

2023 Winter University Games

Selection Criteria

Overview

The FISU Games is a high caliber multi-sport international event that is a great experience for those that hope to attend an Olympic Winter Games. The FISU Games takes place every two years in locations around the globe, and we are fortunate to have these games be organized in Lake Placid. For the 2023 Games The USOPC is heavily engaged in helping to plan the logistics of team USA to make it a success for American athletes.

These selection criteria will be used to determine the US Speedskating (USS) athletes that will represent team USA at the 2023 World University Games in Lake Placid, USA January 12, 2023-January 22, 2023. The selection criteria are designed to provide eligible athletes the opportunity to continue their athletic development by demonstrating their abilities at the highest levels of international competition.

Information on the 2023 FISU Games including regulations sport information, competition schedule can be found on their website: [FISU World University Games](#)

1.1 Event Location:

Lake Placid, USA

January 12, 2023 – January 22, 2023

1.2 Important Dates and Team Member Travel Obligations

Date	Event/Note	Location/Notes
Aug 1, 2022	Deadline to declare intent to qualify to participate in the FISU Games for Short Track or Long Track.	Must submit your name to USS to: dtamburrino@usspeedskating.org
Sept 12, 2022	FINAL deadline for declaration of intent for both Short and Long Track athletes	
Oct 12, 2022 (tbc)	Register with USOPC	Academic Eligibility Form Code of Conduct Form

		Travel Documents Passport Scan US Games Team Code of Conduct Agreement Current Class Schedule/Transcript
Sept 23-25, 2022	Short Track Fall World Cup Qualifier – team selection event	Salt Lake City – Please ensure you meet the entry requirements
Sept 25, 2022	Notification of Short Track team selection	
Oct 20-23, 2022	Long Track Fall World Cup Qualifier – team selection event	Salt Lake City – Please ensure you meet the entry requirements *Athletes must declare their intentions to compete in the University Games when registering for the competition.
Sept 30, 2022	Short Track Athletes Invitation acceptance due	
Dec 9-11, 2022	Long Track American Cup 2 - team selection event	*Athletes must declare their intentions to compete in the University Games when registering for the competition.
Dec 11, 2022	Notification of Acceptance for Long Track team selection	
Dec 12, 2022	USS to finalize individual distance entries to the USOPC for FISU Games	
~Jan 15-23, 2023	Travel for all ST athletes and coaches	Home & Lake Placid
~Jan 11–23, 2023	Travel for all LT athletes and coaches	Home & Lake Placid

Normally participants are required to stay from opening to closing ceremonies. This will not be the case with these Games, but we do need to plan accordingly and individual travel arrangements will need to be shared with USS.

1.3 Eligibility

In order to qualify for the event athletes must first submit their intent to compete to USS to: dtamburrino@usspeedskating.org by August 1, 2022. This requirement has been regularly communicated in the USS member news emails.

1.3.1 U.S. Citizenship: Student-athletes must be citizens of the United States at the time of nomination and hold a valid U.S. passport.

1.3.2 Minimum standards for participation. All competitors must satisfy the following academic eligibility conditions:

- a. Must be at least 18 years of age, and no older than 25 years of age during the 2023 FISU Games calendar year (January 1 – December 31, 2023); must be born between 1/1/1998 and 12/31/2005)
- b. Must have taken at least one 3-credit course towards a degree or diploma within the last year before the championships. The standard is that the athlete must be progressing towards a degree,” as defined by the university.
 - i. Incoming freshman and transfers are usually eligible with a National Letter of Intent (in those sports that participate in the NLI program) and/or a Letter of Acceptance from the university along with a deposit by the individual to the university confirming the intention to attend.
 - ii. Former students who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event are also eligible.

1.3.3 All student-athletes must be certified by the United States International University Sport Federation and be in good standing with US Speedskating.

1.4 Funding

This is a partially self-funded activity. (Normally this is a \$3000-\$4000 event per person but the USOPC is largely supporting the team this year with it being a home FISU games in Lake Placid, NY). All athletes will still be required to cover some of the costs or participation.

Athletes need to be prepared:

- Pay a portion of the team fee (~\$400 covering the cost of entry fees, Olympic Training Center (OTC) room, meals, local transportation etc.)
- Self-fund (fully cover) their airfare or ground transportation to get to Lake Placid or one of the nearby airports. Detailed information on this process is pending but there will be transportation from the local airports to the OTC in Lake Placid.

The USOPC will support:

- Most of the costs of the team fees which covers OTC housing (meals and beds) and many of the support services staff for the team
- The ISU official costs (~100 EUR/athlete)
- Local team transportation.
- A small team USA apparel package which will include a jacket and at least one other item.
- Support services staff supporting team USA and while at the OTC.

US Speedskating provides:

- Supporting selected coaches and team officials to the event
- One skinsuit per athlete

1.5 Events

Both Long and Short Track Disciplines will be contested. Athletes may submit their intent to try out for either or both teams. Athletes may compete for both teams if selected for both teams. If you are selected for both teams, you may be responsible for a portion of the team fee for the second team qualified to, but it's anticipated this would be significantly less.

LONG TRACK	
500 Meters	4 Women/ 4 Men
1000 Meters	4 Women/ 4 Men
1500 Meters	4 Women / 4 Men
3,000 Women /5,000 Men	3 Women / 3 Men
5,000 Women /10,000 Men	3 Women / 3 Men
Team Pursuit	Teams of 3 – only 8 countries may compete (teams will be ranked on the 2 nd best time for either the 3000/women or the 5000/men)
Mixed Gender Relay	1 Woman / 1 Man
Mass Start	2 Women / 2 Men

SHORT TRACK	
500 Meters	3 Women / 3 Men
1000 Meters	3 Women / 3 Men
1500 Meters	3 Women / 3 Men
Relay (3000 Ladies/5000 Men)	Team of 4 (with one alternate)
Mixed Team Relay	Team of 4 (2 women & 2 men)

1.6 Team Size

The USA team size will be limited to teams of maximum:

- 8 Women and 8 Men for **Long Track**
- 5 Women and 5 Men for **Short Track**

1.7 Selection

All times submitted must be from USS or ISU sanctioned events with a published protocol.

Long Track Selection Criteria

The team will be selected based on the pool of eligible athletes (based on the selection criteria outlined in 1.3 above).

There will be a two qualifying events for the Long Track Team. The events will be the American Cup #1, October 20- 23, 2022 in Kearns, Utah and American Cup #2 December 9-11, 2022, in Roseville, Minnesota

If for any reason, American Cup Long Track #1 or #2 is canceled, rescheduled, moved or changed, in part or whole in any way, or otherwise cannot fulfill the purpose of being the qualifying event, an attempt will be made to designate an alternative event as close as possible to the original date and location of AmCup LT 1. In any event, the qualifying event must be completed by December 11th, 2022. *If a single event cannot be completed, the provisional plan for team selection will be to rank the skaters on the basis of personal best times from any metric style event held in accordance with ISU rules (coaches time trials do not count). Skaters will be ranked in each distance skated between the dates of July 1st, 2021 and December 11th, 2022, and follow the selection process using these times as if they were skated in a single competition.*

- 1.7.1 Athletes who qualify for the USS Fall World Cup team and meet all eligibility and ranking requirements will not be required to qualify for the World University Games at the American Cup #2. Athletes will be selected to the team using the ranking method in section 1.7.2.

All athletes that do not qualify for the USS Fall World Cup Team will be required to qualify for the World University Games at the American Cup #2 and in accordance with the ranking method in section 1.7.2. The American Cup #2 will start with a new ranking list – no carry over rankings will be brought over from American Cup #1.

- 1.7.2 The 1st ranked skater in each distance will be ranked at the top of the order of eligibility in ascending order of their time as a percentage of the senior world

record. Then the 2nd ranked skater in each distance will be added in the same fashion, in ascending order of their time as a percentage of the world record. Once a skater has been ranked in the order of eligibility for their best placement (highest finish) in a distance they will be skipped in subsequent finishes. This process will continue until all skaters are ranked in the order of eligibility and all quota positions are filled.

Once the team is selected, the distance order of eligibility will be created and used to determine the skaters entered into the individual events. This order of eligibility will be based on the following:

- Priority #1 - Placement in the event at American Cup for USS World Cup Skaters only.
- Priority #2 – Placement in the event at American Cup #2
- Priority #3 - Season Best Time since July 1, 2021
- Priority #4 - Personal Best since July 1, 2020
- Priority #5 - Career Personal Best

Skaters will have the chance to accept or decline their start position in the individual events. As skaters are placed into individual distances, all skaters will skate in two distances before anyone can skate 3. Then, all skaters will skate in 3 distances before anyone can skate 4. Then, all will skate in 4 before anyone can skate 5. The Team Pursuit event does not count in this number. A skater is not obligated to skate more events than they wish and can choose to opt out of events they are eligible for.

If individual start positions open up during the University Games competition, positions will be filled from within the University Games Team and based on their distance order of eligibility.

Team pursuit and mixed gender relay teams will be determined by the team leader and coaching staff at the event.

- 1.7.3 In the event that an eligible athlete declines the invite, the next athlete on the list by order of ranking will be invited. The process will be repeated until a full team of athletes is chosen or until the pool of additional eligible athletes is exhausted, whichever comes first.
- 1.7.4 Two additional athletes per gender will be identified from the order of eligibility as alternates. Alternates will have to meet all the selection criteria and will be officially registered with the FISU Games organizing committee.

Short Track Selection Criteria

The team will be selected based on the pool of eligible athletes (based on the selection criteria outlined in 1.3 above).

1.7.5 The selection event to qualify for the 2023 Short Track FISU team will be the following:

- US Speedskating Short Track Fall World Cup Team Qualifier. September 23-25, 2022, Salt Lake City, UT.

1.7.6 Skaters will be chosen from the ranking of the combined sub-classifications.

1.7.7 Combined Sub-Classifications

A sub-classification made by combining the combined distance classifications with alternating distances.

500m CDC + 1000m CDC	500m (1) + 500m (2) + 1000m (1) + 1000m (2)
500m CDC + 1500m CDC	500m (1) + 500m (2) + 1500m (1) + 1500m (2)
1000m CDC + 1500m CDC	1000m (1) + 1000m (2) + 1500m (1) + 1500m (2)

Skaters shall be ranked in the following order:

1. Highest total number of Final Points
2. Best combined ranking over both Combined Distance Classifications
3. Best rank in one out of the two Combined Distance Classifications
4. Best time in any race over the shorter distance in the Combined Sub-Classifications

1.7.8 The Top 5 ranked athletes from the combined sub-classifications will be selected on the team.

1.7.9 In the event that an eligible athlete declines the invite, the next athlete on the list by order of ranking will be invited. The process will be repeated until a full team of athletes is chosen or until the pool of additional eligible athletes is exhausted, whichever comes first.

1.7.10 A distance order of eligibility will be created for each distance to determine the skaters entered into the events. This order of eligibility will be based on the following:

- For each distance, the first 2 starting positions will be allocated to the top 2 skaters in the ranking in the Combined Distance Classification at the Fall World Cup Team Qualifier event
- The remaining starting position for each distance will be allocated in consultation with the FISU Coaching staff, ST Program Director, and the Athlete Representative. The following criteria will be taken into consideration:
 - ◆ Performance at US Championships
 - ◆ Performance at World Cups 1-4 and 4 Continents
 - ◆ Performance at the Fall World Cup Team Qualifier

1.7.11 Relay team selection – the relay team will be determined by the Coaching staff on site.

1.7.12 Skaters will be notified of their selection to the team on September 25th.

1.7.13 Additional athletes per gender will be identified from the order of eligibility as alternates. Alternates will have to meet all the selection criteria and will be officially registered with the FISU Games organizing committee.

1.8 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

Prior to acceptance of selections to Team USA by the United States International University Sports Federation (US-IUSF), US Speedskating has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is selected to the Team by US Speedskating may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by US Speedskating:

- 1.8.1 Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to US Speedskating's Executive Director.
- 1.8.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Speedskating. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Speedskating, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 1.8.3 Violation of US Speedskating's Code of Conduct ([Membership Registration \(teamusa.org\)](http://teamusa.org)) Or any other codes or regulations governing the athlete's participation.

- 1.8.4 Failure to attend the mandatory training and/or competitions outlined in the regulations or stipulated by the coaches or team leaders.
- 1.8.5 An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per US Speedskating's Bylaws (Article XVIII) and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9. Once an athlete selection is accepted by the US-IUSF, the US-IUSF has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable US Speedskating Code of Conduct, the US-IUSF's and the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [Ethics & Compliance \(teamusa.org\)](https://www.teamusa.org/Ethics-Compliance)
- 1.8.6 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA, US-IUSF, and/or USOPC Anti-Doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.