



Fact Sheet

2019 Canada Winter Games

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Red Deer, Alberta

February 15 to March 3, 2019

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- This will be the largest event ever hosted in Red Deer and central Alberta and one of the largest events to be hosted in Alberta in over three decades, since the 1988 Calgary Olympics.
- The 2019 Canada Winter Games is the 27th edition of the Canada Games and the third time the Canada Games have been hosted in Alberta.
- Previously, Alberta hosted the Canada Games in 1975 (Lethbridge) and 1995 (Grand Prairie).
- The Games will feature over 150 events in 21 sports.
- 3600 athletes, managers and coaches
- 13 Teams: ten provinces and three territories

Team BC

- Team BC brings together the best athletes, coaches, managers, and mission staff to represent British Columbia at the Canada Winter Games and Canada Summer Games.
- Team BC athletes are the best young developing talent in their sport and being part of Team BC is a key multi-sport games development opportunity towards competing at national and international levels.
- Team BC's delegation includes 251 athletes, 46 coaches, 29 managers and technical staff, and 23 mission staff.
- Team BC is led by Chef de Mission, Jennifer Scott, and Assistant Chefs de Mission, Danielle Williams.

Sports

- Athletes are at the Train to Train Stage of the Long Term Athlete Development Model
- 21 official sports including: alpine skiing, archery, artistic gymnastics, artistic swimming, badminton, biathlon, boxing, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, hockey, judo, long track speed skating, ringette, short track speed skating, snowboard, squash, table tennis, trampoline and wheelchair basketball.
- Competition for athletes with a disability will take place in para alpine, para cross country, figure skating, and wheelchair basketball.
- Team BC Coaches must be fully certified NCCP Level 3 Certified or the equivalent in the NCCP Competition stream.

Mission Staff

- Mission staff are volunteers selected from experts in the sport, recreation, and health services sectors to provide administration support to the Provincial Sport Organizations, coaches and managers, and Team BC leading up to and at the Games.
- Team BC mission staff won the Claude Hardy Award which is presented in recognition of a provincial or territorial team in recognition of leadership, cooperation, integrity, and esprit de corps at the 2013 Canada Summer Games and 2015 Canada Winter Games.

Alumni

The Canada Winter Games are a stepping stone to national teams and international competitions like the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Justin Kripps, 2018 Olympic Gold Medalist in Bobsleigh, is Team BC's Honorary Captain for the 2019 Canada Winter Games. He competed for Team BC in Athletics at the 2005 Canada Summer Games.

Other Team BC alumni include:

- Kelsey Serwa, Ski Cross (Kelowna), Silver medal 2014 Olympic Games; gold medal 2018 Olympic Games
- Cassie Sharpe, Ski Halfpipe (Comox), Gold medal - 2018 Olympic Games
- Josh Dueck, Para Alpine (Victoria), gold and silver 2014 Paralympic Games
- Dan Hamhuis, Hockey (Smithers), gold medal 2014 Olympic Games
- Megan Heincke (Tandy), Biathlon, (Prince George), member of 2010, 2014 and 2018 Olympic teams

Past Results - 2015 Canada Winter Games

- Team BC finished third behind Quebec (141 medals) and Ontario (111 medals) at the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George with 88 medals - 21 gold, 34 silver, and 33 bronze.
- BC Games alumni represented 56.8% of the athletes on Team BC and contributed to 61.4% of the medals.

Funding and Operations

- The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture provides annual funding to the Team BC program.
- BC Games Society manages the operations of Team BC (e.g. training Mission staff, logistics of getting the team to the Games and back).

Athlete Excellence Award

- The Team BC Athlete Excellence Award honours two outstanding athletes at the 2019 Canada Winter Games.
- Athletes are evaluated on their leadership and volunteer contributions, pre-games sport performances and education achievement.
- The \$2500 bursary is to use towards direct sport expenses and may be applied to post-secondary education expenses.
- Two awards are presented each Games – one to a male athlete and one to a female athlete who are registered to compete for Team BC at the Canada Games.
- Funding for this award comes from the BC Games Society's Powering Potential Fund.

Legacy Projects

- Since 2011, Team BC has initiated a project focused on social responsibility and engaged Team BC athletes, coaches, families and partners.
- Realizing the tremendous contribution that every host community makes to plan and stage the Games, it is a goal of Team BC to give back to the community and leave a valuable and meaningful legacy.
- Team BC's 2019 project is a collaborative effort between all of the provinces and the 2019 Canada Winter Games Host Society.
- Mittens for Many will collect donations of warm mittens to deliver to those less fortunate in Red Deer.

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