

2026 FISU WORLD TRIATHLON UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

A. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the Eligibility and Selection criteria for entry into the 2026 FISU World Triathlon University Championships in Nyon, Switzerland August 8-9, 2026.

A Canadian team of up to six (6) men and six (6) women will compete against university athletes from around the world in a draft legal sprint distance triathlon (750m swim, 20 km bike and 5 km run) and Mixed Relay format (if a team is available).

The primary goal of the World Triathlon University Championships Selection Criteria (FISU) is to field a team capable of podium performances.

The following criteria apply to both male and female athletes.

This event is a **FULLY** self-funded event with estimated costs in Appendix A. Triathlon Canada is not obligated to provide any support other than this selection policy document and entering athletes into the event.

Two (2) staff members nominated by Triathlon Canada are required to accompany the athletes at this event as per USport regulations. All expenses related to staffing this event shall be integrated into the self-funded fee schedule in Appendix A.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The yet to be published World Triathlon or FISU qualification criteria will take precedent over any and all inconsistencies with this document.

1. All athletes must be between the ages of 18 and 25 as of December 31, 2026;
2. Hold a valid Triathlon Canada International Competition Card (ICC);
3. Be in good standing with Triathlon Canada; meet the minimum FISU criteria for student eligibility as follows,
 - a) registered for and pursuing full-time studies at a USport recognized post-secondary institution. Full-time status must be authorized by a document from the registrar of the institution. Post-secondary institutions recognized by USPORT include community colleges, professional schools, technical schools, C.E.G.E.P., and universities, in Canada or outside of Canada; or
 - b) who has graduated from a post-secondary institution as a student in good standing in the 12 months preceding the competition. Graduation must be authorized by a document from the registrar of the institution; or
 - c) registered to attend a recognized post-secondary institution for September 2026 and who are within the required age range, are eligible for this event
4. Be deemed healthy to race as per Triathlon Canada's Competition Readiness policy (see Appendix A);
5. Participate fully with Team Canada at the World Triathlon University Championships, as required.
6. Athletes must submit an expression of interest (EOI) by May 1, 2026. The EOI is to be in the form of an email to the High Performance Director Dan.Proulx@triathloncanada.com and the High Performance Manager Ally.Govier@triathloncanada.com

C. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Date: May 19, 2026 (This date subject to change based on approval of criteria by USport).

Subject to available quota spots, Triathlon Canada will select up to four (4) women and (4) men in order of the prioritized criteria below considering only the athletes who submitted an EOI for this event:

Priority 1: Athletes who finished in the top 20 of a World Cup event in the 12 months prior to selection date.

Priority 2: Athletes who finished top 12 in an Americas Continental Cup in the 12 months prior to selection date.

Priority 3: Athletes selected in order of their World Triathlon Individual World Ranking as of selection date.

Priority 4: If quota spots remain, other athletes may be nominated through HPD discretion. When exercising discretion, the HPD will consider, at minimum: (i) number of Continental Cup starts in the 12-months prior to the Nomination date; (ii) highest finishing places at Continental Cup events in the 12-months prior to the Nomination date; (iii) head-to-head results at Continental Cup competitions in the 12-months prior to the Nomination date. The HPD will document the information relied upon and the rationale for the decision.

Where an athlete meets more than one Priority, the highest Priority achieved will determine their placement in the selection order.

In the event of a tie between two or more athletes within the same criterion, the athletes shall be ranked in order of the highest single best placing they achieved within that criterion.

D. MIXED RELAY

Triathlon Canada will select the Mixed Relay based on the individual event in the following manner.

Priority 1: Athletes selected in order of finish placing in the 2026 FISU World Triathlon University Championships individual event.

Note: Triathlon Canada will submit mixed relay teams up to the available quota based on the number of athletes available to race and teams filled. Athletes not selected after the individual event will be placed as alternates as per World Triathlon rules.

E. NOTES

- I. FISU World Triathlon University Championships is a **100% self-funded event**. Triathlon Canada will not be providing any financial support for this event. The estimated fee schedule is attached in Appendix B. Fees will be paid to Triathlon Canada and Triathlon Canada will pay to the event's organizing committee. Total costs will be communicated upon confirmation of team. By accepting their selection, all athletes commit to paying all associated costs including those outlined in Appendix B and any reasonable over costs associated with FISU. By accepting their selection, all athletes understand that the costs outlined in Appendix B are only estimates and are subject to reasonable variability.
 1. All travel logistics is the sole responsibility of the athlete.
 2. Triathlon Canada is under no obligation to fill all available quota spots.

F. DEADLINES

Expression of Interest (EOI) and other deadlines as follows:

1. EOI for event – May 1, 2026
2. Team Nomination – May 19, 2026
3. Non-refundable \$1000 deposit – June 1st, 2026
4. Final payments of remaining team fees – July 1st, 2026

All dates subject to approve by USport.

G. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Triathlon Canada will announce the team prior June 30th, 2026

H. MODIFICATION OF POLICY

Triathlon Canada reserves the right, in extenuating circumstances, to modify this policy as it deems necessary in its sole discretion. In the event this policy is modified, Triathlon Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, World Triathlon rule changes, non-competitiveness at any selection event(s), or inappropriate timing of any selection event(s) as it relates to the overall Triathlon Canada High Performance program.

I. LANGUAGE

When there are issues of interpretation of this document, the English and French versions are equally authoritative and must be read together in order to determine the intended meaning.

J. APPEALS

Triathlon Canada is responsible for all team selections. Appeals regarding selection must comply with Triathlon Canada's Appeal Policy found on Triathlon Canada's website.

APPENDIX A

ESTIMATED COSTS OF FISU WORLD TRIATHLON UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following cost breakdown is from USport and FISU.



2026 FISU World University Championship
(October 2025)

Team Canada Cost Estimates

The FISU World University Championships (WUCs) are self-funded. The **estimated** cost per person is approximately \$3,500 plus costs for competition uniforms, referee fees (if applicable) and other team fees. The following is an estimated budget for the trip.

Expenses	Details	Estimated Cost (CAN \$)
Airfare	Range from \$1300 - \$1800*	\$1600
Insurance Costs	Travel Insurance* and Medical Insurance	\$115
Host Participation Fee (incl meals, accommodations, ground transportation)	Average of 8 nights @ 80 Euro/\$139 CAD**	\$1112
U SPORTS Fee (incl participant package, admin fee, FISU fee)	Category A – U SPORTS Core Sport	\$425 OR
	Category B - U SPORTS P-Level Sport or Conference Offered Sport	\$500 OR
	Category C - Sports not included in Category A or B	\$700
U SPORTS run teams (admin fee)	Additional administration fee for all U SPORTS run teams	+ \$375
Non-member Fee	Additional fee for participants from non-U SPORTS institutions (e.g. NCAA, CCAA)	+ \$200

*cost will vary depending on the departure/event city and dates

**cost will vary based on exchange rate and duration of stay

Financial Timelines

Timeline	Item	Details
6 months before the event	Team Deposit (only for team sports)	-Established by FISU -If a team is not selected their deposit will be reimbursed -If a team competes, its deposit shall be credited to the final invoice -If a team withdraws after the selection of the teams is announced, this deposit will not be reimbursed
4 months before the event	Deposit	-\$850/person -To confirm participation, this deposit is non refundable
1 month before the event	Final Invoice	-All fees must be paid 1 month before the start of the event

Staffing Costs:

An additional fee of 500.00 per athlete will be required to ensure the team is appropriately staffed as per USport requirements (2 staff per team).