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### **U SPORTS announces hosts for 2019-2021 Men's and Women's Basketball and 2019-2020 Men's and Women's Ice Hockey National Championships**

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TORONTO (U SPORTS) – U SPORTS announced Thursday its hosts for the 2019-2021 U SPORTS Championships in men's and women's basketball and 2019-2020 men's and women's ice hockey.

Basketball and hockey are two of U SPORTS' most prestigious championships for which a number of high-quality bids were presented. Included, was an integrated bid with men's and women's basketball through a joint partnership between the University of Ottawa, Carleton University and the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG). This bid was identified as an innovative approach for a sport enjoying tremendous success at both the grassroots and high-performance levels across Canada. Dalhousie University (Halifax, N.S.), St. Francis Xavier University (Antigonish, N.S.), Queen's University (Kingston, Ont.), Ryerson University (Toronto, Ont.), Acadia University (Wolfville, N.S.), University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge, Alta.) and UPEI (Charlottetown, P.E.I.) will host the other U SPORTS national championships.

"The bids that we received were excellent which demonstrates a strong interest in hosting a U SPORTS national championship," said Graham Brown, President and CEO of U SPORTS. "It is encouraging to see our member institutions developing creative ways to host national championships offering the best experience for our student-athletes as well as for Canadian sports fans, and guaranteeing the best attendance on site. This is promising for the future of U SPORTS and all of its members."

Spanning over a three-year cycle, U SPORTS awarded the Men's and Women's Basketball Final 8 for 2019, 2020 and 2021, while the U SPORTS Men's Ice Hockey and Women's Ice Hockey Championships were allocated for the next two seasons in 2019 and 2020.

In 2019 and 2021, the Men's Final 8 returns to the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax, in partnership with event management partner Sports & Entertainment Atlantic (S|E|A). The Dalhousie Tigers will host the U SPORTS Men's Basketball Championship in 2019, while the StFX X-Men will get the host spot in 2021.

S|E|A has also been tapped to stage the University Cup (Men's Hockey) in 2020, with the Acadia Axemen serving as hosts.

S|E|A is no stranger to attracting U SPORTS championship events to Nova Scotia's capital. The Halifax-based company is partnering with Acadia University for this year's Men's Final 8 after working with Dalhousie on last season's event at the Scotiabank Centre. The organization first





teamed up with StFX and Saint Mary's universities for the 2015 and 2016 University Cup, respectively.

In 2020, U SPORTS innovates with the merging of Men's and Women's Basketball Championships to be hosted by both University of Ottawa and Carleton University, in partnership with the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG). The 2020 Final 8 will showcase the very best of Canadian university basketball, with the men's and women's event held together at TD Place Arena in downtown Ottawa.

In women's basketball, the Final 8 tournament heads to Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre in Toronto in 2019, while the Queen's Gaels will serve as hosts for the 2021 edition at the Queen's Athletics & Recreation Centre in Kingston, Ont.

In women's ice hockey, the UPEI Panthers will host and welcome the best in the nation to MacLauchlan Arena in Charlottetown, P.E.I. for the 2019 and 2020 U SPORTS Women's Hockey Championship.

Following two seasons at the University of New Brunswick, the 2019 University Cup returns to Western Canada for the first time since 2014, when the Lethbridge Pronghorns will play host at the ENMAX Centre, home of the Lethbridge Hurricanes of the Western Hockey League (WHL).

Following Thursday's announcements, 10 U SPORTS championship events will be held across six provinces for the 2018-19 season, reaffirming U SPORTS as the national brand of university sports in Canada.

The summary for the three next seasons is available below:

	2018/19	
FALL	Date	Host
<b>W FIELD HOCKEY</b>	Thurs Nov 1-Sun Nov 4	<i>OUA Champion</i>
<b>W RUGBY</b>	Thurs Nov 1-Sun Nov 4	Acadia University (Wolfville, N.S.)
<b>M SOCCER</b>	Thurs Nov 8-Sun Nov 11	UBC (Vancouver, BC)
<b>W SOCCER</b>	Thurs Nov 8-Sun Nov 11	University of Ottawa (Ottawa, Ont.)
<b>CROSS-COUNTRY (M&amp;W)</b>	Sat Nov 10	<i>OUA or RSEQ</i>
<b>FOOTBALL - Mitchell Bowl</b>	Sat Nov 17	<i>OUA Champion</i>
<b>FOOTBALL - Uteck Bowl</b>	Sat Nov 18	<i>RSEQ Champion</i>
<b>Vanier Cup</b>	Sat Nov 24	<i>TBC</i>





<b>WINTER</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
<b>WRESTLING (M&amp;W)</b>	Fri Feb 22-Sat Feb 23	<i>TBD</i>
<b>SWIMMING (M&amp;W)</b>	Thurs Feb 21-Sat Feb 23	UBC (Vancouver, B.C.)
<b>W BASKETBALL</b>	Thurs March 7-Sun March 10	Ryerson University (Toronto, Ont.)
<b>M BASKETBALL</b>	Thurs March 7-Sun March 10	Dalhousie University (in Halifax, N.S.)
<b>TRACK AND FIELD (M&amp;W)</b>	Thurs March 7-Sat March 9	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W HOCKEY</b>	Thurs March 14-Sun March 17	UPEI (Charlottetown, P.E.I.)
<b>M HOCKEY</b>	Thurs March 14-Sun March 17	University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge, Alta.)
<b>W VOLLEYBALL</b>	Fri March 15-Sun March 17	University of Alberta (Edmonton, Alta.)
<b>M VOLLEYBALL</b>	Fri March 15-Sun March 17	Université Laval (Quebec City, Que.)
<b>CURLING (M&amp;W)*</b>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>

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		<b>2019/20</b>
<b>FALL</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
<b>W FIELD HOCKEY</b>	Thurs Oct 31-Sun Nov 3	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W RUGBY</b>	Thurs Oct 31-Sun Nov 3	<i>TBD</i>
<b>M SOCCER</b>	Thurs Nov 7-Sun Nov 10	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W SOCCER</b>	Thurs Nov 7-Sun Nov 10	<i>TBD</i>
<b>CROSS-COUNTRY (M&amp;W)</b>	Sat Nov 9	<i>TBD</i>
<b>FOOTBALL - Mitchell Bowl</b>	Sat Nov 16	CW Champion
<b>FOOTBALL - Uteck Bowl</b>	Sat Nov 17	AUS Champion
<b>Vanier Cup</b>	Sat Nov 23	<i>TBC</i>
<b>WINTER</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
<b>WRESTLING (M&amp;W)</b>	Fri Feb 21-Sat Feb 22	<i>OUA</i>
<b>SWIMMING (M&amp;W)</b>	Thurs Feb 20-Sat Feb 22	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W BASKETBALL</b>	Thurs March 5-Sun March 8	University of Ottawa / Carleton University (in Ottawa, Ont.)
<b>M BASKETBALL</b>	Thurs March 5-Sun March 8	





<b>TRACK AND FIELD (M&amp;W)</b>	Thurs March 5-Sat March 7	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W HOCKEY</b>	Thurs March 12-Sun March 15	UPEI (Charlottetown, P.E.I.)
<b>M HOCKEY</b>	Thurs March 12-Sun March 15	Acadia University (in Halifax, N.S.)
<b>W VOLLEYBALL</b>	Fri March 13-Sun March 15	<i>TBD</i>
<b>M VOLLEYBALL</b>	Fri March 13-Sun March 15	<i>TBD</i>
<b>CURLING (M&amp;W)*</b>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>

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		2020/21
FALL	Date	Host
<b>W FIELD HOCKEY</b>	Thurs Nov 5-Sun Nov 8	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W RUGBY</b>	Thurs Nov 5-Sun Nov 8	<i>TBD</i>
<b>M SOCCER</b>	Thurs Nov 12-Sun Nov 15	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W SOCCER</b>	Thurs Nov 7-Sun Nov 10	<i>TBD</i>
<b>CROSS-COUNTRY (M&amp;W)</b>	Sat Nov 14	<i>TBD</i>
<b>FOOTBALL - Mitchell Bowl</b>	Sat Nov 21	RSEQ Champion
<b>FOOTBALL - Uteck Bowl</b>	Sat Nov 22	OUA Champion
<b>Vanier Cup</b>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>
WINTER	Date	Host
<b>WRESTLING (M&amp;W)</b>	Fri Feb 26-Sat Feb 27	<i>TBD</i>
<b>SWIMMING (M&amp;W)</b>	Thurs Feb 25-Sat Feb 27	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W BASKETBALL</b>	Thurs March 11-Sun March 14	Queens University (Kingston, Ont.)
<b>M BASKETBALL</b>	Thurs March 11-Sun March 14	St. Francis Xavier University (in Halifax, N.S.)
<b>TRACK AND FIELD (M&amp;W)</b>	Thurs March 11-Sat March 13	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W HOCKEY</b>	Thurs March 18-Sun March 21	<i>TBD</i>
<b>M HOCKEY</b>	Thurs March 18-Sun March 21	<i>TBD</i>
<b>W VOLLEYBALL</b>	Fri March 19-Sun March 21	<i>TBD</i>
<b>M VOLLEYBALL</b>	Fri March 19-Sun March 21	<i>TBD</i>
<b>CURLING (M&amp;W)*</b>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>

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Hosts for the 2018 - 2019 U SPORTS national championships in cross country, track and field, wrestling and curling, along with the 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> editions of the Vanier Cup will be announced at a later date.

### **About U SPORTS**

U SPORTS is the national brand for university sports in Canada. Every year, over 12,000 student-athletes and 500 coaches from 56 universities vie for 21 national championships in 12 different sports. U SPORTS also provides higher performance international opportunities for Canadian student-athletes at Winter and Summer Universiades, as well as numerous world university championships. For further information, visit [USPORTS.ca](http://USPORTS.ca) or follow us on:

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