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Venues set for 2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games

Three new sponsors pledge support for SOBC's biggest Provincial Games yet

With the clock soon to tick over into the new year, the countdown is truly on toward the [2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games](#). January 6 marks six months to go, and excitement is building among the more than 1,600 athletes and coaches who will come together in Canada's Tournament Capital for SOBC's largest Provincial Games to date. The 2017 SOBC Summer Games venues will be:

- Bowlertime and Falcon Lanes – *5- and 10-Pin Bowling*
- Brocklehurst Pool – *Swimming*
- Kamloops Golf & Country Club – *Golf*
- McArthur Island Park – *Bocce, Soccer*
- Sandman Centre – *Opening Ceremony, Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics*
- School District #73 schools – *Basketball*
- Tournament Capital Centre Hillside Stadium – *Athletics*
- Tournament Capital Ranch – *Softball*

Spectators will be welcome to attend all SOBC Games competitions on July 7 and 8 and the Opening Ceremony on July 6 – entrance is free. Fans will be treated to inspiring displays of sport and sportsmanship, and help open hearts and minds to understand all that individuals with intellectual disabilities can do. Learn more about the venues and events at www.sobcgameskamloops.ca

SOBC is very grateful to Broadcast Centre, NL Broadcasting, and Teck for generously signing on as 2017 SOBC Games sponsors. Thanks to all the sponsors who have currently committed to support the Games:

- Platinum Sponsors: **City of Kamloops** and **School District #73**
- Gold Sponsor: **New Gold – New Afton Mine**
- Bronze Sponsors: **Binnie Consulting, Domtar – Kamloops, and Teck**
- Media Sponsors: **Broadcast Centre** and **NL Broadcasting**

"The support of sponsors is absolutely critical, and we are so grateful to the generous organizations in Kamloops and around the province that are stepping forward to help make this empowering experience possible," SOBC President & CEO Dan Howe says.

Those interested in learning more about Games sponsorship opportunities and benefits are invited to contact Howe at dhowe@specialolympics.bc.ca or 1-888-854-2276 toll-free / 604-737-3079 direct.

About the 2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games

The 2017 SOBC Summer Games, set to be held in Kamloops July 6 to 8, will be the largest SOBC Games to date, with almost 1,300 athletes with intellectual disabilities from all parts of the province and the Yukon expected to compete, supported by more than 350 volunteer coaches and mission staff. Hot on the heels of the successful 2015 SOBC Winter Games, Kamloops will be the first community to host back-to-back SOBC Winter and Summer Games. The 2017 Games will feature exciting competition and inspiring displays of sportsmanship in the 11 SOBC summer sports: 5- and 10-pin bowling, athletics, basketball, bocce, golf, powerlifting, rhythmic gymnastics, soccer, softball, and swimming. In 2017, the SOBC Games Opening Ceremony will be held on July 6, followed by competition throughout Friday July 7 and Saturday July 8. A Closing Ceremony will be held on July 8 (open only to Games participants) and volunteer recognition breakfast on July 9.

More than 1,000 volunteers will be needed to help stage this inspiring event. Volunteer registration details will be announced in the weeks to come. Learn more at www.sobcgameskamloops.ca and find SOBC on Facebook and Instagram @specialolympicsbc and Twitter @sobcsociety; the Games hashtags will be #SOBCGames #Kamloops2017.

About Special Olympics BC

Special Olympics BC is dedicated to providing individuals with intellectual disabilities opportunities to enrich their lives and celebrate personal achievement through positive sport experiences. In 57 communities around the province, we provide year-round training and competitive opportunities in 18 different sports to more than 4,600 athletes of all ages and abilities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of over 3,900 volunteers. For more information, please visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca, and find us on Facebook and Instagram @specialolympicsbc and Twitter @sobcsociety. To learn more about SOBC – Kamloops, visit www.sobckamloops.org and www.facebook.com/sobckamloops.

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