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2010 BC Summer Games Sports Announced

The BC Games Society announced today the sports that will be a part of the Township of Langley 2010 BC Summer Games. BC athletes will compete in 23 sports including Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Boccia, Canoe/Kayak, Cycling, Diving, Equestrian, Field Hockey, Golf, Inline Hockey, Box Lacrosse, Field Lacrosse, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Soccer, Softball, Synchronized Swimming, Swimming, Towed Water Sports, Triathlon, Volleyball and Wrestling. Athletes with a disability will compete in Athletics, Boccia, and Swimming. Up to 4159 athletes, coaches, and officials will take part in the Games which will take place July 22-25, 2010. This is the largest sport package for a BC Summer Games since 2000.

“The 2010 BC Summer Games will provide BC athletes with an opportunity to compete at a level that will help them grow and develop,” said Mary Polak, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport. “We have some great sporting facilities here, including a new rowing venue recently opened in Fort Langley and we can’t wait to welcome the athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators in July 2010.”

Provincial Sport Organizations are key partners of the BC Games Society. Organizations such as the BC Golf Association, BC Lacrosse Association and Basketball BC are committed to making the BC Games an important part of athlete development and consistently maximize this valuable multi-sport opportunity.

The Provincial Sport Organizations that were part of the 2008 BC Summer Games were evaluated on their performance in relation to the BC Games Core Sport Criteria and were required to submit an application for 2010 that included their Canadian Sport for Life framework (or Long Term Athlete Development model). Sports that were not part of the 2008 BC Summer Games were also invited to apply for inclusion in 2010.

“The excitement following the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games will surely inspire this generation of athletes to strive for their podium finish at the BC Summer Games” said Kelly Mann, President and CEO of the BC Games Society. “We are excited to see the leadership the Township of Langley has shown in planning to stage the 2010 BC Summer Games.”

Information on the criteria for sport selection and the complete sport package for the 2010 BC Summer Games is available at www.bcgames.org.

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