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U SPORTS announces 10 national championship hosts in rugby, soccer and volleyball over next two seasons

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TORONTO (U SPORTS) – Ten U SPORTS national championship hosts were revealed on Tuesday in women's rugby, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's volleyball for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

The national championships awarded are as follows:

U SPORTS National Championship	2019-20 Season	2020-21 Season
Women's Rugby	University of Ottawa	Queen's University
Women's Soccer	University Victoria	Cape Breton University
Men's Soccer	Université de Montreal	Carleton University
Women's Volleyball	University of Calgary	University of British Columbia
Men's Volleyball	University of Manitoba	Brandon University

"Several high-quality bids were presented for these championships, which speaks to the terrific work our members are doing to enhance our national events," said U SPORTS President and CEO **Graham Brown**. "Since refining the bid process, the national office continues to receive increasing interest from both institutions and their surrounding communities with a commitment to elevated standards. We congratulate all 10 winning hosts coast-to-coast from Victoria to Cape Breton, and look forward to working with them to stage first-class tournaments for our student-athletes and fans."

Following, Tuesday's announcements, 12 national championship events in the 2019-20 season have been awarded across all four conferences and seven provinces, reaffirming U SPORTS as the national brand of university sports in Canada.

The 2019 U SPORTS Winter Championship season begins Feb.21-23 with swimming hosted by UBC and wrestling hosted by the University of Calgary. The full three-year championship calendar is available <u>here</u>.

U SPORTS Women's Rugby Championship

2019 Host: Ottawa Gee-Gees

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Venue: Gee-Gees Field Years previously hosted (1): 2001 Championships (1): 2017

2020 Host: Queen's Gaels Venue: Nixon Field Years previously hosted (1): 2015 Championships: None

U SPORTS Women's Soccer Championship

2019 Host: Victoria Vikes Venue: Centennial Stadium Years previously hosted (3): 1998, 2006, 2012 Championships (1): 2005

2020 Host: Cape Breton Capers Venue: Cape Breton Health Recreation Complex Years previously hosted / championships (1): 2007

U SPORTS Men's Soccer Championship

2019 Host: Montreal Carabins Venue: CEPSUM Years previously hosted (2): 2003, 2004 (co-host) Championships (1): 2018

2020 Host: Carleton Ravens Venue: MNP Park Year previously hosted (3): 1984, 2002, 2008 Championships: None

U SPORTS Women's Volleyball Championship

2020 Host: Calgary Dinos Venue: Jack Simpson Gymnasium Years previously hosted (4): 1971, 1991, 2006, 2007 Championships (4): 1970, 1989, 1994, 2004

2021 Host: UBC Thunderbirds

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Venue: War Memorial Gym Years previously hosted (2): 1974, 1983 Championships (11): 1973, 1974, 1977, 1978, 2008-13, 2017

U SPORTS Men's Volleyball Championship

2020 Host: Manitoba Bisons Venue: Investors Group Athletic Centre Years previously hosted (1): 1976 (co-host) Championships (10): 1978, 1980, 1984, 1985, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2003

2021 Host: Brandon Bobcats Venue: Richardson Gymnasium Years previously hosted / championships: None

