

# Torino 2025 FISU World University Games Selection Procedures

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## Overview

These selection procedures will be used to determine the athletes that will represent the United States in the 2025 FISU World University Games in Torino, Italy, January 13-23, 2025. The selection procedures are designed to provide eligible athletes the opportunity to continue their athletic development by demonstrating their abilities at the highest levels of international competition.

### 1.1 Event Location:

Torino, Italy

January 13 – January 23, 2025

### 1.2 Important Dates and Team Member Travel Obligations

Date	Event/Note	Location/Notes
August 16, 2024	Confirmed expression of interest in participation at FISU	Email Andréa Do-Duc at <a href="mailto:adoduc@usspeedskating.org">adoduc@usspeedskating.org</a>
September 30, 2024	<b>Deadline</b> for Declaration of Intent	Must be able to prove academic eligibility by the end of the application period (see requirements below); must hold a valid US Passport that is valid for 6 months past the competition date
October 18, 2024	Completion of Registration with BTI	- Academic Eligibility Form - Code of Conduct Form - Travel Documents - Passport Scan - US Ugames Team Code of Conduct Agreement - Current Class Schedule/Transcript
October 21, 2024	Notification of Acceptance for Short Track Athletes is sent	
October 23, 2024	Short Track Athletes Invitation acceptance and initial payment due to USS	Team Fees (Event Fees + Coach/Team Leader Estimated Fees) ~\$3200 Due
October 25, 2024	US Speedskating to make full payment to BTI	

January 17, 2025*	Travel for all athletes and coaches	US to Italy
January 24, 2025*	Return Travel for all athletes and coaches	Italy to US
January 31, 2025	Final Payment Due	Any outstanding dues

\*Approximate – costs and dates to be finalized closer to the competition date

### 1.3 Eligibility

In order to qualify for the event athletes must be:

- Born between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2007
- A US Citizen and hold a valid US Passport with an expiration date at least 6 months after the event (valid through August 2025)
- Have taken at least one 3-credit hour course towards a degree or diploma from an accredited institution of Higher Education within the last year before the Games. *(incoming freshman should be currently enrolled at the time of selection and anticipate successfully completing at least one 3-credit course by January 1, 2025)*
- A USS member in good standing. *Athletes with ISU or USS Code of Conduct violations within the past 12 months will be considered on a provisional basis.*
- Must be able to demonstrate a level of fitness appropriate to compete at a high level
- Have submitted their intent to compete by the appropriate deadline

### 1.4 Funding

This is a self-funded activity. There is no monetary support available. All athletes will share the costs to send up to 2 coaches *(coaching staff numbers will be determined based on the size and team composition)*.

#### **Airfare and Travel costs between the USA and Torino**

- \$1000 (Estimated) *(athletes purchase their flights independently – not included in the Non-Airfare cost amount payable below)*

#### **Non-Airfare costs for participation in this event are:**

- Event fees (includes entry fees, room, meals, local transportation in Torino, officials cost, team wear) – \$2395 (Firm)
- Coach/Team Leader cost – ~\$3500 (split evenly among participating skaters)
- Officials Fees - \$100 (Estimated)
- Team Skinsuit – TBC (Potential to be lent a suit by USS, no option to purchase)
- Total **estimated** cost each athlete will be fully responsible for (pending any reduction due to sponsorship or fundraising):
  - **Initial team fee ~\$3200\***

*\*Payable amounts referenced above do not include the cost of round-trip airfare. The initial team fees are not a final cost – final costs will be determined once all the travel has been accounted for.*

### 1.5 Events

This competition is open only to Short Track Athletes.

<b>SHORT TRACK</b>	
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 2 Women/2 Men (with one alternate per gender)

### 1.6 Team Size

The USA team will be limited to teams of:

- 5 Ladies and 5 Men for **Short Track**

### 1.7 Selection

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

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#### *Short Track Selection Procedures*

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

- 1.7.1 The top three skaters from the special overall classification from the US Championships/Fall World Cup Qualifier will be named to the team.
  - 1.7.1.1 In the event that an eligible athlete declines their spot, the next highest skater in the special overall classification at US Championships/Fall World Cup Team Qualifier will be selected. The process will be repeated until a team of 3 eligible skaters is chosen or until the pool of additional eligible athletes is exhausted, whichever comes first.
- 1.7.2 The remaining positions, bringing the team up to 5 per gender, will be selected from the Samalog of the fastest 500m and 1000m/2. (i.e.: 500m: 42.00 and 1000m: 1.26.00. Samalog =  $42.00 + 86.00/2 = 85.00$  seconds)
- 1.7.3 Athletes being selected through point 1.7.2 can obtain their qualifying times at any sanctioned event (may include other national sanctioned events, e.g. Canadian competitions) with a published protocol between July 1, 2024 and October 20, 2024.

- 1.7.4 An order for start positions will be created for each distance to determine the individual distance selection. In the event there is a team of more than 3 skaters, all skaters may skate a maximum of 2 events before any athlete is given additional individual events. The following will apply for individual distance selection:
- a. The top two athletes with the highest rank in the Combined Distance Classification at US Championships/Fall World Cup Team Qualifier will have priority to compete in that distance.
  - b. The third start position will be allocated to the next skater with the fastest time in that distance.
  - c. For relay events, the assigned coaching staff in attendance will select which skaters will skate each round as a member of the relay team.
- 1.7.5 Skaters will be notified of their selection to the team on October 21, 2024.
- 1.7.6 Two additional athletes may be selected from the Samalog as alternates. Alternates will have to meet all the selection criteria and will be officially registered with BTI (organizing committee). Should an athlete have to withdraw after October 25, 2024 for any reason they will only receive their payment if another athlete from the alternate list is available to take their place.