

2026 BC Winter and BC Summer Games Core Sport Application for New Sports



The BC Games Society supports the Canadian Sport for Life framework. The BC Games competition has been identified by the provincial sport sector as the entry point into the performance (or excellence) stream and as such, athletes at the BC Games should be in the higher end of the Learn to Train or lower end of the Train to Train stage for each sport in the Games.

Organizations being considered for inclusion in the 2026 BC Games (those sports in the 2024 BC Games and those applying for inclusion) will be evaluated against the criteria, as well as in comparison to all other sports seeking inclusion in the 2026 Games.

Sports included in the BC Winter or BC Summer Games are evaluated after every Games prior to their status for the next BC Games being determined. Sports will be compared against other sports included in the Games, as well as to new sports applying for inclusion. Part of the evaluation of returning sports will be the assessment of the correlation between the sport's LTD and the BC Games. For example, if the BC Games are in the stage prior to athletes going to the Canada Games, the assessment will include reviewing the percentage of athletes at the previous Canada Summer Games (or Canada Games) that are BC Games alumni.

It is not the intention of the Core Sport application process to either expand or reduce the number of sports or participants in the BC Games. The number of sports and the number of athletes allocated to each sport in the BC Games are subject to the resources available to the BC Games Society and the capacity of the hosting communities. The intention of this Core Sport application process is to allow sports not included in the Games the opportunity to demonstrate that they are one of the sports that best meet the criteria for inclusion in the Games.

Organizations that best meet the criteria for Core Sport status will be given preference for inclusion in the BC Winter or BC Summer Games.

Application Process

BC Games staff will arrange to meet with each applicant to discuss their submission. The Sport Package for the 2026 BC Winter Games will be announced in summer 2024 and for the 2026 BC Summer Games in early 2025. Refer to the Core Sport Timeline for details.

Applications from new sports are due by **February 19, 2024**. Please submit your application to coresport@bcgames.org.

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This application is for inclusion in the:

BC Summer Games

BC Winter Games

Sport		Organization Name	
Contact Name		Position	
Mailing Address		City	Postal Code
Phone	Email		

By completing this application, your sport agrees to:

- Have your New Sport application reviewed by the BC Games Society Sport Committee and screened against inclusion criteria in the BC Games. Subsequent meetings between the Sport Committee and New Sport may be called.
- Participate in a supplementary meeting with BC Games staff and to bring all appointed key Games volunteers (including Provincial Advisor and Zone Representatives) to this meeting prior to participation in the first Games.
- Maintain open communication with the BC Games Society.
- Promote your inclusion in the Games through your website, social media, and other sources.
- Sign a memorandum of understanding with the BC Games. The memorandum will outline the parameters of the sport's inclusion in the Games as well as the obligations of the BC Games Society and the sport organization and its representatives.

In reference to the enclosed BC Games Core Sport Policy and the information contained in this document, please provide all requested information.

General Information

- Attach a copy of a recent Certificate of Good Standing from the Society Act that is not dated more than eight months prior to this application.
- Provide documentation that the organization has accident and liability insurance coverage of a minimum of five million dollars (\$5 million) in place for its members.
- Provide a list of your organization's Board members, as well as someone who will serve as your BC Games contact.
- Provide a list of volunteers around the province (at least one in each of the eight BC Games zones) who could potentially serve as volunteers to manage Games responsibilities.
- Provide current membership lists on a zone-by-zone basis (according to the BC Games zones) that identify:
 - members who are currently in the age range being proposed in this application
AND
 - members who will be in the age range being proposed in this application in 2026.
- Provide a copy of your sport's current provincial LTD (Long-Term Development) or Canadian Sport for Life (CSL) framework (or where neither of these are complete, the organization's athlete, coaches, and officials' development models), clearly indicating where BC Games fit, keeping in mind that the BC Games are identified to be in the sport's upper end of the Learn to Train stage or lower end of the Train to Train stage.
- Provide a list of competitions across the range of your CSL for athlete, coaches, and officials by completing the CSL form found at the end of this application.

Events and Categories

- Provide a list of events being proposed for inclusion in the Games.
Each event for each sport will be considered independently for inclusion in the BC Summer or BC Winter Games.
- Provide details such as the age range/level, whether all athletes compete in each event (if not, which athletes will and which will not compete in each event), and how much time is needed to run the events (provide a sample 2½ day sport schedule), etc.

Venues, Equipment, and Rules

Provide the following information about your sport.

- Information about the availability of venues for your sport throughout the province, with specific reference to the communities that will host the 2026 Games (BC Winter Games in Trail-Rossland in 2026 and BC Summer Games in Kelowna in 2028).
- Detailed minimum venue requirements (referring to the enclosed sample).
- Information about the equipment and availability of the equipment needed for your sport across the province. In addition, complete the standard equipment form found at the end of this application.
- A sample venue layout for your proposed competition.
- A link to, or copy of, the rules that govern competition for your sport and any modifications for Games competition that are being proposed.
- A sample sport schedule for the proposed events included in this application (for a 2½ day timeframe with afternoon practice on Thursday, competition on Friday, Saturday, and only until noon on Sunday). Sports in the Games must utilize the Games to the full capacity and provide competition or development opportunities on all four days of the Games (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). If it is not possible or feasible to have competition on all three days, indicate what will be done on third day (training, workshop, etc.).
- Provide an overview of how the sample schedule provided helps to ensure that there are meaningful competition opportunities for all athletes and zones.

Participant Information

Provide detailed technical information about your sport, including the following and other additional pertinent information:

- Age range of athletes to compete at the BC Games.
- The proposed number of athletes per zone, by gender.
- The proposed number of head coaches and assistant coaches required to lead the athlete contingent.
- The proposed number of officials required for a viable competition, based on the age range and level of competition.
- The proposed ratio of male to female coaches and officials and how this compares to the overall gender split in your sport/membership.
- Athlete eligibility (any restrictions put on your athletes participating at the Games, ensuring that your best athletes participate in only one Games).

Athletes with a Disability

If you are proposing the inclusion of athletes with a disability in your competition, please also provide the following, where information differs from competition for able-bodied athletes:

- Age range of athletes.
- The proposed number of athletes.
- The proposed events/categories.
- Venue details, including any modifications or additional venues needed for competition for athletes with a disability.
- Equipment details including any modifications or additional equipment needed.
- A copy of the rules for competition for athletes with a disability.

Note that final participant numbers are dependent on the capacity of the BC Games and the host communities selected for the Games.

Coaching Development

Provide detailed coaching information that includes:

- A list of coaches on a zone-by-zone basis, according to the BC Games zones, that includes their NCCP qualifications (i.e. a copy of your sport's most recent CAC report). Note that head coaches must be Competition Introduction certified, assistant coaches must be Competition Introduction trained, and adult supervisors must complete Safe Sport Training. In addition to the list of coaches, provide an overview of how these certification levels could be achieved and how you could overcome any challenges that arise.
- An indication of how far in advance BC Games coaches will be named (sports are encouraged to name all zone coaches as early as possible to facilitate athlete and coach development). How they will be named and what kind of services/support they will be provided by your organization.
- Information about the coach training and certification available for your sport (i.e. NCCP or other certification levels available).
- Information about how the BC Games will be used as an opportunity to train, upgrade, and/or mentor coaches and outline challenges that you are already facing in developing coaches in your sport.
- Information about the gender breakdown of coaches in your sport and how you will strive to meet the preferred proportional representation of male and female coaches to the number of male and female athletes participating in the BC Games. Sports in the Games are asked to demonstrate their commitment to gender equity in the selection of coaches for the Games, specifically in the selection of head coaches and assistant coaches.

Officials Development

Provide detailed officiating information that includes:

- Information about how the BC Games will be used as an opportunity to train, upgrade, and/or mentor officials and outline challenges that you are already facing in developing officials in your sport.
- Information showing how the officials participating in the BC Games are of the level and/or having the training that is appropriate to the level and caliber of athletes/competition.
- Information about the gender breakdown of officials in your sport and how you will strive to meet the preferred proportional representation of male and female officials to the number of male and female athletes participating in the BC Games.

Volunteer Development

Provide detailed officiating information that includes:

- Information about how the BC Games will be used as an opportunity to train, upgrade, and/or mentor volunteers and build capacity in the sport through the selection of Zone Representatives, and/or Sport Chair, and/or Provincial Advisor. Details about the roles of these Games volunteers is attached.

Sample Minimum Facility Requirements

Minimum Facility Requirements to include facility details only, not sport competition equipment and other equipment/infrastructure. All Games sport venues will have some access to showers and/or change area, washrooms, spectator seating, and PA system.

Artistic Swimming	Indoor 25-meter public swimming pool that can be shared with one other aquatic sport. The pool must have at least 6 lanes and have at least 8 meters in length where the depth is 3.5 – 5 meters. Facility to include at an Officials room that can accommodate 12 – 15 people.
Volleyball	Beach: Beach or sand area for four (4) 18m x 9 m courts with a 3m free zone between courts and any obstruction. Indoor: Gymnasium, four (4) 18m x 9m courts with a three-metre free zone between the courts and any obstruction (wall or other court etc.). Ceiling height a minimum of six metres.
Karate	Gymnasium or other open area capable of holding three (3) 8m x 8m Karate mats, with a 1-metre safety zone around each mat with additional space for officials scoring tables.
Alpine Skiing	Ski hill, with a minimum of 200 meters and a maximum of 300 meters for GS events and minimum 120 meters and a maximum 140 meters for Slalom events. Lodge facility. T-bar or chair lift. Grooming equipment.

