

Get in the Games



2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Federal Secretariat



More than 6,500 athletes and officials. 80 countries. Approximately 250,000 visitors. Over 10,000 members of the media. An anticipated international television audience of 3 billion viewers.

Those are big numbers, and what they add up to is this: when Vancouver and Whistler host the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, it will present us with an unprecedented opportunity to celebrate and showcase Canada to the world.

We can inspire people from across our country and around the globe with our athletic prowess. We can electrify national and international audiences with our artistic excellence. And, as 2010 will mark the tenth anniversary of the Paralympic Winter Games, this is the perfect chance to highlight the achievements of Canadian Paralympians and to celebrate their contributions to the sporting world.

The 2010 Winter Games also provide an opportunity to create lasting, tangible benefits that can be shared by businesses, communities and citizens, both in British Columbia and across Canada.

The Government of Canada – A Proud Partner

The Government of Canada is a proud member of the hosting team for the 2010 Winter Games, and is committed to creating an event worthy of the level of achievement it is designed to celebrate.

The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Federal Secretariat is the focal point for the Government of Canada's participation in the hosting of the 2010 Winter Games. It is the Secretariat's role to provide leadership, advice and support to departments and governments to encourage cooperation and engagement in 2010 Winter Games, and related initiatives.

To date, the Government of Canada has committed \$497 million toward the success of the 2010 Winter Games. This investment will help build and sustain the sport and event venues that will provide world-class facilities and support, not only for our current competitors, but also for generations of Canadian Olympians and Paralympians to come. The Government will also deliver key federal services such as security, immigration, border services and meteorology in support of the Games.

The Government of Canada is working in partnership with the Vancouver Organizing Committee; the Province of British Columbia; the City of Vancouver; the Resort Municipality of Whistler; the Canadian Olympic and Paralympic committees; and the four BC Host First Nations, which include the Lil'Wat, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

The governments of Canada and British Columbia are also working with other provinces and territories to identify nationwide development opportunities associated

with the 2010 Winter Games. All Canadians will be able to share in the experience of the 2010 Winter Games and benefit from opportunities in areas as wide-ranging as health and wellness, culture and diversity, tourism, trade and investment.

Close collaboration with all these groups will help ensure that the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are accessible to, and inclusive of all Canadians.

Playing Your Part

As the 2010 Winter Games approach, all Canadians have an opportunity to get involved and contribute. Students, teachers and members of the general public can all help raise public awareness. Volunteers will be needed at the local, national and international levels to contribute their time, energy and enthusiasm. Entrepreneurs and members of the business community are gearing up for the challenges and opportunities of delivering products and services related to the 2010 Winter Games.

People from all walks of life and of all cultures, ages and abilities have an important role to play in realizing Canada's vision for the 2010 Winter Games.

It's time to get active. To participate. To share our passion for sport – and for our country.

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