

FACT SHEET COWICHAN 2018 BC SUMMER GAMES

The BC Summer Games provides a competitive multi-sport environment that supports the development of athletes, coaches, and officials as they move on to higher levels of competition. The BC Games contribute to the development of sport and communities through infrastructure updates and improvements, volunteer engagement and skill enhancement, and large-event hosting experience.

Cowichan 2018 BC Summer Games

- July 19-22, 2018
- 31th BC Summer Games
- 40th Anniversary of the BC Games (first BC Summer Games held in 1978)

Participants

- 3101 participants (2385 athletes, 452 coaches and 264 officials).

Sports

- 18 sports – athletics, baseball, basketball 5on5, basketball 3x3, canoe/kayak, equestrian, golf, lacrosse-box, lacrosse-field, rowing, rugby, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, synchronized swimming, towed water sports, triathlon, volleyball-beach, volleyball-indoor, wrestling
- Sports for athletes with a disability include athletics, equestrian and swimming

Volunteers

- Selected by the Cowichan Valley Regional District, President, Jennifer Woike, and Vice President, Mona Kaiser, lead the Board of Directors for the 2018 BC Summer Games
- Sixteen Directors working in 14 Directorate areas coordinate approximately 125 volunteer Chairs, each of whom has a committee of volunteers responsible for different aspects of the Games planning and operation.
- Over 2,300 volunteers are involved in planning and staging the Games.

Major Games Events

- Welcoming Banquet – Thursday, July 19
- Opening Ceremony – Thursday, July 19
- Provincial Government Reception – Thursday, July 19
- Civic Luncheon – Friday, July 20
- Competitions – Friday, July 20 until noon Sunday, July 22
- Participant Special Events – Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21
- Closing Ceremony – Sunday, July 22

Funding

- Base funding of \$625,000 is provided by the Province of BC through the BC Games Society.
- The Cowichan Valley Regional District has, through the bid process, committed \$45,000 cash and \$50,000 in-kind services.
- School District #79 has committed to provide the use of school facilities for accommodation and competition and school buses at no charge.
- Corporate and Funding Partners provide cash and in-kind services.
- Friends of the Games (local business and industry) contribute cash and in-kind services/goods.

Funding Partners

- Province of BC, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- School District #79

Corporate Partners

- Through ongoing agreements with the BC Games Society, the following businesses are Corporate Partners for the 2018 BC Summer Games
 - Jazz Aviation, Global BC, Black Press, Coast Capital Savings and BC Ferries

Community Legacy from the BC Games

- Community celebration and pride
- Skilled and experienced community volunteers
- Facility upgrades and investment in sport and community programs
- Trained and enhanced skill development of community volunteers
- Economic impact to the community
 - \$2 million (study from Nanaimo 2014 BC Summer Games)

Sport Development Legacies

- BC Games is the stepping-stone to national and international competition and to the Canada Games and Olympic Games for many athletes, coaches, and officials.
 - This includes Olympians Brent Hayden (Swimming), Carol Huynh (Wrestling), Georgia Simmerling (ski cross and cycling), and Paralympians Bo Hedges (Wheelchair Basketball), and Michelle Stillwell (Wheelchair Athletics).

Interesting Tidbits

- 2018 is the 40th anniversary of the BC Games, the first BC Summer Games were held in 1978 in Penticton.
- Volunteers will prepare and serve over 32,000 meals in four days.
- Over 2,100 medals will be awarded at 290 medal presentation ceremonies.
- During the Games weekend, the transportation system required to move participants around the community ranks as the fourth largest transportation system in the province. (statistic from Surrey 2012 BC Summer Games).
- Over 3,200 foam mattresses are part of the Games inventory and will be used as beds for participants.
- Duncan and North Cowichan previously hosted the 1991 BC Winter Games and the region has also hosted the BC Seniors Games and North American Indigenous Games.