



2020-21

INTERNATIONAL

REPORT



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1. CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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

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



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4. 2020-2021 SCOPE OF WORK

U SPORTS Team Canada was ready to participate in the 2020 World University Championships as well as its first ever FISU America Games. However, 2020 was quickly halted with the COVID-19 global pandemic.

2020 FISU World University Championships

The following NSOs and sport teams confirmed participation in the 2020 World University Championship prior to the cancellation of most of the season.

Sport	City	Country	Date start	Date end
Cross Country	Marrakech	Morocco	March 7, 2020	March 7, 2020
Speed Skating	Amsterdam	Netherlands	March 9, 2020	March 13, 2020
Ski Orienteering	Rovaniemi	Finland	March 23, 2020	March 27, 2020
Golf	Taichung	Taipei	June 17, 2020	June 20, 2020
Beach Volleyball	Málaga	Spain	June 23, 2020	June 27, 2020
Triathlon	Kecskemet	Hungary	June 27, 2020	June 28, 2020
Sailing	Campione del Garda	Italy	June 30, 2020	July 4, 2020
Orienteering	Smolensk	Russia	July 14, 2020	July 18, 2020
Squash	Shanghai	China	July 20, 2020	July 26, 2020
Rowing	Zagreb	Croatia	Aug. 27, 2020	Aug. 29, 2020
Shooting Sport	Pilsen	Czech Republic	Sept. 9, 2020	Sept. 13, 2020
Rugby 7s	La Plata	Argentina	Sept. 17, 2020	Sept. 19, 2020
Waterski & Wakeboard	Dnipro	Ukraine	Sept. 22, 2020	Sept. 27, 2020
Boxing	Katowice	Poland	Oct. 10, 2020	Oct. 15, 2020
Weightlifting	Gangjin	Korea	Oct. 20, 2020	Oct. 24, 2020
Wrestling	Nizhny Novgorod	Russia	Oct. 27, 2020	Nov. 1, 2020
Badminton	Bangkok	Thailand	Nov. 16, 2020	Nov. 22, 2020

COVID-19 forced the cancellation of all sports except Speed Skating which took place in Amsterdam. Team Canada had one athlete in this Championship. U SPORTS would like to recognize all student-athletes that were selected for their respective teams to compete in the 2020 World University Championships and had to deal with the unfortunate cancellation of these events and many others. Their hard work and dedication to the sport with hopes to represent Team Canada did not go unnoticed.



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2020 FISU America Games

The 2nd edition of the FISU America Games was set to take place in Merida Mexico in May 2020. Once again, this event was forced to cancel due to the on-going global pandemic. This would have been Team Canada's first appearance at the FISU America Games with a small delegation spanning soccer, table tennis, taekwondo and badminton. The event was to be the qualifying regional tournament for the World University Soccer Cup which has now been postponed to October / November 2021.

2020 FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy

The 2020 FISU Volunteer Leaders' Academy (FVLA) was to take place in Kazan, Russia in September 2020. The pandemic forced this event to be conducted virtually for the first time ever. The FVLA is a unique platform for Volunteers to network and exchange their best experiences in the delivery of major sporting events. Kristian D'Amore a recent University of New Brunswick graduate, was chosen by U SPORTS to take part in this opportunity.

5. 2021-2022 PLANNING

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause uncertainty throughout the world of sports especially with regards to international competition. As such, participation and planning for the 2021-22 U SPORTS international programming has been adjusted to accommodate the postponement of events and we continue to monitor situations globally before committing Team Canada to participation. The health and safety of our Canadian student-athletes, coaching and mission staff continue to be the top priority.

World University Games (Winter and Summer)

The 2021 World University Winter Games, originally scheduled for January 2021, has been postponed to December 11-21 2021. The Games will take place in Lucerne, Switzerland. Currently, U SPORTS is awaiting information regarding health and safety protocol and quarantine measures that may / may not be in place. The preparation for these Games and Team Canada's delegation will rely heavily COVID protocol including quarantine measures and cost associated.

The 2021 World University Summer Games, originally scheduled for August 2021 has been postponed to July 2022. Preparation for these Games will start in the late summer of 2021 with high hopes to be able to field a Team Canada delegation to participate in Chengdu, China under "normal" circumstances.

We continue to closely monitor developments around these Games and the status of international programming, not only FISU related competition but also all that Canada participates in through Major Games Canada and our partners in the sport world.