

2019 Winter University Games

Selection Criteria

Overview

These selection criteria will be used to determine the athletes that will represent the United States in the 2019 World University Games in Krasnoyarsk, Russia March 2-12, 2019. The selection criteria 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:

Krasnoyarsk, Russia

March 2, 2019 – March 12, 2019

1.2 Important Dates and Team Member Travel Obligations

Date	Event/Note	Location/Notes
August 20, 2018	Declaration of Intent to participate in Selection due for skaters using the Short Track Desert Classic	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
September 30, 2016	FINAL deadline for declaration of intent	
November 1, 2018	Register with BTI	Academic Eligibility Form Code of Conduct Form Travel Documents Passport Scan US Ugames Team Code of Conduct Agreement Current Class Schedule/Transcript
November 6, 2018	Notification of Acceptance for Short Track Athletes is sent	
November 12, 2018	Short Track Athletes Invitation acceptance due	Deposit Due*
February 28, 2019*	Travel for all athletes and coaches	US → Russia

March 13, 2019*	Return Travel all athletes and coaches	Russia → US
March 20, 2019	Final Payment Due	

**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, 1994 and December 31, 2001
- A US Citizen and hold a valid US Passport with an expiration date at least 6 months after the event (valid through August 2019)
- 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, 2019)*
- 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)*.

Air-fare Travel costs between the USA and Krasnoyarsk

\$2500 (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 Almaty, officials cost, team wear) – \$1995 (Firm)

Coach and Team Leader cost – \$2500 (Max – may be lower if a full team is sent)

Officials Fees - \$200(Estimated)

Purchase of Team Skin - \$400 (Estimated)

Total **estimated** cost each athlete will be fully responsible for (pending any reduction due to sponsorship or fundraising):

- ***Initial deposit \$3500****

**Payable amounts referenced above do not include the cost of round trip airfare. The deposit is 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.

SHORT TRACK	
500 Meters	3 Ladies/ 3 Men
1000 Meters	3 Ladies/ 3 Men
1500 Meters	3 Ladies/ 3 Men
Relay (3000 Ladies/5000 Men)	Team of 4 (with one alternate)

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.

Short Track Selection Criteria

The team will be selected based on the pool of eligible athletes (based on the selection criteria outlines in 1.3 above).

- 1.7.1 There will be no specific selection event for this team. Instead eligible athletes will be ranked based on their performances at any 2 of the following 4 events. Athletes must compete in at least 2 of these events to qualify. :
- Desert Classic Short Track
 - American Cup Short Track 1
 - Any two Heartland Racing Series Events after October 1, 2018 and prior to November 12, 2018
 - Any two Northeast Racing Series Events after October 1, 2018 and prior to November 12, 2018
- 1.7.2 Skaters will be chosen based on the combined ranking by place as a percentage of the field for each of their two best finishes and the ranking by samalog points of their fastest times for each of the three distances.
- 1.7.3 Percentage of the field is defined as final rank in the standings as determined by total points divided by the number of athletes who competed who declared their intent to participate in the selection process.
- 1.7.4 Samalog will be comprised of the fastest of each of the three distances 500, 1000, 1500 converted to points $500m + (1000m / 2) + (1500m / 3)$
- 1.7.5 Top 3 ranked athletes will earn an automatic qualifying position

- 1.7.6 Remaining eligible athletes will be ranked based on their performance and their student status. Preference for filling the additional 2 spots will go to students enrolled in full time programs (defined as 12 or more credit hours).
- 1.7.7 In the event that an eligible athlete declines the invite, the next athlete on the list by order of ranking will be invited. The process will be repeated until a full team of athletes is chosen or until the pool of additional eligible athletes is exhausted, whichever comes first.
- 1.7.8 A distance order of eligibility will be created for each distance to determine the skaters entered into the events. This order of eligibility will be based on the following:
- Season Best Time
 - Personal Best since July 1, 2017
 - Career Personal Best
- 1.7.9 Skaters will be notified of their selection to the team on November 6th
- 1.7.10 Two additional athletes will be selected from the orders of eligibility 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 for any reason they will only receive their deposit if another athlete from the alternate list is available to take their place.