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# EDIT ORIAL

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Dear friends,

Welcome to the Torino 2025 FISU Games, and we are delighted that you are reading the first edition of our Daily Magazine. Over the next days, we would like to present you with the latest news, interesting facts and fascinating stories on these pages and take you on a journey into the great world of university sport, the FISU and the Italian Organizing Committee. From Turin to Sestriere and Torre Pellice, we would like to introduce you to the places where the 32nd World University Games Winter are held.

The focus is on the student-athletes who, together with other members of their delegations, make up over 2500 people. 90 sets of medals will be awarded and 2000 volunteers will be in action: The FISU Games are one of the largest multi-day, multi-sport events in the world. But we don't just want to talk to the undisputed protagonists on snow and ice, but also to those who are responsible for this event. What makes the organisation in Torino unique? What do the FISU decision-makers have to say? And last

but not least: how are the volunteers doing at these games, and what is the great tradition of volunteering in Piemonte all about?

There are just three or four blocks of questions that we want to work through. One thing is clear: writing a daily magazine for such an event is a pleasure and an honor, but it also brings with it the burden of responsibility. We hope that we will live up to our own expectations and provide you with great reading material in the coming days, be it at breakfast, on the way to training and competitions or in the evening.

Enjoy reading and all the best for the Torino 2025 FISU Games,



# WHAT'S HAPPENED UNTIL TODAY

## OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION “Passion and Sport through time” AND INAUGURATION OF THE FISU VILLAGE

**THE STATE ARCHIVE – Institutional Point of the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games and Piazza Castello**

The Torino 2025 FISU World University Games are, by definition, the celebration of the passion for sport combined with the passion for Knowledge and Culture.

The value of History, of the Wisdom of those who have gone before us and formed the roots of our Knowledge, is expressed in a journey through time, from the past to the future of the Games, through the present. This is where the **exceptional exhibition ‘Passion and Sport through time’** set up at the State Archives – the institutional and reception point for delegations and the public during the Games – celebrates the evolution of winter sports, highlighting



their impact on global culture and the history of the Universiade. It is a narrative journey through unique objects that tell the origins and evolution of the event. It starts with the original brazier, symbol of the first editions of the Universiade, to explore historical relics and medals that testify to the event's glorious past. The journey culminates with the evolution of the design of the Torch, the medals and the Torino 2025 logo, offering a fascinating look at innovation and tradition. The project was realised thanks to the precious contribution of **CUS Torino**, the **Politecnico di Torino** and the **Accademia Albertina**.

The exhibition was inaugurated **on 10 January** at 10.00 a.m., with the opening of the **FISU Village in Piazza Castello**, and will be open free of charge every day from 10.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. from 10 to 23 January.

The Director of the Archives, **Dr. Stefano Benedetto**, said: ‘In Torino, the history of the World University Games began in 1959. The torch of knowledge started in Torino. History and knowledge, a combination united since the origins of the Games to the values of healthy and fair sports competition, represent the essence of the institutional mandate of the State Archives. We therefore enthusiastically welcome the exhibition *Passion and Sport through time* and the institutional and reception point for

delegations and the public during the Games to our halls, also to reaffirm that our Institute is not an ivory tower, but an open place that lives and breathes to the rhythm of the City’.

Also linked to the concept of wisdom is the **open-air exhibition in Piazza San Carlo ‘Passion and Sport through Time’**: an extraordinary display that traces the journey of winter sports from their origins to today's high-tech competitions, exploring how passion for these activities has shaped communities, inspired athletes and united nations. Whether you are a sports enthusiast or just curious, this exhibition offers an engaging journey through time, illustrating how winter sports have gone beyond mere fun to become a global celebration of perseverance, skill and unity.

Also on Friday at 11 a.m., the ribbon was cut for the FISU Village, a dedicated space in Piazza Castello that will host two areas: Rectangle Area and Igloo Area.

In the Rectangle Area there will be the sponsors, with the Unicredit ski simulator that will offer a unique emotion, as well as a photobooth by Nikon, and various in-depth corners by 3BMeteo, Visit Piemonte, SaGAT Torino, Torino Oggi, Fitp Piemonte, E Work, Cno Generazione Z, Winner and UnicreditAllianz.

In the Igloo Area there will be musical performances

by the Torino Conservatory of Music, meetings on Agenda 2030 topics including wellbeing, energy, sustainability, sport, inclusion; exhibitions dedicated to sport and design, with special focus on the activities of Associations in the area, and an evening of magic with Maghi Torinesi. Admission is free with compulsory booking, subject to availability, via a link that will be published on the official Torino 2025 FISU Games website.

The **programme is online** at: Torino 2025 – FISU World University Games Winter

These are the opening times of the Village: morning 11:00 – 13:00; afternoon 15:00 – 17:00; evening 17:10 – 19:20; evening 19:00 -21:00.

Also today, the **first arrivals of athletes** have began at **Torino Porta Susa Station, the Official Hub** of the XXXII Torino 2025 World University Winter Games thanks to a collaboration with RFI – Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (FS Group).

There is little more than a week to go before the arrival of the colourful river of around 70 flags that will parade through Torino and the Olympic Valleys on the occasion of the 32nd edition of the FISU World University Games Torino 2025 – known to the world as the Universiade – scheduled from 13 to 23 January. As many as 13 disciplines of competition will be hosted in 6 different locations (Torino, Pinerolo, Pragelato, Torre Pellice, Bardonecchia and Sestriere):

a real feast for lovers of winter sports that will feature 55 nations, with over 2,500 athletes and delegations (including 89 Italians) ready to unleash their sporting passion – combined with their commitment to study and university careers – to win one of the 90 titles up for grabs.

As Torino prepares to welcome athletes and spectators from all over the world, the Torino Porta Susa railway station becomes the Official HUB of the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games. For the upcoming Winter World University Games, a photo corner has been set up in the station to welcome athletes arriving from 10 January onwards and to give the public of travellers in transit the chance to meet them and take a selfie with them. In this space it will also be possible to get a close-up view of the Torch of the Games, which will be present in the station at games time. ‘The countdown has officially begun. In just over a month, the Torch of Knowledge of the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games will light up our territory, bringing with it thousands of young athletes from all over the world – said Alessandro Ciro Sciretti – and we are literally thrilled, we can’t wait to see our first young people arrive, full of adrenaline and expectation, welcomed into the colourful HUB of Torino Porta Susa to meet their supporters and to transmit the joy and energy of the Games to everyone. We thank RFI for the precious space granted.’



## The athletes' villages were officially opened in Bardonecchia and Torino Olimpia

With only five days to go before the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games Opening Ceremony at the Inalpi Arena – there are still tickets available for this big event! – representatives from FISU, the Organising Committee and local authorities inaugurated two of the athletes villages.

The vice-mayor of Bardonecchia, **Vittorio Montabone**, the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games Organising Committee vice-president **Riccardo D'Elicio** and FISU Secretary General and CEO **Matthias Remund** were the first ones to cut an official ribbon and therefore start the festivities of the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games.

Under a beautiful blue sky and in the sun, the **Bardonecchia athlete's village was officially inaugurated** with cheerful speeches – all in Italian – exchanges of gifts, smiles and best wishes for successful competitions and plenty of joy and friendship. The Italian, FISU and Torino 2025 FISU Games' flags were raised during the respective anthems to mark the end of the ceremony and the beginning of the participants

rivals.

At 18h on the same day, it was the turn of the Mayor of Torino **Stefano Lo Russo**, **Michela Favaro**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Torino, FISU President **Leonz Eder** and Torino 2025 FISU World University Games **Alessandro Ciro Sciretti** to open the doors of one of the two athletes' villages in Torino, Olimpia.

The **2564 participants** – out of which 1655 student-athletes – from **54 countries** are all arriving in Piedmont, ready to give their best on the ice and on the snow.





## Torino 2025 FISU World University Games Opening Press Conference at Music Conservatory

**T**urin, 12 Jan. 25 – Today, in the wonderful hall of the Music Conservatory of Turin, the Opening Press Conference of the XXXII FISU Games has taken place, officially starting the Games of Torino 2025.

**Francesco Pennarola**, Director of Conservatory of Music “Giuseppe Verdi” welcomed the public with these words: “It will be music to kick off today’s press conference: the magical music of the marimba, featuring a composition by Csaba Zoltan Marjan and the talent of young musician Cesare Fornasiero. The “Giuseppe Verdi” Conservatory of Turin ideally welcomes student-athletes from around the world with the talent of its university musicians, and it does so by kicking off a concert series “Sports et Divertissements” that will punctuate the evenings of those in

Turin in the coming weeks. It will then be the voice of the violin that will close the morning, with the talent of the very young **Letizia Gullino** engaged in pages of Bach and Igudesman: a special voice, because for the occasion the Conservatory is making available the Stradivarius of the Gallery of Ancient Instruments located on the first floor of the Institute”.

After brief greetings from the Mayor of Turin **Stefano Lo Russo**, and **Marina Chiarelli**, Regional Counselor for Sport and Culture, the press conference began with the speech of **Leonz Eder** – FISU’s President: “FISU feels at home in Torino. FISU founded in this beautiful city in 1949. Torino hosted the first ever Summer Universiade ten years later in 1959. Primo Nebiolo, FISU President from 1961 to 1999, also contributed to strongly linking Torino and FISU together. Having held the Winter Olympics in 2006, Torino also hosted the Winter Universiade in 2007. Sestriere, host of the 1966 Winter Universiade and

an important cluster for the upcoming Torino 2025 FISU World University Games Winter. And now we are about to kick off an amazing party in the valley and in the mountains of our Piemontese home. We have a total of 2564 participants invited to this party and they are coming from 54 countries to enjoy the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games. Out of which 1655 student-athletes. Here to perform, but also to share an unique experience of culture, education, fair-play and sport. And every great party needs a great organiser. I would like to thank the Organising committee and FederCusi for their commitment and ongoing efforts to get everything ready to welcome the university sports world. Grazie a tutti, grazie Alessandro!”

After his speech, Eder introduced **Alessandro Ciro Sciretti** – President of Organising Committee Torino 2025: “This is perhaps the most important event in the world that is taking place these days. The splendid setting of the Conservatory that hosts us pays homage to the immense heritage of Italian culture, and of our Region in particular. Tomorrow evening, at a completely sold out Inalpi Arena, we will celebrate this heritage with a ceremony that will pay homage to art, music, sport, friendship and loyalty, the founding values of the Universiade. I am sure that this event will have a very strong impact on the Piedmontese university and tourism system, whose future developments will unfold in the years to come. To conclude, I will not tire of repeating that what we have achieved is the result of teamwork, and that everyone, including volunteers, are essential elements of an event that is making the Italian System shine bright under the spotlights of the world.”

Then it was the turn of **Mathias Remund** – FISU’s Secretary General and CEO, who remembered his experience in FISU. “Dear Friends, carissimi amici, as you might know, these are my very first FISU World University Games as the FISU Secretary General and CEO, but not my first participation to FISU Games...In 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1991 I was lucky enough to participate to four Universiade, now FISU World University Games as a student-athlete. My studies were law at the University of Berne and my sport was, and still is cross-country skiing. I still have incredible memories from those times. I believe taking part in such special events has forged who I am today. Sport has driven all my life in private and profession and with six children, I believe in the power of transmission to the younger generations. Since arriving in Piemonte, I have been really

busy, but still managed to take some time to try the cross-country course in Pragalato and it is great. I am really impatient for these Torino 2025 FISU World University Games to begin, and to see you student-athletes in action as all your teammates in 11 different sports with para-alpine-skiing and para-cross-country skiing on our programme for the very first time. I wish you as much fun as I had, and I wish us all a great success for the next 11 days!”

The last speech was taken by **Lorenzo Lentini**, representative of FederCusi: “We are happy to be here in Turin, a historic city for the entire international university sports movement, the birthplace of the Universiade. Our delegation is ready and competitive in all disciplines, and we are confident they will achieve results worthy of the 12th edition of the Universiade taking place in Italy (7 Winter editions and 5 Summer editions). Italian University Sports and FederCUSI, in its new role as the Federation of University Sports, have been at the heart of world university sports for over 75 years, and we are proud to have contributed to the significant achievement of including parasports in the Winter Universiade program”.

The conference was closed by the President of CUS Torino, **Riccardo D’Elicio**: “Ciao everybody, in a few hours from the start of the races in the behalf of CUS Torino I want to thank FederCusi, the Federation FISU, the Region Piedmont and the City of Turin, as well as all the Piedmont Universities, for giving me the opportunity to bring home the UNIVERSIADE. This event was born in Turin due to the genial intuition and the political importance of PRIMO NEBIOLO, and now Turin occupies an important role inside the international University System thanks to our excellent Universities UNITO and POLITO, those attract everyday more and more students from over the world. But Universities can be really completed and satisfying only with an excellent sport and training offer, to provide students a real good level of life. This is the reason CUS Torino works so hard, we have the responsibility to make the University Life Experience in Turin really valuable and unforgettable...and hosting the FISU Games will confirm to the world of International University Sports our competence. Let’s enjoy the Games.”

At the end of the conference, the young athletes **Margherita Cecere**, Italian alpine skier from Bardonecchia, **Teagan Thurston** from the USA women’s curling team and **Charles Lecours**, para-cross-coun-

try skier from Canada, talked about their experiences as student-athletes. “It is amazing to be able to welcome the world’s best student-skiers on the slopes where I live and ski”, said the Maths for Engineering student of the Politecnico of Turin. “This doesn’t add pressure, but a lot of excitement. I simply can’t wait.” Teagan, at 18 years-old, is experiencing her first big event. “I am so thankful to FISU and Torino for organising these World University Games. It feels really special to be there. You cannot imagine how happy I was when My first curling stone left my hand here on the ice.” And Charles Lecours to conclude. “As a para-athlete it is fantastic to be able to compete alongside my teammates during the same event. And I am particularly proud to be the first Canadian para-cross-country-skier to do this. We work as hard as any other athletes and deserve more visibility.”

**Curiosity: The Gaudeamus Igitur** is the anthem of University Students. The Conservatory, as part of its project with which it won the Call of the Ministry of University and Research (a project also created to expand the message of the Universiade) has decided to pay homage to tradition, renewing this ancient anthem in a jazz key. The arrangement was made by prof. Luca Poletti of the Turin Conservatory and realized with the collaboration of the students of the jazz department of Turin and thanks to RAI which, pleased to participate in the operation, made available the studio and its technicians to create the Turin version of the Anthem.

#### LOCAL INSTITUTIONS SPEECHES

**CITY OF TURIN – Stefano Lo Russo**, Mayor of Torino: “For the City of Torino, hosting the XXXII

World University Games Winter, is a source of immense pride, an event and a unique opportunity to further strengthen its role as a leading player in the international sports and cultural scene. Welcoming the athletes of the Universiade means sharing with them the charm of a city that harmoniously combines past and future, historically open to the world, ready to amaze, and leave an indelible memory in the hearts of all its visitors”.

**REGION PIEDMONT – Marina Chiarelli**, Regional Counsellor for Sport and Culture

“Hello everyone, I bring greetings from the Piemonte Region. We are happy to host the Winter Universiade. This event shows how sports help people grow. Believing in young people is important for now, not just for the future. Today, we build tomorrow. Events like this help send a strong message. Young people bring new ideas and make things better. Sports and studying are not separate. They are both part of life. Discipline, hard work, and respect help us in sports and in life. “Mens sana in corpore sano” reminds us to take care of both mind and body. True champions are known for their honesty, balance, and teamwork, even when things are hard. This event is a challenge for everyone, not just athletes. It is also a challenge for the organizers and the cities. Success is not just about winning, but about creating a memory for everyone. Piemonte welcomes you with excitement. Enjoy every moment with hard work and courage. Every competition is not just a race, but a chance to grow. Good luck to everyone. We hope these Games are unforgettable for each of you.”



# SPORT INDOOR REVIEW JANUARY 11th



## ICE HOCKEY: CAN-KOR Men's Preliminary Round A Starts with a Canadian Shutout in Pinerolo

**PINEROLO, 11 January 2025** – Men's A round of the ice hockey tournament at the Torino 2025 FISU Games opened at the Olympic Ice Stadium in Pinerolo with the match between **Canada and South Korea**: an excellent crowd (1,093 people in the stands) inaugurated the Pinerolo ice rink and witnessed the victory of the **Canadians**, who finished their debut with a 11-0 victory.

Also in attendance were Pinerolo Mayor Luca Salvai, Pinerolo City Council President Tiziana Alchera and a delegation from the Korean community of Turin,

led by President Sonia Lee, who runs a 'Korea Lover Torino' group on Facebook. Some Swedish were also spotted studying their opponents.

The first period was played almost entirely in the Korean half, with the Canadians leading the game and coming close to taking the lead on at least two occasions, amassing a 23-1 score in shots on goal, but failing to move up in the score.

The Korean fortress crumbled in the second period, with Bizier and Gengenbach on the scoresheet after captain Henry's opening goal: Gengenbach (2), Ga-

gnon and Pearson completed then the scoring. The third period began with a change of goalkeepers for the Koreans (Song out, Kim in) and continued with the Pearson show: the Canadian striker needed just 8 seconds to score twice (45:08" and 45:16") before Lavigne and Gengenbach finished off the job again to make it 11-0.

**Mark Howell**, Canada's head coach: "The ability to be patient in the first period paid off because then Korea gave us more space and we were able to be more effective."

**Kaleb Pearson**, Canada: "I didn't expect to win by such a comfortable margin, it was a good game: to start with three goals is a great feeling on a personal level and I'm very excited to be here in Italy. Do we

feel like favourites? Yes, we know we are and we also know it's a responsibility."

**Hyukjun Jeon** (South Korea): "We focused on the defensive phase and in the first period it went well, but in the second and third periods everything became more difficult, especially on the physical level. Thank you for the support of the Korean community in the stands, we hope we can give you a lot of satisfaction in the next games."

## ICE HOCKEY: SVK - JPN Slovakia starts with a win in Torre Pellice in the men's preliminary round A

**TORRE PELLICE, 11th January.** On the first competition day of the Torino 2025 FISU Games, the men's ice hockey match between Slovakia (SVK) and Japan (JPN) ended **4-1 in favour of Slovakia**.

In the beautiful Torre Pellice Olympic Ice Hockey Arena, the first period offered no particular surprises, apart from the work of Japanese goalkeeper Issa Tamura, who struggled to keep the puck out of the net and did a good job.

The second period began with beautiful actions from the Slovaks, who took a 3-0 lead through Matei Komlos (2) and Jozef Haszak. Japan's Rikuto Kakumaru made it 3-1 seconds before the end of the

period.

In the third period, Japan seemed to suffer from the effects of the Slovakian lead and the game ended 4-1 with a goal from Samuel Nagy. The two teams played a fair game on the ice, cheered on by the fans and supporters, who were particularly enthusiastic in Torre Pellice as ice hockey is one of the most important sports in this region of Piemonte.

**Jakob Uram** (C) from the winning team said afterwards: "We did well, we won and we tried to enjoy the game.

It's always nice to play in another country and I'm



looking forward to the next challenge!”  
Qualifying continues tomorrow, Sunday, with two matches in Torre Pellice. Poland (POL) - United States (USA) at 16.30 and Ukraine (UKR) - Slovakia (SVK) at 20.00.

## CURLING

### SAT 11 JAN

Mixed Doubles Round Robin  
Session 1 15:00

- L SUI 7-9 JPN W
- L USS 6-7 GBR W
- W GER 6-5 ITA L
- L NOR 4-9 CAN W

Mixed Doubles Round Robin  
Session 2 19:00

- W CAN 7-6 USA L
- W ITA 8-4 NOR L
- W GBR 8-5 SUI L
- L JPN 4-7 GER W

# MEDAL TABLE

# STAY TUNED!



# SPORT INDOOR REVIEW

JANUARY 12th



## Men's & Women's Snowboard Cross Seeding

**BARDONECCHIA, 12 JANUARY 2025.** On the second day of the XXXII FISU GAMES, Bardonecchia was the scene of the first qualifying competitions for the men's and women's Snowboard Cross.

The athletes, divided into four groups, challenged each other to continue their quest for the podium. **The 16 best athletes will advance to the Group Phase!**



## SUN 12 JAN

### Mixed Doubles Round Robin Session 3 10:00

**L** USA 6-9 **ITA** **W**  
**L** SUI 4-9 **CAN** **W**  
**L** NOR 5-8 **JPN** **W**  
**W** GER 10-4 **GBR** **L**

### Mixed Doubles Round Robin Session 5 18:00

**L** NOR 6-4 **GER** **W**  
**L** NOR 5-8 **SUI** **W**  
**L** USA 3-8 **GER** **W**  
**W** CAN 7-3 **JPN** **L**

### Mixed Doubles Round Robin Session 4 14:00

**W** NOR 6-4 **GER** **L**  
**L** JPN 4-8 **ITA** **W**  
**L** CAN 6-7 **GBR** **W**  
**W** SUI 9-8 **USA** **L**





## ICE HOCKEY: SWE - KAZ

Kazakhstan Prevails by large margin after uphill start against Sweden

**PINEROLO, 12 January 2025** - Second day of competitions of the Torino 2025 FISU Games at the Olympic Ice Stadium in Pinerolo, which hosts the group A of the Men's ice hockey tournament: after the overwhelming victory of Canada against South Korea in the opening match, **there is also glory for Kazakhstan** that in the first of the two matches of the day defeated Sweden, overturning the initial disadvantage of 0-2, **with a result of 9-2.**

The first Drittel was gripping and balanced, with the Swedes more effective in front of the goal in the first phase. They managed to find the double advantage signed by Meijer and Kall Lindfors. But Kazakhstan did not drop in intensity and, after twice coming close to scoring (hitting post and crossbar), they restored parity with Buyalskiy and Shulga, in just 21 seconds.

Kazakhstan, bronze medallist in Lake Placid in 2023,

began the second period as it had finished the first and led by a bombastic Tsybin (two goals) and again by Shulga, overturned the score to lead 5-2, leaving very little space for the Swedish team.

The script of the third Drittel was similar to that of the second with Kazakhstan always in control of the match and scoring with Musorov, assisted again by the Man of the Match Buyalskiy. Sweden replaced the goalkeeper (Collijn out, Nordlund in), but the protagonists were still the Kazakhs with the seventh goal signed Beisembayev, the eighth Chaporov and the ninth again Buyalskiy. More than 600 people in the stands, with more Kazakh flags than Swedish flags: around 1,800 fans are expected for the 20:00hrs match between the Czech Republic and Canada.

**Andrey Buyalskiy** (Kazakhstan): "The match started uphill, and down 2-0 it was difficult, but we did it."

In the first intermission the coach told us: "You are not playing the game I wanted", we understood and in the second period we changed the system. Canada favourites? All the teams we will face are strong, each with their own gameplan".

Wilmer Svensson (Sweden's captain): "The game started in the best way, then they were more effective than us, they shot more goals. What do we have to improve in view of the match against the Czech Republic? Exactly this, we have to shoot more on goal, be more incisive in the attacking phase".





# ICE HOCKEY: CZE - CAN

## Czech Republic Celebrates Shootout Victory against Canada

**PINEROLO, January 12, 2025** – A nearly sold-out Pinerolo Ice Stadium (1,533 spectators) hosted the second match of the day in Group A of the men's hockey tournament at the Torino 2025 FISU Games. It was concentrated mix of balance and emotions in which the **Czech Republic overcame Canada only in the shootout**, after the regular time ended in a 1-1 draw thanks to goals by Frenette (Canada) and Bernat (Czech Republic).

Present in the stands was the mayor of Pinerolo, Luca Salvai, along with his councilors for Urban Planning, Fabiano Vodini, for Education, Lia Bianco, and for the Environment, Giulia Proietti, as well as the president of the city council, Tiziana Alchera, and a large representation of both fan bases, with many family members (especially of the Canadian players) arriving in Pinerolo. Just as in the opening match against South Korea,

the highly favoured Canada found a stubborn Czech Republic in the first period that defended with great organization and intensity, allowing only Frenette's goal at the 17th minute to break the deadlock. The second period played out entirely on the edge of balance, with Frenette missing a glaring opportunity while the most dangerous player for Jaroslav Liska's team was Nedelka, who came close to equalizing a couple of times, although the shots on goal by the Canadians were 10 more (13-3) than those of the Czech Republic.

**The joy of Czech fans** erupted for the first time at 51'08 when Bernat brought everything back into question by scoring the equalizing goal: immediately after, Duff (Canada) hit the post, and the Canadians were dangerous at least two more times, but it wasn't enough to regain the lead. The two teams therefore returned to the ice for over-

time, experienced in an almost surreal silence due to the emotion in the stands and marked by a series of major mistakes in front of the goal by both sides. In the shootout, the Czechs were perfect, and, led again by an outstanding Skorpik in goal, they succeeded. **Canada remains at the top of the group** with 4 points, having played two games, ahead of Kazakhstan (3), Czech Republic (2), Sweden, and Korea (0).



# TO

# DAY'S

# PROGRAM

DAY 1

## TODAY IS THE DAY

Today is the day.

Today is the day when the countdown goes to zero, the day when the Torino 2025 FISU Games officially open.

Today is the day of the Opening Ceremony, look forward to a unique spectacle of music and performance in a scenario that spans the globe. Student-athletes from 54 countries will be in Turin to celebrate the year that has just begun!

But there is also sport to watch, great sport! The women's ice hockey tournament will continue at the PalaTazzoli with Slovakia - Chinese Taipei and Great Britain - Canada. There will also be curling, with the sixth and seventh rounds of mixed doubles starting at 10am. The top positions are hotly contested, the competition is top class! But that's not all. In Bardonecchia, 20 men's and women's snowboard cross

heats will be held to determine who will fight for the medals tomorrow.

Today is the day.

Today is the day when the Flame of Knowledge will be carried the last 22 kilometres through Turin. The route will start at 9:00 a.m. at the CUS Torino, in Via Braccini 1, and will go through Porta Susa and into the city centre to Piazza Palazzo di Città. Then it crosses Corso Novara and continues along the Murazzi, passing the CUS Rowing Centre. The route then goes by the Palavela, a competition venue, and reaches the Palazzo della Regione Piemonte. From here the route continues to the Inalpi Arena to welcome the arrival of the torch.

Be there.

## DAILY Program

### Torch Relay

09:00 - 14:00

Torino City

### Ice Hockey W

SVK - TPE (5)

09:30 Torino Palatazzoli

### Curling

MD 6

10:00 Torino Palatazzoli

### Alpine Skiing M/W

Official Free Skiing

10:00-12:00 Bardonecchia

### Snowboard Cross W/M

Round Robin

11:30 - 14:00 Bardonecchia

### Ice Hockey W

GBR-CAN (6)

13:00 Torino Palatazzoli

### Curling

MD 7

14:00 Torino Palatazzoli

### Opening Ceremony

19:30

Torino Inalpi Arena



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TIME  
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# TORINO 2025 FISU GAMES OPENING CEREMONY



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OF THE YEAR

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## ON JANUARY 13, EVERYONE AT THE INALPI ARENA FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING

**T**he OPENING CEREMONY of the Torino 2025 FISU Games will kick off on January 13 from 19.30 to 21.30 at the Inalpi Arena, under the artistic direction of **Masters of Magic**, a company that has revolutionized the art of magic with its innovative performance philosophy, founded by **Walter Rolfo** in 2008.

The evening will begin with an emotional performance that will take the audience on a symbolic journey from the world to Torino, featuring the renowned musician and global icon, **Giovanni Allevi**. An introductory video will recount the geographical and cultural journey that brought the Universiade, through Europe and the wonders of Italy, to our city. Following this, an artistic performance will pay a vibrant tribute to sports disciplines.

The **Ping Pong Pang**, a crew of hip hop dancers, will accompany their energetic movements with the addictive rhythm of the **Psycodrummers**, a group of percussionists. Also guests of the evening will be **Magus Utopia**, famous illusionists and World Champions of Magic, who will per-

form a breathtaking act. Adding to the evening's program will be **Tony Frebourg**, an artist from Cirque du Soleil, presenting a Diabolo act alongside a group of circus performers with spectacular props.

The performance will be enhanced by the participation of dancers and volunteers who will create an extraordinary choreography, culminating in the Oath of the Athletes and the ITOs (International Technical Officials) and the 'Lighting of the Torch' ceremony. Among other guests performing during this exceptional evening will be the renowned **Sunshine Gospel Choir** and the **Grugliasco Flag-Waving Association**, who will accompany the athletes' entrance.

Exceptional torchbearers will carry the flame across the arena, before a luminous drone symbolically takes it into the air to illuminate Piazza Castello, lighting the brazier, a gesture representing change and hope for the future. **Experience all the magic and emotion of an extraordinary opening night!**

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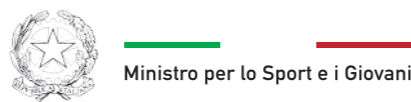


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