



2025 FISU WINTER WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA

ALPINE, PARA-ALPINE, SKI CROSS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- I. This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) to nominate athletes as members of the 2025 FISU World University Games Team Canada in Torino, Italy, January 11-24, 2025, in the sport disciplines of alpine, para-alpine and ski cross.
- II. The Nomination Criteria shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- III. The VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, is responsible for developing and approving the nomination process and procedures for the Team, that will be nominated to the 2025 FISU World University Games Team Canada.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- I. “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin;
- II. “Athlete” means a Federation International De Ski/International Ski Federation (FIS) carded Athlete that is a Canadian citizen as defined in the Citizenship and Immigration Act (Canada) and complies with rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- III. “FIS” means International Ski Federation.
- IV. “FISU WWUG” means FISU Winter World University Games.
- V. “PTSO” means Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations.
- VI. “U SPORTS” national sport governing body for universities in Canada.
- VII. “CAC” means Coaching Association of Canada.
- VIII. “CCES” Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.
- IX. “ACA Staff” means any one of the following: VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, Senior Manager, Para-Alpine Domestic Programs and Pathways, Ski Cross Next Gen Head Coach, and Alpine Excel Program & Pathway Manager, Performance Data Analyst.

- X. "FISU WWUG Nomination Committee" means a committee constituted by ACA that may include the following representatives:
 - a. ACA VP Domestic Sport Development and Events
 - b. Four Canadian University Collation Coaches
 - c. ACA Senior Manager, Para-Alpine Domestic Programs and Pathways
 - d. ACA Ski Cross Next Gen Head Coach
 - e. Any other appointed person by ACA deemed necessary.

3.0 QUOTA

- I. Canada is allocated the following:
 - a. Alpine - six (6) quota spots per gender
 - b. Para-Alpine - six (6) quota spots per gender
 - c. Ski Cross - four (4) quota spots per gender
- II. The FISU WWUG Nomination Committee reserves the right not to fulfill the allocated quota if not enough athletes are qualified for the level of competition.
- III. The FISU WWUG Nomination Committee also reserves the right to name more than the allocated quota for the alpine event, where athletes would only participate in select events where their potential to perform is identified.
- IV. Finally, the FISU WWUG Nomination Committee reserves the right to name up to two 'wildcard' alpine athletes who may have been injured in the qualification period.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

Selection to participate in the 2025 FISU Winter World University Games, Torino, Italy, January 13-23, 2025, is eligible to the following individuals:

- I. Students who are officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognized by Canada's appropriate national academic authority. Students attending a university or a similar institute in the United States must provide evidence of registration as part of their application.
- II. Former student of the institution mentioned in (a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event.
- III. Be a citizen of Canada and hold a Canadian International FIS license valid for the 2024-2025 season.
 - a. Ski Cross athletes must hold a Canadian International FIS Freestyle license valid for the 2024-2025 season.
- IV. Must be at least 18 years old and no older than 25 years old on December 31st of the year of the event. (WUG2025: The athletes must have been born between January 1, 2000, and December 31st, 2007; with an exception in Para-Alpine events, athletes must be at least 18 years old and no

older than 28 years old on December 31st of the year of the event (i.e., born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2007).

- V. Para athletes must be registered in the FIS Para Data Management System. Para athletes must be internationally classified with a Sport Class Status Confirmed (C), Review (R) with a Fixed Review Date 2025 or later (i.e., Review 2025 or later).
- VI. Be a member in good standing with Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) and the athlete's member province.
- VII. Athletes must be "fit to race" and meet FIS medical requirements in accordance with Article 221: Medical Service, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Committee Rules (ICR).
- VIII. No athlete, coach, or official under a current suspension from FISU, FIS, Alpine Canada Alpin or the participant's member province may participate in the FISU World University Games.

5.0 CRITERIA

All interested athletes will be evaluated using the following criteria:

I. Alpine:

- a. Athletes will be nominated per their world rank in GS plus the next best discipline (Super – G, Slalom, Alpine Combined) based on results according to the 2025 FIS Base List published in June 2024
- b.
- c. Athletes will be nominated in such a fashion to ensure that at least 50% of the chosen male and female athletes are attending Canadian Interuniversity Sport Member Institutes.
 - i. An athlete MUST hold FIS DH, SG, or AC points to be eligible to start in FISU SG events.

II. Ski Cross:

- a. Athletes will be nominated according to the 2025 FIS Base List published in June 2024.
 - i. Pending interest from ski cross athletes, the FISU WWUG Nomination Committee reserves the right to potentially open ski cross entry to identified alpine athletes interested in competing in ski cross. A valid FIS freestyle competitor card for the 2024 – 2025 season must be held for an athlete to participate in a ski cross event.

III. Para-Alpine:

- a. In line with the ICR, athletes in different Sport Classes will be grouped in the following categories:

Category	Sport Classes
Vision Impaired	B1, B2, B3
Standing	LW1, LW2, LW3, LW4, LW5/7-1, LW5/7-2, LW5/7-3, LW6/8-1, LW6/8-2, LW9-1, LW9-2
Sitting	LW10-1, LW10-2, LW11, LW12-1, LW12-2

- Para athletes must have FIS points in Super-G or Downhill and Giant Slalom.

6.0 APPLICATION

- I. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to Team Canada must submit all application requirements outlined below to jstielow@alpinecanada.org by **26 August 2024**.
- II. Any applications submitted that are not completed in full will not be accepted. Application components include:
 - a. ACA Application Form : <https://forms.office.com/r/8bnwtvwNdb>
 - b. ACA Deposit 500 CAD : <https://snowreg.com/#!/events/2025-fisu-winter-world-university-games>
 - i. If an athlete is not selected, or chooses to not attend ahead of the 11 October 2024, deadline, the 500 CAD deposit will be refunded.

7.0 COACH ELIGIBILITY

- I. All coaches wishing to be considered for Team Canada must meet minimum U SPORTS and ACA standards. Exemptions from the outlined standards are only possible in exceptional cases as determined by U SPORTS and ACA.
- II. Minimum standard:
 - a. Licensed ACA-CSC coach in good standing by 1 September 2024.
 - b. NCCP Competition Development/Level 3 certification or higher
 - c. Completion of CAC Safe Sport Module
 - i. Exemptions from Competition-Development qualifications are possible only in exceptional cases as determined by U SPORTS.
 - ii. An exemption will be considered only if a coach has obtained NCCP Competition-Development In-Training status (or full Level 2 certification).
 - iii. A coach may be granted a maximum of one exemption in his/her coaching career per sport.
 - iv. An exemption may be granted on the premise that the coach plans to advance to Competition Development certification within two years.
 - v. Exemption requests must be officially submitted to U SPORTS at least 60 days before the start of the World University Games 8 November 2024.
- III. Applications for coaches must be submitted to jstielow@alpinecanada.org by 26 August 2024, and include the following:
 - a. Cover letter
 - b. Resume
 - c. CAC NCCP transcript

- IV. The 2025 FISU WWUG Discipline Head Coaches will be chosen by the FISU WWUG Nomination Committee referenced in Section 2.0. Ahead of the Team Nomination Meeting.
 - a. Remaining assistance coaches and staff will be named after final selection.

8.0 NOMINATION/SELECTION PROCESS

- I. The VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, ACA, shall conduct the Team Nomination Meeting on 16 September 2024, by teleconference. The sole record of the Team Nomination meeting shall be the meeting minutes which shall refer to Section 3.0 Criteria for each athlete considered, including any applicable comments and the final confirmed nomination list.
- II. The nomination meeting attendees shall include all members of the FISU WWUG Nomination Committee referenced in Section 2.0.
 - a. ACA VP Domestic Sport Development and Events
 - b. Four Canadian University Collation Coaches
 - c. ACA Senior Manager, Para-Alpine Domestic Programs and Pathways
 - d. ACA Ski Cross Next Gen Head Coach
 - e. Any other appointed person by ACA deemed necessary
- III. When a consensus relative to the final nomination of athletes is achieved, a designated representative of the FISU WWUG Nomination Committee, shall no later than twenty-four (24) hours afterwards, notify by phone or e-mail those athletes that were nominated to Team Canada.
- IV. Athletes nominated to Team Canada must accept or decline their nomination within forty-eight (48) hours after their notice of nomination in writing to Alpine Excel Program & Pathway Manager, Performance Data Analyst, ACA.
- V. If an athlete declines their nomination to Team Canada, the VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, ACA, and the FISU 2025 WWUG Discipline Head Coaches reserves the right to review the criteria and determine whether the athletes' position is fulfilled by another eligible athlete.

9.0 PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

- I. The VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, ACA, and the ACA Domestic Staff are responsible for:
 - a. Nominating and endorsing the student-athletes and team staff to the 2025 FISU WWUG.
 - b. Ensuring entry forms, payments, and the required documentation are completed correctly, and deadlines adhered to for the submission to the 2025 FISU WWUG.
- II. The discipline 2025 FISU WWUG Coaches are responsible for logistical coordination and will serve as the U SPORTS Liaison with U SPORTS and FISU WWUG.
- III. Selected student-athletes are required to complete the following upon selection by 11 October 2024:

- a. Academic Eligibility Form for FISU World University Games and FISU World University Championships
 - b. Sign ACA Athlete Agreement acknowledging the ACA Code of Conduct.
 - c. Payment of full project fee by 11 October 2024.
 - d. Complete required CAC Safe Sport Module & ACA Safe Sport Requirements.
 - e. Complete required CCES Anti-Doping training modules.
- IV. Team Canada will be accommodated in the Athlete Villages/Hotels for the duration of the Games. All athletes and staff are required to arrive in Torino, Italy forty-eight (48) hours before the first competition as shown in the event schedule (Appendix I).
- a. Alpine is scheduled to depart Canada on 11 January 2025 and return to Canada on 24 January 2025.
 - b. Para-Alpine is scheduled to depart Canada on 12 January 2025 and return to Canada on 19 January 2025.
 - c. Ski Cross is scheduled to depart Canada on 16 January 2025 and return on 24 January 2025.
- V. Transportation upon arrival and departure of the Games, in Torino, Italy, will be provided to all participants including transportation to and from training and competition.

10.0 ESTIMATED COSTS

- I. All costs related to travel to/from the 2025 FISU World University Games in Torino, Italy, are the participants' responsibility in attendance. Final costs will be calculated ahead of the final payment deadline of 11 October 2024.
- II. Deposits are required for all individual sport athletes. Deposits in the sum of 500 CAD are submitted at the time of application and are due by 26 August 2024.
- III. Participation costs include ground transportation at the event, costs incurred to supply coaching, medical and mission staff, required U SPORTS fee which includes U SPORTS Team Canada clothing kit (excluding speed suit), and the 2025 FISU WWUG participant fee which includes race entry fees, accommodation, and meals on site in Torino, Italy.
 - a. Alpine estimated cost 5200 CAD
 - b. Para-alpine estimated cost 4000 CAD
 - c. Ski Cross estimated cost 4800 CAD
- IV. The expected costs for participants do not include airfare. Airfare can be booked and paid for through the ACA approved travel agency Red Tag. Red Tag will be provided with the arrival/departure dates and times for flights.

- V. Participants are expected to cover costs of overweight luggage, transport to/from Canadian/USA airports, and meals to/from Torino, Italy. Costs can always alter depending on exchange rates, flight providers, etc.

11.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS

- I. In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, ACA, reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.
- II. The VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, ACA, may exercise discretion to revise this agreement prior to the Team Nomination meeting with any revisions as may be reasonably necessary to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the selection process. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of this Nomination Criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording. All revisions must be pre-approved by the Performance Committee.
- III. The VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, ACA, may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to Team Canada based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with Alpine Canada's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the Athlete Agreement. ACA will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.
- IV. An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she/they are in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by ACA, International Ski Federation (FIS), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).
- V. If an athlete nominated by ACA is not "fit to race" prior to competition, a replacement athlete may be provisionally nominated to Team Canada from other athletes meeting minimum performance criteria. This is at the sole discretion of the VP Domestic Sport Development and Events, ACA.

12.0 APPEALS

- I. Any dispute relating to the nomination procedure for the 2025 FISU WWUG must be brought to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.
- II. Any athlete who wished to appeal the team nomination shall, within thirty-six (36) hours commencing from the time of notification, file an appeal with the SDRCC. A decision must be reached no later than forty-eight (48) hours from the time of filing an appeal with SDRCC.

13.0 CANCELLATION

- I. If the 2025 FISU WWUG are cancelled or postponed for any reason, including but not limited to the COVID 19 pandemic or any associated local, regional, or international restrictions or directions, or if, in its sole discretion, U SPORTS decides that it will not participate in the 2025 FISU WWUG due to the forgoing reasons or any other reason, U SPORTS and ACA will have no obligation, financial

or otherwise, to the participants, and will not refund any non-refundable or unrecoverable fees or obligations.

Note: *In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French version of the 2025 FIS Winter World University Games Team Canada Nomination Criteria, ACA will refer to the English Version.*

APPENDIX I

2025 FISU Winter World University Games Schedule

Alpine, Para-Alpine, Ski Cross

Date	Alpine	Para-Alpine	Ski Cross	2025 FISU WWUG Ceremonies
11 Jan 2025	Depart Canada			
12 Jan 2025	Arrive Torino	Depart Canada		
13 Jan 2025	Women/Men Official SG Free ski	Arrive Torino		Opening Ceremonies
14 Jan 2025	Women/Men Super G Race			
15 Jan 2025	Women AC Race (SG/SL)			
16 Jan 2025	Men AC Race (SG/SL)	W/M Super G Race	Depart Canada	
17 Jan 2025	Official Reserve Day	Official Reserve Day	Arrive Torino	
18 Jan 2025	Women Giant Slalom	M/W Giant Slalom		
19 Jan 2025	Men Giant Slalom	Depart Torino/Arrive Canada	SX Official Train.	
20 Jan 2025	Mixed Team Parallel		SX Official Train. Qualification Run	
21 Jan 2025	Women Slalom		SX Official Train. Round Robin	
22 Jan 2025	Men Slalom		SX Official Train. Finals	
23 Jan 2025	Official Reserve Day		Official Reserve Day	Closing Ceremonies
24 Jan 2025	Depart Torino/Arrive Canada		Depart Torino/Arrive Canada	