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WinSport plays pivotal role in Team Canada's Olympic success

CALGARY – As Team Canada takes the world stage at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games, WinSport is once again proud to play a central role in Canada's high-performance sport journey.

Of the 206 athletes named to Canada's Olympic team, an impressive 156 have trained or competed at WinSport facilities, including Canada Olympic Park, the Bill Warren Training Centre in Canmore, and training environments supported through WinSport's long-standing partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute Alberta. That represents more than 75 per cent of Team Canada's Olympic contingent, underscoring WinSport's role as one of the most important winter sport training environments in the country.

"Nearly 40 years after the Calgary 1988 Olympic Winter Games, athletes are still building their Olympic dreams right here in Calgary and Canmore," said Barry Heck, President and CEO of WinSport. "That legacy isn't just history—it's something we see coming to life every single day."

The 156 athletes with WinSport connections span a broad range of disciplines, reflecting the depth of Canada's winter sport system. Sports represented include alpine skiing, ski cross, bobsleigh, skeleton, luge, cross-country skiing, biathlon, curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, hockey, ski jumping, and snowboarding.

The 2026 team also highlights the impact of WinSport's athlete development pathway. Eighteen Olympians are alumni of the WinSport-based National Sport School (NSS), which has operated at Canada Olympic Park since 2011. Sixteen of those alumni are competing for Canada, with one representing New Zealand and one competing for the United States.

WinSport's contribution extends well beyond elite sport. As a legacy organization of the 1988 Olympic Games, WinSport continues to invest in facilities, programming, and partnerships that support athletes at every stage—from grassroots participation to podium performance—while delivering significant community and economic benefits for Calgary and the region.

To learn more about WinSport's impact, view the organization's annual [*Report to the Community*](#).

Key facts and figures

- Athletes who have trained or competed at WinSport facilities or the Olympic Oval at the University of Calgary have won **130 medals** at the Olympic Winter Games since 1992.

- Those athletes account for **70 per cent of Canada's total Winter Olympic medals** since 1992.
- **1,500 high-performance athletes** train at WinSport annually.
- WinSport is a **national training centre** for Freestyle Canada and Canada Snowboard.
- WinSport served as a central training location for **Hockey Canada's women's national team** leading into the Games.
- WinSport hosted a national curling bubble in 2021, the **Scotties Tournament of Hearts** in 2024, and will host the **World Women's Curling Championship** in March 2026.
- The **Ice House**, one of the world's only indoor sliding sport start facilities, supports training for Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton and Luge Canada.
- Athletes from Canada's national biathlon and cross-country ski teams train at the **Bill Warren Training Centre in Canmore**, including access to a unique roller treadmill.
- WinSport's operations at the **Haig Glacier** provide on-snow summer training for nearly **160 athletes** each year.
- **32,000 children and youth** participate annually in WinSport camps, lessons, and school programs.
- WinSport generates a measured **\$120 million annual economic impact** for the City of Calgary.

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About WinSport

The Calgary Olympic Development Association, operating as WinSport, is a not-for-profit, community-based organization that owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Our mission is to provide opportunities for Canadians to discover, develop, and excel at sport and physical activity through world-class training, facilities, and exceptional experiences. Our vision is to be a world-leading centre for winter sport excellence and athletic development. We inspire human potential through the spirit of sport, striving to build on the legacy of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games and delivering exceptional value and experiences to our guests. WinSport does not receive any direct government funding for our operations. For more information on WinSport, please click [here](#).

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