



**INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES:
2026 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP
COMBAT SPORTS**

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1 – INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the process and procedures to be used by Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) for selecting the athletes, coaches, and staff that will be nominated to represent Canada at the 2026 FISU World University Championship Combat Sports (the 'Championships') in Brasilia, Brazil. Being selected does not mean the athlete, coach or staff member will be nominated to participate.

WCL's objective for the Championships includes supporting all qualified athletes to achieve their best international performance and providing international experience for future Olympic hopefuls.

WCL is under no obligation to send complete teams to the Championships. Fulfillment of team spots is subject to athletes meeting the necessary qualification and eligibility criteria as outlined by WCL and other external stakeholder agencies, where applicable.

All deadlines noted herein are subject to change based on U SPORTS and FISU timelines.

For questions or clarifications on the contents of this document, please contact Chris Woodcroft, High Performance Director (cwoodcroft@wrestling.ca).

2 – DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

The High Performance Director (HPD), or their designate, is responsible for the development and implementation of a selection process that is fair and equitable for all candidates.

The process outlined in this document was drafted and prepared by the HPD. Oversight was provided by the Athlete Council and the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC – comprised of coaches and athletes). Final approval of the policy was made by the WCL Board.

The High Performance Manager (HPM) will support the HPD in ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed when making any selection decisions. The final decision-making authority for team selection remains with the HPD.

During the actual competition period onsite at the Championships, all final decision-making authority will reside with the designated Team Lead.

3 – PERTINENT DOCUMENTS

The following documents are relevant and may be applied during the selection process and/or after athletes are selected to the Championships. WCL documents can be found in the WCL website under Resources (<https://wrestling.ca/resources/>):

- WCL Agreement;
- National Team YTP;
- WCL Coach Selection Policy;
- WCL Code of Conduct & Ethics;

- WCL Discipline & Complaints Policy;
- WCL Appeal Policy.

4 – QUOTA SPOTS

WCL is sanctioning participation at the 2026 FISU World University Championships in the following UWW weight classes:

- Women’s Wrestling (WW): 50, 53, 55, 57, 59, 62, 65, 68, 72, and 76kg
- Men’s Freestyle (FS): 57, 61, 65, 70, 74, 79, 86, 92, 97, and 125kg

Quota per country per event:

- Women: 1 in each weight class
- Men: 1 in each weight class
- Total: Maximum of 20 per country

5 – ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be considered by WCL for nomination to U SPORTS for team selection, all athletes must meet the following requirements at the time of entry to any selection event(s), and maintain these requirements through the completion of the Championships:

- Be eligible to represent Canada as governed by United World Wrestling (UWW):
 - Canadian citizen (no previous international representation with another country, i.e. not had a UWW licence with another country), OR;
 - Canadian citizen with an approved Sport Nationality Transfer from UWW, effective 2026
- Hold a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before December 31, 2026;
- Meet FISU eligibility requirements:
 - Submit an original copy of a signed and stamped FISU Academic Eligibility Form (i.e. must include a stamp or seal of the institution) to WCL no later than the coaches’ technical meeting at the 2026 Guelph Open. See Appendix A.
 - Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding (part-time or full-time) towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute, the status of which is recognized by U SPORTS (eg. CEGEP, Canadian studying in another country); OR Former students of the institutions mentioned, who obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event (i.e. graduated in 2025). **Please direct any questions about FISU eligibility to the HPM and / or to your respective institution.**
 - Be at least 18 years of age and no older than 25 years of age on December 31, 2026 (i.e. born 2001 to 2008)
- Be a participant in good standing with WCL and hold a valid (current) WCL licence;
 - Must not be under suspension, or other sanction, for any doping or doping-related offense;
 - Must not be under suspension, or any sanction for any WCL Code of Conduct or Discipline Policy offense or any other relevant WCL policy;
 - Must sign and comply with the Athlete Agreement as required by WCL;

- Must not have any outstanding invoices with WCL;
- Be a member in good standing of their respective PTSO;
- Be in compliance with all WCL regulations and requirements;
- Be in compliance with all relevant United World Wrestling (UWW) regulations and requirements;
- Be in compliance with FISU and U SPORTS regulations and requirements (where applicable);
- Alternate athletes must also comply with all items contained in this document and must ensure that all administrative and financial obligations are fulfilled by the required timelines;
- Athletes named to compete in the Championships will be required to comply with the dress code regulations of WCL and U SPORTS.

6 – FUNDING

The Championships are self-funded. Athletes will be required to cover the entirety of costs of their participation as well as any costs incurred for referees, coaches, and medical staff.

7 – WCL SELECTION EVENT

7.1 – 2026 Guelph Open

The 2026 Guelph Open will be run using the ten (10) UWW weight classes in both genders and will serve to determine ranking positions one through six in each weight class:

- Women’s Wrestling (WW): 50, 53, 55, 57, 59, 62, 65, 68, 72, and 76kg
- Men’s Freestyle (FS): 57, 61, 65, 70, 74, 79, 86, 92, 97, and 125kg

Round robin results stand.

If time permits, True Second Ranking Matches will be held:

- The second ranked athlete in each weight class will have a final ranking of 2nd place, unless they have not wrestled against the 3rd ranked athlete during the event. In that case, a one match true second wrestle-off will be held between the 2nd and 3rd ranked athletes. The winner of the match will be ranked 2nd for team selection purposes.
- True second ranking matches will take place at the end of the competition (same day).
- True second ranking matches are a continuation of the event; if an athlete is injured, they forfeit.

No other wrestle-offs will apply for this event.

8 – 2026 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top ranked FISU eligible athlete from the 2026 Guelph Open (following true second matches, if applicable) will have first right of refusal for selection in each weight class. Second right of refusal for selection in each weight class will be given to the next highest ranked FISU eligible athlete from the 2026

Guelph Open (following true second matches, if applicable). If the top two ranked athletes decline participation, a performance-based decision will be made by the HPD.

9 – PERFORMANCE READINESS & INJURY

Nominated team members and alternates will be required to demonstrate a commitment to an HPD approved and mandated training and competition program, leading into and throughout the Championships. WCL identified training camps and competitions are a necessary part of an athlete's preparation program and are, therefore, mandatory.

Athletes are also expected to undergo regular monitoring against the WCL Gold Medal Profile (GMP), so programming can be adjusted to address identified gaps. The HPD will work closely with the nominated athletes and their personal coaches to ensure that their program has the required elements for success.

All nominated athletes will have their injury/health status assessed by WCL approved medical staff after nomination to ensure a proper approach to their health management.

Both athletes and personal coaches must communicate with the HPD, HPM and IST Manager to collaborate on best practices and ensure optimal preparation for the Championships.

Once nominated to the Championships, athletes who do not remain competitive ready because of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the Championships. Notification must be sent to the HPD.

10 – REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED

The HPD reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from nomination or selection:

- If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities with respect to mandatory training camps, testing, and competitions;
- If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the WCL Athlete Agreement;
- If the athlete is found to be in breach of the WCL Code of Conduct by a duly appointed disciplinary panel in accordance with the WCL Discipline Policy;
- If the athlete has been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation by an Anti-Doping Organization with jurisdiction over the athlete. For the avoidance of doubt, this could include the CCES, UWW, the IOC, or a National Anti-Doping Organization from the country in which the athlete is located and is subject to doping control;
- If the athlete is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as supported by the WCL Chief Medical Officer (CMO).

If an athlete is removed, it is WCL's intention to have the alternate in the specific weight class fill the spot if they have met all athlete eligibility criteria, competitive readiness and WCL is able to meet any late replacement process/timelines. If no suitable alternates are found, the HPD reserves the right to not select or fill a team spot.

11 – ANTI-DOPING

Athletes may be requested to submit to doping control by any Anti-Doping Organization that has testing authority over them. This includes the CCES, any National Anti-Doping Organization of the country in which the athlete is located, UWW, WADA and the IOC. Athlete Support Personnel, which includes, *inter alia*, coaches or any other person who is working with, treating or assisting an athlete, are also subject to the anti-doping rules of relevant anti-doping organizations, such as the CCES, UWW, WADA or the IOC.

Should an athlete, coach or other athlete support personnel commit an anti-doping rule violation, that individual, in addition to other sanctions, will be removed from the Championship Team.

Team members may be required to complete the CCES e-learning course prior to competing internationally.

12 – STAFF SELECTION

The staff will be selected on the principle of sending a team of specialists that are best capable of assisting and supporting the athletes in achieving a podium performance at the Championships as well as contributing to a winning well team culture.

Staff selections will be based on final confirmation of FISU quota allocations:

- 1 athlete maximum 1 staff
- 2 to 5 athletes maximum 2 staff
- 6 to 15 athletes maximum 3 staff
- 16 athletes and above maximum 4 staff

Any decisions on the distribution of accreditations falls within the authority of the HPD. The HPD may make changes to the team staff as necessary to maximize athlete opportunity for success.

Staff selections will follow the principles of WCL's Coaches Selection Policy and may include, but not limited to the following:

- Team Leader
- Lead Coach
- Support Coach
- Medical support personnel

All Coaches must meet the following requirements:

- Competition Development Certification Status or higher (NCCP)
- Be a participant in good standing with WCL and hold a valid (current) WCL licence;
 - Must not be under suspension, or other sanction, for any doping or doping-related offense;
 - Must not be under suspension, or any sanction for any WCL Code of Conduct or Discipline Policy offense or any other relevant WCL policy;
 - Must sign and comply with the Agreement as required by WCL;
 - Must not have any outstanding invoices with WCL;

- Be a member in good standing of their respective PTSO;
- Be in compliance with all WCL regulations and requirements;
- Be in compliance with all relevant United World Wrestling (UWW) regulations and requirements;
- Be in compliance with FISU and U SPORTS regulations and requirements (where applicable).

13 – NOMINATIONS TO U SPORTS

Final athlete and support staff nominations to the U SPORTS will be made no later than April 1st, 2026. Nominated athletes and support staff must continue to satisfy the eligibility criteria laid out above until the completion of the Championships.

14 – PROVISIONAL TIMELINE SUMMARY

DATE	EVENT
December 01, 2025	General entry due to U SPORTS
January 24, 2026	FISU Academic Eligibility Form due to WCL Selection Event: Guelph Open
February 06, 2026	Athletes confirm their spots to WCL
February 13, 2026	Quantitative entry due to U SPORTS
April 01, 2026	Deadline for athletes and staff to meet administrative requirements, including payment
May 01, 2026	Final entries due to U SPORTS
June 8-13, 2026	Competition Dates (be prepared to travel 3 days prior and depart 1 day post competition)

15 – APPEALS PROCEDURE

WCL nominations may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the WCL Appeal Policy (<https://wrestling.ca/policy-manual/>). If the timing of the nomination process is challenging and if both parties are in agreement, the WCL Appeals Policy may be bypassed and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeal.

16 – COMMUNICATION

The draft of this document will be vetted through the Athlete Council and High Performance Advisory Committee, along with seeking input from other coaches prior to being approved by the Board of Directors.

The document will be circulated via email to all PTSOs as well as posted on the WCL website. WCL respectfully requests that the PTSOs share this document to their constituents by posting on their

respective websites and email distribution. The responsibility of reading and understanding the policy lies with individual participants.

Should any subsequent amendments be made to these selection criteria, they will be circulated via email to all PTSOs as well as posted on the WCL website.

Communication of the final team (athletes and staff) and any changes in nomination will be posted on the WCL website.

17 – MODIFICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT/UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event that circumstances beyond the control of WCL arise, including, but not limited to force majeure events, pandemics, changes made by UWW, FISU, U SPORTS or WCL that prevents the fair implementation of these nominating procedures as written, the HPD reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the right to review and change any part of the document.

This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or selection event which formed part of this document unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance as described immediately above. This also allows for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes.

In the event of a change to this document, WCL shall inform the membership of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow these procedures to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in these procedures, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, WCL will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.



Academic Eligibility Form for FISU World University Games and FISU World University Championships

Certificat d'éligibilité académique pour les Jeux Mondiaux Universitaires et les Championnats du Monde Universitaires

Certificado de elegibilidad académica para los Juegos Mundiales Universitarios y los Campeonatos del Mundo Univesitarios

Сертификат о статусе студента для Всемирных студенческих игр ФИСУ и чемпионатов мира среди студентов

Event / Manifestation

Manifestación / Мероприятие

Country / Pays

Pais / Страна

Country Code / Code du pays

Codigo del pais / Код страны

1. To be completed by competitor / A compléter par l'athlète

A completar por el competidor / Заполняется спортсменом

Name of Student Athlete / Nom de l'athlète étudiant

Nombre del atleta estudiante / Имя студента

Last Name / Nom de famille Apellido / Фамилия		First Name / Prénom Nombre / Имя		Sex / Sexe Sexo / Пол
Roman Alphabet / Alphabet romain Alfabeto Romano / Латинскими буквами				Female
Date of Birth / Date de naissance Fecha de nacimiento / Дата рождения		Passport No. / No. Passeport Pasaporte No. / Паспорт №		
Day / Jour Dia / день	Month / Mois Mes / месяц	Year / Année Año / год		

Name of University / Nom de l'université Nombre de la universidad / Название ВУЗа			
Faculty / Faculté Facultad / Факультет	Current Academic Year / Année académique en cours Actual ano académico / Текущий академ. год		
Field of Study / Type d'études Campo de estudio / Специализация	Graduation Date / Diplôme le Fecha de graduación / Дата окончания ВУЗа		

2. To be completed by Educational Institution / A compléter par l'institution d'enseignement

A completar por la institución educativa / Заполняется руководителем учебного заведения

I certify that _____ is officially registered for and pursuing a full programme of study leading towards a degree or diploma at the University (or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country) listed above.

Je certifie que _____ est officiellement inscrit et suit un programme complet d'études menant à un niveau académique ou diplôme de l'Université (ou un institut similaire dont le statut est reconnu par l'autorité académique nationale appropriée du pays) repris ci dessus.

Declaro que _____ esta oficialmente matriculado y estudiando un curso académico con el objetivo de obtener un título en la Universidad (o en otra institución similar, cuyo estatus sea reconocido por la autoridad nacional académica competente en su país), que se expone a continuación.

Я подтверждаю, что _____ официально зарегистрирован и проходит полный курс обучения с целью получения степени или диплома вышеуказанного Университета (ВУЗа, статус которого признан соответствующими государственными органами образования)

Official Seal of the University
Cachet Officiel de l'Université
Sello Oficial de la Universidad
Официальная печать Университета

Name / Nom Nombre / Ф.И.О.	Title / Titre Título / Должность	Registrar Educational Authority / L'Autorité compétente La autoridad académica / Компетентный представитель
<small>Please in capital letter / en majuscule svp. letra de imprenta / печатными буквами</small>		
Signature / Signature Firma / Подпись	Date / Date Fecha / Дата	

3. To be completed by NUSF / A compléter par la FNSU

A completar por FNSU / Заполняется НФСС

This is to certify that the named student athlete has the approval of the national University Sport Federation to compete in the event listed above.

Nous certifions que l'athlète étudiant nommé dispose de l'approbation de la Fédération Sportive Universitaire Nationale à participer à la manifestation mentionnée ci-dessus.

Para certificar que, el nombrado atleta estudiante tiene la aprobación de la Federación Nacional Universitaria para competir en el evento que se cita en el encabezado.

Настоящим удостоверяется, что студент-спортмен имеет подтверждение от НФСС для участия в вышеуказанных соревнованиях.

Official Seal of the NUSF
Cachet Officiel FNSU
Sello Oficial de FNSU
Официальная печать НФСС

Name / Nom Nombre / Ф.И.О.	Title / Titre Título / Титул	President or General Secretary / Président ou Secrétaire General Presidente bien Secretario General / Президент или Генсекретарь
<small>Please in capital letter / en majuscule svp. letra de imprenta / печатными буквами</small>		
Signature / Signature Firma / Подпись	Date / Date Fecha / Дата	

WARNING / AVIS / AVISO / ПРЕДУПРЕЖДЕНИЕ

The information given overleaf must be accurate and to the best of the signatories' knowledge at the date indicated below. Any false information will lead to disqualification. Should any information change, please inform immediately. L'information reprise ci-dessus doit être correcte à la connaissance des signataires, à la date indiquée ci-dessus. Une fausse information entraînera une disqualification. Si une information venait à être modifiée, nous vous prions de nous en informer immédiatement. La información arriba debe ser correcta según el leal entender y saber de los signatarios a la fecha indicada abajo. Una información falsa causara la descalificación. Si una información cambia, avisenos inmediatamente. Данная информация должна быть достоверной. Любая ложная информация приведет к дисквалификации. Просим Вас немедленно сообщить о каких либо изменениях данных.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS / CONDITIONS D'ÉLIGIBILITÉ REQUISITOS DE ELEGIBILIDAD / ТРЕБОВАНИЯ К УЧАСТНИКАМ

Participation

Only delegations with athletes will be approved as official delegations participating in the FISU sport events

Only the competitors who satisfy the following conditions may take part in a FISU events:

- students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country; or former students of the institutions mentioned before, who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event;
- be a national of the country they represent;
- be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event (age range specified in the FISU regulations and entry forms of the concerned Event)