



INVICTUS GAMES VANCOUVER WHISTLER 2025 KEY THINGS TO KNOW FOR WHISTLER

Information about the Games, Whistler Invictus Village, Whistler-specific schedule, and FAQs are found in the fact sheets to follow. Additional information here has been compiled here by Tourism Whistler with support from resort partners. Please refer to this URL to ensure access to the most accurate and up-to-date information: invictus-key-things-to-know-2025

EVENT DETAILS

Key Dates:

- o Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025: February 8 16, 2025
- Whistler Invictus Village: February 9 13, 2025
- Sporting Competitions in Whistler: February 10 12, 2025
- Event Website: https://invictusgames2025.ca/
- Whistler.com Event Page: https://www.whistler.com/events/invictus-games/ (frequently updated with Whistler-specific event details)

Event Socials:

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/InvictusGames25/
- o Instagram: @invictusgames25
- o X (Twitter): <u>@WeAreInvictus</u>
- o TikTok: @weareinvictusgames
- Dedicated French channels: Instagram: @jeuxinvictus2025 / X (Twitter): @jeuxinvictus25
- Hashtags: #SharedJourney #ShareYourlAm

IMAGES FOR PROMOTIONAL USE

- Media Hub Dropbox
- Concert Series <u>Dropbox</u> social media graphics for Whistler's concert lineup
- Tourism Whistler's Content Hub selection of Whistler and Invictus venue images

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

- Whistler will welcome approximately 400 competitors from 23 nations for the Whistler-specific events.
- The Whistler Conference Centre is a gathering hub for competitors and their friends/family.



- Competitors will be based overnight in Vancouver and transported to and from Whistler daily. Competitors will be transported directly to competition venues, and/or Whistler Village.
- Start lists for the Whistler based competitions will be published on the Invictus Games 2025 website the evening before each competition and will specify who exactly is racing.

MEDIA

- The Games has a total of 280 accredited media.
- The Whistler Media Centre is the Whistler Conference Centre (lower level). Access is for accredited Media only.

SPORT COMPETITION ACCESS

- **Sport competition locations:** Whistler Olympic Park, Whistler Sliding Centre, Whistler Mountain.
- Live event viewing: Sport events take place from Feb 10-12 and are FREE to spectate, with some alpine events requiring a Whistler Blackcomb sightseeing or lift pass to access (details below).
 - Whistler Sliding Centre: Skeleton (Feb 10 & 11) Spectators can catch the Excalibur Gondola for free to the Whistler Sliding Centre from Whistler Village as long as they are not in their ski gear with equipment. Excalibur Gondola will run extended hours on February 10 and 11, 8:30 AM 9 PM. No onsite parking is available. Alternatively, guests can drive up to parking lots 6, 7, & 8 and make their way to the Whistler Sliding Centre.
 - Whistler Olympic Park: Nordic Cross-Country Skiing & Biathlon (Feb 11) Spectators will have free access to the Whistler Olympic Park. To get there, spectators will need to make their own way to the Whistler Olympic Park via private transport, car or taxi. Free onsite parking is available at the venue (P2 Parking Lot). A free shuttle will run from the venue parking lot, to and from the biathlon competition.
 - Whistler Mountain (Upper Fantastic): Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Novice (Feb 11) Spectators with a Whistler Blackcomb sightseeing, lift ticket or seasons pass can take the Whistler Village Gondola to Olympic Station or ride down to the event from the top of Whistler Mountain.
 Spectators without a pass can watch the race onscreen from the viewing locations.
 - Whistler Mountain Alpine (Lower Olympic): Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Intermediate Advanced (Feb 12) Spectators with a Whistler Blackcomb lift ticket or seasons pass can catch some of the action by riding down to view the races. Spectators without a pass can watch from the finish line in Skier's Plaza.

Event screenings:

- The Maury Young Arts Centre and Village Square stage will screen the events for all to enjoy.
- The Invictus YouTube channel will stream the events, with daily highlights on TSN.
- Available live on the <u>Invictus Games website</u>.

Event results:

o Results can be accessed on Result.Invictusgames2025.ca



Venue operational impacts:

Whistler Blackcomb

Whistler Mountain Access

- Upload:
 - Higher traffic is expected on Monday and Tuesday between 8:30 9:30 AM.
 - Nine chairs have been modified on Fitzsimmons Express to better accommodate sit skis.
 - Guests are encouraged to use alternative routes to access the mountain, including the Excalibur Gondola, Fitzsimmons Express Chairlift, Blackcomb Gondola, or Creekside Gondola during these times.
 - General sightseers, not specifically uploading to view Invictus Games onmountain competitions are recommended to upload on Blackcomb Gondola between February 10 – 12.

Download:

- Anticipate longer-than-usual wait times for downloading at Olympic Station.
- Guests are advised to ski down Whistler or upload to the Peak-2-Peak Gondola and download via Blackcomb Mountain.

Whistler Mountain

- Upper Fantastic will be closed on February 10 & 11.
- Lower Olympic will be closed on February 11 & 12.
- There will be no lift closures.
- Olympic Learning Area on Whistler Mountain will experience high traffic due to Invictus activities and competitions. Beginners are advised to use Magic Chair on Blackcomb Mountain, February 10 and 11.

The GLC

- Restaurant will be closed to the public from February 10 12. Increased traffic expected at Pika's Café on Whistler Mountain during the games.
- The bubly Tube Park Will be fully booked from 10:30 AM 12:30 PM and 1:30 3 PM on February 10 & 12 and again from 10:30 AM 12:30 PM and 4 6 PM on February 11.

Other Venues

- Whistler Sliding Centre
 - Passenger Bobsleigh and Public Skeleton will not be available from January 30 February 12.
 - Visitors can catch the Excalibur Gondola for free to access the Whistler Sliding Centre
 provided they are not wearing ski or snowboard gear and are not carrying equipment. Pets
 will not be permitted. Hours of operation for the Excalibur Gondola are 8:30 AM 9 PM
 on February 10 and 11.

ENTERTAINMENT: WHISTLER INVICTUS VILLAGE

The "Whistler Invictus Village" will be a buzzing area of activations and entertainment throughout the Village Stroll from February 9-13.



- Entertainment lineup: The Whistler Invictus Mainstage (located at Village Square) line up & schedule is available online.
- Programming is scheduled in four areas:
 - o Whistler Olympic Plaza Winter sport trials and partner activations including merchandise sales.
 - Maury Young Arts Centre Family fun zone including sport competition viewing, the Veterans Art Show exhibition, face painting, arts & crafts, and more.
 - Village Square Sport competition viewing, merchandise sales, and daily concerts from 2:30 5
 - Mountain Square Partner activations including samples and giveaways

GETTING AROUND WHISTLER

- Plan ahead: <u>Car-free transport options</u>
- RMOW Website: Getting Around

Parking information:

- Paid parking is available in Day Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- Free parking is available in Day Lots 6, 7 & 8. Parking is limited. Visitors can catch the Excalibur Gondola for free between the hours of 8:30 AM 3:30 PM on February 9, 12 and 13, and 8:30 AM 9 PM on February 10 and 11, provided they are not wearing ski or snowboard gear, and with equipment. Pets will not be permitted.
- Electric vehicle charging information.
- Parking for events at Whistler Olympic Park is available onsite. It is approximately a 26-minute drive to Whistler Olympic Park from Whistler Village.
- Public parking will not be available at the Municipal Hall from Monday, February 10 through Wednesday, February 12. The third level of underground paid parking at the Conference Centre will be closed from Sunday, February 9 to Wednesday, February 12.

Transit information:

- o Whistler Transit system
- o Transit Accessibility
- Amenities: Accessible washroom locations in the Village -
 - Gateway Loop across from Spicy Sports
 - o Whistler Olympic Plaza
 - o The Visitor Centre
 - Washrooms in front of the Conference Centre

ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

- Access Whistler Map
- Whistler.com: <u>Accessibility in Whistler</u>



- Whistler Insider Stories and How-To's:
 - o <u>The Invictus Games Come to Whistler</u>
 - o Whistler Adaptive Sports: Making Skiing Happen
 - o How a Family of Five Does Whistler With a Wheelchair







WHISTLER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events and sport competitions in Whistler are FREE and OPEN for everyone to attend. We hope you'll enjoy a little (or a lot!) of the Invictus Games 2025 in Whistler between February 9 – 13.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 11:00 17:00: Whistler Invictus Village
 - o Whistler Olympic Plaza
 - Maury Young Arts Centre
 - Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Ambassador Storytelling @ 14:00 & 15:00
 - Village Square
 - o Mountain Square
- 14:30 17:30: Whistler Invictus Concert Series, Village Square
 - o The DJ Ira Dance Party @ 14:30
 - o Big Love @ 15:00
 - o Tayor James @ 15:35
 - o The Hairfarmers @ 16:15

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 11:00 17:00: Whistler Invictus Village
 - Whistler Olympic Plaza
 - Maury Young Arts Centre
 - Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Ambassador Led Craft @ 14:00
 - Village Square
 - Mountain Square
- 12:00 19:00: SKELETON COMPETITION at Whistler Sliding Centre
- 14:30 17:30: Whistler Welcome Celebration Whistler Invictus Main Stage, Village Square
 - DJ Foxy Moron @ 14:30
 - o The Spiritual Warriors @ 15:00
 - o Official Welcome @ 15:45
 - Jim Cuddy and Barney Bentall @ 16:15

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 10:00 12:00: CROSS COUNTRY SKI COMPETITION at Whistler Olympic Park
- 10:30 15:00: ALPINE SKIING & SNOWBOARDING NOVIC COMPETITION on Upper Fantastic, Whistler Mountain
- 11:00 17:00: Whistler Invictus Village





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- Village Square
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- 12:15 15:30: BIATHLON COMPETITION at Whistler Olympic Park
- 14:30 17:30: Whistler Invictus Concert Series, Village Square
 - o DJ Whitness @ 14:30
 - o The Boom Booms @ 15:00
 - o Five Alarm Funk @ 16:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 10:30 15:00: ALPINE SKIING & SNOWBOARDING INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED COMPETITION on Lower Olympic, Whistler Mountain
- 11:00 17:00: Whistler Invictus Village
 - o Whistler Olympic Plaza
 - Maury Young Arts Centre
 - Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Ambassador Led Craft @ 14:00
 - Village Square
 - Mountain Square
- 14:30 17:30: Whistler Invictus Concert Series, Village Square
 - DJ PRAiZ @ 14:30
 - Lazy Syrup Orchestra @ 15:00
 - Hey Ocean! @ 16:30

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 11:00 17:00: Whistler Invictus Village
 - Whistler Olympic Plaza
 - Maury Young Arts Centre
 - Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Ambassador Storytelling @ 14:00 & 15:00
 - Village Square
 - Mountain Square
- 14:30 17:30: Whistler Invictus Concert Series, Village Square
 - o DJ Vinyl Ritchie @ 14:30
 - o Skratch Bastic @ 15:30









INVICTUS GAMES VANCOUVER WHISTLER 2025 FAO SHEET

GENERAL INVICTUS GAMES QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Invictus Games?
 - An international sporting event for wounded, injured, and sick service members and Veterans. The
 Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider
 understanding of and respect forall those who serve or have served their country.
- 2. What does 'Invictus' mean?
 - Means 'Unconquered'
 - The term embodies the fighting spirit of the participating men and women, as well as their motivation to move on with their lives, to gain a new place in life, and to not let themselves be defined by the trauma they have suffered.
- 3. When are the Invictus Games 2025 taking place?
 - The Games are taking place in Vancouver and Whistler this February.
- 4. Where in Whistler are the Invictus Games 2025 taking place?
 - The sport competitions in Whistler are taking place at the Whistler Sliding Centre (Skeleton), on Whistler Mountain (Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding) and at Whistler Olympic Park (Cross Country Skiing and Biathlon).
- 5. What Nations are attending the Invictus Games 2025?
 - A record 23 Nations will compete in the Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025. The list of Nations can be found at invictusgames2025.ca
- 6. How many people are competing at the Invictus Games 2025?
 - 532 Competitors are competing at the 2025 Invictus Games
 - 1100 Family & Friends will also be here to cheer on and support their Competitors.
- 7. Where are the Opening & Closing Ceremonies taking place?
 - The Opening Ceremony is taking place at BC Place on February 8.
 - The Closing Ceremony is taking place at Rogers Arena on February 16.
 - The Whistler Welcome Celebration (a separate event) is taking place in Whistler at Village Square on February 10^{th.}









- 8. Where can I find more information?
 - Visit invictusgames2025.ca for ALL the details
- 9. Can I volunteer at the Invictus Games 2025?
 - The Volunteer application portal is now closed however you can still be part of the Invictus movement by following us on social media for competitor stories and announcements. Register for our newsletter (at invictusgames2025.ca) for event information and to purchase our #IG2025 merchandise.
- 10. I am a local business owner; how can I get involved and show my support for the Invictus Games 2025 in Whistler?
 - Please contact Ryan from the Invictus Team to learn about opportunities to get involved and to get a FREE poster and decal for your store to show support for the Games.
 - Ryan Adam Myers
 - rmyers@invictusgames2025.ca
 - 1-236-268-7558

SPORT COMPETITION QUESTIONS

- 1. What sports are included in the 2025 Invictus Games?
 - Winter Sports Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding, Skeleton, Cross Country Skiing, Biathlon, Wheelchair Curling
 - Summer Sports Swimming, Indoor Rowing, Wheelchair Basketball, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Rugby
- 2. What sports are taking place in Whistler?
 - Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding, Skeleton, Cross Country Skiing, and Biathlon
- 3. What sports are taking place in Vancouver?
 - Wheelchair Curling, Swimming, Indoor Rowing, Wheelchair Basketball, Sitting Volleyball, and Wheelchair Rugby
- 4. Where are the Whistler sport competitions taking place?
 - Whistler Sliding Centre Skeleton
 - Upper Fantastic, Whistler Mountain Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Novice
 - Lower Olympic, Whistler Mountain Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Intermediate Advanced
 - Whistler Olympic Park Cross Country Skiing and Biathlon









- 5. What dates are the sport competitions in Whistler?
 - February 10 Skeleton
 - February 11 Skeleton, Cross Country Skiing, Biathlon, Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Novice
 - February 12 Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Intermediate Advanced
- 6. Can we watch the sport competitions in Whistler? Is there a cost / ticket required?
 - All Whistler sport competitions are FREE for spectators.
 - No tickets are required for any of the Whistler sport competitions with the exception of the Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Novice event where a lift ticket to mid-station is required! (Purchase at any Whistler-Blackcomb Ticket Window or WB Guest Services office).
- 7. Can I watch the sport competitions on TV?
 - The sport competitions will be available for viewing online through Youtube and with daily highlights on TSN.

WHISTLER INVICTUS VILLAGE QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Whistler Invictus Village?
 - The Whistler Invictus Village hosts a variety of FREE Invictus activations throughout Whistler Village. There will be activities to engage, educate, and delight visitors and residents of all ages in unique, fun, accessible and interactive ways all along the Village Stroll.
 - There are 4 Fan Zones included in the Whistler Invictus Village: Whistler Olympic Plaza, Maury Young Arts Centre, Village Square and Mountain Square.
- 2. What are the dates and times of the Whistler Invictus Village?
 - February 9 13 from 11:00am 5:00pm daily
- 3. Where are the Fan Zones?
 - Whistler Olympic Plaza, Maury Young Arts Centre, Village Square, Mountain Square
- 4. Does it cost money to visit the Fan Zones?
 - No, all the Fan Zones are FREE for everyone to enjoy!
- 5. Will there be places to watch the sport events on TV in the Village?
 - Yes, you can watch the sport events onscreen in the Maury Young Arts Centre Theatre and in Village Square











- 6. Will there be music?
 - Yes, the Whitler Invictus Main Stage will be set-up in Village Square and will feature live music daily.
- 7. Where is the live music taking place?
 - On the Whistler Invictus Main Stage in Village Square
- 8. What bands are playing?
 - February 9: DJ Ira Dance Party, Big Love, Taylor James, The Hairfarmers
 - February 10: DJ Foxy Moron, The Spiritual Warriors, Jim Cuddy and Barney Bentall
 - February 11: DJ Whitness, The Boom Booms, Five Alarm Funk
 - February 12: DJ PRAiZ, Lazy Syrup Orchestra, Hey Ocean!
 - February 13: DJ Vinyl Ritchie, Skratch Bastid
- 9. Can I buy Invictus Games 2025 Merchandise in Whistler?
 - YES! You'll find pop up merchandise locations in Village Square.

WHISTLER ACCESS QUESTIONS

- 1. Will the highway be closed?
 - No, the highway will remain open as per usual throughout the Invictus Games 2025 with no Gamesspecific measures or restrictions.
- 2. Can I get in and around Whistler to get to work, activities, etc.?
 - Yes, Whistler will be open and fully accessible as usual for the duration of the Invictus Games 2025.



