

2015 Canada Winter Games Sports Selection

The Canada Games Council is proud to announce the completion of its' 2015 sport selection process! The Canada Games Council's Sport Committee followed a thorough sport selection process for the 2015 Winter Games. The Sport Committee evaluated all sports / disciplines that applied for inclusion in the upcoming Winter Games.

Six core sports / disciplines were pre-selected to the 2015 Winter Games based on their ability to meet the enhanced criteria within the sport selection process. An extra assessment was performed by the Sport Committee on the remaining sports / disciplines which applied for inclusion.

The Canada Games is pleased to announce Freestyle Ski Cross as part of its 2015 sports program. This event, which combines the excitement of freestyle skiing with the rush of downhill racing, is already a main component of the Winter X Games and will be featured for the first time as an official event at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

A new discipline also being included in the 2015 Winter Games sports program is Trampoline (Gymnastics). Participants within this discipline routinely defy gravity by performing high-flying spins, twists and tumbles on every jump. This discipline has been present at the Olympic Games since 2000. Canada has claimed an impressive three Silver medals and two Bronze medals in both the Men's and Women's fields.

The sports / disciplines chosen as part of the 2015 Canada Winter Games sport program are:

Alpine Skiing(CORE) -includes para-alpine
Archery
Badminton (CORE)
Biathlon
Cross Country Skiing- includes para-nordic
Curling (CORE)
Figure Skating(CORE)- includes events for Special Olympics athletes
Freestyle Skiing
Gymnastics – Artistic and Trampoline
Hockey (CORE)
Judo
Ringette – Females Only
Snowboard
Speedskating(CORE)- Long Track and Short Track
Squash
Synchronized Swimming – Females Only
Table Tennis
Target Shooting

Wheelchair Basketball – Mixed

The Canada Games are central to the development of Canadian athletes and Canadian sport. It is because of its' popularity and funding framework that the Canada Games has reached its' capacity and is not able to select all sports/ disciplines that wish to be in the Games. The sport selection process is derived from the principles established by the Canada Games Council's Board of Directors. These principles are reflective of the unique nature of the Canada Games, and specifically Canadian Sport Policy, which states that the Canada Games are to assist in *“increasing the quality and numbers of the next generation of national team athletes participating in international competition”*. The Canada Games also believes very strongly in having equal opportunities for males and females as well as for individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities.