



Kamloops 2018 BC Winter Games

The BC Winter 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.

Participants

- There will be 1226 athletes 341 coaches and 198 officials attending the Games.
- Participants compete for one of eight geographic zones.
- 18 sports are included in the BC Winter Games and competition will be held at venues in Kamloops and the surrounding area.
- The age range is specific to each sport. The youngest athletes are eight years old (Rhythmic Gymnastics) and oldest (able bodied athletes) are 17 years old (Netball).
- Athletes with a disability will compete in Basketball - Wheelchair, Basketball - Special Olympics, Figure Skating (Special Olympics), and Skiing - Cross Country (Para)
- Para athletes and Special Olympians range in age from 14-45 years.
- One coach with each zone team is fully certified at NCCP Level 2 (or equivalent) to coach in the sport they are coaching at the Games.

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- February 22 – 25, 2018
- 29th BC Winter Games

Major Games Events

- Opening Ceremony – Thursday, February 22 7:00pm
- Competitions – Friday, February 23 – noon Sunday, February 25
- Closing Ceremony – Sunday, February 25 1:30pm

Volunteers

- President, Niki Remesz, and Vice President, Maureen McCurdy, will lead a team of 14 Directors.
- Directors will recruit and coordinate 100 volunteer Chairs, each of whom have a committee of volunteers responsible for different aspects of the Games planning and operations.
- Approximately 1,600 volunteers will be involved.

Funding

- Base funding of \$550,000 is provided by the Province of BC through the BC Games Society
- The BC Games Society Powering Potential Fund contributed an additional \$40,000 to sport infrastructure / equipment based on the region's requirements and the needs of the BC Winter Games
- The City of Kamloops provides \$45,000 cash and \$50,000 in-kind services to the Games
- School District #73 provides classrooms as dorms and facilities for sports and other events
- Corporate Partners provide cash and in-kind services
- Friends of the Games (local business and industry) contribute cash and in-kind services/goods

Corporate and Funding Partners

- Jazz Aviation, Global BC, Coast Capital Savings, Black Press, Ford
- Province of BC, City of Kamloops, School District #73

Legacy of the BC Games

- A community celebration and pride
- Trained and enhanced skill development of community volunteers
- Facility upgrades and investment in sport and community programs
- Approximately \$1.6 million economic impact to the host community (study conducted at the Mission 2014 BC Winter Games)

Alumni

- Development platform for BC athletes, coaches and officials towards national and international competition
- BC Games alumni are successful on the national and international stage.
 - 16 BC Games alumni are representing Canada at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games including:
 - Josie Morrison (Kamloops) – speed skating,
 - Kelsey Serwa (Kelowna) – ski cross
 - Justin Kripps (Summerland) – bobsleigh
 - Teal Harle (Campbell River) – freestyle ski
 - 57% of the Team BC athletes who competed at the 2015 Canada Winter Games were BC Games alumni.

Interesting Tidbits

- Volunteers will prepare over 25,000 meals in four days
- Over 1300 medals will be awarded
- 3500 foam mattresses will be used as beds for the participants
- This is the third time Kamloops has hosted the BC Games. The city was the host of the inaugural BC Winter Games in 1979, as well as the 2006 BC Summer Games.
- 2018 marks the 40th anniversary of the BC Games