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Introduction

The BC Winter and BC Summer Games are British Columbia's premier youth multi-sport events. Held biennially, the Games bring communities together, create lasting legacies, and provide exceptional experiences in sport for the province's best developing athletes, coaches, and officials.

The BC Games Society is seeking communities interested in hosting the 2030 and 2032 Games. The following Games are available for bidding:

- 2030 BC Winter Games – Wednesday, February 27 to Sunday, March 3, 2030
- 2030 BC Summer Games – Wednesday, July 17 to Sunday, July 21, 2030
- 2032 BC Winter Games – Wednesday, February 25 to Sunday, February 29, 2032
- 2032 BC Summer Games – Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, July 18, 2032

The Bid and Games Structure at a Glance

The BC Games Society (the Society) is the parent organization and franchise rights holder responsible for awarding the BC Winter and BC Summer Games. Funded from the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, the Society collaborates with communities throughout the bid and hosting process. A bid is led by a municipal parks and recreation department or sport council, with key local partners such as school districts, Indigenous communities, regional districts, regional sport centres, or other local organizations coming together to form a community bid committee.

Communities are encouraged to choose a Games season, Winter or Summer, and bid for both available years—2030 and 2032—while indicating a preferred year if desired. A bid community may choose to pursue both a BC Winter and BC Summer Games bid in parallel. However, this would require separate bid submissions given the unique requirements of the BC Winter and BC Summer Games. Once a Games is awarded, the BC Games Society works with the community to form a host society or local organizing committee to deliver the selected Games. The BC Games Society then provides grant funding and comprehensive planning resources to support a successful hosting experience.

Commitment to Hosting

A bid to host the BC Winter or BC Summer Games is an opportunity for a community to assess its readiness, capacity, and shared commitment to delivering a major youth multi-sport event. The process encourages communities to assess their facilities, services, volunteer base, and ability to provide a welcoming and well-organized Games experience.

A successful bid depends on strong collaboration among key local community partners. Municipalities, school districts, Indigenous communities, regional districts, local sport organizations, facility operators, tourism partners, and other local community partners must work together to define their roles, confirm their support, and build a practical foundation for hosting.

Submitting a bid also means recognizing the commitment required. Community-wide facilities will be occupied and adapted for Games use, local services and resources will be coordinated, and volunteer leaders will be called upon to contribute significant planning time, expertise, and perseverance.

The rewards can be substantial and long lasting. Hosting can generate social and economic benefits, strengthen community partnerships and leadership, improve local sport capacity, and create facility and equipment legacies. At the centre of these returns is the opportunity to provide young athletes, coaches, and officials with an exceptional multi-sport Games experience, while building pride and connection across the host community.

Phased Approach to Bidding

The BC Games Society uses a two-phase bid process. This phased approach makes bidding more streamlined while encouraging early collaboration.

1. **Phase One: Declaration to Bid** confirms the community's intent to host and demonstrates support from the key local partners needed to deliver a BC Games. Shortlisted communities are invited to Phase Two.
2. **Phase Two: Application to Host** provides a more detailed technical assessment of hosting capacity, including sport facilities, utilizing schools for accommodation and competitions, including broader community support and volunteerism.

Selection Process and Criteria

The BC Games Society Bid Selection Committee will review eligible submissions through the two-phase bid process. Communities that demonstrate local partner commitment and meet all expectations of Phase One will be informed of advancement into Phase Two. At that time, the Society may facilitate a meeting with respective bid committees to review and clarify expectations of Phase Two submissions. The Selection Committee will consider each submission as a whole and may seek clarification by requesting additional information or may coordinate a community visit, if necessary, before making recommendations to the BC Games Society Board. Unsuccessful communities will be informed and given an opportunity for feedback if they wish.

Phase One and Phase Two submissions will be evaluated based on the follow categories:

a. **Alignment with BC Games Society expectations** – Demonstrates an understanding of the BC Games hosting model, meets the bid requirements, and shows a commitment to working within the Society's policies, timelines, and planning framework.
b. **Community partnership and leadership commitment** – Shows a clear desire to host, including strong municipal leadership and Phase One key local community partnership collaboration.
c. **Volunteerism, inclusion, and community support** – Shows meaningful contributions and commitments from other local organizations from Phase Two letters of support, with clear volunteer capacity and community backing. Provides a roadmap and foundation for future host society planning and a successful Games.
d. **Facilities and operational capacity** – Provide suitable sport venues, school accommodation, transportation, ceremony and food-service facilities, and other resources needed to deliver an effective Games.

The Games are expected to be awarded in early January 2028 (subject to change).

Submission Information

The bid submission method is an electronic PDF file emailed to bid@bcgames.org by the respective phase due date and time.

The community's bid committee cover letter should be addressed to the BC Games Society. Respective local community partner letters of support and resolutions should be addressed to the community's bid committee (i.e. XYZ Community – BC Winter/Summer Games Bid Committee).

More Information:
This Bid Invitation document contains all content and bid expectations in one location.
Information is also posted online here
For questions or more information – email bid@bcgames.org

Bid Information Session

A virtual bid information session will be hosted by the BC Games Society on **Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM PCT.** This is an opportunity for prospective communities to receive more information on bid expectations. It will include questions and answers in an open forum setting. To register and obtain the video link, email bid@bcgames.org with the name, role, and community of your bid committee attendees by Monday, December 7, 2026.

Checklist and Summary of Bid Submission Expectations and Timelines

Bid Phase Expectations	Key Content	Timelines
Bid Information Session	Virtual information session for all prospective communities	Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM PCT
Phase One Submission – Declaration to Bid:		
□ Community cover letter	Intended year/set of Game(s), ability to host on dates, community statement/commitment/declaration to host, Indigenous community composition, unique aspects of bid, etc.	Due by: Thursday, April 29, 2027 at 4:00 PM PCT
□ Municipal Resolution	Commitment of cash operating grant funding and facility contribution	
□ School District Resolution □ CUPE letter of support □ Teachers' union letter of support	Commitment of school facilities, school closures (Winter only), support of teachers' union/CUPE, access to busing	
□ Indigenous Community(s) letter of support	Meaningful project consultation	
□ Winter Resort letter of support (Winter only)	Ability to host winter sports on dates and understanding of lift ticket costing	
□ Regional District or Third Party Operator letter of support	Only if relevant facility owner/operator	
Response back to communities – Advancement to Phase Two	BC Games Society response back to bid committees	May 2027
Phase Two Submission – Application to Host:		
□ Sport facility inventory	List of potential sport facilities	Due by: Thursday, September 23, 2027 at 4:00 PM PCT
□ School inventory for use as accommodation	List of schools, usable classrooms, shower head count	
□ Other Hosting Facilities	Opening Ceremony, accreditation, food venue(s)	
□ Transportation information	Access to local busing	
□ Emergency Services – Letter of Support	Letter of support from police/RCMP, fire and emergency operations centre	
□ Local Organization(s) letters of support	Letters from sport clubs/LSOs, service groups, regional sport centres, university/college, tourism, or key community organizations	
Selection Committee and Approvals processes	BC Games Society processes	October – December 2027
Minister announcement of winning host communities	Response back to all committees	January 2028

Summary of Minimum Overall Hosting Requirements

Bid Phase Expectations	BC Winter Games	BC Summer Games
Phase One Submission – Declaration to Bid:		
Key local community commitment	Municipal and School District resolutions; Indigenous community, CUPE, teachers' union and mountain resort (Winter only) letters of support	
Phase Two Submission – Application to Host:		
Accommodation	100-110 usable dorm classrooms 6-10 schools	170-185 usable dorm classrooms 8-15 schools
Transportation – local bus fleet	□ Report on number of local school district or other buses available	
Opening Ceremony Facility	1,200-1,500 expected attendance 750-1,500 spectators	2,100-2,600 expected attendance 1,000-2,600 spectators
Food Venue(s)	□ Seating for 400+ □ Commercial kitchen	□ Seating for 600+ □ Commercial kitchen
Sport Facilities	□ 1 Mountain resort partner □ 1 Nordic facility □ 1 Curling rink □ 3 Ice arenas □ 8 Gymnasiums/conference centre/field house	□ 1 Athletics track □ 2 Baseball diamonds □ 2 Softball diamonds □ 5 Gymnasiums □ 1 Beach volleyball area □ 2 Dry-floor arenas □ 2 Rowing/paddling areas □ 1 Sailing area □ 1 Triathlon area □ 2 Aquatics pools □ 2-4 turf/field-sport space □ 1 18-hole golf course
Emergency Services – Letters of Support	□ Letter of support from police/RCMP, fire and emergency operations centre	
Community Letters of Support	Letters from community organizations to confirm community support, volunteer engagement, local sport organization collaboration, and access to venues	

Abbreviated summaries – see respective sections enclosed for more details including minimum sport facility requirements.

Above represents minimum facility hosting requirements at a bid phase. Review the Joint Bid section below for opportunities, should a community lack certain facilities.

Note: A Games will require other event spaces such as accreditation or reception spaces that are not necessary at the bid phase and can be identified at the Games planning phase by the host society.

Community Benefits of Hosting

Hosting a BC Winter or BC Summer Games can provide significant social, economic, and sport-development benefits to a community.

Community Connection and Leadership

- Bringing people together: Between 1,200 and 2,200 volunteers unite around a shared vision, building new relationships and creating lasting memories.
- Strengthening collaboration: Municipalities, school districts, Indigenous communities, mountain resorts (Winter only), regional districts, public health organizations, and community-minded businesses work together to plan and deliver the Games.
- Developing leaders: Emerging and experienced community leaders build, demonstrate, and mentor leadership skills through a defined project with clear timelines and goals.
- Cultural Engagement: Opportunities for cultural integration and Indigenous leadership can be woven into Games planning.
- Building community pride: Hosting the Games fosters a strong sense of collective achievement that continues after the event.
- Integrate tourism strategies: The province's best young athletes, coaches, and officials—and their families—are exposed to and become visitors of your community.

Facilities, Equipment, and Sport Development

- Improving facilities: Communities may complete minor facility upgrades through municipal investment or by leveraging Games-related funding.
- Creating equipment legacies: Sport equipment purchased through the Games operating budget is distributed to local sport organizations or school districts after the event.
- Strengthening local sport: Local sport organizations or sport clubs build capacity through the Games planning process, resulting in closer collaboration with their respective Provincial and Disability Sport Organizations.

Financial Impact

- Economic Impact: The BC Games brings significant economic impact to communities through direct Games expenditures and visitor spending.
    - A comprehensive Economic Impact Study conducted by Sport Tourism Canada using the SteamPro model including in-person visitor surveys from the Kelowna 2026 BC Summer Games (2,700 participants—July—Okanagan event location) generated:
        - Over 7,200 visitors
        - $2.7 million of visitor spending
        - $4.5 million of initial / event expenditures
        - $7.6 million of economic activity in BC
    - The Sport Tourism Canada Steam predictive model forecasted the following from the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games (1,800 participants—February—West Kootenay event location) generated:
        - Over 2,700 visitors
        - $911,000 of visitor spending
        - $2.6 million of initial / event expenditures
        - $4.5 million of economic activity in BC
    - Economic impact study findings included in Appendix 11 and 12
- Financial Legacy: Through the Games funding agreement and legacy process, the local community will retain a financial legacy that is reinvested in the community through a local legacy committee process at the conclusion of the Games. Past Games have generated a local financial legacy ranging from $60,000 to $200,000. More detailed breakdown included in Appendix 9.

Joint Bids

Joint municipality bids will be accepted and reviewed equally, should this be a consideration for smaller municipalities. A joint bid is defined when municipalities or regional districts combine resources to meet hosting requirements outlined in the bid package. If a municipality needs only one to three specialized sport venues from a neighbouring municipality, it is not necessary to make a joint bid. Instead, this may be addressed in the bid cover letter, with a letter of support from the facility venue owner included in Phase Two. Municipalities should be within a two-hour drive between one another to keep the Games daily travel impacts reasonable. If a community requires four or more facilities, this constitutes a joint bid and requires parallel municipal council resolutions to meet the combined total cash and in-kind commitments noted below. Should significant school district resources be required from neighbouring school districts, similar school board and union resolutions should also be submitted. Past joint hosting models have been successful bringing communities together and spreading the Games benefits throughout the region.

Phase One Expectations – Declaration to Bid

Phase One of the bid submission assesses a community's collaboration and commitment from integral local partners framed as a declaration to bid on a BC Winter or BC Summer Games. Phase One submission is due Thursday, April 29, 2027 at 4:00 PM PCT.

Bid Committee Cover Letter

This provides an opportunity for a bid committee to state the community's interest in bidding with a two-to-three-page written expression of interest. Recommended content:

- Why your community wants to bid for a Games
- Specific set of Games your community is bidding for (i.e., 2030 and 2032 BC Winter Games) or any preferences of a year or Games. A community should select a Games season (Winter or Summer) and submit available dates for both respective 2030 and 2032 Games.
- Local Indigenous Nation(s), describing their connection to the community bid, and indicating how Indigenous and municipal partners will collaborate
- Acknowledgment in principle that the community has sufficient sport facilities and accommodation/school dorm capacity for the respective Games (detailed facility capacity is addressed in Phase Two)
- If relevant, composition for joint bids and organizations involved
- Key bid committee point of contact and other bid committee members

Included with this Bid Committee Cover Letter submission package will be the following Phase One letters of support / resolutions.

Municipality

The municipality is often the driver of the bid and integral in Games hosting, where key civic facilities are used to host the Games. Phase One bid expectation calls for a formal council resolution inserted into the letter of support from the bidding municipality stating the cash investment and facility usage. The cash commitment is a necessary minimum funding source to the Games host society operating budget, along with access to facilities at no charge including facility attendant costs or other services. Facilities are required for the dates of the Games. In the pre-Games planning phase, only a very minor use of facilities is required. This could include meeting room space for monthly host society board meetings or one-off pre-Games special events negotiated in advance by the host society.

Phase One municipality letter of support and resolution should contain the following key bid submission:

- A formal council resolution statement pledging a cash operating commitment to the host society:
    - $100,000 for a BC Winter Games, or
    - $125,000 for a BC Summer Games
- An in-principle and in-good-faith commitment to use municipal facilities on Games dates
    - Commitment of access to facilities, staffing, and facility attendants at no charge to the host society

Sample resolution template language is available in Appendix 1.

Schools Districts

School districts and their education partners are integral to a BC Games hosting model. Their public assets can be adapted to create Games villages and to support accommodation, sport, and transportation operations. Classrooms are converted into participant dorm rooms, gymnasiums and fields serve as sport venues, and district bus fleets support local Games-time transportation.

The host society must provide the host school district with a $10,000 grant in recognition of the district assets that support the BC Games hosting model and result in impact to school communities. The grant will be paid from the host society's operating budget to the school district within the Games fiscal year.

Schools are intended to be used only during the Games. Limited pre-Games access may be required for site visits and Games operational planning meetings, subject to arrangements made in advance with the school district.

BC Winter Games School Closures

Because the BC Winter Games are held on the last weekend in February, the school district must commit to closing schools for two days, Thursday and Friday of the dates of the BC Winter Games. Games organizers typically access schools after instruction ends on Wednesday for event set-up and evening participant move-in. Games use continues through Sunday, with participants departing by mid-morning. School districts have previously positioned the required closures through one of the following approaches:

- designating district professional development days
- scheduling non-instructional school closures and adding two make-up school days somewhere else in the calendar year
- adjusting daily bell schedules while continuing to meet annual instructional-time requirements

The appropriate closure model will depend on the school calendar and may require consultation with the district calendar-setting processes, teachers' union and CUPE. Letters of support should include relevant conditions or planning principles.

School District Letter of Support and Resolution

The school district submission should include:

- a formal School Board resolution confirming that school facilities will be available to the Games host society rent-free on the Games dates
- access to the school district bus fleet
- confirmation that the teachers' union and CUPE have been consulted and will each provide a letter of support
- for the BC Winter Games only, a commitment to close schools on the Thursday and Friday of the Games, with access beginning Wednesday evening

Sample resolution template language is available in Appendix 1

Cost Recovery for Use of Schools

School facilities must be provided to the Games with no rental charge. On top of the hosting grant to the school district, and within a good-faith partnership between the Games and the school district, the host society's operating budget can cover reasonable additional hard costs directly related to Games use. These may include:

- additional custodian workforce hours outside scheduled hours
- costs associated with use of the district bus fleet, such as fuel and insurance
- additional cleaning and washroom supplies

Teachers' Union
The local teachers' union is a key education partner and should be consulted during Phase One. Consultation should ensure awareness of the proposed use of schools and the effect of BC Winter Games closures on teachers, where applicable.

Phase One calls for a letter of support from the teachers' union and is recommended to reference:

- endorsement of hosting the Games on the proposed Games dates and use of school facilities
- awareness of opportunities for teachers to be community volunteers, should they wish
- for the BC Winter Games only, acknowledgement of the Thursday and Friday school closures and their impact on teachers' professional development requirements pending the method of school closures.

CUPE
CUPE associations are important education partners and should be consulted during Phase One to provide a letter of support. Consultation should ensure awareness of the proposed use of schools and establish a shared understanding of any workforce access requirements associated with the Games (e.g., additional custodian and bus driver shifts).

Indigenous Communities
Hosting a youth multi-sport Games offers a meaningful way to advance truth and reconciliation through sport, support Indigenous leadership, and integrate Indigenous cultures into Games events. As part of the Phase One bid submission, communities should provide a letter of support from the Indigenous Nation(s) on whose traditional territories the Games would take place. This request is intended to encourage meaningful consultation from the outset. The letter should demonstrate high-level support for the Games in principle and may identify opportunities for Indigenous integration into the Games (see appendix FAQ for past Games examples). If a letter of support is not obtainable, please reference this in the bid committee cover letter and continue with the bid declaration process.

Mountain Resort *(Winter only)*
For BC Winter Games bids only, Phase One should engage the mountain resort partner early in the planning process. The resort's letter of support should confirm:

- in principle, the availability to host on the proposed Games dates
- the capacity to host age-appropriate Alpine and Freestyle competitions in accordance with minimum sport facility requirements (see appendix FAQ for more details)
- in principle, favourable lift-ticket rates to help reduce host society operating costs
    - Past Games and industry practice have generally provided youth athlete lift tickets at discounts of 50% or more, with complimentary access for coaches and officials.

Note: Access to Cross Country and Biathlon Nordic sport facilities are addressed during Phase Two.

Regional District
A Phase One letter of support from the respective regional district is only necessary if the regional district is contributing portions of the required cash operating grant and/or is the owner-operator of a major facility proposed for the bid composition.

Phase Two Expectations – Application to Host

Phase Two assesses the community's facilities, resources, and volunteer capacity through an application to host a BC Winter or BC Summer Games. Phase Two submission is due Thursday, September 23, 2027, at 4:00 PM PCT.

Sport Facilities

The BC Games Society works with Provincial and Disability Sport Organizations (PSOs/DSOs), which oversee competition structures and provide on-the-ground event leadership in collaboration with Local Sport Organizations (LSOs) or clubs. The BC Games Core Sport Policy defines how sports remain accountable to the Games program, how sports stay in the Games, and how new sports are selected.

Aligned with the Train-to-Train stage of each sport's development pathway, the Games provide an opportunity to develop British Columbia's leading young athletes, coaches, and officials. The age of athletes is set by the respective sports. However, the average age of the athletes is 14 years old, reflecting the age-appropriateness of these Games and competition structure. Coaches or adult supervisors are screened by respective PSOs/DSOs and are on the National Coaching Certification pathway for their sport. Hosting communities or host societies cannot add sports to a Games cycle because the program reflects the long-term athlete development strategies of the BC Games Society Core Sport Policy and its PSO/DSO partners.

The number of sports and the participant allocation for each sport in the BC Winter and BC Summer Games are determined by the BC Games Society and may be adjusted slightly before planning for a Games begins. The maximum capacity for a BC Winter Games is 1,800 participants, which includes athletes, coaches, and officials. The maximum capacity for a BC Summer Games is 2,700.

The sport list in this document is based on the 2026 Games and may have minor changes before the selected hosting year. Bid committees should identify facilities based on the full list of sports wherever suitable venues are available. A bid may still proceed when the region lacks a facility for a specific sport. For example, a community without a track within a reasonable distance is still encouraged to apply.

For bid-planning purposes, a reasonable distance is within a two-hour drive of the host community. Bid committees may identify a suitable specialized venue in a neighbouring municipality, note the arrangement in the Phase Two submission, and include a letter of support from the facility owner/operator. If no suitable regional venue is available, the bid committee should identify the sport facility deficiency and continue with the application.

Phase Two requires the submission of a generic inventory list of sport facilities based on the sport minimum facility requirements. The submission must include a sport-facility inventory in table format. For each facility, list:

- number and type of fields of play or competition surfaces
- key facility descriptors
- facility owner or operator
- change rooms and shower head count by gender
- associated local sport organization or club, if applicable
- sport(s) the facility could support

The minimum sport-facility requirements are listed in Appendixes 5 and 6 to help bid committees understand the overall hosting needs. Additionally, Appendixes 7 and 8 feature a mock-up sport facility for Phase Two bid submission as a sample template. At the bid stage, committees are not expected to determine an exact match between every sport and each minimum facility requirement. BC Games Society staff draw on their multi-sport Games facility expertise, relationships with PSOs/DSOs sport requirements, and experience adapting facilities for the Games. They will collaborate with the host society to confirm sport venue assignments during the Games planning process.

Opening Ceremony Venue

The Opening Ceremony should provide a safe, welcoming, and memorable experience for the Games participants, their families, and the community or public. The proposed ceremony venue is expected to accommodate the participants with accessible entry and seating sections, participant staging/marshalling areas, reliable sound, lighting and power, and suitable bus loading areas.

Approximate Attendees:	BC Winter Games	BC Summer Games
Participants	1,200-1,500	2,100-2,600
Games Guests-Other	50-150	80-200
Spectators	750-1,500	1,000-2,600

Approximate numbers are conceptual in nature to demonstrate size. Games organizers can implement ticketing strategies and other control measures to meet facility capacity and safety requirements. Parking, security, and emergency access, etc. can be refined during the Games planning process.

An indoor Opening Ceremony is recommended for a BC Winter Games. Either an indoor or outdoor facility may be suitable for a BC Summer Games. It is possible for the Opening Ceremony venue to also serve as a sport venue. For example, the arena ice is covered and then removed the next day for an ice sport venue, or the stadium converts to a sport venue. The Opening Ceremony occurs on Thursday, with competition Friday to Sunday. The expectation is that bid submission will identify this possible scenario, but details would be refined during Games planning.

Phase Two bid submission requires a statement outlining the proposed Opening Ceremony venue. This should highlight the on-floor capacity and arena bowl seated capacity typical for a stage/concert show setting, with descriptors on spaces for marshalling and parking areas. The submission should be narrowed to focus on facility hosting capacity—entertainment and artistic show concepts are not required at this time. There is no bidding requirement to report out on a Closing Celebration event.

Main Food Venue

The Games hosting model implements a main food venue that supports the food preparation and seated meal service to Games participants. Backed by Games operating budget, local food service partners, a food supplier, and a volunteer workforce produce 3 meals per day, representing 12 meal services throughout the Games. The minimum food venue requirements are listed below.

Food Minimum requirements:	BC Winter Games	BC Summer Games
Minimum seating	400+	600+
Sittings (shifts) per meal	3-4	3-5

At the planning stage, Games organizers will collaborate to implement Bus & Meal Schedules as key operational itineraries to manage meal capacities and flow.

The recommended model is to identify one main food venue for centralized warm breakfast and warm dinner service in a buffet-style setting. A lunch assembly area is required to produce lunches disseminated to participants as a grab-and-go process at breakfast time.

One main food venue is recommended for meal preparation efficiencies, however, pending the composition of the community (i.e., the regional spread or joint bid approach), two to three food venues may be presented. The main food venue must not be a proposed sport venue.

Meals are prepared and served by a volunteer workforce backed by Games operating budget to cover food services expenses. The Games budget does not support a volunteer meal program.

Phase Two bid submission calls for a statement outlining the proposed main food venue, including seating capacity, commercial kitchen capabilities, and facility owner/operator.

Transportation

Phase Two of the bid requires a brief statement on the number of local buses available through commitment from the school district's bus fleet. If the district does not own their own fleet, a separate letter of support from the private bus contractor meets this requirement.

BC Winter Games will require approximately 40 to 50 buses and a BC Summer Games approximately 70 to 80 buses in total for Games-time transportation. Games-time transportation is required from Wednesday evening through to Sunday afternoon. The cost of accessing the buses, insurance, fuel, and drivers can be covered on a cost-recovery basis through the host society operating budget.

BC Games Society will lead and execute the external transportation plan for participant arrival/departure into the community. Where available, the motorcoach buses from the external transportation plan may be available for Games-time transportation resources.

Accommodations and School Inventory

Phase Two of the bid submission requires an inventory of school facilities that could support the BC Games accommodation model. Communities should provide a table listing each proposed school, the number of usable dorm classrooms, and the number of available showers.

Usable dorm classrooms are rooms in which desks and other furnishings can be moved to create sufficient clear floor space for foam sleeping mattresses issued from Games inventory and participant sleeping bags and pillows brought from home. Kindergarten rooms, before/after school care spaces, fixed science laboratories, exterior annex buildings, libraries, and other specialized rooms are generally not considered suitable.

Shower access is a key planning feature for the BC Games accommodation model. For each school, the inventory should identify the total number of shower heads, by gender, and include the shower configuration descriptor, such as individual physical education showers, accessible showers, partitioned stalls, or group shower blocks. The school shower inventory will be reviewed alongside the municipal facility shower inventory. During the Games planning process, Games organizers will use established practices to assign each sport to an appropriate shower location.

Specifically for a BC Summer Games, the school inventory should identify the schools that have air conditioning systems.

The minimum accommodation capacity ranges are shown below. The number of schools may vary depending on the mix of secondary, middle, and elementary schools available.

During the Games planning process, organizers may refine the school mix within these ranges to meet accommodation requirements while using the least number of schools for efficiency purposes.

	BC Winter Games	BC Summer Games
Usable dorm classrooms	100-110	170-185
Number of Schools	6-10	8-15

Sample School Inventory Table:

Mock School Name	Usable Dorm Classrooms	Shower Head Count	Air Conditioned	Shower Descriptor
Mountain Secondary School	24	19	Yes	Two PE showers, ten male group shower block, eight female portioned stalls, one accessibility
River Middle School	18	12	Yes	Two change rooms, each with six partitioned shower stalls
Lake Elementary School	12	2	No	Two individual showers in a shared physical education change area
Forest Secondary School	28	20	Yes	Two group shower blocks with nine shower heads each; plus two accessible individual showers
Valley Middle School	16	10	Yes	Two change rooms, each with five individual shower stalls
Water Elementary School	10	0	No	None – showers not in reasonable working condition
Sample Total	**108**	**63**		

(Air conditioning only relevant for BC Summer Games bids)

Emergency Services Support – Letters of Support

Early consultation with local emergency services including police/RCMP, the fire department, and emergency management is important when planning a Games. Phase Two requires letters of support from these services in each community included in the bid. During the Games, their general awareness of a large-scale event, guidance, and expertise support host society planning in the following areas:

- Police/RCMP – providing additional security and traffic control for large events, such as the Opening Ceremony and participant special events
- Fire department – advising on fire-safety requirements when schools are converted into accommodation sites
- Emergency operations centre – a key contributor coordinating the response to a Games-time crisis in collaboration with the BC Games Crisis Communication Plan

Each letter should confirm, at a high level, support for the community's bid and name a contact for the host society. It should identify any potential in-kind services and the opportunity for their members to be community volunteers should they wish. Detailed planning with each emergency service organization will begin after the Games are awarded.

Letters of Support – Community Letters

The Phase Two submission should also include a range of community letters of support. These letters should demonstrate broad community support for hosting the Games, gauge the volunteer recruitment capacity and establish a foundation for future host society planning engagement.

Community Organization Letters

Include general letters of support from community-minded organizations such as:

- service clubs
- universities and colleges
- tourism organizations
- chambers of commerce
- regional sport centres
- performing arts groups
- other community-minded organizations

Each letter should confirm support for the proposed Games dates and describe how the organization could contribute. This can include providing time or expertise to Games planning, service on the host society board or subcommittee, and access to facilities or other in-kind resources. It can also involve promoting general volunteer opportunities to its members.

Local Sport Organization Letters of Support

Letters of support are requested from local sport organizations or clubs connected to sports in the proposed Games. These letters demonstrate that the community has the sport-specific expertise and local capacity needed to host events. Where clubs exist, the bid should include a letter from a club representing each sport in the applicable BC Winter or BC Summer Games program. Should a club not exist in the region or a letter not be obtained, simply make note of this and continue with the bid. Provincial and Disability Sport Organizations have past Games experience and success operating without a local club.

Each letter should confirm support for the proposed Games dates and describe how the club could act as the event's host club, assist with facility access or event delivery, and encourage members to volunteer.

Games Planning Overview

This section summarizes the host society's planning commitments and the operational support the BC Games Society provides after a community is awarded the Games. Bid committees do not need to address these topics in their submissions. The information is provided to clarify the Games planning process and its implications for a community bid.

Funding

The BC Games Society provides a cash grant to the host society. Combined with the municipal cash grant requirement and rent-free access to municipal and school district facilities, this funding supports the successful and affordable delivery of the Games. The host society will also establish a Friends of the Games (FOG) Directorate to pursue local cash and in-kind contributions that supplement the operating budget. At the start of planning, each host society will sign an Agreement for Financial Assistance.

Funding Source	BC Winter Games	BC Summer Games
BC Games Grant	$550,000	$625,000
Municipal Grant	$100,000	$125,000
Friends of the Games contributions	TBD	TBD
Total Operating Budget	$650,000	$750,000

The host society President and Director of Administration are responsible for the Games' financial management. The Director of Administration will provide monthly financial statements and other required franchise reports to BC Games Society staff. After the Games, the BC Games Society will facilitate an independent audit of the financial records.

Strong cost controls, effective Friends of the Games fundraising, and collaborative contributions from local partners can create a substantial financial legacy. After the Games and financial closeout, the Agreement for Financial Assistance requires 50% of the operating surplus to be remitted to the BC Games Society. The remaining 50%, together with bank interest earned on grants and all merchandise sale proceeds, forms the local financial legacy.

A host society Legacy Committee will establish the process and criteria and identify recipient organizations for distributing local legacy funds. Past legacy funds have ranged from $60,000 to $200,000 and are listed in Appendix 9.

Games Planning Start-up

The BC Games Society supports each new host community throughout various phases of the Games planning process. After the Games are awarded, anticipated in early January 2028 or two to four years before the event depending on the hosting year, the host municipality signs a hosting agreement. The BC Games Society may then transfer portions of the grant to the municipality, which must hold the funds in trust for the future host society. Once the host society is formally established, the municipality transfers the grant and any interest earned.

Through a Nominations Committee process involving the mayor's office and other local representatives, guidance is provided on recruiting a host society President, Vice-President, 14 Directorate positions, and local partner liaisons such as a city, school district or Indigenous liaisons. Together, they form the Host Society Board of Directors. Recruitment begins 20-26 months before the Games, with the Board in place and planning underway about 18 months before the Games.

The host society adopts an organizational chart comprising Directorates and their supporting subcommittees, led by Chairs. Each planning area receives defined responsibilities, tasks, and timelines to guide volunteer planning and delivery. The operating budget includes one paid Games Operations Manager position, with additional paid or part-time staff possible through budget allocations or employment program grants.

Other Games Planning Venues and Operations
During the planning phase, the host society identifies other Games-time venues and operational needs, such as a Games headquarters, warehouse, monthly Board meeting space, Torchlighting Ceremony location, host hotel, security and access control office, and marketing centre. These items do not need to be included in the bid submission.

Games Week at a Glance
A typical BC Winter or BC Summer Games week follows this schedule:

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday and Saturday	Sunday
Participant arrival, accreditation and accommodation check-in (approx. 4:00-10:00 pm) Venue set-up	Practice/competition Opening Ceremony	Competition/medals Participant special events	End of competition/medals Closing Celebration Participant departure (approx. 11:00-2:00 pm) Venue tear-down

Torchlighting Ceremony, volunteer accreditation, training sessions, Friends of the Games receptions and other pre-Games functions take place before the Games week.

Other Games Planning Supports
Throughout the Games planning phase, the BC Games Society provides the host society with a broad range of support and resources, including:

- **Staff support** – Dedicated, experienced event managers work alongside the host society throughout planning.
- **Organizational structure and resources** – A host society organizational chart, position descriptions, tasks, timelines, and online planning resources.
- **Start-up procedures** – Support in start-up procedures such as name registry, incorporation, constitution and by-laws, and initiating a bank account.
- **Website and social channels** – An integrated website and social media channels ready for the host society's marketing team to update and manage.
- **Logo and graphic standards** – A host-community Games logo and supporting standards aligned with the BC Games brand.
- **Software** – Access to an online information-management system for volunteers and participants.
- **Transportation services and additional buses** – BC Games Society will lead and execute the external transportation plan for participant arrival/departure into the community. Where available, the motorcoach buses from the external transportation plan may be available for Games-time transportation resources.
- **File-sharing systems** – Access to online planning materials and Games-related email addresses.
- **Insurance** – The BC Games Society maintains a $10 million general liability insurance policy, including directors' and officers' liability coverage.
- **Inventory** – Delivery of Games warehouse equipment valued at $600,000, including foam sleeping mattresses, cots, signage, pop-up tents, medical bags, the torch, and the cauldron. The host society must secure suitable warehouse storage.
- **Medal supplier** – Production and coordination of the Games medals.
- **Sport partners** – The BC Games Society maintains long-standing relationships with Provincial and Disability Sport Organizations experienced in creating safe, age-appropriate venues and competition standards. These partners work closely with local sport organizations, with on-site presence and sport competition execution.

BC Games Fact Sheet – Appendix 1
One-page Overview

Background
The BC Winter and BC Summer Games are British Columbia's premier biennial youth multi-sport events, supporting developing athletes, coaches, and officials. The average athlete age is 14. The BC Games Society awards the Games and provides funding, experienced staff, planning resources, equipment, insurance, and participant transportation to and from the host community.

Host Society
A local volunteer-led host society board delivers the Games through partnerships with municipalities, school districts, Indigenous communities, sport organizations, facility operators, and community volunteers. Hosting strengthens community connections, develops leadership and local sport capacity, and creates equipment, facility, and financial legacies.

Key Statistics and Games Dates

	BC Winter Games	BC Summer Games
2030 Games dates	February 27 to March 3, 2030	July 17 to 21, 2030
2032 Games dates	February 25 to 29, 2032	July 14 to 18, 2032
Maximum participants[1]	1,800	2,700
Sports[2]	16	19
BC Games Society grant	$550,000	$625,000
Required municipal cash grant	$100,000	$125,000
Combined grant funding[3]	$650,000	$750,000
Accommodation schools[4]	6–10	8–12
School closures	Thursday and Friday	No closures for July Games
Local volunteers	1,200-1,600	1,400-2,200
Initial expenditures	$2.6 M	$4.5 M
Visitor spending	$911,000	$2.7 M
Visitors	~2,700	~7,200
Local financial legacy	$60,000 - $200,000	

[1] Includes athletes, coaches, and officials. [2] Based on the 2026 sport program; future sports may change. [3] Before additional Friends of the Games local sponsorship contributions. [4] Number of schools range based on capacity and composition of secondary, middle or elementary schools.

Hosting Commitments and Support
Municipal and school facilities must be available rent-free. Municipal commitments include facility staffing. Reasonable additional school-related hard costs may be covered by the host society. The host society is committed to pay the host school district a $10,000 grant from its operating budget. School access generally runs from Wednesday evening through Sunday.

Host society recruitment begins approximately 20 to 26 months before the Games, with host society board planning underway about 18 months before the Games.

Resolution Templates – Appendix 2

Bid Committees are expected to use the following template resolutions with adaptations for respective Games. Resolutions are to be inserted into an organizational letterhead as a letter of support. Letters of support may contain other conditions or stipulations to be addressed by the respective host society once the Games are awarded and detailed planning begins.

Municipal Resolution – BC Winter or BC Summer Games
At their Council meeting held on [date], the [City/District of _____] Council passed the following resolution:
"The [City/District of _____] is committed to bid to host the [2030 or 2032] BC [Winter or Summer] Games and that a cash grant of [$100,000 be committed to the BC Winter Games host society] {OR} [$125,000 be committed to the BC Summer Games host society] if the Games are awarded. Municipal owned facilities will be available for the dates of the Games, with the in-principle understanding of free rent and no additional labour charges to the host society to access facilities.

School Board Resolution – BC Winter Games
At the regular meeting of [School District # ____], held on [_____ date], the Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution:
"The Trustees of [School District # __] endorse the [City/District of _____] bid to host the [2030 or 2032] BC Winter Games and have agreed to allow the use of school facilities to stage sport competitions and accommodate participants for the dates of the Games, Wednesday to Sunday, at no facility rental cost to the host society. Access to the District bus fleet will be committed in principle.
In addition, it is agreed that the School District will allow Games organizers set-up access by end of school day Wednesday, and close all schools for the Thursday and Friday of the Games dates:

1. Wednesday, February 27 evening access, school closures Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1, 2030
   Or
2. Wednesday, February 25 evening access, school closures Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27, 2032

The above is subject to [City/District of _____] being successfully awarded a BC Winter Games.

School Board Resolution – BC Summer Games
At the regular meeting of [School District # ____], held on [_____ date], the Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution:
"The Trustees of [School District # _] endorse the [City/District of _ _____] bid to host the [2030 or 2032] BC Summer Games and have agreed to allow the use of school facilities to stage sport competitions and accommodate participants for the dates of the Games, Wednesday to Sunday, at no facility rental cost to the host society.

School District Hosting Briefing Sheet – Appendix 3
BC Games Bid Requirements and Partnership Commitments

Key incentive: $10,000 hosting grant. The host society is committed to provide the host school district with a $10,000 grant in recognition of the district assets, operational support, and impacts associated with hosting. The grant is paid from the host society's operating budget to the local host school district within the Games fiscal year and is a central partnership incentive for district participation and collaboration.

Why School District Commitment Matters
A competitive bid requires a formal commitment from the school district and participating schools. School facilities are essential to the BC Games hosting mode. Classrooms become participant dorms, gymnasiums and fields may serve as sport venues, and district buses support Games-time transportation. Facilities must be available from Wednesday evening through Sunday at no rental charge.
The bid must include a School Board resolution confirming:

- school facilities will be available rent-free for the Games dates
- access will begin after instruction on Wednesday for setup and participant move-in
- the district bus fleet is committed in principle
- for a BC Winter Games bid, schools will close on Thursday and Friday

Good-Faith Partnerships
A BC Games are grassroots, multi-sport Games for youth delivered by a local volunteer host society Board of Directors. Early, transparent collaboration with the local teachers' union and CUPE is required during the bid phase. Each partner should be consulted and provide a letter of support. These discussions should establish a shared understanding of facility use, workforce access, school calendar impacts, professional development implications, and any additional custodian or bus driver shifts.

The host society and school district are expected to work in good faith. In addition to the $10,000 grant, the host society's operating budget may cover reasonable direct hard costs arising from Games use, such as additional workforce hours outside scheduled hours, bus fuel and insurance, and added cleaning or washroom supplies.

School Closures: BC Winter vs BC Summer Games
BC Winter Games: Because the Games occur on the last weekend in February, the school district commits to district-wide school closures on Thursday and Friday. Access generally begins Wednesday after instruction, Games use continues through Sunday, and participants depart by mid-morning. School closure options may include professional development days, non-instructional closures with make-up days elsewhere in the calendar, or adjusted bell schedules that preserve annual instructional-time requirements. The chosen approach should be developed through district calendar processes and consultation with the teachers' union and CUPE.

BC Summer Games: The bid still requires committed access to schools from Wednesday through Sunday, but there are no school closure impacts given a July event schedule. Summer Games bid planning should instead confirm facility availability and any local operating workforce impacts.

Bid Readiness
Phase one requires a School District resolution committing facilities and resources, along with letters of support from CUPE and the teachers' union acknowledging consultation and workforce impacts.
Phase two should identify the proposed schools, usable dorm classrooms, and shower capacity. Planning ranges are approximately 100 to 110 classrooms across 6 to 10 schools for the BC Winter Games and 170 to 185 classrooms across 8 to 15 schools for the BC Summer Games, including shower inventory and number of buses.

Sports in the Games – Appendix 4

The sports listed below reflect the 2026 BC Winter and BC Summer Games program and are guided by the BC Games Society Core Sport Policy. Sports for future Games are confirmed following a post-Games review process and officially announced approximately 18 months before each Games event. For planning purposes, communities should assess facilities and prepare bids using all the prospective BC Winter or BC Summer Games sport partners listed below. BC Games has established a Core Sport maximum of 1,800 participants for the BC Winter Games and 2,700 for the BC Summer Games for capacity planning purposes. The BC Games Society will consult with future host communities about any sport or facility changes that could significantly affect hosting requirements.

Sports - BC Winter Games	Sports - BC Summer Games
Alpine Skiing	Artistic Swimming
Archery	Athletics
Artistic Gymnastics	Athletics-Special Olympics
Badminton	Baseball
Biathlon	Basketball-Female
Cross Country Skiing	Basketball-Male
Cross Country Skiing-Para	Beach Volleyball
Curling	Box Lacrosse
Figure Skating	Canoe/Kayak
Freestyle Skiing	Field Lacrosse
Judo	Golf
Karate	Rowing
Rhythmic Gymnastics	Rugby Sevens-Female
Ringette	Sailing
Special Olympics BC Unified Sports-3x3 Basketball	Softball-Female
	Swimming
Speed Skating	Swimming-Para
Wheelchair Basketball	Swimming-Special Olympics
	Towed Water Sports
	Triathlon
	Ultimate
	Volleyball-Female
	Volleyball-Male
	Wrestling
16 sports supported by 16 PSOs/DSOs	19 sports supported by 18 PSOs/DSOs
Max 1,800 participants	Max 2,700 participants

Minimum Sport Facility Requirements – BC Winter Games - Appendix 5

Sport	Minimum Requirements
Alpine	Access to ski race centre with 200-300 m vertical for giant slalom, 120-140 m for slalom and dual slalom (if possible), with electronic timing capabilities. T-bar or chairlift access (3 days), ski patrol and grooming support. Access to lodge and race organizing committee office. Typically, separate space from Freestyle.
Archery	Indoor space at least 25 × 30 m (82 × 98 ft), plus an officials' meeting room and secure equipment storage. High school gymnasium, field house or large conference space.
Artistic Gymnastics	Floorspace with at least 80 × 110 ft (24 × 33.5 m) floor area, 22 ft (6.7 m) ceiling clearance, and a 33 m vault runway. Facility with floor hooks/anchors and facility owner awareness to allow heavy weights to secure apparatus equipment. High school gymnasium, field house or large conference space.
Badminton	Gymnasium with minimum 4—preference for 6—badminton courts with .09-1.2 m (3-4 ft) clearance space between walls and other courts. Specific badminton 40 mm width court lines, suitable poles/nets. Ceiling height preference of 8.5 m (28 ft), non-white walls and window black-out considerations.
Biathlon	Electronic biathlon venue requires separate start and finish areas, a groomed ski course, a shooting range, and a penalty loop. The adaptable course should be about 1.5 km, machine groomed for skate skiing, and generally 5-6 m wide. The flat range should have at least 10 or more lanes, 8-10 m in length and each lane 2.5 m wide, with safe athlete flow, and adequate space for coaches. A 75 m penalty loop is preferred, and the venue should also provide safe finish run-out, nearby warming and officials' areas, access to power or generator, waxing space, and internet access as required. Biathlon BC or Games organizers can provide electronic biathlon equipment. Can be shared with Cross Country but prefer separate race trail system.
Cross Country Skiing (including para)	Courses: 2.5 km main loop at least 10 m wide; 1.5-2 km secondary loop; 400-500 m sprint course; and 1-2 km sit-ski loop. Start/finish area must support eight lanes for at least 100 m. Provide competition grooming/track-setting equipment, nearby waxing space with at least 8 outlets, and shelter for athletes and coaches. Can be shared with Biathlon but prefer separate race trail system.
Curling	Curling rink with minimum 6 sheets and officials' meeting space.
Figure Skating	NHL sized rink 85 × 200 ft (61 × 25.9 m), 3-4 dressing rooms, music system USB/Bluetooth capability, temporary build-in of judges' stand in the players' boxes with 2 dedicated 15-amp circuits (scaffolding or wood constructed raised platform for 10-12 officials). Separate ice sheet for Ringette and Speedskating, but alternatives for a venue flip with Opening Ceremony. (Opening Ceremony venue Thursday, Figure Skating venue Friday to Sunday)
Freestyle	Moguls course: consistent 20-25° pitch, 125-150 m long, with age-appropriate moguls and jumps. Slopestyle/terrain park: varied 10-18° terrain, 30 m wide, 75-110 m vertical, and 100-550 m long, with age-appropriate features. T-bar or chairlift access (3 days); ski patrol and grooming support. Access to lodge and race organizing committee office. Typically, separate space from Alpine.
Judo	Space for 1 competition mat area at least 16 × 16 m (52 × 52 ft), plus a 5-6 m (16-19 ft) square warm-up area, ideally in the same room or in close proximity. High school gymnasium, field house, or large conference space.
Karate	Space for two competition mat areas 8 × 8 m mats, each with a 1 m safety zone, plus additional 8 x 8 m mat warm-up area, ideally in the same room or in close proximity. High school gymnasium, field house, or large conference space.
Rhythmic Gymnastics	Floor space for one 14 × 14 m (46 × 46 ft) carpet plus 0.5 m carpeted safety zone, nearby warm-up space, 8 m (26 ft) minimum ceiling (10-12 m preferred), lighting and temperature considerations. Preference for high school gymnasium, but can fit within large elementary school gymnasium, conference space, or theatre with large stage.

Sport	Minimum Requirements
Ringette	NHL-sized rink 85 × 200 ft (61 × 25.9 m), ice markings (pre-season install) to Ringette Canada standards, penalty box, benches, four dressing rooms, scoreboard/time clock, officials' rooms, two 30-second shot clocks, and seating for 100-150. Separate ice sheet for Figure Skating and Speed Skating.
Special Olympics BC Unified Sports 3 x 3 Basketball	Gymnasium with marked basketball court, including 3-point line, hardwood floor preferred. Electronic scoreboard and 24-second shot clock.
Speed Skating	NHL-sized rink 85 × 200 ft (61 × 25.9 m), with awareness for speed skating ice markings (ice-in survey markings). Four change rooms, ice-resurfacing equipment, and public-address system required. Speed skating safety crash mats (in-house or space to store external mats). Separate ice sheet for Ringette and Figure Skating, but alternatives for a venue flip with Opening Ceremony. (Opening Ceremony venue Thursday, Speed Skating venue Friday to Sunday)
Basketball - Wheelchair	Gymnasium with marked basketball court, including 3-point line, hardwood floor preferred. Electronic scoreboard and 24-second shot clock. Provide end-line wheelchair clearance. Fully accessible facility including washrooms, change rooms, and showers required.

Minimum Sport Facility Requirements – BC Summer Games – Appendix 6

Sport	Minimum Facility Requirements
Artistic Swimming	Indoor 25 m pool; minimum 6 lanes; at least 8 m of pool length at 3.5-5 m depth. May share with one other aquatic sport.
Athletics	Eight-lane, 400 m synthetic track (minimum 36.50 m radius; lanes 1.22 m ± 0.01 m), with compliant jumping, javelin and throwing facilities at one venue. Discus/hammer cage must be approved by BC Athletics.
Baseball	Two fully fenced grass-infield diamonds; 300-330 ft foul lines, minimum 350 ft to centre; 60 feet 6 inches pitching distance; 90 ft bases; scoreboards required; covered dugouts preferred.
Basketball	Two high school-sized gymnasiums, 28 m × 15 m hardwood courts; regulation three-point lines; two scoreboards and 30-second clocks; minimum 1.25 m end-line clearance or wall mats. Glass backboards and breakaway hoops preferred.
Beach Volleyball	Minimum 2—preferably 3—beach volleyball courts, 18 m × 9 m with 3 m free zones.
Box Lacrosse	Two indoor dry floor arena boxes, each 180-200 ft × 80-90 ft and regulation-marked; penalty/timekeeper boxes, benches, clock, scoreboard and 30-second clock; minimum 4 dressing rooms.
Canoe/Kayak	Sprint Racing**:** 500 m water course, minimum 1.5 m deep, with 6-8 lanes at least 9 m wide; launching access, power, emergency/boat access and boat storage space. May share with rowing. Kayak-Polo Event: Indoor 25 m pool with water polo nets—may share with another aquatic sport.
Field Lacrosse	Competition field 60 yd × 110 yd (54.86 m × 100.58 m), with safety run-offs and regulation markings; adjacent field space for warm-up.
Golf	18-hole course, minimum 6,200 yd, with clubhouse.
Rowing	Lake/saltwater course 85 m wide and 1,000-2,100 m long; minimum 3 m depth; start, finish, and safety docks or 125 m sandy launch beach; timing structure, secure shell storage, covered officials' area, power and emergency/boat access.
Rugby	One field at least 120 m × 65 m with rugby goal posts and padding, adjacent field space for warm-up.
Sailing	Suitable fresh/saltwater area with at least a 1-mile radius; launch/dock facilities and secure on-water and land storage.
Softball	Two fully fenced diamonds, preferably together; minimum 180 ft foul lines; 40 ft girls' and 42 ft boys' pitching distances; scoreboards required. Skinned infields, covered dugouts, and third warm-up diamond preferred.
Swimming	Minimum 25 m pool meeting Swimming Canada depth rules: 1.35 m from 1-6 m off the start wall and 1.0 m elsewhere; minimum 6, preferably 8, lanes at least 1.8 m wide, with lane ropes, starting platforms and backstroke flags. Can share with another aquatic sport.
Towed Water Sports	Water area about 650 m × 150 m; minimum 2 m depth (under 6 m preferred); 6.7 m × 4.3 m × 1.5 m jump ramp; starting dock, towboat docking and emergency road access.
Triathlon	Swim: 25 m pool with 6 lanes or suitable shallow-shore lake. Transition: minimum 20 m × 20 m, supporting about 52 bikes, racks, fencing, timing and water. Cycle: fully traffic-closed paved route at least one lane wide for minibike distances. Run: 1-3 km road, trail, or field course; loops acceptable.
Ultimate	Field/turf space for 2 lined playing areas, each minimum 90 m × 35 m; a standard soccer-field footprint is suitable.
Volleyball	Two high school gymnasiums with four 18 m × 9 m courts, 3 m free zones, and minimum 6 m ceiling.
Wrestling	One high school gymnasium (or alternatively field house or convention space) to set 2 competition mats, each minimum 36 ft × 36 ft, with officials' table space; separate warm-up area for a 32 ft × 32 ft mat.

Mock Winter Sport Facility Submission - Appendix 7

ABC Community – BC Winter Games Bid Committee
SAMPLE

Mock Facility Name	Playing Surfaces / Competition Areas	Key Facility Descriptors	Owner / Operator	Change Rooms / Shower Facilities	Sport Club / LSO	Sports Potentially Supported
Main Arena	1 NHL-size ice sheet	Scoreboards, PA system, spectator seating	Municipality	6 dressing rooms, 2 showers per dressing room	Ringette Club	Ringette/Figure Skating
Regional Recreation Centre	1 NHL-size ice sheet	Scoreboards, PA system, spectator seating, speed skating crash mats	Regional District	4 dressing rooms, 1 shower per dressing room	Speed Skating Club	Speed Skating
Local Arena	1 NHL-size ice sheet	Scoreboards, PA system, spectator seating	Municipality	2 dressing rooms, 1 shower per dressing room	Figure Skating Club	Ringette/Figure Skating
Valley Curling Centre	6-sheet curling facility	Viewing lounge, meeting room	Valley Curling Society	2 accessible change rooms	Valley Curling Club	Curling
Mountain Ski Resort	Alpine race hill	Chairlift access; ski patrol	Mountain Resort Ltd.	Athlete prep areas	Alpine Ski Club	Alpine Skiing, Freestyle Skiing
Nordic Facility	Km of ski trails, stadium area	Grooming, lodge and access to power	Local Nordic Club	2 washrooms	Local Nordic Club	Cross Country
Nordic Facility	Km of ski trails, stadium area	Grooming, lodge, power, separate trails and space for biathlon	Local Nordic Club	2 washrooms	Local Nordic Club	Biathlon
Forest Secondary	High school gym	Seating, PA	School District	2 washrooms, 6 showers per room, plus 2 accessibility showers	None	Wheelchair Basketball, Special O Basketball
River Secondary	High school gym	Seating, PA	School District	2 washrooms, 6 showers per room, plus 2 accessibility showers	None	Wheelchair Basketball, Special O Basketball
Mountain Secondary	High school gym	Seating, PA	School District	2 washrooms, 6 showers per room, plus 2 accessibility showers	Local Gymnastics Club	Artistic Gymnastics
Valleyview Secondary	High school gym	Seating, PA	School District	2 washrooms, 6 showers per room, plus 2 accessibility showers	Local Gymnastics Club	Artistic Gymnastics
Beach Middle School	High school gym	Seating, PA	School District	2 washrooms, 6 showers per room, plus 2 accessibility showers	Karate Club	Judo/Karate
Greentree Elementary	Elementary school gym	Stage, ceiling height of 10 m	School District	Change rooms, no showers	Gymnastics Club	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Recreation Gym	Large rec gym	6 badminton courts	Municipality	2 washrooms, 6 showers per room, plus 2 accessibility showers	Badminton Club	Badminton
Field House	Large field house – 25 m x 36 m	Turf, PA system, lounge area	Municipality	4 change rooms, 2 showers per room	Archery Club	Archery
Conference Centre	Large open conference space – 25 m x 36 m	Power, PA	Hotel and Conference Business	2 washrooms	Karate Club	Judo/Karate

Mock Summer Sport Facility Submission - Appendix 8

ABC Community – BC Summer Games Bid Committee
SAMPLE

Mock Facility Name	Playing Surfaces / Competition Areas	Key Facility Descriptors	Owner / Operator	Change Rooms / Shower Facilities	Sport Club / LSO	Sports Potentially Supported
Municipal Sports Park	6 natural grass diamonds	Fully fenced fields, scoreboards, covered dugouts	Municipality	4 team change rooms – no showers	Baseball Association	Baseball, Softball
Club Sports Complex	2 grass, 1 turf pitches	Lined fields	Private Rugby Club	4 team change rooms – 1 shower per room	Rugby Club	Rugby, Ultimate
Regional Aquatic Centre	25 m, 8-lane pool, dive tank	Electronic timing system, starting blocks	Regional District	8 F showers 8 M showers 2 accessibility showers	Swim Club	Swimming
Local Pool	25 m pool, dive tank	Dive tank	Municipality	6 F showers 6 M showers 2 accessibility showers	Local Artistic Swimming Club	Artistic Swimming
Track & Field Stadium	400 m synthetic track	Field event venues, grandstand seating	Municipality	4 change rooms – no showers	Track & Field Club	Athletics
Mountain Secondary	High school size gym, small 2nd gym	Score clock, bleachers, no bleachers in 2nd gym	School District	6 F showers 6 M showers 2 accessibility showers	Local Volleyball Club	Gym sport
River Middle School	Middle school double gym	Score clock, bleachers, PA	School District	2 change rooms – no showers	Local Volleyball Club	Gym sport
Forest Secondary	Large double gym	Score clock, bleachers, PA	School District	6 F showers 6 M showers	Local Basketball Club	Gym sport
Valley Secondary	High school gym	Score clock, bleachers, PA	School District	6 F showers 6 M showers	Local Basketball Club	Gym sport
Greentree Secondary	High school gym	Score clock, bleachers, PA	School District	6 F showers 6 M showers	Local Wrestling Club	Gym sport
Gyro Beach	2 beach volleyball courts	Permanent poles	Municipality	Change rooms – public/cold showers	None	Beach volleyball
Gyro Beach	Beach swimming area, running trails, cycling route	Suitable triathlon venue	Municipality	Change rooms – public/cold showers	Local Triathlon club	Triathlon
Big Arena	Dry Floor Arena	Ice out in April, ample seating	Municipality	4 team change rooms, 2 showers per change room, plus 1 accessible	Lacrosse Club	Lacrosse
Small Arena	Dry Floor Arena	Ice out in April, seating	Municipality	2 team change rooms, 1 shower per change room	Lacrosse Club	Lacrosse
Rowing and Paddling Centre	Space for buoy course	Boat house, dock	Municipality	2 team change rooms, 1 shower per change room	Rowing Club	Rowing
Waterway Dock	Space for buoy course	Boat house, dock	Municipality	Public change rooms	None	Canoe/Kayak
Windy Bay	Space for buoy course	Marina and yacht club	Private Yacht Club	Change rooms, 4 F showers 4 M showers	Private Yacht Club	Sailing
Golfers' Green	18-hole golf course	Club house, driving range	Private Course	Change rooms, 4 F showers 4 M showers	None	Golf

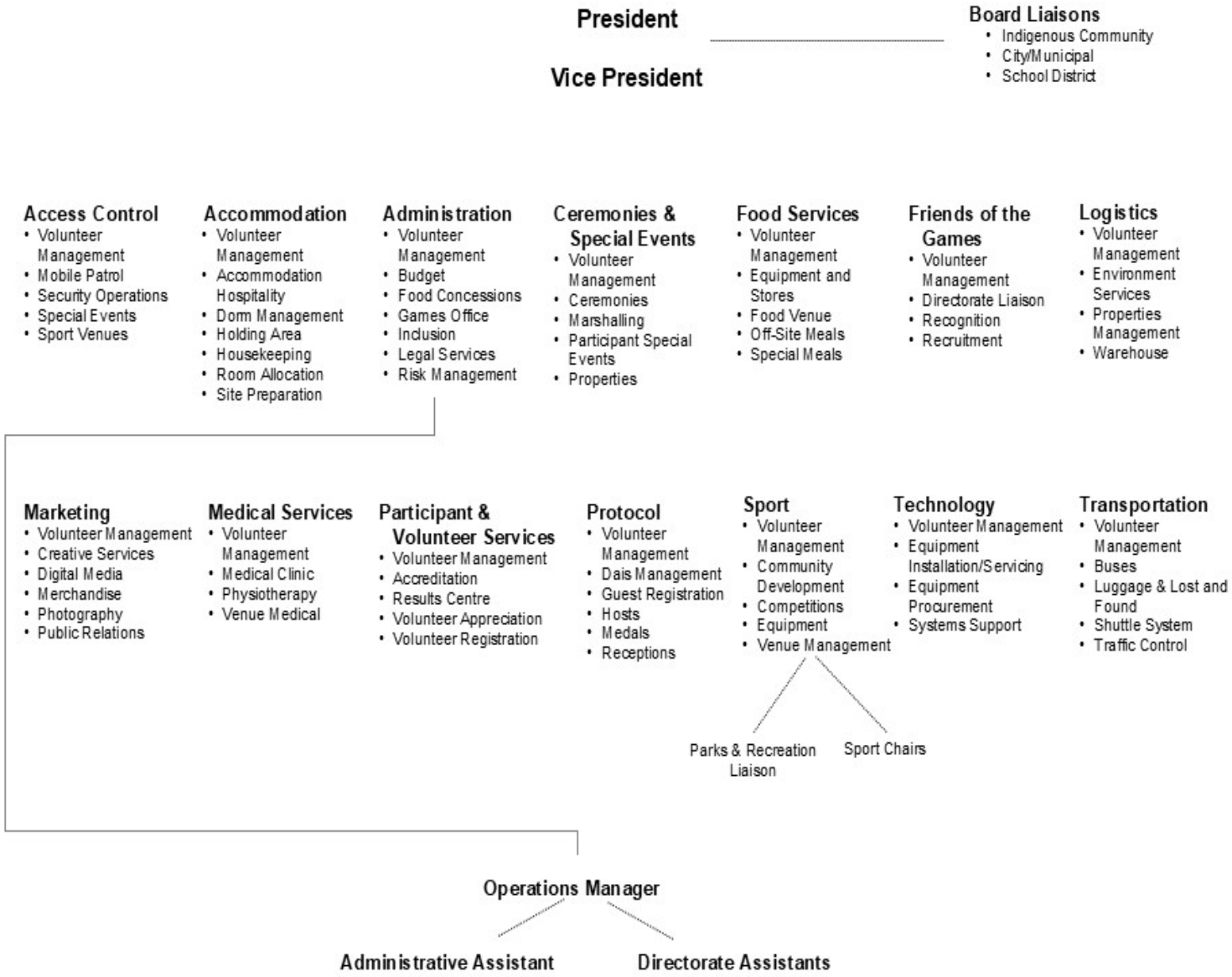
Past Hosts and Community Financial Legacy – Appendix 9

The table below shows past host communities and the community financial legacy after the completion of a Games hosting journey. The financial legacy fund is generated from half of the Games operating budget surplus, bank interest earned on host society operating grants, and Games merchandise profits. A local legacy committee derived from members of the host society Board, Liaisons and BC Games Society staff form processes to disseminate legacy funds approximately one year after the conclusion of the Games.

Year	Community	Games	Community Financial Legacy
2000	Quesnel	Winter	$131,676
	Victoria	Summer	$57,424
2002	Williams Lake	Winter	$85,134
	Nanaimo	Summer	$197,682
2004	Port Alberni	Winter	$135,000
	Abbotsford	Summer	$174,394
2006	Trail	Winter	$69,000
	Kamloops	Summer	$101,576
2008	Kimberley-Cranbrook	Winter	$118,646
	Kelowna	Summer	$77,868
2010	Terrace	Winter	$63,687
	Township of Langley	Summer	$75,320
2012	Greater Vernon	Winter	$119,408
	Surrey	Summer	$139,517
2014	Mission	Winter	$62,811
	Nanaimo	Summer	$75,871
2016	Penticton	Winter	$62,000
	Abbotsford	Summer	$152,561
2018	Kamloops	Winter	$63,941
	Cowichan	Summer	$125,573
2020	Fort St. John	Winter	$244,009
	Games cancelled 4 months prior due to Covid	Summer	$126,498
2022	Greater Vernon (held in 2023)	Winter	$227,605
	Prince George	Summer	$181,513
2024	Lhtako Quesnel	Winter	$209,501
	Maple Ridge	Summer	$93,573
2026	Trail-Rossland	Winter	not yet final
	Kelowna	Summer	not yet final
2028	Kamloops	Winter	
	Penticton	Summer	

Sample Host Society Organization Chart – Appendix 10

The sample host society Organizational Chart is presented below to demonstrate the framework and planning areas of the local organization committee that commences at the Games planning phase after a nominations committee has assembled local board members.



Economic Impact Summary – BC Winter Games - Appendix 11

STEAM PREDICTIVE REPORT

Economic Impact Summary

Trail-Rossland BC Winter Games

STEAM strength in numbers

BC Games Society

EVENT DETAILS

Location	**Trail, British Columbia**
Event Type	**Youth Participant**
Date of Event	**February 2026**
Spectators	**1,164**
Participants	**1,464**
Other Attendees	**1,740**

KEY INPUTS

Operational Expenditures	**$1,549,061**
Capital Expenditures	**$90,793**
Revenue	**$988,532**
Surplus	**$0**
% From Out-of-Town	**64%**
Average Nights Stayed	**4.1**

KEY OUTPUTS

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS

2,780

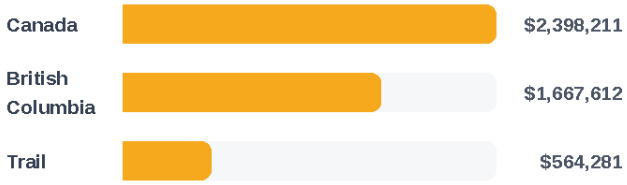
VISITOR SPENDING

$911K

TOTAL EVENT EXPENDITURES

$2.6M

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT



TOTAL TAXES SUPPORTED

$957,736

EMPLOYMENT (FULL-YEAR JOBS)

TRAIL	BRITISH COLUMBIA
8	18

WAGES & SALARIES

TRAIL	BRITISH COLUMBIA
$377K	$1M

OVERALL INDUSTRY OUTPUT

TRAIL (and region)	BRITISH COLUMBIA	CANADA
$2.5M	$4.5M	$6.1M

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Economic Impact Summary – BC Summer Games - Appendix 12

BC SUMMER GAMES

Kelowna, BC

EVENT DATE: July 22- 26, 2026

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HIGHLIGHTS

BC GAMES KELOWNA 2026 SUMMER

$4.5M
OF INITIAL EXPENDITURES

$2.7M
OF VISITOR SPENDING

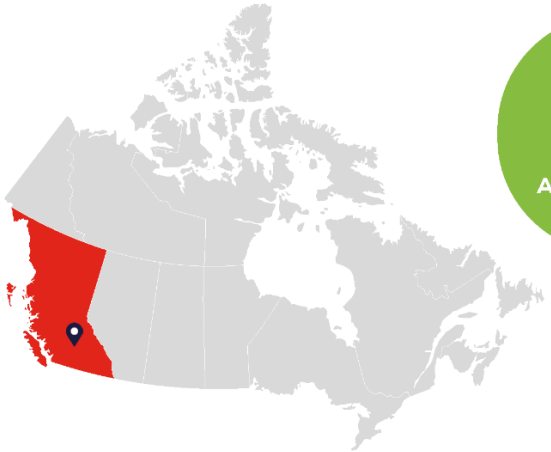
7,231
OUT OF TOWN VISITORS TO KELOWNA

24
LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED BY THE EVENT

$1.1M
OF WAGES AND SALARIES SUPPORTED LOCALLY
$1.8M PROVINCIALLY

$1.6M
IN TAXES SUPPORTED ACROSS CANADA

$3.04M BOOST
TO PROVINCIAL GDP
$1.8M LOCALLY



TRAVEL CHARACTERISTICS

2.8
AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY SIZE

3.8
AVERAGE NIGHTS STAYED

9.0/10
OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF THIS EVENT INFLUENCING VISITATION

$7.6M
OVERALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PROVINCE

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Frequently Asked Questions

Our municipal facilities have a third-party facility operator. What is the bid impact?
If your municipality has a third-party facility operator, the expectations remain the same: to provide no-cost facility rental and in-kind workforce to make the hosting of the Games affordable and successful. Address this in Phase One of the bid submission, acknowledging it in the cover letter and supplying a Phase One letter of support from the third-party facility operator demonstrating that the facility would be available at no cost to the Games.

Our community is missing one (or two) key specialized sport facilities. What should we do?
You should still bid if you are missing just one or possibly two key specialized sport venues. Consider looking to your neighbouring community for the facility, ideally within a maximum two-hour drive time. A letter of support from the respective facility owner is advised at Phase Two. Alternatively, the least favourable option involves continuing to run a Games without that specific sport. This scenario would be managed at the BC Games Society to Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) relationship level.

Is there a limit to venue spread and travel time? What is the two-hour reference?
A general planning guideline states that a venue should not be greater than a two-hour drive from a community centre. This keeps participants' Games-time travel within reasonable distance of these youth multi-sport Games. It also ensures that the volunteers/Games organizers expected to service these venues are within reach.

Is there a concern that school showers are not in daily school use?
It is acknowledged that some showers may not be in daily use given current school usage practices. Expectation is at the Games planning phase to work with the school community to temporarily move storage supplies, conduct cleaning or commission reasonable upgrades to bring showers back to workable condition. If a shower is beyond reasonable salvaging, it should not be reported as part of the school accommodations inventory. Showers are a primary hosting capacity factor in the training camp multi-night environment of a BC Games.

What Insurance considerations are in place?
The BC Games Society carries a thorough and comprehensive $10 million liability coverage and directors and officers liability. Through the Games planning process, venue agreements and certificates of insurance are exchanged to meet venue owner insurance requirements. Additionally, all athletes, coaches, and officials are members of their respective Provincial Sport Organizations with additional layers of insurance protections.

Can the municipality transfer its cash grant in instalments?
Yes. The municipality may arrange an instalment schedule with the host society President and Director of Administration. The host society will maintain banking capacity across two fiscal years, and all grant payments must be completed before the date the Games begin.

Are there any hotel requirements during the bid phase?
No. Hotel information and commitments are not required in the bid submission. During Games planning, however, a process will be established to select a host hotel for Games dignitaries. Communities may also work with tourism agencies to market to Games visitors. Past Games have generated strong demand for accommodations by sport officials and visitors, often resulting in full or near-full occupancy in the host community and surrounding areas.

What merchandise sales opportunities are available to the host society?
During Games planning, the Marketing Directorate is expected to issue an RFP and select a merchandise supplier for Games-branded apparel sold before and during the Games. The BC Games Society, host society, and supplier will coordinate branding controls, inventory risk, and Games-time sales locations. All proceeds contribute directly to the host society's financial legacy. Past merchandise sales have generated between $8,000 and $30,000, depending on the size of the Games and partnership arrangements.

What events and participant numbers should a mountain resort expect?
A mountain resort can expect the following when hosting BC Winter Games events:

Alpine:
Access to a race-centre area suitable for slalom, giant slalom, and—where possible—double slalom events.
Up to 100 athletes ages 12 to 14, 24 coaches, and 6 officials.

Freestyle:
Access to a terrain park for slopestyle and a straight, visible pitch for moguls. If the resort does not have a moguls course, Freestyle BC can provide an expert course builder before the Games, funded through the host society budget.
Up to 72 athletes ages 12 to 15, 20 coaches, and 8 officials.

Three days of on-snow lift access, from Thursday through Saturday.

The resort typically leads the event safety planning, site preparation, grooming, ski patrol, spectator zones, and event delivery. BC Alpine and Freestyle BC will provide event sanctioning and on-site leadership for their respective sports, supported by local ski club volunteers serving as the race organizing committee.

The Games also provide an opportunity to attract family visitors to the resort; historically, about 40-75% of athletes' families have travelled to this marquee youth event. A Phase One letter of support should outline the ability of the mountain to host sports on the selected dates and, in principle, favourable lift ticket rates. A host mountain resort becomes a unique venue partner, given the ownership model of resorts and the technical nature of mountain snow sports.

What opportunities are available for Indigenous programming or participation in the Games?
A BC Games has many culturally safe opportunities for Indigenous participation through two streams. At the local host society level, past Games have fostered Indigenous leadership by appointing an Indigenous Liaison to the Board and/or an Indigenous person to lead a Directorate planning area. Cultural components can be showcased at the Opening Ceremony, participant special events, or sport-specific welcome ceremonies. Creative aspects can be woven into many host society planning areas. A few past examples include venue names, artwork/decorations at accommodation sites, medal ribbons, and pin designs. At the participant level, the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (I·SPARC), the BC Games Society, and the relevant Provincial and Disability Sport Organizations (PSOs/DSOs) offer programming initiatives that create dedicated pathways to the Games for Indigenous athletes, coaches, or officials in targeted sports.

What sponsorship opportunities are available?
The host society establishes a Friends of the Games (FOG) Directorate to secure cash and in-kind contributions from local businesses to offset operating costs, subject to reasonable BC Games Society franchise sponsorship requirements. Past host societies have successfully built on local relationships, the Games' reputable brand, and the youth-focused multi-sport Games product to attract support. Previous FOG contributions have ranged from $35,000 to $290,000 in cash, and $175,000 to $750,000 of in-kind support.

Terms of Reference

Ministry of Tourism Arts, Culture and Sport – This BC cabinet-level provincial government ministry funds and provides oversight to the BC Games Society.

BC Games Society – The BC Games Society is a British Columbia Crown corporation responsible for guiding the BC Winter Games and BC Summer Games, and for preparing Team BC for national multi-sport events like the Canada Games.

Host Society – This is a non-profit society formed to host, plan, and implement an upcoming BC Winter or BC Summer Games event. It operates as a franchise rights holder to the BC Games Society. The host society acts as the localized organizing committee. It is tasked with mobilizing thousands of local volunteers, overseeing regional logistical planning, and managing the event on the ground.

Host Community – This general term refers to the hosting community more at large as opposed to the specific host society organizing committee.

Provincial / Disability Sport Organization (PSO/DSO) – A Provincial or Disability Sport Organization is a non-profit society recognized as the official provincial authority for a specific sport by its National Sport Organization (NSO) and viaSport BC designation status. The organization stewards, develops, and governs its sport across BC (i.e., Alpine BC or BC Artistic Swimming).

Participants – This term refers to athletes, coaches, adult supervisors, and officials who are managed at the PSO/DSO and BC Games Society level. It does not refer to volunteers, Games dignitaries, spectators or visitors.

Core Sport Policy – This key BC Games Society policy guides the criteria for sports to be included in the BC Games program, how sports are evaluated, and how new sports apply to be in the Games.

Usable Dorm Classrooms – This Games term refers to school classrooms that can be converted into participant dorm rooms by creating sufficient open floor space. Standard classrooms of various sizes are generally suitable. Science laboratories, kindergarten rooms, before/after school care spaces, exterior annexes, shop classes, and other specialized rooms containing significant district assets are generally unsuitable. With district approval, some shop classes or other rooms may be used to store sport equipment.


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