

2027 FISU LONG TRACK SELECTION CRITERIA

1. EVENT INFORMATION

Event: 2027 FISU World University Games

Location: Changchun, China

Dates: January 15–25, 2027 (Opening to Closing Ceremonies). Official training starts on January 14, 2027. Racing is January 16-21, 2027.

Long Track Speed Skating will be conducted as an optional sport of the 2027 FISU World University Games.

2. IMPORTANT DATES AND TEAM MEMBER TRAVEL OBLIGATIONS

Date	Event / Note	Location
October 30– November 1, 2026	2027 US Long Track Fall World Cup Qualifier & AmCup #1 – FISU Selection Event	Milwaukee, WI, USA
November 1, 2026	Deadline for Declaration of Intent	Athletes must declare their intent to participate in the 2027 FISU World University Games within two hours of completion of the selection event.
November 13, 2026	Initial Payment Due	Initial \$2000 payment due to USS
December 11, 2026	Final Team Balance Due to BTI	Approximate balance due for participation in the Games
January 12 or 13, 2027	Team Travel to China	USA to CHN
January 15, 2027	Opening Ceremonies	Changchun, China
January 16-21, 2027	2027 FISU World University Games Long Track	Changchun, China
January 22, 2027	Team Travel Home	CHN to USA
January 29, 2027	Final Payment Due	Any outstanding dues to be paid to USS

**** Travel dates are approximate and will be finalized closer to the competition date. BTI indicates that Long Track typically requires 8–10 nights in the Athletes' Village, including competition dates and pre-competition practice.*

Athletes selected to the team must comply with all deadlines established by US Speedskating and UniUSA for declarations, acceptance of selection, academic eligibility documentation, travel documentation, required forms, payments, and final registration.

Athletes must be available to travel according to the official team travel schedule and must arrive in accordance with FISU requirements. FISU requires athletes to arrive at least 48 hours before their first competition.

3. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered for selection to the 2027 FISU Long Track Team, athletes must meet **all** of the following requirements:

3.1 Age

Athletes must be born between **January 1, 1999, and December 31, 2009**, inclusive.

3.2 Citizenship

Athletes must be a **United States citizen** and eligible to represent the United States under applicable FISU and ISU regulations.

3.3 Academic Eligibility

Athletes must meet the academic eligibility requirements established by **UniUSA and FISU**.

Athletes must:

- Be currently enrolled and officially registered as pursuing a degree or diploma at an accredited institution of higher education; or otherwise meet an applicable FISU/UniUSA student eligibility provision.
- Have taken at least **one three-credit course toward a degree or diploma within the year preceding the Games**, consistent with UniUSA requirements.
- Complete and submit the required **UniUSA Academic Eligibility Form** and all supporting documentation by the established deadline.
- Sign and submit all required UniUSA forms, including the Team Honor Code, Code of Conduct, waiver/release, and any other required documentation.

FISU's regulations require participating athletes to be currently registered as pursuing a degree or diploma at a recognized institution, or to have obtained their degree or diploma during the calendar year preceding the event. FISU also verifies academic status as part of its eligibility process.

3.4 Funding

This is a **self-funded activity**. There is no monetary support available from US Speedskating. All athletes will be responsible for the costs associated with participation in the event, subject to any sponsorship or fundraising opportunities that may reduce individual costs.

Based on the current BTI agreement, the estimated costs are:

- Cost per traveler: \$2,995, based on a typical seven-night stay.
- Athletes' Village: Room, meals, and applicable event-related services are included in the BTI program cost.
- Additional nights: The cost may increase or decrease by approximately \$165 per person per night if the Athlete Village stay differs from seven nights.

- Airfare: Round-trip airfare between the United States and Changchun is not included in the \$2,995 estimated BTI cost and will be the responsibility of each athlete.
- Team/Staff Costs: Team costs will be allocated among participating athletes as applicable.
- Team Wear: Additional team apparel/equipment costs, if applicable, will be communicated prior to the Games.

The current BTI agreement provides for a maximum Long Track travel party of:

- 12 Men
- 12 Women
- 6 Staff

**** BTI has final authority to determine the total cost of participation, and the final amount may change based on Athlete Village availability, number of nights, travel requirements, and other event-related expenses.*

3.5 US Speedskating Membership

Athletes must be a **current member of US Speedskating in good standing**.

Athletes who are subject to a current suspension from FISU, ISU, US Speedskating, or another applicable governing organization are not eligible to participate.

3.6 Performance Eligibility

Athletes must demonstrate a level of fitness and competitive ability appropriate to compete at a high level.

Athletes must meet the applicable **US Speedskating Long Track D1 qualifying standard** in at least one eligible distance.

D1/D2	500m	45.00/49.00	41.00/45.00
	1000m	1:29.00/1:37.00	1:20.50/1:29.00
	1500m / Mass Start	2:15.00/2:30.00	2:03.00/2:15.00
	3000m	4:49.00/5:10.00	4:25.00/4:50.00
	5000m	8:10.00/8:59.00	7:25.50/8:10.00

3.7 Passport and Travel Documentation

Athletes must possess a valid United States passport that is valid for at least **six months beyond the Closing Ceremonies of the 2027 FISU World University Games** and must be able to obtain any required travel documentation for entry into China.

3.8 Declaration of Intent

Athletes must submit their intent to compete within two hours of the completion of the selection event.

Submission of a Declaration of Intent does not guarantee selection.

4. EVENTS

The 2027 FISU Long Track Speed Skating program includes the following events:

Event	Women	Men
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Event	Women	Men
500m	✓	✓
1000m	✓	✓
1500m	✓	✓
3000m	✓	—
5000m	—	✓
Mass Start	✓	✓
Team Pursuit	✓	✓
Team Sprint	✓	✓
Mixed Team Relay	✓	✓

FISU's 2027 Speed Skating regulations establish these events. Mass Start is contested over 16 laps; Team Pursuit is three skaters per team; Team Sprint is three skaters per team; and Mixed Team Relay consists of one woman and one man.

5. TEAM SIZE

The United States Long Track team will be limited to:

- **6 Women**
- **6 Men**

Selection to the FISU Long Track Team does not guarantee entry into a particular individual event.

FISU permits up to 12 athletes per gender; US Speedskating will select a maximum of six athletes per gender for the United States Long Track team.

6. SELECTION EVENT

There will be a single designated selection event for the 2027 FISU Long Track Team:

2027 US Long Track Fall World Cup Qualifier & AmCup #1
October 30–November 1, 2026
Milwaukee, WI, USA

All performances used for selection must be achieved at a US Speedskating- or ISU-sanctioned competition with an official published protocol, unless otherwise specified within these criteria.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

The team will be selected from the pool of eligible athletes based on performances at the designated selection event.

Athletes will be ranked in each distance based on their performance at the selection event. The selection process will consider an athlete's overall performance across the distances contested, with the goal of selecting the strongest eligible team while providing appropriate coverage of the FISU Long Track program.

The selection process will proceed as follows:

1. Eligible athletes competing at the selection event will be ranked in each individual metric distance based on their finishing position and performance.
2. Athletes will be ranked across distances to establish an overall order of eligibility.
3. Once an athlete has been selected for a position on the team, that athlete will be removed from consideration for subsequent team positions.
4. The process will continue until six women and six men have been selected or the pool of eligible athletes has been exhausted.
 - a. In case of a tie, the last position will go to the competitor with a finish time closest to the Senior World Record across the distances skated.
5. Team composition may take into consideration an athlete's ability to contribute to the Team Pursuit, Team Sprint, and Mixed Team Relay events.
6. Athletes must remain eligible through the time of final registration with UniUSA/FISU.

The selection committee (comprised of the USS Sport Development Director, USS High-Performance and Development Coordinator, and an Athlete Representative from the Long Track Task Force) may consider the following performance information when athletes are closely ranked:

- Placement at the selection event;
- Time relative to the field;
- Ability to contribute to team events;
- Season-best time;
- Personal-best time; and
- International competition results.

8. ATHLETES UNABLE TO COMPETE DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS

An otherwise eligible athlete who is unable to compete at the selection event because of an injury or illness may be considered for selection based on prior qualifying performances and other objective performance information.

US Speedskating may require verification of the injury or illness by a physician or medical professional approved by US Speedskating.

Consideration under this provision does not guarantee selection.

9. INDIVIDUAL EVENT ENTRY

Selection to the FISU Long Track Team does not automatically guarantee entry into an individual distance.

Once the team has been selected, US Speedskating will establish an order of eligibility for each individual distance.

The order of eligibility will be based on the applicable performance information, including:

1. Placement at the selection event;
2. Performance at the selection event;
3. Season-best time;
4. Personal-best time; and
5. Other relevant international competition results.

Athletes will have the opportunity to accept or decline their individual event assignments.

FISU establishes the following maximum entries:

- **500m, 1000m and 1500m:** maximum five athletes entered per country, with no more than four starting.
- **3000m Women / 5000m Men:** maximum four athletes entered per country, with no more than three starting.
- **Mass Start:** maximum three athletes entered per country, with no more than two starting.

US Speedskating will determine final entries within the applicable FISU limits.

10. TEAM PURSUIT

FISU permits a maximum of eight Team Pursuit teams per gender.

Each Team Pursuit team may consist of four athletes, with three athletes starting.

Qualification for the Team Pursuit is based on the ranking of the second-best athlete from each country in the 3000m for women and 5000m for men.

US Speedskating will determine the Team Pursuit roster based on qualifying performance and the ability of the selected athletes to form a competitive team.

The final starting lineup will be determined by the coaching staff and team leadership.

11. TEAM SPRINT

FISU permits a maximum of eight Team Sprint teams per gender.

Each Team Sprint team may consist of four athletes, with three athletes starting.

Qualification for Team Sprint is based on the season-best time of the second-best athlete from each country in the 1000m.

US Speedskating will determine the Team Sprint roster based on qualifying performance, technical suitability, and overall team composition.

The final starting lineup will be determined by the coaching staff and team leadership.

12. MIXED TEAM RELAY

FISU permits a maximum of four athletes to be entered for the Mixed Team Relay, consisting of two women and two men.

One woman and one man will start for each country.

US Speedskating will determine the Mixed Team Relay athletes based on competitive performance, suitability for the event, and overall team composition.

The final starting lineup will be determined by the coaching staff and team leadership.

13. ALTERNATES

US Speedskating will identify **two alternates per gender** from the order of eligibility.

Alternates must meet all applicable eligibility and selection criteria.

Should a selected athlete decline the invitation, withdraw, become ineligible, or otherwise be unable to participate, the next eligible athlete in the applicable order of ranking may be invited to replace the athlete, subject to applicable FISU and UniUSA registration requirements and deadlines.

Alternates must remain eligible and available until the final team registration process is complete.

14. ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING SELECTION

Selected athletes must:

- Apply for Chinese Visa by
 - a. Option 1 – by September 15, 2026, with USS
 - b. Option 2 – On your own with FISU letter
- Accept or decline their selection on November 1, 2026, within two hours of the end of the selection competition, the 2027 US Long Track Fall World Cup Qualifier & AmCup #1 – Milwaukee, WI.
- Complete and submit all required UniUSA and US Speedskating forms.
- Complete the UniUSA Academic Eligibility Form and provide all required supporting documentation.
- Maintain academic eligibility through the Games.
- Maintain US Speedskating membership in good standing.
- Maintain compliance with all applicable anti-doping requirements.
- Maintain a valid passport and required travel documentation.
- Attend all mandatory team meetings, training sessions, competitions, and other activities designated by US Speedskating.
- Follow all team travel requirements.
- Pay all required athlete costs by the established deadlines.
 - a. Initial payment due: November 13, 2026
 - b. Final payment due: January 29, 2027
- Comply with all applicable US Speedskating, UniUSA, FISU, ISU, USOPC, USADA, and WADA policies and regulations.
- Follow the direction of the coaches, team leader, and US Speedskating staff.

Failure to meet these requirements may result in removal from the team.

15. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

Prior to acceptance of selections by UniUSA, US Speedskating maintains jurisdiction over athletes selected or nominated for the team.

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

1. **Voluntary withdrawal.**

An athlete voluntarily withdraws from the team.

2. **Injury or illness.**

An athlete is unable to participate because of injury or illness. US Speedskating may require medical verification.

3. **Violation of applicable codes of conduct or regulations.**

This includes violations of US Speedskating, UniUSA, FISU, ISU, USOPC, WADA, USADA, or other applicable rules or codes.

4. **Failure to maintain eligibility.**

This includes failure to maintain academic eligibility, citizenship, membership, or any other requirement necessary for participation.

5. **Failure to attend required activities.**

An athlete fails to attend mandatory training, meetings, competitions, travel, or other required activities.

6. **Anti-doping violation.**

An athlete may be removed for an adjudicated violation of applicable anti-doping rules, policies, or procedures.

7. **Failure to complete required administrative requirements.**

An athlete fails to submit required forms, documentation, payments, or other materials by the established deadlines.

8. **Other circumstances affecting the athlete's ability to represent the United States.**

US Speedskating may remove an athlete when circumstances arise that materially affect the athlete's ability to participate or represent the United States.

An athlete removed from the team will be subject to applicable US Speedskating, UniUSA, FISU, and USOPC grievance and hearing procedures.

Once an athlete's selection has been accepted by UniUSA, jurisdiction over the team will be governed by applicable UniUSA and FISU regulations.

16. CHANGES TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA

US Speedskating reserves the right to make reasonable modifications to these selection criteria when necessary because of changes to FISU, UniUSA, ISU, USOPC, or other applicable regulations; changes to the competition schedule; cancellation or modification of qualifying competitions; changes to event quotas; or other circumstances outside the control of US Speedskating.

Any material changes will be communicated to affected athletes as soon as reasonably practicable.

17. FISU REGULATIONS

All selected athletes are subject to the applicable **FISU Regulations for the Changchun 2027 Winter Universiade**, including all eligibility, registration, academic, nationality, age, anti-doping, accreditation, and competition requirements.

Where FISU regulations impose a requirement that is more restrictive than these selection criteria, the FISU requirement will apply.

The FISU regulations state that Speed Skating is an optional sport for Changchun 2027 and establishes the Long Track event program and entry quotas.