

How to become a FISU recognised sport?

FISU recognised sports are those identified and admitted as being of interest to the University Sports Movement. Events organised in these sports may be endorsed by FISU.

1. FISU RECOGNISED SPORTS

FISU identifies sports as recognised sports upon (1) application by the respective International Federation and (2) when they are compliant with WADA code and (3) recognised by the IOC and/or GAISF. These sports shall be constituent of the FISU sports programme as recognised sports. All sports currently on the FISU sports programme are considered by default as recognised sports.

Further to this status, FISU may confer additional recognition when they are part of a specific sport property or event. All sports that are/want to be part of a specific FISU event must first be a recognised sport.

Any FISU recognised sport may apply to FISU for endorsement of its events. FISU reserves the right, at its own discretion, to deem a recognised sport as eligible for inclusion in a FISU sport property or event. The full-time or temporary status of the recognised sports is equally defined at FISU's discretion.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

The introduction of a new sport in the FISU sports programme will start with an official request made by the International Federation (IF) to FISU. This IF will need to meet a number of conditions and provide detailed information in a dossier for FISU to assess.

The ensuing process is set out following the recent changes within the sport framework of FISU and given the current surrounding environment and growing interest in FISU and its events. From the onset, all sports currently constituting the current programmes are already considered recognised sports.

For sports wishing to receive FISU recognition must meet the essential and cumulative criteria hereunder described.

2.1 Timeline

New sports will be allowed to apply for FISU recognition on a yearly basis. A list of the applicant IFs and respective evaluations will be submitted to the FISU Executive Committee (EC) for decision at the following EC meeting.

The following calendar will be observed:

| Timeline | Actions |
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| June | Sport applications for FISU recognition |
| August | Dossier evaluation and recommendations |
| September | Formal recognition of new sports - FISU Executive Committee |
| From November | Application for FISU endorsed events for the following year |

2.2 Information dossier

The IF must submit an application dossier for inclusion of its sport. This dossier must include:

- a. Application letter stating its interest in joining FISU;
- b. Proof of International Olympic Committee (IOC) and/or GAISF recognition;

- c. The applicant IF must be a signatory of the WADA Anti-Doping Code and be fully committed to its implementation by inclusion in the IF's regulations, as well as demonstrating adoption of all updates. Any breach of this commitment in the ensuing period up to entry into the FISU programme may render this sport ineligible for inclusion.

IFs in the FISU recognition process must additionally provide detailed information on:

- a. **Continental distribution** (relating to current IF events): preference will be given to a sport which regularly achieves distribution across the five (5) continents, but a distribution as low as three (3) continents (summer) and two (2) continents (winter) may be considered;
- b. **Member associations interest:** the level of member associations interest in the proposed sport. The applicant IF will be required to present:
 - i. Forty letters of support from National Sport Member Federations, stating their interest in the competition at University level;
 - ii. Twenty letters of support from National University Sport Federations, stating their interest and support in the competition at University level;
- c. **Gender equality:** as a signatory of the Brighton Declaration on women and sport, FISU remains committed to participation on an equitable basis by sport and by gender as long as each meets the criteria set out in both criteria immediately above (continental distribution and member federation interest);
- d. **Standard or level of the sport:** the sport will be assessed for sport high performance levels such as the number and distribution of Technical Officials qualified and available at national and international level;
- e. **Insurance Commitment:** declaration stating that the IF guarantees that any FISU-endorsed event will have a full insurance policy adequately covering all participants at the event. Additionally, the declaration must indicate that the IF is the sole responsible entity should any incident occur at the mentioned event.

Once this data is received from the applicant IF, the FISU Sports Management Committee will undertake a full assessment on the submitted information.

The FISU Executive Committee will then be invited to make a decision based on that assessment and the resulting recommendation.

3. FISU ENDORSED EVENTS

FISU confers endorsement status to specific sport events upon request from International Federations that govern these sports. This status is conferred upon evaluation of a detailed request submitted to FISU for assessment.

FISU will only endorse events of sports on its recognised sports list and in the following conditions:

- a) Comply with the FISU eligibility rules;
- b) Give visibility to the FISU Emblem;
- c) Invite a FISU representative to follow the competition;
- d) Report to FISU before and after the event with the main participation figures and key facts of the event.

FISU does not have any responsibility in the organisation of its endorsed events.

Application dossier must be sent to championships@fisunet