



Fact Sheet

Lhtako Quesnel 2024 BC Winter Games

The BC Winter Games provides a competitive multi-sport environment that supports the development of athletes, coaches, and officials as they move on to higher levels of competition. The BC Winter Games are held every two years in the even calendar year. The BC Games contribute to the development of sport and communities through infrastructure updates and improvements, volunteer engagement and skill enhancement, and large-event hosting experience.

Lhtako Quesnel 2024 BC Winter Games

- February 22 – 25, 2024
- 32nd BC Winter Games

Participants

- Up to 1,200 athletes along with 600 coaches and officials participate in the BC Winter Games.
- Participants compete for one of eight geographic zones.
- There will be competition in 16 sports including competition for athletes with a disability.
- The age range is specific to each sport. The youngest athletes could be 9 years old (in rhythmic gymnastics and figure skating) and oldest (able bodied athletes) would be 17 years old in a variety of sports. The average age of the athletes is 14.
- Athletes with a disability will compete in wheelchair basketball, figure skating (Special Olympics), cross country skiing (Para), and speed skating (Special Olympics)
- Para athletes and Special Olympians range in age from 14-45 years.
- Coaches or Adult Supervisors serve as supervisors for the young athletes and expected to have completed National Coaching Certification Safe Sport Training. Head Coaches with each zone team is Competition Introduction Certified in the sport they are coaching at the Games.

Volunteers

- The President and Vice President will lead a team of 14 Board Directors and form the Games Host Society (local organizing committee).
- Directors will recruit and coordinate up to 70 individuals to take on volunteer leadership positions as Chairs, each of whom have committees of volunteers responsible for different aspects of the Games planning and operations.
- Up to 2,000 volunteers will be involved.

Funding

- Base funding of \$550,000 is provided by the Province of BC through the BC Games Society.
- BC Games Society Powering Potential Fund will contribute an additional \$50,000 to sport infrastructure / equipment based on the region's requirements and the needs of the BC Winter Games.
- The City of Quesnel will provide \$55,000 cash and \$55,000 in-kind services to the Games.
- Quesnel School District #28 will provide the use of classrooms as dorms, facilities for sport venues, and buses for transportation, and will close schools for two days of the Games.
- Provincial Partners provide cash and in-kind services.
- Friends of the Games (local business and industry) contribute cash and in-kind services/goods.

Provincial Partners

- Province of BC, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
- Lhtako Dene
- City of Quesnel
- Quesnel School District #28
- Global BC
- Black Press Media

Legacy of the BC Games

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

Sport Development Legacies

- A development platform for BC athletes, coaches, and officials towards national and international competition.
- BC Games alumni are successful on the national and international stage.
- Sport development lift for local clubs, such as the revamped Dawson Creek Alpine Ski Club after the Fort St. John 2020 BC Winter Games.
- 25 BC Games alumni represented Team Canada at the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.
- 55% of the Team BC athletes who competed at the 2019 Canada Winter Games were BC Games alumni.
- 126 BC Games alumni competed in Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games.

Interesting Tidbits

- Volunteers will prepare over up to 20,000 meals in four days.
- Over 1,300 medals will be awarded.
- 2,000 foam mattresses will be used as beds for Games participants.
- Quesnel hosted a successful BC Winter Games in 2000.