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## 1. CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Darren Cates	Chair / OUA Representative
Gilles Lépine	FISU America
Julie Dionne	RSEQ Representative
Michael Eagles	AUS Representative
Coleen Dufresne	FISU Representative
David Munro	CCAA Representative
Karla Karch	CWUAA Representative
Joe Morissette (Triathlon Canada)	Summer NSO Representative
Danny Lamoureux (Curling Canada)	Winter NSO Representative
Bob Philip	Ex-Officio
Ari Grossman	Ex-Officio
Alexandra Roy	U SPORTS Manager of International

## 2. COMMITTEE MANDATE

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As the National University Sport Federation (NUSF) member of la Fédération Internationale du Sport 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 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 SPORTS 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. 2021-2022 SCOPE OF WORK

U SPORTS invested much time and effort into preparing a Canadian delegation for the FISU 2021 Winter World University Games in Lucerne, Switzerland (originally planned for January 2021 but postponed to December 2021 due to the pandemic). However, the rise of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 left the organisers little choice but to cancel the event just weeks away from its start.

The FISU Summer World University Games, originally planned for August 2021 in Chengdu, China, was postponed to July 2022. Preparations had begun for these Games, but following the cancellation of Lucerne, the U SPORTS Staff in collaboration with the U SPORTS Board and International Committee made the difficult decision in February 2022 to withdraw Canada from these Games based on a thorough risk analysis which included not having an International Manager in place at the time.

U SPORTS hired a new International Manager in March. Alexandra Roy joined U SPORTS from Karate Canada where she served as program manager for the past seven years including as a mission staff at the 2020 Olympic Summer Games in Tokyo. She was also the Assistant Venue Logistics Manager at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

#### 5. 2022-2023 PLANNING

The COVID-19 pandemic as well as the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine continues to cause uncertainty throughout the world of sports especially with regards to international competition. As such, participation and planning for the 2022-23 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.

#### FISU 2022 World University Championships (WUCs) & World Cups (UWCs)

Out of the initial 27 events scheduled by FISU, 9 were cancelled and 11 sports declined participation. Team Canada is scheduled to take part in the following 6 FISU World University Championships and 1 World Cup in 2022.

Status	Sport	City	Country	Start Date	End Date
Participating	Golf	Torino	ITA	July 20, 2022	July 23, 2022
Participating	Orienteering	Maggingen - Biel/Bienne	SUI	August 17, 2022	August 21, 2022
Participating	Beach Volleyball	Lake Placid	USA	August 24, 2022	August 28, 2022
Participating	Triathlon	Maceio	BRA	September 10, 2022	September 11, 2022
Participating	Canoe Sprint	Bydgoszcz	POL	September 16, 2022	September 18, 2022
TBC	Cheerleading (UWC)	Heraklion	GRE	November 4, 2022	November 6, 2022
TBC	Squash	New Giza	EGY	November 7, 2022	November 13, 2022



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### **2023 FISU Winter and Summer World University Games**

U SPORTS has begun the preparation and planning for Team Canada's participation in the FISU 2023 Winter World University Games. The Winter Games will take place in Lake Placid, USA January 12-22, 2023. The 2023 Summer Games are currently planned for August 8-19, 2023 in Ekaterinburg, Russia. The FISU Steering Committee confirmed in March 2022 that Russian and Belarusian athletes, together with national university sports federation officials, would not participate in FISU competitions and activities until at least the end of 2022. Furthermore, other FISU events that were due to be hosted in Russia have now been cancelled. The FISU Steering Committee continues to monitor the situation and will be meeting at the 2022 Summer Games in Chengdu, China in July 2022 to decide on the fate of the 2023 Summer Games in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

### **Hosting and Bidding FISU events in Canada!**

In 2019, London, Ontario was selected to host the FISU 2022 World University Championships Rowing. Due to the pandemic, this event is now scheduled for July 13-15, 2023. The Organizing Committee has begun to meet regularly to plan the event.

FISU is looking for hosts for the 2027 and 2029 Winter and Summer Games. They reiterated their desire to have Canada become more involved in hosting and would like U SPORTS to consider bidding on one of these events.