

CANADIAN INTERUNIVERSITY SPORT (CIS)

Vision: CIS is the destination of choice for Canadian student-athletes to pursue excellence in academics and athletics. CIS is recognized as one of the influential leaders in sport in Canada.

The 2006 Women's Championship (March 9-12) will be held at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS. The selection process for the venue for the 2007 and 2008 championships was finalized in December 2004 with the University of Ottawa winning the hosting rights for a two-year term. (March 8-11, 2007 & March 6-9, 2008)

McGill University was successful in broadcasting the 2005 Women's Championship final via a webcast on the official championship website. The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks put an end to the University of Alberta Panda's hold on the championship trophy with a 4-1 win. This was a first ever Women's Hockey Championship title for the Golden Hawks.

Both Men's and Women's Ice Hockey were pre-selected and will be in the 2006-07 to 2011-12 program cycle. There are 31 CIS universities registered to compete in Men's Ice Hockey and 26 in Women's Ice Hockey for the 2005-06 season.

Atlantic University Sport	Canada West	OUA	QSSF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Acadia (M) o Dalhousie (M,W) o Moncton (M,W) o Mt. Allison (W) o New Brunswick (M,W) o UPEI (M) o St. FX (M,W) o St. Mary's (M,W) o St. Thomas (M,W) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alberta (M,W) o British Columbia (M,W) o Calgary (M) o Lethbridge (M,W) o Manitoba (M,W) o Regina (M,W) o Saskatchewan (M,W) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Brock (M,W) o Carleton (W) * o Guelph (M,W) o Lakehead (M) o Ottawa (M,W) * o Queen's (M,W) o R.M.C. (M) o Ryerson (M) o Toronto (M,W) o Waterloo (M,W) o Western Ontario (M,W) o Wilfrid Laurier (M,W) o Windsor (M,W) o York (M,W) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Concordia (M,W) o McGill (M,W) <p>*Carleton & Ottawa play in QSSF league.</p>

CIS supports the addition of Women's Ice Hockey to the Winter World University Games. Initially, FISU had passed a motion to include women's hockey as an official core sport, beginning with the 2009 Winter Universiade, however, there was a strong potential for inclusion in the 2007 Universiade.

Unfortunately, at the May 2004 FISU Executive meeting, the Executive committee accepted the following FISU Rules Commission (CRS) recommendation: "The CRS recommends that women's ice hockey should be moved from the compulsory programme to the optional one due to the demand posed by this tournament on ice facilities of the organizers of the Winter Universiade"

CIS fully supports the inclusion of women's ice hockey within the FISU programme, and suggested officially sending a letter to FISU, supported by CHA requesting a review of the decision. Pushing the sport to optional status may all but eliminate any long term potential to use it as a major international event. The apparent issue around surrounding available ice facilities is not a strong argument, as modifications to the draw structure of the men's tournament could alleviate this. To date, FISU has not changed its decision taken in May 2004.

The 2009 Winter Universiade has been awarded to Harbin China, and all indications are that they wish to include Women's Hockey as an optional sport, but under FISU guidelines, would only need to confirm this 18 months (@ June 2007) in advance.

The CIS has called for bids from Canadian cities to host the 2011 Summer or Winter Universiade. Two bids have been received. The CIS decision on who will move forward will be made in June 2005, followed by the International process that is scheduled to select the successful candidate in September 2006.