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**Ride the bus for free to the Cowichan 2018 BC Summer Games**

**Cowichan Valley** – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and BC Transit are pleased to offer free service on all local routes during the Cowichan 2018 BC Summer Games, which will take place in the Cowichan Valley from Thursday, July 19, to Sunday, July 22.

The free fare will apply on all regularly scheduled, local transit routes and handyDART, allowing event participants, volunteers and the general public to get to most venues easily and conveniently, while helping to mitigate potential traffic and parking issues. All routes will run on their regular schedules.

“The Cowichan Valley looks forward to hosting the BC Summer Games,” said Jon Lefebure, Chair of the CVRD. “Free local transit is a great opportunity to connect visitors and residents to the many exciting Games events.”

Sporting events will be held in venues all over the Cowichan Valley—from the Cowichan Sportsplex and McAdam Park in Duncan, to Fuller Lake Arena in Chemainus and Transfer Beach in Ladysmith, as well as several other locations throughout the region.

“BC Transit is pleased to work with our partners at the CVRD to provide free local transit during the Cowichan 2018 BC Summer Games,” said Erinn Pinkerton, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Transit. “We’re proud to be part of this event and look forward to welcoming participants on board our buses.”

First held in Penticton in 1978, the BC Games provide a competitive multi-sport environment that supports the development of athletes, coaches and officials as they move on to sporting competitions with greater profile, such as the Canada Games and even the Olympics and Paralympics.

“We are excited to welcome participants from across the province and encourage the community to come out and cheer on the athletes,” said Jennifer Woike, Cowichan 2018 BC Summer Games President. “The Games are a free family event with free access to the opening ceremonies, all sporting events, as well as free transit so you can take in the Games and leave your car at home.”

Regular transit routing and schedules will remain in effect—there will be no dedicated transit shuttle during the Games. A guide of which local routes to take to the different Cowichan 2018 BC Summer Games venues is included as a backgrounder.

The free fare will not apply on commuter routes or on route 44 Victoria/Duncan.



To learn more about the BC Games, visit [www.bcgames.org](http://www.bcgames.org).

For more information about transit in the Cowichan Valley, including routes, schedules and more, visit [bctransit.com/cowichan-valley](http://bctransit.com/cowichan-valley).

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**1 Backgrounder attached**

# BC Summer Games 2018

## Celebrate in Cowichan, from July 19 to 22, With **FREE** Local Transit

Sport	Venue	Local Transit Routes
Athletics (all)	Cowichan Sportsplex (Duncan)	Routes 3 & 6
Baseball	Evans Park (Duncan) Holland Creek (Ladysmith)	Route 2 Routes 34 & 36
Basketball – U14 Girls & Boys	Cowichan Secondary (Duncan) Quamichan Middle School (Duncan)	Routes 3, 6, 8 & 9 use James St. Routes 3 & 6
Basketball – U13 Girls & Boys	Queen Margaret’s School (Duncan) Mount Prevost School (Duncan)	Route 2
Canoe / Kayak	Lakeview Park – (Lake Cowichan) Cowichan River	Routes 7 or 7x
Golf	Cowichan Golf & Country Club (Duncan)	Routes 8 & 9 (stop on Bench Rd)
Lacrosse - Box	Fuller Lake Arena (Chemainus) Kerry Park Arena (Mill Bay)	Route 6, stop is on Chemainus Rd Routes 8 & 9
Lacrosse - Field	Forrest Field (Ladysmith)	Route 31 (stop is on 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)
Rowing	Quamichan Lake (Art Mann Park)	Route 4 (stop is on Maple Bay Rd)
Rugby - Girls	Shawnigan Lake School	Routes 8 & 9
Sailing	Maple Bay Yacht Club (Maple Bay)	Route 4
Soccer	McAdam Park (Duncan) Sherman Road (Duncan)	Route 4 Routes 2 & 3
Softball	Evans Park (Duncan) Cowichan Sportsplex (Duncan)	Route 2
Swimming (all)	Cowichan Aquatic Centre (Duncan)	Routes 3,6, 8 and 9 use James St.
Towed Water Sports	Shawnigan Lake	Routes 8 & 9
Triathlon	Brentwood College (Mill Bay)	Routes 8 & 9
Volleyball-Beach	Transfer Beach (Ladysmith)	Route 36 (Duncan/Ladysmith) stop is on 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave at Roberts
Volleyball- Indoor	Frances Kelsey Secondary (Mill Bay) George Bonner School (Cobble Hill)	Routes 8 & 9
Wrestling	Chemainus Secondary School	Route 6 from Duncan Route 34 from Ladysmith

*\*Equestrian events at the Cowichan Exhibition Park and Synchronized Swimming events at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre are not accessible via local transit routes.*

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