



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-23



1. CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Darren Cates	Chair / OUA Representative
Michael Eagles	AUS Representative
Karla Karch	CW Representative
Daniel Méthot	RSEQ Representative
Wade Kolmel	CCAA Representative
Joe Morissette (Triathlon Canada)	Summer NSO Representative
Vacant	Winter NSO Representative
Coleen Dufresne	Ex-Officio
Gilles Lépine	Ex-Officio
Ari Grossman	Ex-Officio
Bob Philip	Ex-Officio
Alexandra Roy	U SPORTS Manager of International

2. COMMITTEE MANDATE (under review)

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 as well as providing development and competitive opportunities for coaches and officials.

FISU’s properties include the FISU 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 management in fulfilling its responsibilities related to U SPORTS’ international activities. The Committee is an advisor to management on all international matters. The Committee may establish sub-committees or task forces to deal with specific issues in relation to the mandate of the Committee.

3. PREVIOUS KEY RESPONSIBILITIES (under review)

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



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- Assist in the development of procedures and evaluations of bids from Members interested in hosting international events
- Such additional duties as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by management

4. 2022-2023 SCOPE OF WORK

With the quick on boarding of a new Manager of International Programs, the committee only met once this year to reconnect following the pandemic and is planning more meetings in the year to come.

The FISU Summer World University Games, originally planned for August 2021 in Chengdu, China, were postponed to July 2023. U SPORTS in collaboration with the U SPORTS Board and Chair of the International Committee as well as the U SPORTS Medical Committee made the difficult decision in February 2023 to withdraw Canada from these Games based on health and safety as well as financial reasons.

5. 2023-2024 PLANNING

U SPORTS will be working with its National Sport Federation partners on sending teams to the upcoming 2024 World University Championships (uni-sport).

Due to interest from FISU and various Canadian sport Stakeholders, U SPORTS will be working on updating their Hosting and Bidding Strategy as well as reviewing its business plan for international programs.

FISU 2024 World University Championships (WUCs) & World Cups (UWCs)

Close to 25 World University Championships and World Cups are planned for 2024. U SPORTS is working with each National Sport Organizations to confirm participation to these events. The tentative calendar of events is available [here](#).

Hosting and Bidding FISU events in Canada

London, Ontario planned to host the FISU 2023 World University Championships Rowing this July. However, due to the postponement of the Chengdu Games to the 2023 summer, the FISU World Rowing Championships have been cancelled. U SPORTS, Tourism London and Western University look forward to working with FISU to host this event at a future date.

U SPORTS will be working on their Hosting and Bidding Strategy in the hopes of hosting FISU World University Events in the near future. FISU is still looking for hosts for the 2027 and 2029 Winter Games.

Business Plan

U SPORTS and the International Committee will be reopening the International business plan and review its objectives including the financial model.