



PRESS RELEASE

The 20 sport leaders get in the Games!

Sherbrooke, Monday February 6, 2012 – The Organization of the Canada Summer Games – Sherbrooke 2013 can now count on 20 volunteer sport leaders who will be closely associated with the success of the competitions in the 20 sports and disciplines on the program. These experienced individuals, who are very active in their respective local sports associations, are getting ready to face a number of challenges, notably with the test events taking place in Sherbrooke in the summer of 2012.

The sport leaders, some of whom get help from associate leaders, are charged with setting up a sport organizing committee (SOC), training their volunteers and ensuring conformity with the regulations established in collaboration with the National Sport Organizations (NSO). They provide the link between the SOC, the Sport programming service and the venue team to make sure that all efforts are coordinated in a most positive way.

“We are proud to welcome such quality sport leaders in the greater Games family. Sherbrooke 2013 will benefit from their experience in the planning of competitions and their important network of collaborators,” said François Salvail, Sport Programming Manager. Sandra Lacroix, sport leader for the diving competitions, added: “We are exceptionally lucky to be able to participate in such a major event in our own region. We encourage the numerous volunteers of all sports clubs to get in the Games with us.”

Sherbrooke hosts a number of important test events

For the moment, six important provincial or national test events have been confirmed and will be held in the region. Other events will later be added to the schedule for 2012 and 2013. Competitions in basketball, baseball, canoe-kayak, cycling, sailing and beach volleyball will take place in July and August 2012. These events will provide an opportunity for the Organization of the Games to test the various services of the Host Society and to evaluate the competition venues, the equipment and the work of volunteers. For sport leaders, this will be a good time to recruit and train minor officials.

Competition venues: work to be done

Following the visit of technical representatives from the National Sport Organizations last September, a full assessment was done of the improvements and work to be completed at the venues. The major projects include building a pool for warm-ups and renovating the existing 50-meter pool at the Université de Sherbrooke, refitting the mountain bike course and adding new trails at Mont Bellevue and constructing eight tennis courts at the Centre récréatif de Rock Forest. “We have a real advantage in the sense that only minor modifications are required for most of the facilities. We will respect the deadlines and the budgets,” confirmed Michel Dussureault, Deputy CEO, Planning and Competitions. The technical representatives of the National Sport Organizations will be back in Sherbrooke in February 2013 to ensure that all venues conform to national standards.

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