

2017



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International Programs Report

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1. Current International Programs Committee Members

Darren Cates: Chair, OUA; Gilles Lépine: CWUAA; Geoffrey Phillips: RSEQ; Karen Murphy: AUS; Coleen Dufresne: FISU; Sandra Murray-MacDonell: CCAA; Joe Morissette: Summer NSO; Danny Lamoureux: Winter NSO; Robert Philip: Ex-Officio; TBD: Student-Athlete Representative; Lia Taha Cheng: U SPORTS Staff

2. Mandate

The Committee's role is to assist management in fulfilling its responsibilities related to U SPORTS's international activities.

3. Key Duties

The Committee has the following duties and responsibilities:

- Provide recommendations to management for Canada's participation in FISU-sanctioned events
- Receive and forward recommendations and reports from Games mission staff and relevant NSOs
- Assist in the development of procedures and criteria to select technical personnel (coaches, administrators, medical staff) to represent Canada at international events
- Assist in the development of selection procedures and criteria to select student-athletes to represent Canada at international events
- Assist in the development of procedures for the evaluation of bids from Members interested in hosting international events
- Assist in the evaluation of bids from Members for hosting international events
- Help to maintain effective communication among all NSOs concerned with participation in international events
- Such additional duties as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by management

4. Main Work of 2016-2017

As the national member of la Fédération Internationale du Sports Universitaire (FISU), U SPORTS is responsible for facilitating high performance competitive opportunities for student-athletes who are Canadian, between the ages of 17 and 28, and enrolled in degree or diploma granting post-secondary institutions.

Winter and Summer Universiades (World University Games) are held every two odd years, and offer competitive opportunities in over 25 sports. FISU also runs approximately 34 Single Sport World University Championships (WUCs) that are offered every two even years and are generally sports not offered at the Universiades.



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U SPORTS participated in several international activities in 2016-17 and have numerous key objectives in 2017-18 that support the U SPORTS strategic plan. U SPORTS has enriched the student-athlete, coach, mission and support staff experience by providing international, developmental opportunities. U SPORTS continues to incorporate our international activities not only into the programming of National Sport Organizations (NSOs), thus further integrating U SPORTS into the Canadian Sport System, but also on to U SPORTS member institution campuses.

2016 World University Championships

Canada competed in 13 world university championships, bringing home a dozen medals. In total, 143 athletes and coaches represented U SPORTS Team Canada in cross country, golf, futsal, rugby sevens, beach volleyball, orienteering, triathlon, rowing, waterski, badminton, shooting, wrestling and weightlifting – spanning from March to November 2016. The 2016 World University Championships featured 33 sports with 6,390 participants from 87 countries. Team Canada was comprised of 113 athletes and 30 staff members with 76 per cent from 30 U SPORTS member institutions.

Event	U SPORTS				CCAA	NCAA	Other	Total
	CWUAA	OUA	RSEQ	AUS				
Badminton			4				1	5
Beach Volleyball		3			1		1	5
Cross Country	5	8		2				15
Futsal	11		1	1				13
Golf	6	2	1					9
Orienteering	3	2				1	2	8
Rowing	6	19			1			26
Rugby 7s	4	8	2		1			15
Shooting		1			1		1	3
Triathlon		1						1
Waterski						6		6
Weightlifting	1		4		2		11	18
Wrestling		5	4	4	1	2	3	19
Total	36	49	16	7	7	9	19	143



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Percentage	25.17%	34.27%	11.19%	4.90%	4.90%	6.29%	13.29%
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2016 FISU Forum

The FISU Forum is a biennial event held in various cities around the world, providing an opportunity for students and university sport senior staff/leaders to come together to discuss education, culture and university sport. The Forum features workshops, conference style dialogues and presentations by delegates. Both cultural and sporting excursions are included throughout the Forum as well.

Montpellier, France, hosted the 2016 FISU Forum from July 4-9, 2016, with a focus on leadership, communication, cooperation, social and life skills of young managers. Jean-Pierre Hamel and Joel Mrak, athletic directors at Université du Québec à Montréal and Concordia University of Edmonton respectively, represented Canada at the event.

2016 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League

U SPORTS International sent a men's and women's team to the 2016 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League (WUL) final in Xiamen, China, where all costs for both teams were covered by FISU. In total, 32 teams (16 teams of each gender) from 23 countries representing five continents competed to win this year's tournament. On the women's side, members of the Regina Cougars went 5-1, finishing with silver. On the men's side, players from the McGill Redmen went 6-0 to claim gold. Following their victory, McGill was also invited to attend the 3x3 FIBA All-Stars event in Doha, Qatar, on November 18, 2016.

2017 Winter Universiade – Almaty, Kazakhstan

A delegation of 122 athletes, coaches and support staff represented Canada at the 2017 Winter Universiade in Almaty, Kazakhstan from January 29th to February 8th, 2017. The 28th Winter Universiade featured 12 sports with Canada participating in six. Of the 2,481 participants from a new record number of 57 countries, Team Canada was comprised of 88 athletes and 34 staff members with 84% per cent from 29 U SPORTS member institutions.

The red and white contingent, led by Chef de Mission, Ari Grossman of the University of Waterloo, finished the Almaty Games with three medals, one of each colour. Kelsey Rocque, Canada's flagbearer, and her University of Alberta foursome captured gold in women's curling, while a team of U SPORTS all-stars merited silver in women's hockey and the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) men's hockey squad claimed bronze. Canada also enjoyed success in snow events in Almaty, securing Top 10 finishes in all four sports it competed in. In snowboarding, Jennifer Hawkrigg placed fourth in the women's parallel slalom and Austin White was sixth in the men's snowboard cross. In alpine skiing, the Canadian foursome tied for fifth in the parallel nations mixed team event, while Sandrine David had the best individual result with a 10th position in the women's slalom. In biathlon, Canada placed seventh in the mixed relay and Jessica Paterson achieved the country's best-ever individual result at the FISU Games with an 11th position in the women's 12.5-



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kilometre mass start. Finally, in cross country skiing, the Canadian women were seventh in the 3x5-kilometre relay.

International Representation

U SPORTS has been successful in maintaining several important positions on FISU committees in recent years, with several executives currently sitting in the following positions:

Name	Current Position	Term
Coleen Dufresne	Assessor, Executive Committee Vice-Chair, International Control Committee Advisory Committee, Member, FISU America	2015-2019
Robert Philip	Vice-Chair, Winter Universiade International Technical Committee	2016-2019
Dr. Janice Harvey	Coordinator WUC, International Medical Committee	2016-2019
Maria Izquierdo	FISU Substitute Technical Delegate (TD) for Sports Climbing (WUC)	2015-2019
Gilles Lépine	FISU Technical Delegate (TD) and Co-Chairperson of the Technical Committee for Volleyball	2015-2017
	North American Regional Representative, FISU America Executive Committee Sports Events Committee, President, FISU America	2016-2019
Darren Cates	Gender Equality Committee, Working Group Member Gender Equality Committee, Member, FISU America	2016-2019
Michel Bélanger	Media and Communication Committee, Working Group Member	2016-2019
Lia Taha Cheng	Member of the Consultative Group of the CDSU	2016-2019

5. Plans for 2017-2018

2017 Summer Universiade

Looking ahead, U SPORTS International Programs has begun planning for the upcoming 2017 Summer Universiade. The 29th edition will take place in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei from August 19th to 30th, 2017. Taipei 2017 expects to welcome approximately 7,000 athletes from over 150 countries. The anticipated team size of the Canadian delegation, headed by Chef de Mission Darren Cates of the Royal Military College of Canada, is 378 with 111 staff and 267 athletes competing in 16 of the 21 sports on the program. For the



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fourth straight Summer Universiade, Canada will also be represented in the FISU Young Reporters Program, securing one of the 12 highly coveted spots to cover the second largest sporting event in the world.



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2017 FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy International Forum

In addition to the Universiades, U SPORTS International Programs is working with FISU to contribute to the advancement of international sports volunteering by providing two students with the opportunity to attend the 2017 FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy International Forum. This Forum will be held from July 2-8, 2017 in Russia and will bring together volunteer leaders from over 165 countries.

2017 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League

The 2017 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League in Xiamen, China, is scheduled for September 14-17, 2017. The top two teams per gender from each continental tournament plus the past champions and runners-up will qualify for the event. As the 2016 champions and 2016 runners-up respectively, McGill University men's team and University of Regina women's team have been invited to participate in the 2017 edition.

2018 World University Championships

U SPORTS will once again send athletes to the World University Championships. For 2018, FISU has 34 sports on the program including ski orienteering, shooting sport, speed skating, cross country, wushu, golf, cycling, football, sport climbing, floorball, modern pentathlon, baseball, beach volleyball, rugby sevens, orienteering, karate, muay thai, handball, korfbal, futsal, triathlon, sailing, boxing, wrestling, squash, chess, canoe sprint, netball, weightlifting, roller sports, cheerleading, badminton, bridge and sambo.

Sport Community Liaison

U SPORTS International Programs continues to collaborate with the 5 other major games Franchise Holders (Canada Games Council, Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Paralympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada and Jeux de la Francophonie) through the Franchise Holders Working Group (FHWG). The group's mandate is to develop a performance-enhanced sport delivery model, providing athletes and coaches the opportunity to perform at their optimal level, at multi-sport games. Through Sport Canada funding, the FHWG focus is on the management of Medical Missions and athlete data. U SPORTS International Programs also works directly with NSOs in preparation for Universiades and WUCs and is working on enhancing our active participation in ongoing systems development and alignment with external stakeholders.