

## Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 Fact Sheet

### The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025

- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 presented by ATCO and Boeing, is an international adaptive sporting competition for Wounded, Injured, and Sick (WIS) service members and Veterans.
- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 will take place from February 8<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> 2025, with adaptive sporting events taking place in Vancouver and Whistler.
- Over 500 competitors from up to 25 nations will compete in eleven sports, including six winter sports for the first time in Invictus Games history.
- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 is the seventh Invictus Games, and represents the second time the event has been hosted in Canada, following the Invictus Games Toronto 2017.

### Mission

- Our mission is three-fold:
  1. **Deliver a world-class Games:** Deliver a best-in-class international sporting competition for Wounded, Injured, and Sick (WIS) service members and Veterans.
  2. **Shared Journey of Recovery:** Create a culture in which competitors and their families are valued, respected, and receive support.
  3. **Deeper Social Purpose:** Through our actions, demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation, inclusion and ESG.

### Values

- Our values are:
  1. **Unconquered:** We believe that we are all the masters of our fate and the Captains of our souls.
  2. **Fun:** We believe that sport is fun and that fun is good medicine.
  3. **Inspire:** We believe in inspiring communities through individual and collective healing.
  4. **Lift each other up:** To stand and hold each other up. We believe in lifting each other up to better the community and world around us.
  5. **Excellence:** We believe in the right of all people to strive for excellence with humility and determination.
  6. **Transformation:** We believe in transforming people and communities through sustained innovation, connection and education.

### Funding

- We will stage the Invictus Games 2025 with a **balanced budget**. Our budget, which is much smaller than the budgets for most major sporting events, forecasts revenues that cover the Games costs and our goal is to leave a positive financial legacy.
- Funding is provided by the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia and a growing family of corporate partners including presenting partners ATCO and Boeing. Other revenue sources include merchandise and ticket sales as well as donations.

#### Four Host First Nations

- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 will be held on the traditional territories of the Four Host First Nations of Lilwat7úl (Lilwat), xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tseil-Waututh). We are committed to ensuring they respond to Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and ensure Indigenous protocols are respected in all aspects of the Games. The creation of our branding is a great example of this partnership in action.

#### Partners

- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 has various supporting partners. Founding Partners include the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia and True Patriot Love. Presenting Partners include ATCO and Boeing. Premier Partners include Fisher House and Teck. Gold partners include BMO, City of Vancouver, Deloitte and London Drugs. Champion partners include Alacrity and Bennett Jones.
- All of our partners can be found on the partners section of our website.

#### Broadcast

- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 will be available to watch on broadcast and online meaning that members of the public can support from across Canada and from the comfort of their own home, or on a personal device anywhere.

#### Our Sports

- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 will host eleven sports – six of these will be adaptive winter sports (for the first time in Invictus Games history) and will include Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing, Skeleton and Wheelchair Curling. Other sports include Indoor Rowing, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Wheelchair Basketball and Wheelchair Rugby.
- Competitors can participate in more than one sport, with a maximum of eight sports for any one competitor.

- Team announcements for all Nations' teams are typically made leading up to the Games. The Team Canada announcement will be made July 10<sup>th</sup> and the team will be made up of competitors from across Canada.

## Our Venues

- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 will be hosted at seven venues across Vancouver and Whistler, these include:
  1. Vancouver Convention Centre
  2. Hillcrest Centre
  3. UBC Aquatics Centre
  4. Rogers Arena
  5. Whistler Blackcomb
  6. Whistler Olympic Park
  7. Whistler Sliding Centre
- Vancouver Convention Centre will serve as the main 'hub' of the Games. It will host the Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby, Indoor Rowing and Sitting Volleyball competitions.
- Hillcrest Centre, home to the Vancouver Curling Club, will host Wheelchair Curling.
- UBC Aquatics Centre will host the swimming competitions in its 50m pool.
- Whistler Blackcomb, North America's largest ski resort, will host the Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding competitions on Whistler Mountain.
- Whistler Olympic Park will host the Cross-Country Skiing and Biathlon competitions.
- Whistler Sliding Centre will host the skeleton competition, located above Whistler Village on Blackcomb Mountain.

## Volunteers

- Volunteers will play a significant role in supporting the operations and delivery of the Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025. This includes both pre-Games and Games-time roles. We plan to engage 100 volunteers pre-Games and 1600 Games-times volunteers. Registrations have now closed and interviews for applicants are underway.

## Family and Friends

- The Invictus Games community recognizes the important role of family and friends and their shared journey of recovery alongside the competitors. Every Invictus Games offers a unique opportunity for Family and Friends to join the competitors during Games time. Each competitor at the Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 will have the opportunity to select two individuals to accompany them to the event – they can be family or friends.

## Sustainability and Legacy

- The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 has set a goal of supporting seven legacy programs:
  - 1. New Sports Hybrid Format**

The innovative addition of six new adaptive winter sports - Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding, Biathlon, Nordic skiing, Skeleton, and Wheelchair Curling. It is the evolution of the Games, and provides a new path on the journey of Veteran rehabilitation and recovery.
  - 2. Year-Round Adaptive Sports**

Opportunities to access adaptive sports year-round, sharing global best practice, capitalizing on the physical and psychological benefits of regular recreational activity, and providing the foundation for future winter hybrid games.
  - 3. Mental Health - Friends and Family Role in Recovery Support**

The opportunity for friends and family to use their experience and gain Psychological First Aid Certification.
  - 4. Veterans' Employment**

The successful and sustainable transition into civilian employment, including Veteran work experience at the Games. Raising awareness of new employment areas for Veterans and improving transition experience with online support and mentoring.
  - 5. Diversity and Inclusion**

Advancing reconciliation and renewed relationships with Indigenous peoples. Raising awareness of Canada's Indigenous Armed Force and Veterans; building on wider international platforms for diversity and inclusion.
  - 6. Adaptive Sports Research**

Identify which aspects of the Winter Hybrid Games have the greatest positive impact on all participants.

## 7. ESG

A commitment to ESG tracking and transformation in every aspect of 2025, and being accountable to measurable delivery against these goals. Establishing an ESG strategy as a step forward for IGF, and providing an impactful framework for future Games.