



OLYMPIC GAMES



VANCOUVER
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WITH GLOWING HEARTS

The 2010 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXI Olympic Winter Games (French: *Les XXI^{es} Jeux olympiques d'hiver*) were held from 12 to 28 February 2010 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, with some events held in the surrounding suburbs of Richmond, West Vancouver and the University Endowment Lands, and in the nearby resort town of Whistler.

Approximately 2,600 athletes from 82 nations participated in 86 events in fifteen disciplines. Both the Olympic and Paralympic Games were organized by the Vancouver Organizing Committee. The 2010 Winter Olympics were the third Olympics hosted by Canada and the first by the province of British Columbia. Metro Vancouver is the largest metropolitan area to host the Winter Olympics, although Calgary is the largest city to host the Winter Olympics. They will both be surpassed by Beijing in 2022. Vancouver faced two other finalists shortlisted that same February: Pyeongchang, South Korea, and Salzburg, Austria. Pyeongchang had the most votes of the three cities in the first round of voting, in which Salzburg was eliminated. In the run-off, all but two of the members who had voted for Salzburg voted for Vancouver. It was the closest vote by the IOC since Sydney, Australia beat Beijing for the 2000 Summer Olympics by two votes. Vancouver's victory came almost two years after Toronto's 2008 Summer Olympic bid was defeated by Beijing in a landslide vote.

For the first time, Canada won gold in an official sport at an Olympic Games hosted at home, having failed to do so at both the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal

and the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary (although Canada won the woman's curling event in Calgary when it was still only a demonstration sport). Canada clinched their first gold medal on the second day of the competition and first topped the gold medal tally on the second to last day of competition and went on to become the first host nation since Norway in 1952 to lead the gold medal count. With 14, Canada broke the record for the most gold medals won at a single Winter Olympics, which was 13, set by the Soviet Union in 1976 and Norway in 2002. The United States won the most medals in total, their second time doing so at the Winter Olympics, and broke the record for the most medals won at a single Winter Olympics with 37, a record held up to then by Germany in 2002 with 36 medals. Athletes from Slovakia and Belarus won the first Winter Olympic gold medals for their nations.



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SPORTS

There were 86 events over 15 disciplines in 7 sports:

- *ALPINE SKIING (10 events)
- *BIATHLON (10 events)
- *BOBSLEIGH (3 events)
- *CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (12 events)
- *CURLING (2 events)
- *FIGURE SKATING (4 events)
- *FREESTYLE SKIING (6 events)
- *ICE HOCKEY (2 events)
- *LUGE (3 events)
- *NORDIC COMBINED (3 events)
- *SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING (8 events)
- *SKELETON (2 events)
- *SKI JUMPING (3 events)
- *SNOWBOARDING (6 events)
- *SPEED SKATING (12 events)

MASCOTS



HIGHLIGHTS

Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili died during training, shortly before the games officially opened.

Anastasiya Kuzmina of Slovakia wins the women's sprint event, winning independent Slovakia's first ever winter gold medal

Shani Davis of the United States wins gold in 1000 m becoming the first man to win this event twice.

Despite complaints about possible aero-dynamic elements to her helmet, Amy Williams of Great Britain wins the women's skeleton. She is the first British athlete to win an individual Winter Olympic gold medal in thirty years.

Minor controversy ensues in the final turn of the men's 500 metres when Canada's François-Louis Tremblay and South Korea's Sung Si-Bak fell while Charles Hamelin and Apolo Ohno finished first and second. The Canadian judge disqualified Ohno for causing Tremblay to crash and ruled that Sung had slipped on his own and not by Hamelin's actions.

Poland's Justyna Kowalczyk becomes the first woman from her country ever to win a Winter Olympic gold medal in the 30 km classical cross-country event.

Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Canada Hockey Place	Ice hockey
Cypress Mountain	Freestyle skiing / Snowboarding
Pacific Coliseum	Figure skating / Short track speed skating
Richmond Olympic Oval	Speed skating
UBC Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre	Ice hockey
Vancouver Olympic Centre	Curling
Whistler Creekside	Alpine skiing
Whistler Olympic Park	Biathlon / Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined / Ski jumping
Whistler Sliding Centre	Bobsleigh / Luge / Skeleton

82 National Olympic Committees entered teams in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Cayman Islands, Colombia, Ghana, Montenegro, Pakistan, Peru and Serbia made their winter Olympic debuts. Also Jamaica, Mexico and Morocco returned to the Games after missing the Turin Games. Tonga sought to make its Winter Olympic debut by entering a single competitor in luge, attracting some media attention, but he crashed in the final round of qualifying. Luxembourg qualified two athletes but did not participate because one did not reach the criteria set by the NOC and the other was injured before the Games.

ALBANIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	KAZAKHSTAN	POLAND
ALGERIA	DENMARK	NORTH KOREA	PORTUGAL
ANDORRA	ESTONIA	SOUTH KOREA	ROMANIA
ARGENTINA	ETHIOPIA	KYRGYZSTAN	RUSSIA
ARMENIA	FINLAND	LATVIA	SAN MARINO
AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	LEBANON	SENEGAL
AUSTRIA	GEORGIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	SERBIA
AZERBAIJAN	GERMANY	LITHUANIA	SLOVAKIA
BELARUS	GHANA	MACEDONIA	SLOVENIA
BELGIUM	GREAT BRITAIN	MEXICO	SOUTH AFRICA
BERMUDA	GREECE	MOLDOVA	SPAIN
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	HONG KONG	MONACO	SWEDEN
BRAZIL	HUNGARY	MONGOLIA	SWITZERLAND
BULGARIA	ICELAND	MONTENEGRO	CHINESE TAIPEI
CANADA	INDIA	MOROCCO	TAJIKISTAN
CAYMAN ISLANDS	IRAN	NEPAL	TURKEY
CHILE	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	UKRAINE
CHINA	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND	UNITED STATES
COLOMBIA	ITALY	NORWAY	UZBEKISTAN
CROATIA	JAMAICA	PAKISTAN	
CYPRUS	JAPAN	PERU	



Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	CANADA	14	7	5	26
2.	GERMANY	10	13	7	30
3.	UNITED STATES	9	15	13	37
4.	NORWAY	9	8	6	23
5.	SOUTH KOREA	6	6	2	14
6.	SWITZERLAND	6	0	3	9
7.	CHINA	5	2	4	11
	SWEDEN	5	2	4	11
9.	AUSTRIA	4	6	6	16
10.	NETHERLANDS	4	1	3	8
11.	RUSSIA	3	5	7	15
12.	FRANCE	2	3	6	11
13.	AUSTRALIA	2	1	0	3
14.	POLAND	1	3	2	6
15.	ITALY	1	1	3	5
16.	BELARUS	1	1	1	3
	SLOVAKIA	1	1	1	3
19.	GREAT BRITAIN	1	0	0	1
20.	JAPAN	0	3	2	5
21.	CROATIA	0	2	1	3
	SLOVENIA	0	2	1	3
23.	LATVIA	0	2	0	2
24.	FINLAND	0	1	4	5
25.	ESTONIA	0	1	0	1
	KAZAKHSTAN	0	1	0	1
		86	87	85	258

MAJOR STARS

Maria RIESCH (Germany) – alpine skiing – two golds

Emil Hegle SVENDSEN (Norway) – biathlon – two golds and one silver

Ole Einar BJØRNDALLEN (Norway) – biathlon – one gold, one silver (total: 6-4-1)

Magdalena NEUER (Germany) – biathlon – two golds and one silver

André LANGE, Kevin KUSKE (Germany) – bobsleigh – one gold, one silver (total: 4-1-0)

Marcus HELLNER (Sweden) – cross-country skiing – two golds

Petter NORTHUG (Norway) – cross-country skiing – 2 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze

Marit BJØRGEN (Norway) – cross-country skiing – three golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze (total: 3-3-1)

Justyna KOWALCZYK (Poland) – cross-country skiing – gold, silver and bronze

Charles HAMELIN (Canada) – short track speed skating – two golds (total: 2-1-0)

LEE Jung-su (South Korea) – short track speed skating – two golds, one silver

WANG Meng (China) – short track speed skating – three golds (total: 4-1-1)

ZHOU Yang (China) – short track speed skating – two golds

Simon AMMANN (Switzerland) – ski jumping – two golds (total: 4-0-0)

Martina SÁBLÍKOVÁ (Czech Republic) – speed skating – two golds, 1 bronze

POLISH PARTICIPATION

47 competitors (26 men / 21 women) in 11 disciplines

GOLD MEDAL:

*Justyna KOWALCZYK – cross-country skiing (30km classical)

SILVER MEDALS:

*Adam MAŁYSZ – ski jumping (normal hill individual)

*Adam MAŁYSZ – ski jumping (large hill individual)

*Justyna KOWALCZYK – cross-country skiing (women's sprint)

BRONZE MEDALS:

*Justyna KOWALCZYK – cross-country skiing (women's 15km pursuit)

*Katarzyna BACHLEDA-CURUŚ, Katarzyna WOŹNIAK, Luiza ZŁOTKOWSKA – speed skating (women's team pursuit)

Other notable results

5 – Weronika Nowakowska (biathlon – women's individual)

5 – Justyna Kowalczyk (cross-country skiing – 10km freestyle)

6 – Stefan Hula, Łukasz Rutkowski, Kamil Stoch, Adam Małysz (ski jumping – large hill team)

7 – Tomasz Sikora (biathlon – individual)

7 – Agnieszka Cyl (biathlon – women's individual)

8 – Ewelina Staszulonek (luge – women's singles)

