FISU OVERVIEW:
FISU stands for Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (International University Sports Federation) and was founded in 1949. FISU's main responsibility is the supervision of both Summer and Winter Universiades (World University Games) as well as the World University Championships (WUC). FISU's main governing body is the General Assembly which represents the members of the organization (153 National University Sports Federations). The Governing Body elects the Executive Committee for a period of four years, which makes all the necessary decisions for the smooth running of FISU. Ten permanent commissions advise the Executive Committee in their specialised areas, simplifying its duties. FISU is funded through subscription, organising and entry fees, television incomes, and marketing activities.

The Universiades (World University Games)
The Universiade is an international sporting and cultural festival which is staged every two years in a different city and which is second in importance only to the Olympic Games. The Summer Universiade consists of 12 compulsory sports (Athletics, Basketball, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Judo, Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball) and up to three optional sports chosen by the host country. The record figures are 9,006 participants in Bangkok, Thailand in 2007 and 174 countries in Daegu, Korea in 2003. The Winter Universiade consists of 7 compulsory sports (Alpine skiing, Snowboarding, Nordic skiing composed of jump, cross country & combined, Curling, Ice Hockey, Short-Track Speed Skating, Figure Skating, Biathlon) and one or two optional sports also chosen by the host country. They gathered a record of 2,511 participants in Torino, Italy in 2007 and a record number of 50 countries in Innsbruck, Austria in 2005.

The World University Championships
The other important sports events of FISU are the World University Championships. The spreading of university sports in the world created a new series of meetings and competitions to complete the program of the Universiade. FISU supports the competitions which represent the continuity of university sport and allow the FISU federation to be better known. The numbers of participants and sports in World University Championships are growing rapidly. For instance, in 2004, FISU organised 25 World University Championships that attracted 4,845 participants. In 2006, FISU staged 27 WUCs attracting 5,852 participants and for
2008, 29 WUC’s were organized, bringing together 6,652 participants. For 2010, 29 WUC’s are planned. Currently there are 32 total WUC Sports Programs: Archery, Badminton, Baseball, Beach Volleyball, Bridge, Chess, Cross Country, Cycling, Equestrian, Flat Water Canoeing, Floorball, Futsal, Golf, Handball, Field Hockey, Karate, Match Racing, Orienteering, Rowing, Rugby 7, Savate, Sailing, Shooting, Softball, Squash, Taekwondo, Triathlon, White Water Canoeing, Waterskiing, Weightlifting, Woodball, Wrestling. BTI Events will also be organizing the U.S. athlete participation for the World University Championships beginning in 2012.

**Eligibility**
The Universiades and Championships are open to all student athletes that have not been out of university or its equivalent for more than a year and that are between 17 and 28 years old. Any association which belongs to FISU may enter a team or an individual competitor. Entries are accepted from any country which is eligible for the Olympic Games and from any national federation which is affiliated to an appropriate International Federation.

**SUMMER GAMES LOCATIONS - www.FISU.net**
1959, TURIN / ITALY
1961, SOFIA / BULGARIA
1963, PORTO ALEGRE / BRASIL
1965, BUDAPEST / HUNGARY
1967, TOKYO / JAPAN
1970, TURIN / ITALY
1973, MOSCOW / USSR
1975, ROME / ITALY
1977, SOFIA / BULGARIA
1979, MEXICO CITY / MEXICO
1981, BUCHAREST / ROMANIA
1983, EDMONTON / CANADA
1985, KOBE / JAPAN
1987, ZAGREB / YUGOSLAVYA
1989, DUISBURG / GERMANY
1991, SHEFFIELD / ENGLAND
1993, BUFFALO / USA
1995, FUKUOKA / JAPAN
1997, SICILY / ITALY
1999, PALMA DE MALLORCA / SPAIN
2001, BEIJING / CHINA
2003, DAEGU / KOREA
2005, İZMİR / TURKEY
2007, BANGKOK / TAYLAND
2009, BELGRADE / SERBIA
2011, SHENZEN / CHINA
2013, KAZAN / RUSSIA
2015, GWANGJU/ SOUTH KOREA
2017, TAIPEI / CHINESE TAIPEI