

Hello,

This past Saturday at the RSEQ championships 120 athletes and coaches from Quebec universities wore green circles (cercles verts) on their singlets in support of climate justice (see here: facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.533666925436004&type=3). To continue this momentum we challenge you, U SPORTS cross country athletes, to wear green circles at the upcoming championships in Halifax and demonstrate YOUR support for climate justice.

The impacts of the climate crisis are felt not only in our daily lives, but also in sports. Here in Canada, forest fires, extreme heat, and flooding have impacted the ability of athletes to train. This past September, Hurricane Fiona caused millions of dollars in damages in Halifax, where the U SPORTS championships will be held on November 12.

A key driver of the climate crisis is that many people holding positions of power, including university administrators, are not elected democratically –they are backed by the money of big banks and fossil fuel companies. This problem can only be fixed with teamwork, which is why we are challenging ALL athletes to wear green circles on their singlets during the U SPORTS races on November 12.

Come down to the hotel lobby on November 11 with your teammates to collect a green circle and a pin. You can also sign your name on a big poster board to help create a visual display of support. There will be an option to exchange contact info at this time, because for this teamwork to be lasting and effective we will need to stay in touch and share ideas.

If we reach 100 signatures, we (Evan Ubene and Jonathan Tedeschi) will be donating \$100 to Ecology Action Centre Nova Scotia, which is a member-based environmental charity that has taken leadership on numerous environmental issues.

Looking forward to seeing your support! 🤝

