



**2019-2020**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**REPORT**

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## 1. CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Darren Cates	Chair / OUA Representative
Gilles Lépine	FISU American / CWUAA Representative
Julie Dionne	RSEQ Representative
Michael Eagles	AUS Representative
Coleen Dufresne	FISU Representative
David Munro	CCAA Representative
Karla Karch	CWUAA Representative
Joe Morissette (Badminton Canada)	Summer NSO Representative
Vacant	Winter NSO Representative
Bob Philip	Ex-Officio
Ari Grossman	Ex-Officio
Charonne Thomasos	U SPORTS Staff

## 2. COMMITTEE MANDATE

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As the National University Sport Federation (NUSF) 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 18 and 25, and actively registered in a degree or diploma granting post-secondary institutions.

FISU's properties include the Winter and Summer Universiades (World University Games) which are held every two (odd) years, World University Championships, held every two (even) years, Educational events, and University World Cup/League tournaments. Together, FISU offers international competition in over 60 different sports.

The U SPORTS International Committee's role is to assist U SPORT Staff / Management in the operations of U SPORTS International Programs where necessary, as well as to provide input based on their areas of expertise related specifically to Sport and/or FISU opportunities.

## 3. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Committee has the following responsibilities:

- Provide recommendations to management for Canada's participation in FISU-sanctioned events
- 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 and evaluations of bids from stakeholders interested in hosting international events
- Such additional duties as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by management



#### 4. 2019-2020 SCOPE OF WORK

U SPORTS Team Canada participated in several international activities in 2019-20 which included participation in FISU Education events, World University Championships, the Summer Universiade, and the 1<sup>st</sup> University World Cup (Soccer).

#### 2019 FISU Summer Universiade (July 2019)

Team Canada participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade in Napoli, Italy in July 2019. Kadre Gray of the Laurentian Voyageurs, 2018 U SPORTS Male Athlete of the Year, lead the delegation as flag bearer.

With a delegation of approximately 310 athletes, coaches and support staff, Team Canada was represented in:

- Athletics
- Diving
- Fencing
- Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Men and Women's Rugby
- Women's Water Polo
- Men and Women's Basketball
- Men and Women's Volleyball
- Women's Soccer

With temperatures topping 40 degrees Celsius daily in Italy, the Canadian delegation was able to produce 6 medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Bronze).

Student-Athlete	School	Sport / Placing
Nicole Hutchinson	Villanova University	Athletics / 5000m / 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Sarah Mitton	University of Windsor	Athletics / Shot Put / 1 <sup>st</sup> place
Courtney Hufsmith	University of Saskatchewan	Athletics / 1500m / 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Laurent Gosselin-Paradis	Cégep Andrée-Grasset	Diving / Men's platform / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Diving / Men's 10m Synchronized Platform / 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Ethan Pitman	Concordia University	Diving / Men's 10m Synchronized Platform / 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Hannah Genich	University of Toronto	Swimming / Women's 4x100m Medley / 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Nina Kucheran	Florida State University	Swimming / Women's 4x100m Medley
Ainsley McMurray	University of Toronto	Swimming / Women's 4x100m Medley / 3 <sup>rd</sup> place



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Ingrid Wilm	University of British Columbia	Swimming / Women's 4x100m Medley / 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
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### 2019 University World Cup

2019 marked the inaugural edition of FISU's newest sport property, the University World Cup Football. Held every two years, this tournament hosted the best university football (soccer) teams from across the world in Jinjiang, People's Republic of China. With a wildcard entry for the Women's tournament, Canada was represented by the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees as a result of their National Championship win in 2018/19. The Gee-Gee's played an outstanding tournament ending with a 1-0 defeat over Brazil's Paulista University to be named the Champions for the KELME 2019 FISU University World Cup Football.

### 2019 FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy

The FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy took place in Kazan, Russia in September 2019. The FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy is a unique platform for Volunteers to network and exchange their best experiences in the delivery of major sporting events. One candidate, Naomi Kirshenblatt from University of Manitoba, was chosen by U SPORTS to take part in this full funded opportunity.

## 5. 2020-2021 PLANNING

***Due to the unforeseen circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the sports world has been heavily affected with regards to competitions and events both domestically and internationally. Participation and planning for the 2020-21 U SPORTS international programming year has been greatly impacted and will continue to be in a state of uncertainty for the near future. As such, U SPORTS will continue to plan for the scheduled events until further confirmation is provided by both FISU, the local host organizing committees and U SPORTS Board of Directors. Likewise, the health and safety of our Canadian student-athletes is of the utmost importance and as such all decisions will be made with this as priority.***

### 2020 World University Championships (WUCs)

Team Canada was scheduled take part in the following World University Championships in 2020. A large majority of the international events have been cancelled and U SPORTS still awaits confirmation of status of the remaining.

Status	Sport	City	Country	Date start	Date end
Canceled	Cross Country	Marrakech	Morocco	March 7, 2020	March 7, 2020
Partial Canceled	Speed Skating	Amsterdam	Netherlands	March 9, 2020	March 13, 2020
Canceled	Ski Orienteering	Rovaniemi	Finland	March 23, 2020	March 27, 2020



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Canceled	Golf	Taichung	Taipei	June 17, 2020	June 20, 2020
Canceled	Beach Volleyball	Málaga	Spain	June 23, 2020	June 27, 2020
Canceled	Triathlon	Kecskemet	Hungary	June 27, 2020	June 28, 2020
Canceled	Sailing	Campione del Garda	Italy	June 30, 2020	July 4, 2020
Canceled	Orienteering	Smolensk	Russia	July 14, 2020	July 18, 2020
Canceled	Squash	Shanghai	China	July 20, 2020	July 26, 2020
Canceled	Rowing	Zagreb	Croatia	Aug. 27, 2020	Aug. 29, 2020
<b>Pending Championships (September – December)</b>					
Pending	Shooting Sport	Pilsen	Czech Republic	Sept. 9, 2020	Sept. 13, 2020
Pending	Rugby 7s	La Plata	Argentina	Sept. 17, 2020	Sept. 19, 2020
Pending	Waterski & Wakeboard	Dnipro	Ukraine	Sept. 22, 2020	Sept. 27, 2020
Pending	Boxing	Katowice	Poland	Oct. 10, 2020	Oct. 15, 2020
Pending	Weightlifting	Gangjin	Korea	Oct. 20, 2020	Oct. 24, 2020
Pending	Wrestling	Nizhny Novgorod	Russia	Oct. 27, 2020	Nov. 1, 2020
Pending	Badminton	Bangkok	Thailand	Nov. 16, 2020	Nov. 22, 2020

### 2021 FISU Winter and Summer Universiade

U SPORTS will start the preparation and planning for Team Canada's participation in the 2021 Winter and Summer Universiades (World University Games).

The Winter Games are taking place in Lucerne, Switzerland January 21-31, 2021, while the Summer Games will take place in Chengdu, China August 18-29, 2021.

**U SPORTS is aware and sympathetic to the fact that COVID has created a challenging situation financially and otherwise for all sport organizations inclusive of NSOs and Athletic Departments of universities and colleges. With the uncertainty around stay home orders, inability to train, sport programming, selection process, travel restrictions, etc., U SPORTS will attempt to be in a position to send a Canadian delegation to these Games if possible, while prioritizing the Team's safety and well-being and evaluating of all risks associated.**