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LIVE THE GAMES

**XXXII FISU GAMES TORINO 2025
COMPETITIONS HAVE BEGUN!**



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Piemonte, Land of Sports

The FISU World University Games Winter have begun and they started with an opening ceremony that was probably the most beautiful ever held at FISU Games.

“Masters of Magic” were in charge of the Inalpi Arena and what they brought to the stage had more than a touch of magic. Big names such as Carolina Kostner and Giorgio Chiellini, Giovanni Allevi and Tony Frebourg were also present, and the speeches by OC President Alessandro Ciro Sciretti and FISU President Leonz Eder touched the hearts of the 10,000 or so attendees.

The FISU Games have a unique strength that comes from all the activities of the student-athletes who take part in them. The 2025 FISU Games will also benefit from the enthusiasm and affinity for sport that characterise Torino. The capital of Piemonte, the “Land of Sports”, regularly hosts major sporting events, the population is interested and the opportunities for physical activity are abundant.

These days Torino is dressed in fuchsia, purple and azure. The figure skating competitions begin with the first training sessions at Palavela, the ice hockey tournament continues at PalaTazzoli and the first curling medals are awarded. However, it is not in the capital, but in Pragelato Ruà that the first winners will be crowned. Gold, silver and bronze will also be up for grabs in freestyle skiing and snowboarding in Bardonecchia.

Four medal events will kick off ten days of competition, with a total of 90 medal sets to be awarded. From Turin to Sestriere, from Bardonecchia to Torre Pellice, the support of sports enthusiasts is guaranteed for the student-athletes in a Land of Sports.

Let the FISU Games begin!



MAKING OF THE GAMES

BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE GAMES

AN OPENING CEREMONY THAT WILL BE REMEMBERED

It was a night that will forever be remembered by all who experienced it: The **Torino 2025 FISU World University Games Winter** have now been officially opened. In the almost sold-out Inalpi Arena in Torino, representatives from 54 countries paraded during the Parade of the Delegations, and then writer and screenwriter Walter Rolfo hosted the evening.

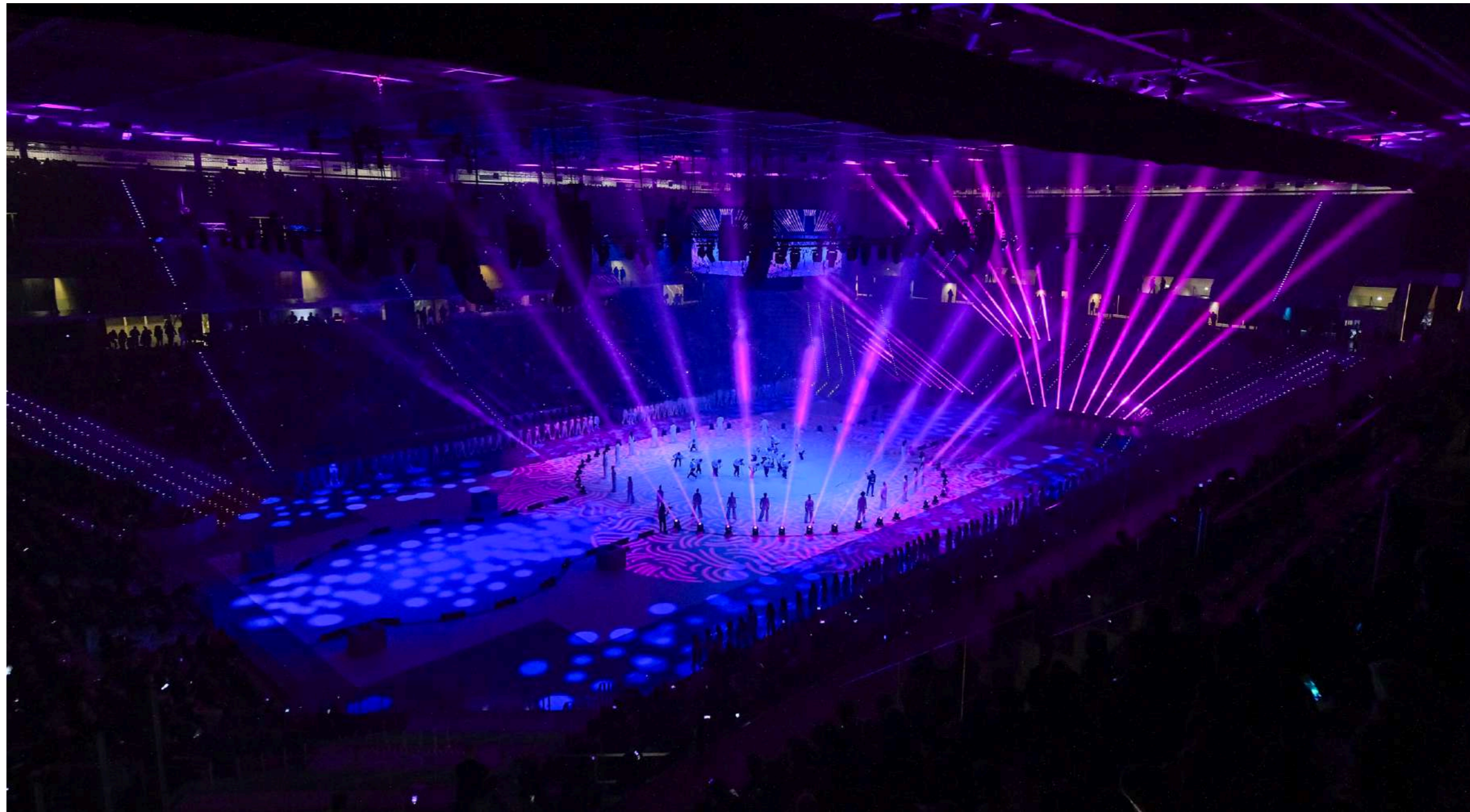
This offered one highlight after another.

The Italian flag was brought into the arena by figure skating queen **Carolina Kostner**, the national anthem was sung by 300 choir members and 48 children, then the president of the organizing committee **Alessandro Ciro Sciretti** emphasized the slogan of the Torino 2025 FISU Games “Land of Sports,” followed by FISU president **Leonz Eder**, who highlighted the great tradition of Italian organizers of FISU events.

At 20:43 CET, **Andrea Abodi**, the Italian Minister for Sport and Youth declared the Games open.

The oath of the student-athletes followed, spoken by **Giulia Giardini Lacedelli**, and the International Technical Official. It became mysterious with the performance of “Nightmare” by Magus Utopia – these were magical moments, followed by the music performance of Alessandro Maida. And then everything was ready for one of the highlights of the evening.

Giovanni Allevi is indeed one of the greatest in the already excellent Italian music scene. The composer, pianist, and writer showcased “Our Future” on the piano, before



presenting and performing “Tomorrow.” With Cirque du Soleil artist **Tony Frebourg**, it continued with gospel singers taking the stage, followed by 200 dancers with the music group “Smoke.”

Then came the appearance of the Italian football icon Giorgio Chiellini first – and then the torch, whose journey through the world and through Italy came to an end that evening, It was carried through the arena by Carolina Kostner, Carlotta Gilli, and Stefania Belmondo. Together, they handed the LED Flame of Knowledge to Chiellini.

A drone then flew the flame to Piazza Castello, where the Cauldron was lit.

The Torino 2025 FISU Games have indeed begun.



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SPORT INDOOR REVIEW JANUARY 13th



CURLING

MON 13 JAN - RESULTS

Mixed Doubles Round Robin Session 6 10:00

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W	USA	10-5	NOR	L

Mixed Doubles Round Robin Session 7 14:00

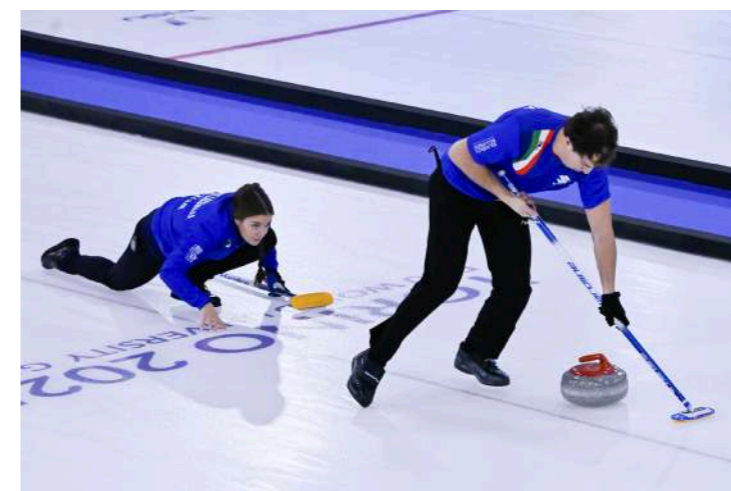
W	GBR	7-5	NOR	L
W	CAN	9-4	GER	L
W	JPN	7-3	USA	L
W	ITA	8-5	SUI	L



CURLING: SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Yesterday, January 13th, the **curling mixed doubles round robin sessions came to an end**, a series of seven sessions leading up to the proclamation of the first four semi-finals of the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games: **Canada, Germany, Italy and United Kingdom**. The student athletes of the four semi-finalists will compete for podium in a set of four competitions, today at Torino Palatazzoli: Canada-Germany at 9 am, United Kingdom-Italy at 1pm, the bronze final at 5pm and the gold final at 8 pm. At the end of the two finals the athletes of the three win-

ning countries are going to be awarded the medals to celebrate their extraordinary talent and dedication. It's going to be a terribly busy day for all the student athletes who are going to face a serious challenge in their sporting careers, they'll need to keep their head in the game and remember all the effort it took for them to arrive where they are right now. Sport is all about balance after all. Support them by following the **live stream on fisu.tv**, where all the competitions will be accessible.



ITALIAN PAIR QUALIFY FOR CURLING SEMI-FINALS

By Virginia Platini

The stone flies across the ice as all the players hold their breath to watch its trajectory - then the PalaTazoli fills with applause and Francesco De Zanna turns to face the crowd as rows of schoolchildren scream with delight.

He has just hit two stones that the opposing Swiss team had precisely placed on the button of the court, removing them and earning him and his girlfriend Giulia Zardini Lacedelli a place in the mixed doubles semi-final to be played on Tuesday afternoon.

The couple have been playing together for five years and dating for even longer, enough time to find “the right balance”, says Zardini Lacedelli, to cope with being partners both on and off the court. Francesco - who has also been selected as the flag bearer for the Italian team - and Giulia both hail from Cortina d’Ampezzo, the first town in Italy to have a curling team, and are enrolled in online universities.

To secure a place in the final, Italy will have to beat Great Britain in a match that De Zanna admits will be “difficult”. The two teams met during the round robin qualifiers, and the Italian admits that “it wasn’t our best match, as the scoreboard clearly shows”. Zardini Lacedelli agrees that “they are a very good team”, but “so are we”.

The other semi-final will be between Canada, who qualified with ease after winning six of their seven matches, and Germany, the only team to have beaten Great Britain.

The 2025 Torino FISU Games Winter will be the first to feature mixed double curling since the game’s inception in 2003: the pairs that make it to the podium will be the first in the history of the competition, making victory all the more exciting.



TUE 14 JAN - CURLING APPOINTMENTS

Mixed Doubles Semi-final 1 09:00

09:00
 CAN Canada

Mixed Doubles Semi-final 2 v 3
 Germany GER

Mixed Doubles Semi-final 2 13:00

13:00
 GBR United Kingdom

Mixed Doubles Semi-final 1 v 4
 Italy ITA

Mixed Doubles Bronze Medal Game 17:00

17:00
 TBD

Mixed Doubles Bronze Medal Game
 TBD

Mixed Doubles Gold Medal Game 20:00

20:00
 TBD

Mixed Doubles Gold Medal Game
 TBD

ANOTHER CANADIAN DEMONSTRATION OF POWER

By Mattia Giopp, Cecilia Perino

The four-time women's ice hockey champions achieved a new success. The Canadian team, captained by 23-year-old Scout Watkins Southward, has beaten the United Kingdom today with a score of 14-0. The result on the third day of competitions is reminiscent of last Saturday's victories, when Canada beat China and Korea, 16-0 and 11-0, respectively. Czechia was the only one, so far, to put the Canadians in trouble by winning yesterday's match 2-1.

At 13:00 p.m. the field was set, the fans were seated and the players were ready to face off. Canada started the game strong: Southward scored the first goal two minutes into the match, being quickly emulated by her teammate Emilie Lussier, who took the game to 0-2. At the end of the first period the Canadian team was leading 0-4, and the game was all but balanced.

The second period started with the attempt of the United Kingdom to get back in the game, but the girls of coach Kelly Paton were nearly perfect on the ice. The Canadians ended the second period consolidating their lead with four more goals, setting the score

to 0-8. The final period had no surprises: the UK team appeared powerless against the Canadian girls, who scored six more goals, ending the game with an impressive 0-16. Emilie Lussier was the top scorer of her team today, with three goals.

Canada's captain Scout Watkins Southward commented on the game using these words:

"Today was such a great, great game. We came here ready to perform, and like us all the other countries. This is a really exciting opportunity for myself and all the girls here, it's really cool to be out there having the opportunity to showcase our skills. It's quite an humbling experience to look up and see the stands full, all while being able to compete for your country and meeting all these international players. It's a pretty moving thing, and I get goosebumps talking about it. We look forward to playing against the USA because, you know, no matter the level, when Canada and the Us face off it's always a bit of a rivalry".



HOCKEY NEVER STOPS!

Hockey never stops, another day of qualification rounds: women's Slovakia - Chinese Taipei and United Kingdom - Canada, ending respectively 6 - 2 and 0 - 14. An impressive result for both Slovakia and Canada. Enjoy today's best shots from these thrilling matches.



SPORT OUTDOOR

REVIEW

JANUARY 13th



SNOWBOARD: SEMI-FINALIST ANNOUNCED

Selette Pista 25, 13 January - The snowboard competitions of the 32nd FISU World University Games Winter opened today, Monday, 13 January with clear blue skies, sunshine and temperatures of 0 degrees at the time of competition. Today began with the Round Robin individual races for snowboard cross. 19-year-old **Vojtech Trojan** from Czech Republic who studies at the University of Amsterdam said, "I think the slopes are very nice, the sun was shining,

but the snow was not melting, so the track remained very sturdy throughout all the competition, which allowed for nice racing. So that was good. I came 14th overall and do not qualify for tomorrow's final but I am happy to have competed today."

PREVIEW: Tomorrow sees the final of snowboard cross for both men and women which commences at 14.30.



TUE 14 JAN - SNOWBOARD w/m SEMINIFNALIST

Semifinal 1					Semifinal 2				
Start position	No	Color	Country	Name	Start position	No	Color	Country	Name
1	1	Red	FRA	Margaux HERPIN	1	2	Red	FRA	Camille POULAT
2	4	Green	ITA	Marika SAVOLDELLI	2	3	Green	FRA	Zoé COLOMBIER
3	5	Blue	ITA	Sofia GROBLECHNER	3	6	Blue	SVK	Katarina PITONAKOVA
4	8	Yellow	JPN	Remi YOSHIDA	4	7	Yellow	AUS	Lara WALSH

TORINO

DAY'S PROGRAM

DAY 1

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR TODAY!

The arrival of the Flame of Knowledge at the Inalpi Arena, which reached full capacity for the Opening Ceremony yesterday, marked the beginning of Torino 2025 FISU Games.

The Inalpi Arena was the perfect scenario for a gathering of student-athletes and sporting fans from all around the world. But after a great celebration our athletes must resume their everyday activities and competitions. Another day full of events has begun and our venues are all set to host our daily programme!

In Pragelato, men's and women's biathlon will be held

from 10 am. The temperature rises in Bardonecchia for the freestyle & freeski men's and women's moguls finals, but also for the snowboard men's and women's cross finals. Women's and Men's ice hockey will play a major part in today's programme with several matches held in three different venues: Torre Pellice, Pinerolo and Torino Palatazzoli. It's a big day for curling with the mixed doubles award ceremonies at Torino Palatazzoli.

This second day of the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games will surely be full of surprises, be sure you don't miss all the details on the following programme.

DAILY Programme

World Conference Opening

09:00 - 10:00
Centro congressi Lingotto

FISU TV

Curling

MD Semi Finals 1
09:00 Torino Palatazzoli

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Biathlon M

Short Individual 15km
10:00 Pragelato Rua

Alpine Skiing

Official Free Skiing on Super-G
Course M/W
10:00 - 12:00 Bardonecchia

FISU TV

Freestyle & Freeski M/W

Moguls Qualification
11:00 - 13:00 Bardonecchia

FISU TV

Biathlon W

Short Individual 12.5km
13:00 Pragelato Rua

FISU TV

Curling

MD Semi Finals 2
13:00 Palatazzoli

Snowboard M/W

Cross Finals
14:30 - 15:00 Bardonecchia

FISU TV

Freestyle & Freeski

Moguls Finals
14:30 - 15:30 Bardonecchia

FISU TV

Curling

MD Bronze
17:00 Torino Palatazzoli

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Ice Hockey M

CZE - SWE (9)
20:00 Pinerolo

FISU TV

Ice Hockey M

UKR - POL (10)
20:00 Torre Pellice

FISU TV

Ice Hockey W

USA - JPN (8)
20:00 Torino Palatazzoli

FISU TV

Curling

MD Golds
20:00 Torino Palatazzoli

Ice Hockey M
CAZ - KOR (7)
16:30 Pinerolo

Ice Hockey M
USA - JPN (8)
16:30 Torre Pellice

Ice Hockey W
CZE - KAZ (7)
16:30 Torino Palatazzoli

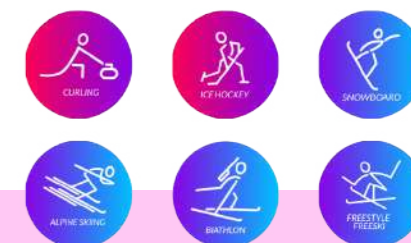
Opening of Poster Session

17:00 - 17:30
Biblioteca Unito



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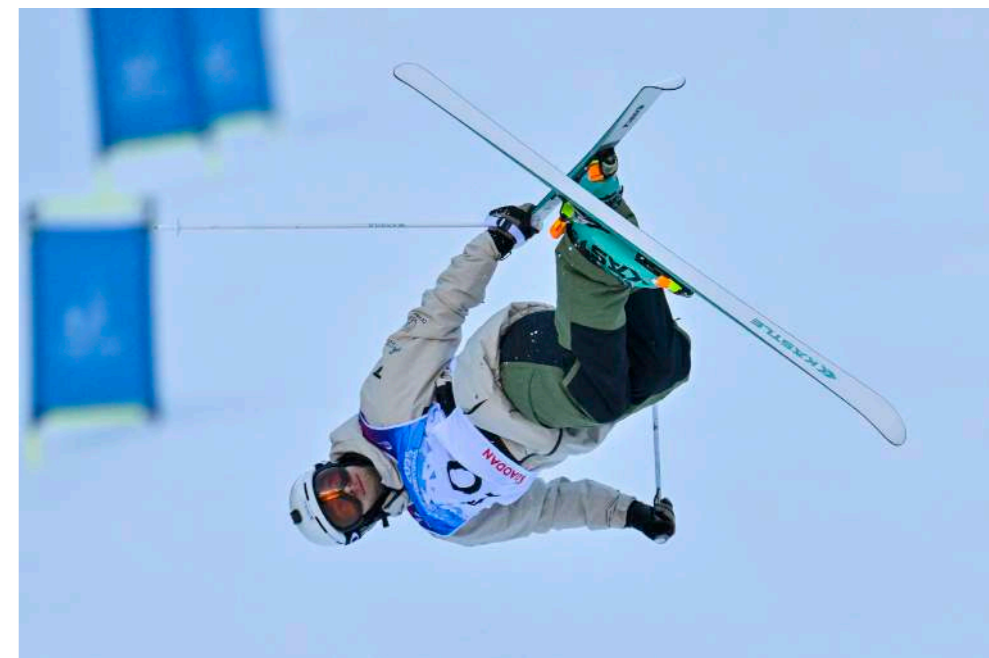


SCAN FOR RESULTS



MUST-SEE

Be sure you don't miss the **biathlon** and **freestyle & freeski** competitions finals which will take place today. **Men's biathlon short individual 15 km** at 10 am in **Pragelato Rua** and **women's biathlon short individual 12.5 km** will take place at 1 pm both ending with an award ceremony. On the other hand, **women's and men's freestyle & freeski moguls** competitions will be held in **Bardonecchia** and they will consist of a qualification round from 11 am to 1 pm followed by a **final round from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**, at the end of which the winners will receive their medals.



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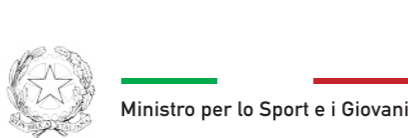


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