and/or the relevant National Sports Federation in the year preceding the international event.