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2010 BC Winter Games Sports Announced

The BC Games Society is proud to announce the sports that will be a part of the Terrace 2010 BC Winter Games. BC's best developing athletes will compete in 16 sports including Archery, Badminton, Biathlon, Curling, Figure Skating, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Karate, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Ringette, Skiing-Alpine, Skiing-Cross Country, Skiing-Freestyle, Speed Skating, and Table Tennis. Athletes with a disability will compete in Skiing-Cross Country (Para). Up to 1925 athletes, coaches and officials will take part in the Games.

The sports that participated in the 2008 BC Winter 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 model (Long term athlete development). Sports that were not part of the 2008 BC Winter Games were also invited to apply for inclusion in 2010.

Provincial Sport Organizations are important partners to the BC Games. These organizations commit to making the BC Games a vital part of the development of their athletes, coaches, and officials. At the 2008 BC Winter Games, nine sports brought athletes from all eight zones and six sports met the criteria of having all head coaches certified NCCP Level 2. This is an improvement from the 2006 BC Games and demonstrates the ongoing dedication to development of the sport system province wide.

In 2010, the spotlight will be on Vancouver for the Olympics and Paralympics. BC's next generation of developing athletes in 16 sports will have their opportunity to shine from March 4-7, 2010 in Terrace.

"The BC Games are structured to be a one-time opportunity for athletes as they move through the sport system. It is our responsibility to ensure this age group of athletes has the opportunity to compete at the BC Games in 2010," said Kelly Mann, President and CEO of the BC Games Society. "We are extremely proud of the commitment shown by the Provincial Sport Organizations to the BC Games and to the development of the next Canadian champions."

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

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