

2028 BC Winter and BC Summer Games Core Sport Application for New Sports

Overview

The BC Games Society supports the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) framework and aligns participation in the BC Games with the Train to Train stage of Long-Term Development (LTD). The BC Games serve as an athlete's first experience in a multi-sport environment, helping prepare athletes, coaches, and officials for higher levels of competition and community leadership.

Evaluation Context

Sports being considered for inclusion in the 2028 BC Winter and BC Summer Games, including both new applicants and returning sports from the 2026 Games, will be evaluated:

- Against the Core Sport Policy for the 2028 Games, and
- In comparison to all other sports seeking inclusion within the Games program.

All sports included in the BC Games are evaluated following each Games cycle to confirm their continued alignment with the Core Sport criteria. Returning sports are assessed on their demonstrated outcomes, while new sports are evaluated on their ability to meet the Core Sport standards and contribute meaningfully to the Games program.

Evaluation focuses not only on performance, but also on partnership, development, and inclusion. Key considerations include:

- Province-wide participation and equitable access for athletes from across BC.
- Coach certification and development in alignment with NCCP standards.
- Officials' and volunteer development, fostering mentorship and local capacity.
- Athlete progression within the Train to Train stage of the LTD pathway.
- Commitment to the Culture of the Games, promoting a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment.

Purpose of the Core Sport Application

The Core Sport Policy for the 2028 BC Winter and BC Summer Games introduces a more focused and sustainable Games model. The overall size of the Games is capped at 1,800 participants for Winter and 2,700 for Summer, which means that inclusion is competitive and based on alignment with the policy's standards and priorities.

The goal of this application process is not to expand the Games, but to ensure the inclusion of sports that best meet the Core Sport criteria and can deliver meaningful athlete, coach, and official development opportunities while supporting the Games' commitment to equity, inclusion, and excellence.

Application Process and Key Dates

- Applications from new sports are due by **February 19, 2026**.
- BC Games staff will meet with each applicant to discuss their submission.
- The Sport Package will be announced as follows:
 - 2028 BC Winter Games: early 2027
 - 2028 BC Summer Games: spring 2027
- Please refer to the Core Sport Timeline (Appendix F of the Core Sport Policy) for additional details.

Submit completed applications to: coresport@bcgames.org



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This application is for inclusion in the:

☐ BC Summer Games

☐ BC Winter Games

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

By completing this application, your sport agrees to:

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

Submission Checklist

Applying organizations should develop an application package that includes all of the items listed below. This checklist and the contact information table must be included as part of the completed application package.

Baseline Requirements

☐	Provide a recent copy of a Certificate of Good Standing from the Society Act that is not dated more than one year prior to this application.
☐	Provide documentation that the organization has accident and liability insurance coverage of a minimum of five million dollars (\$5 million) in place for its members.
☐	Provide documentation that identifies your organization as holding Accredited status through the viaSport Designation Program.
☐	Provide the name of someone from your organization who will serve as your primary BC Games contact (Provincial Advisor).
☐	Provide a list of volunteers around the province (at least one in each of the eight BC Games zones) who could potentially serve as volunteers to manage Games responsibilities (Zone Representatives).
☐	Provide a list of your organization's Safe Sport framework, including policies, training, etc.
☐	Provide information on any existing provincial or zone team programs that your sport currently operates at the development stage of the BC Games.

Sport Technical

Events, Categories, and Sport Schedule

☐	Provide a list of events being proposed for inclusion in the Games. Each event for each sport will be considered independently for inclusion in the Games.
☐	Provide a sample sport schedule for the Games. Note that sports are required to use the Games to their full capacity by providing training, competition, or other sport development opportunities on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the Games. The sample sport schedule must fit within the following parameters: end by 3:00 pm on Thursday and by noon on Sunday, no restrictions on Friday or Saturday.
☐	Provide details such as the age range/level, whether all athletes compete in each event (if not, which athletes will and which will not compete in each event).

Venues, Equipment, and Rules

☐	Provide information about the availability of venues for your sport throughout the province, with specific reference to the communities that will host the 2028 Games (2028 BC Winter Games in Kamloops and 2028 BC Summer Games in Penticton).
☐	Provide detailed minimum facility requirements (refer to the samples on page 5).
☐	Provide information about the equipment and availability of the equipment needed for your sport across the province.
☐	Provide a sample venue layout for your proposed competition.
☐	Provide a link to, or copy of, the rules that govern competition for your sport and any modifications for Games competition that are being proposed.

Participant Information

☐	Provide the age range of athletes to compete at the BC Games. The average age of athletes at the BC Games is 14 years, but this varies from sport to sport depending on the sport's age alignment to the Train to Train stage.
☐	Provide the proposed number of athletes per zone, by gender.
☐	Provide the proposed number of coaches per zone, by gender.
☐	Provide the proposed number of officials required for a viable competition, based on the age range and level of competition.
☐	Provide the proposed athlete eligibility (any restrictions put on your athletes participating at the Games, ensuring that your best athletes participate in only one Games).

Athletes with a Disability (optional)

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

☐	Provide the age range of athletes.
☐	Provide the proposed total number of athletes.
☐	Provide the proposed events/categories.
☐	Provide venue details, including any modifications or additional venues needed for competition for athletes with a disability.
☐	Provide equipment details including any modifications or additional equipment needed.
☐	Provide a copy of the rules for competition for athletes with a disability.

Athlete Development

☐	Provide current membership lists on a zone-by-zone basis, according to the BC Games zones, that identify: - members who are currently in the age range being proposed in this application, and - members who will be in the age range being proposed in this application in 2028. The above list should include name, club, and zone, but no other personal information is required.
☐	Provide a copy of your sport's current provincial LTD (Long-Term Development) or Canadian Sport for Life (CSL) framework (or where neither of these are complete, the organization's athlete, coaches, and officials' development models), keeping in mind that the BC Games are identified to be in the sport's Train to Train stage.
☐	Provide examples of ways your sport can ensure a rewarding and high-level competitive experience at the Games. Sports should utilize existing practices within the rules or culture of their sport and/or create new ones for the Games competition. This can include varied zone placement in the draws, tiered pool play, seeding, mixed zone competition, mixed gendered competition, skills competitions, etc.

Coach Development

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

Officials Development

☐	Provide information about how the BC Games will be used as an opportunity to train, upgrade, and/or mentor officials and outline challenges that you are already facing in developing officials in your sport.
☐	Provide information showing how the officials participating in the BC Games are of the level and/or having the training that is appropriate to the level and caliber of athletes/competition.

Volunteer Development

☐	Provide information about how the BC Games will be used as an opportunity to train, upgrade, and/or mentor volunteers and build capacity in the sport through the selection of Zone Representatives, and/or Sport Chair, and/or Provincial Advisor.
☐	Provide a zone-by-zone list of sanctioned member clubs of your sport in each of the BC Games zones.

Culture of the Games

☐	Provide information on your organization's strategies to ensure an inclusive environment both on and off the field of play, including the opportunities that exist to support participation regardless of gender, accessibility, ethnic background, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
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Sample Minimum Facility Requirements

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

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