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**2028 Guidelines for submitting a candidature
to organise a FISU World University
Championship**

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ABBREVIATIONS

CISCA	International Supervision, Control and Arbitration Committee
CMI	International Medical Committee
EC	FISU Executive Committee
FISU	Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (International University Sports Federation)
GA	FISU General Assembly
GMS	Global Management System
IF	International Federation
ITC	International Technical Committee
NF	National Federation
NUSF	National University Sports Federation
OC	Organising Committee
ORSF	Organising Rights and Services Fee
TCC	Technical Committee Chair
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. FISU SPORTS DEPARTMENT

The FISU Sports Department is responsible for the planning, supervision, and evaluation of all FISU sporting events, including the World University Games, the University World Cups, and the World University Championships.

The primary goal of the Department is to ensure the **smooth organisation of each FISU event**, guaranteeing fair competition conditions, athlete well-being, and the overall quality of the sporting and educational experience.

The **sports team**, based at FISU Headquarters in Lausanne, manages daily coordination, liaises with Organising Committees (OC), National University Sports Federations (NUSF), and the concerned International Federations (IF), and works closely with the **International Technical Committee (ITC)** composed by the Technical Committee Chairs (TCCs) for each sport. They accompany the work and ensure that all technical and logistical aspects comply with FISU standards.

1.2. BIDDING PROCESS

This document provides guidance for FISU Member Associations wishing to submit a candidature to host a FISU World University Championship. It defines the main principles and procedures governing the bidding process in accordance with the FISU Statutes, FISU Regulations, and all related Guidelines and Handbooks.

[About the FISU World University Championships](#)

The FISU World University Championships are held every two years, in even-numbered years, reflecting FISU's mission to promote sport, education, and cultural exchange among university students worldwide.

Each Championship is organised in the FISU spirit, ensuring values of fair play, inclusion, respect, and non-discrimination on any grounds such as race, religion, gender, or political belief.

[Eligibility to Host](#)

The right to host a FISU World University Championship is granted exclusively through a NUSF holding the status of Effective Member of FISU.

While FISU remains open to collaboration with universities, cities, sport bodies, and other public or private promoters interested in organising a Championship, formal endorsement and coordination through the NUSF are mandatory. This ensures the institutional legitimacy and national alignment of each candidature.

[Final Note](#)

FISU extends its appreciation to all Member Associations for their ongoing commitment to the global university sport movement.

By hosting a FISU World University Championship, each candidate contributes to promoting education through sport, fostering international understanding, and strengthening the legacy of university sport in their country and beyond.



2. BIDDING FOR A FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

This section outlines the steps, documentation, and conditions required for submitting a candidature to host a FISU World University Championship. It ensures that all bids are prepared transparently, consistently, and in full compliance with FISU’s regulations and procedures.

2.1. 2028 CHAMPIONSHIPS BIDDING TIMELINE

The bidding process for the 2028 FISU World University Championships follows the indicative timeline below. It consists of two rounds to allow broader participation and provide a second opportunity to bid for events not attributed in the first phase.

A. First bidding round

Phase	Dates	Considerations
1. Call for Candidatures – Opening of the Bidding Period (First Round)	December 2025	Official communication from FISU to all Member Associations.
2. Submission of Intention Letters and Bidding Dossiers	December 2025 – May 2026	NUSFs should confirm interest as early as possible. Full Bidding Dossiers may be submitted anytime within this period.
3. Closing of the Bidding Period (First Round)	15 May 2026	Dossiers received before the deadline are evaluated in the first round. Those received after are considered in the second round.
4. Evaluation of Bidding Dossiers	May-June 2026	Conducted by the Evaluation Committee in consultation with the TCCs.
5. Candidature Presentations by Bidding Committees	May-June 2026	Online or in-person presentations at FISU Headquarters
6. Final Assessment and Executive Committee Decision (First Round)	June 2026	Formal attribution of Championships confirmed by the FISU Executive Committee.

B. Second bidding round

Phase	Dates	Considerations
1. Call for Candidatures – Second Round	July 2026	Reopening for Championships not attributed in the first round.
2. Submission of Intention Letters and Bidding Dossiers	July – September 2026	Open to all Member Associations, including those who did not participate in the first round.
3. Closing of the Bidding Period (Second Round)	30 September 2026	No dossiers accepted after this date.
4. Evaluation of Bidding Dossiers	October 2026	Conducted by the Evaluation Committee in consultation with the Technical Chairs.
5. Candidature Presentations by Bidding Committees	October 2026	Online or in-person presentations at FISU Headquarters
6. Final Assessment and Executive Committee Decision (Second Round)	November 2026	Final attribution of any remaining Championships confirmed by the FISU Executive Committee.

2.2. LIST OF 2028 SPORTS

The list of sports open for bidding for 2028 are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compulsory Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beach Handball ▪ Beach Soccer ▪ Beach Volleyball ▪ Beach Wrestling ○ Optional sports could be considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canoe Sprint ▪ Stand Up Paddle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling • Finswimming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheerleading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futsal • Golf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combat Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compulsory Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karate ▪ Muaythai ▪ Wrestling ○ Optional Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ju-Jitsu ▪ Kickboxing ▪ Sambo ▪ Savate ▪ Wushu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handball – Already attributed • Mind Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridge ○ Chess
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Pentathlon • Orienteering • Padel • Powerlifting • Rowing • Rugby Sevens • Sailing • Shooting Sport • Speed Skating • Squash • Triathlon • Weightlifting

2.2.1. CLUSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following events must be organised as cluster Championships and the sport considered in them (either as compulsory or optional, cannot be bid as standalone events. These events are:

- FISU Beach Sports Games
- FISU Combat Sports Games
- FISU Mind Sports Games

2.2.2. NEW COMBINED EVENTS

Although FISU World University Championships are typically organised as single-sport events, FISU encourages the possibility of proposing combined or clustered Championships where sports share similar characteristics, venues, or operational synergies. These combinations can enhance attractiveness, reduce costs, and create stronger event identities.

Proposed Combined Championships

The following combinations are recognised as admissible and suitable:

- FISU Canoe & Rowing Games (Canoe & Rowing)
- FISU Country & Navigation Games (Cross Country & Orienteering)
- FISU Endurance Games (Cycling & Triathlon)
- FISU Racket Games (Padel & Squash)
- FISU Strength Games (Powerlifting & Weightlifting)

Other Possible Combinations

Other combinations may also be considered and evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the FISU Evaluation Committee, taking into account factors such as organisational feasibility, resource requirements, and overall event harmony.

2.3. CALL FOR CANDIDATURES

The application process begins with an official Call for Candidatures issued by the FISU Sport Department, announcing the opening of the bidding process.

This call includes:

- The official bidding timeline and deadline for submission of the Bidding Dossier.
- A description of the process and all reference documents, including:
 - The Bidding Questionnaire
 - The Bidding Guidelines
 - Templates for Guarantee Letters
 - The FISU Championships Regulations (rules, rights, and obligations)
 - The FISU Championships General Handbook (minimum organisational requirements)
- The bidding fee required for each application.
- The list of sports included in the Championships programme for that cycle.

2.4. INITIATING A CANDIDATURE

2.4.1. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NUSFs intending to host a Championship must formally notify FISU by email at championships@fisu.net, clearly indicating:

- The proposed host city.
- The sport/event concerned.

This expression of interest should be submitted as soon as the NUSF confirms its intention to bid.

2.4.2. GUIDANCE IN THE BIDDING PROCESS

Upon receipt of the expression of interest, FISU will acknowledge the submission and provide the relevant reference documents, including:

- The FISU Request for Proposal Document
- The FISU Technical Handbook for the concerned sport

These documents outline technical and organisational requirements to be considered when preparing the candidature.

2.5. PREPARING THE BIDDING DOSSIER

The Bidding Committee, composed of representatives from the NUSF and other relevant institutions, is responsible for preparing the Bidding Dossier.

The Bidding Dossier must include all the project ad details, the required documents and relevant legal attachments.

2.5.1. BIDDING QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire covers all minimum information required for FISU to assess the feasibility of the project.

Answers should be supported by:

- Detailed maps
- High-quality photographs
- Diagrams
- Technical documents, including venue homologations when applicable

These materials help FISU understand and evaluate the candidature.

In order to complete the questionnaire, it is important that the requirements and recommendations included in the FISU General Handbook and the FISU Technical Handbook for the concerned sports are considered.

2.5.2. GUARANTEE LETTERS

A. Document A – Guarantee from the National/Regional Government

FISU requires a formal commitment from the government affirming full cooperation to ensure the successful organisation of the Championship, encompassing the following key points:

- Visa facilitation for accredited participants and officials
- Security and safety support throughout the event
- Non-discrimination and equal access for all delegations
- Full cooperation to guarantee smooth organisation

B. Document B – Guarantee from the NUSF

FISU requires a formal declaration confirming that the NUSF:

- Endorses the candidature and will oversee all aspects of the organisation
- Ensures compliance with all FISU Regulations and Guidelines
- Confirms the Championship will not be used for political or commercial purposes
- Guarantees the event will be conducted in the interest of university sport

C. Document C – Guarantee from the National Federation

FISU requires a formal statement from the National Federation of the relevant sport, confirming the following:

- Technical support for the event
- Provision of qualified officials and staff
- Cooperation with FISU and the International Federation

The Organising Committee should include a Technical Manager affiliated with or linked to the National Federation, with proven experience in delivering top-level events.

D. Document D – Obligations and Rights

Additionally, the NUSF and Bidding Committee shall provide a statement confirming the following commitments:

- Protection and proper use of FISU logos and intellectual property
- Respect for FISU's exclusive international broadcasting and marketing rights
- Payment of the Organising Rights and Services Fee (ORSF), once the attribution is confirmed by the FISU Executive Committee

2.5.3. OTHER SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Depending on the event, supplementary documents may be required, such as venue homologations, detailed maps, or other proofs demonstrating that minimum requirements are met.

2.6. SUBMITTING THE BIDDING DOSSIER

2.6.1. DOSSIER SUBMISSION

The Bidding Dossier must be submitted by email to championships@fisunet, in accordance with the deadlines stated in the bidding timeline.

Late submissions automatically move to:

- Second round (if late in Round 1)
- Rejected (if late in Round 2)

2.6.2. BIDDING FEE

Upon receipt of an expression of interest or the Bidding Dossier, FISU issues an invoice to the NUSF for the payment of the Bidding Fee.

This EUR 500 fee must be paid in a timely manner to ensure the validity of the bid and to comply with all procedural requirements.

Bank details

Account Holder: Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire

Bank: UBS Switzerland SA

Address: Bahnhofstrasse 45 - 8001 Zurich - Switzerland

Account number: 0835-2383852-32

IBAN: CH92 0483 5238 3852 3200 0

Swift Code: CRESCHZZ80A

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3. EVALUATION AND ATTRIBUTION

This section describes how FISU evaluates each candidature and how the final attribution decision is taken.

3.1. Dossier Evaluation Procedure

Once the Bidding Dossier is submitted, the FISU Sport Department verifies that all required documents have been provided and that the dossier complies with the bidding requirements.

Dossiers meeting the eligibility criteria are then reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, in consultation with the Technical Committee Chairs of the concerned sports. This coordinated assessment ensures a fair, transparent, and consistent evaluation of all candidatures, allowing FISU to identify the most suitable hosts for the Championships.

Evaluation Principles

Combined or multi-sport bids are welcome, but they do not receive any priority or advantage over single-sport bids.

All candidatures, individual or combined, are evaluated according to the same criteria:

- Technical quality and sport-specific compliance
- Level of services offered to participants
- Financial guarantees
- Operational feasibility and safety
- Alignment with FISU values

The priority for FISU is always the quality and viability of each sport included in the candidature. A combined bid with insufficient guarantees for one of the sports may be partially accepted, revised, or rejected.

3.2. Candidature Presentation

In addition to the written dossier, Bidding Committees will be invited to present their project to the Evaluation Committee, either online or in person at FISU Headquarters in Lausanne.

Each Committee may be represented by a team of two to six delegates, including, at least:

- The President of the Bidding Committee;
- The General Manager; and
- The Technical Manager or an equivalent senior official.

Format and Expectations

The presentation should last 25–30 minutes, be delivered entirely in English, and provide a clear overview of the candidature, highlighting:

- General context
- Details of the plans of each of the functional areas, as explained in the Bidding Dossier but adding more details to the extent possible
- Main strengths and opportunities
- Anticipated legacy for the city, university sector, and the sport

Presentation Guidelines

To ensure clarity and consistency, FISU recommends:

- Using PowerPoint or similar
- Keeping slides simple, with bullet points or short phrases
- Using fonts of at least 18pt and sans-serif
- Ensuring high contrast between background and text
- Using graphics only when they add meaningful value

Questions and Answers

A Q&A session of up to 30 minutes will follow the presentation so the Evaluation Committee can request further clarification.

3.3. Championships Attribution

Once the evaluation is completed, combining the information of the Dossier and the presentation together with the report of the Technical Committee Chair, the Evaluation Committee submits its recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee confirms the final attribution decision.

Following approval:

- FISU issues an official letter of attribution to the NUSF, including the contract and the invoice for the payment of the Organising Rights and Services Fee
- The concerned International Federation is formally notified
- The subsequent planning steps are confirmed jointly between the FISU Sports Department, the NUSF, and the Organising Committee

This marks the official start of the operational preparation phase of the Championship.

3.4. Financial Conditions

In addition to the bidding fee, once the NUSF or the OC has been officially entrusted with the organisation of the Championship, they must pay the Organising Rights & Services Fee (ORSF) to FISU within three months of the attribution date.

The ORSF amount is defined in the attribution contract and must be paid in full by the deadline.

If the Championship does not take place, the amount already paid will be retained by FISU as compensation for administrative and preparatory costs.

Sport	ORSF Fees
Beach Sports*	EUR 45.000 (4 compulsory sports) + EUR 10.000 per additional sport
Canoe Sports	EUR 15.000
Cheerleading	EUR 15.000
Combat Sports*	EUR 45.000 (3 compulsory sports) + EUR 10.000 per additional sport
Cross Country	EUR 15.000
Cycling	EUR 15.000
Finswimming	EUR 15.000
Futsal	EUR 15.000
Golf	EUR 15.000
Handball	EUR 15.000
Mind Sports	EUR 15.000
Modern Pentathlon	EUR 15.000
Orienteering	EUR 15.000
Padel	EUR 15.000
Powerlifting	EUR 15.000
Rowing	EUR 15.000
Rugby Sevens	EUR 15.000
Sailing	EUR 15.000
Shooting Sport	EUR 15.000
Speed Skating	EUR 15.000
Squash	EUR 15.000
Triathlon	EUR 15.000
Weightlifting	EUR 15.000

ORSF for Combined or Multi-Sport Candidatures

If a bidding committee proposes to organise a combined Championship, the final ORSF will be negotiated and jointly agreed upon with FISU.

As a general rule, the reference rate of EUR 15,000 per sport will apply as the basis for the calculation. Any adjustments or special arrangements for multi-sport bids will be discussed to ensure transparency and clarity for all parties.

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