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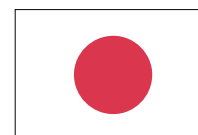
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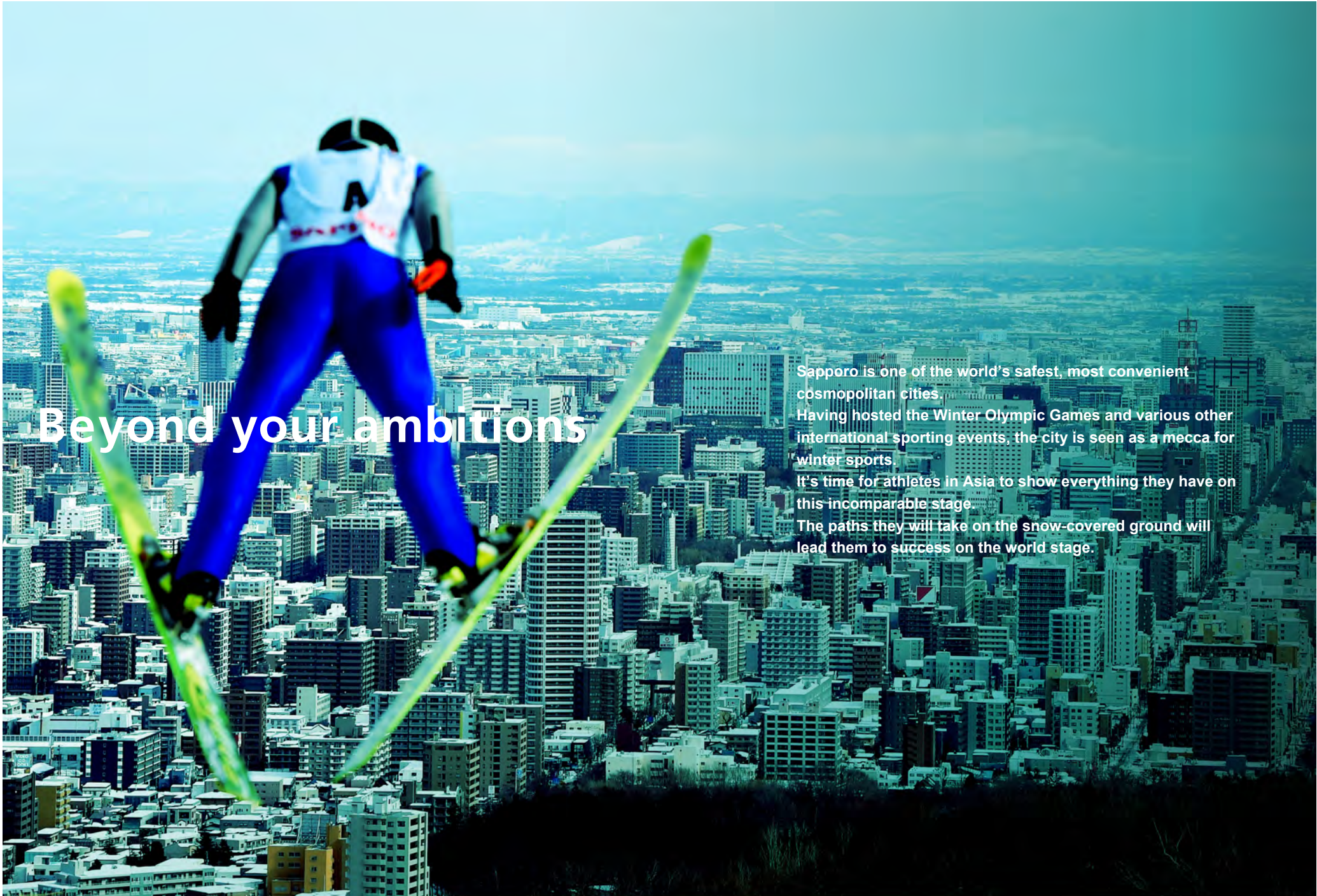
This handbook is intended to give an overview of the 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games and provide technical information on each sport as required by the OCA Constitution and Rules.

The 8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee (SAWGOC) is currently making necessary preparations for the event, and looks forward to welcoming athletes and officials from all over Asia.



Host Country in Brief Japan

Capital	Tokyo
Population	approx. 126,850,000 (as of September 1, 2015)
Area	377,972.28 km ²
Language	Japanese
Currency	Yen (¥)
Time zone	UTC + 9 hours
Geographical position	East longitude 139° 44' / North latitude 35° 39'




Beyond your ambitions

Sapporo is one of the world's safest, most convenient cosmopolitan cities.

Having hosted the Winter Olympic Games and various other international sporting events, the city is seen as a mecca for winter sports.

It's time for athletes in Asia to show everything they have on this incomparable stage.

The paths they will take on the snow-covered ground will lead them to success on the world stage.



Slogan of the Games

Beyond your ambitions

The 8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee aims to hold the event in urban areas that coexist with the region's rich natural environment. On this stage, athletes will push themselves beyond their limits in pursuit of their ambitions and make strides toward being world-leaders in their fields. The Committee also views the Games as a way of promoting the potential of Asia to the rest of the world, thereby opening up a new era of winter sports.

Concepts of the Games

Promoting the appeal of winter sports and the rich natural environment that has supported their development, and leaving a legacy for future generations

Welcoming visitors with warm hospitality and running a safe, compact Games with high levels of convenience and environmental sustainability

Bringing together people from across Asia to promote global peace and friendship while encouraging exchanges between people from diverse cultural backgrounds and promoting intercultural understanding

Welcome to the Land of Ice and Snow.



Sapporo is Japan's northernmost ordinance-designated city.

It has been known as a city of international tourism since it hosted the Winter Olympics in 1972. It is the cultural, political and economic center of Hokkaido, and is also renowned for its rich natural environment.

SAPPORO

Population	1,948,262 (as of September 1, 2015)
Area	1,121.26 km ²
Average temperature	Annual: 9.4°C February: -2.8°C
Average snowfall	Annual: 472.4 cm February: 103.4 cm

* Average temperature/snowfall for 2011 to 2015

Obihiro is a core city located in eastern Hokkaido. Large-scale farming is practiced in this region, which is one of Japan's main production areas. Obihiro is also known for its speed skating rinks and other well-developed sports facilities that provide locals with ideal opportunities for related activities.

OBIHIRO

Population	168,446 (as of September 1, 2015)
Area	619.34 km ²
Average temperature	Annual: 7.5°C February: -5.5°C
Average snowfall	Annual: 206 cm February: 39.8 cm

* Average temperature/snowfall for 2011 to 2015



A Word from the Honorary President

Toward the Development of Winter Sports in Asia

In response to Japan's proposal of the Asian Winter Games (AWG) for the development of winter sports in Asia, the city of Sapporo hosted the first AWG in March 1986 and the second in March 1990.

The cities of Sapporo and Obihiro are now scheduled to host Japan's fourth AWG after the event was held in Aomori in 2003.

To promote winter sports as well as sporting participation, culture and international goodwill among Asian youths, the 8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee is preparing for the event with Japan's traditional spirit of hospitality (known in Japanese as omotenashi) based on safe, reliable and environmentally friendly planning for a spectacle that will encourage athletes from across Asia to perform to the best of their abilities.

The event will showcase Japan's dynamism to Asian countries and regions with focus on Sapporo – a city where people engage in international exchanges, embrace cultures different from their own, and continue to take on new challenges amid Hokkaido's beautiful natural environment.

The Committee intends to make the 2017 Asian Winter Games a great success that will help to expand winter sport networks in Asia.

The efforts and cooperation of everybody involved in this endeavor are greatly appreciated.

Tsunekazu Takeda

Honorary President
8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee
President
Japanese Olympic Committee



A Word from the President

Making the Games an Outstanding Showcase for the Future

In February 2017, athletes from across Asia will gather in the cities of Sapporo and Obihiro to compete in the exciting Asian Winter Games. I'm truly thrilled that this will be the third time Sapporo has hosted the event in the last 30 years.

Sapporo has hosted numerous international meets in the sporting world, including the Winter Olympic Games and the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships. Based on this experience, the city is forging ahead with preparations for a successful Games in collaboration with the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC).

The many people who will come to Sapporo and Obihiro from countries and regions across Asia for the event will be welcomed with unrivalled hospitality. This is expected to promote new exchanges as well as highlighting the appeal of the host cities and of Hokkaido as a whole.

All available resources will be used to make the 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games an outstanding showcase for the future. The event will provide chances for people to experience the excitement and enjoyment inherent in sports, and will help to give children, in their role as leaders of the future, the aspirations and inspiration needed to inherit this legacy with pride.

The contribution of all involved in these preparations is greatly appreciated.

Katsuhiko Akimoto

Mayor of Sapporo
President
8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee

Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Executive Board

Position	Name
President	Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah
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Vice-president	Mr. Temirkhan Dosmukhambetov
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Chairman, Sports Environment Committee	Mr. Kyung-Sun Yu
Chairman, Medical Committee	Dr. Manikavasagam Jegathesan
Chairman, Sports for All Committee	Brig. Gen. Mowaffak Joumaa
Chairman, Media Committee	Mr. Charles King Chiu Lo
Chairman, Finance Committee	Dr. Kevin Kuo-I Chen
Chairman, Culture Committee	Mr. Mohammad A. Alkamali
Chairman, Entourage Committee	Mr. Daesung Moon
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Chairman, Coordination Committee	Mr. Tsunekazu Takeda
Chairman, Ethics Committee	Mr. Jizhong Wei
Chairman, Information & Statistics Committee	Dr. Demchigjav Zagdsuren
Chairman, International Relations Committee	HRH Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck
Chairman, Sports Committee	Mr. Luzeng Song
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Member	Mr. Mirabrur Usmanov
Member	Mr. Kiumars Hashemi
Member	Mr. Raad Hammoudi Salman Al-Dulaimi
Honorary Member	Mr. Jilong Zhang
Honorary Member	Mr. Habib Abdul Nabi Yousuf Macki
Honorary Member	Gen. Souhail Khoury
Director General & Technical Director	Mr. Husain A H Z Al-Musallam

*As of September 16, 2015

8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee (SAWGOC)

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Vice-president	Hirobumi Kawano
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Member	Toshiya Ishikawa
Member	Tetsuo Sato
Member	Mitsuhiro Tsuruga
Member	Hajime Yoshida
Member	Etsuko Hatanaka
Member	Koichi Adachi
Member	Takeshi Miyakoshi
Member	Hiroyuki Deguchi
Member	Hiroshi Ikeda
Member	Kazumori Kominami
Member	Osamu Fujiwara
Member	Hiroki Sugiyama
Member	Jun Terasawa
Auditor	Suteshige Ikeda
Auditor	Katsuya Mizuno

Secretariat

Position	Name
Secretary-general	Noriaki Ikushima
Director-general	Hiroshi Abe
Director, General Affairs Bureau	Katsunori Takahashi
Director, Sports Affairs Bureau	Fumio Takei

*As of September 28, 2015

OCA Members

No.	NOC	Code
1	Afghanistan	AFG
2	Bahrain	BRN
3	Bangladesh	BAN
4	Bhutan	BHU
5	Brunei Darussalam	BRU
6	Cambodia	CAM
7	People's Republic of China	CHN
8	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK
9	Hong Kong, China	HKG
10	India	IND
11	Indonesia	INA
12	Islamic Republic of Iran	IRI
13	Iraq	IRQ
14	Japan	JPN
15	Jordan	JOR
16	Kazakhstan	KAZ
17	Republic of Korea	KOR
18	Kuwait	KUW
19	Kyrgyzstan	KGZ
20	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LAO
21	Lebanon	LIB
22	Macau, China	MAC
23	Malaysia	MAS

No.	NOC	Code
24	Maldives	MDV
25	Mongolia	MGL
26	Myanmar	MYA
27	Nepal	NEP
28	Oman	OMA
29	Pakistan	PAK
30	Palestine	PLE
31	Philippines	PHI
32	Qatar	QAT
33	Saudi Arabia	KSA
34	Singapore	SIN
35	Sri Lanka	SRI
36	Syrian Arab Republic	SYR
37	Chinese Taipei	TPE
38	Tajikistan	TJK
39	Thailand	THA
40	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	TLS
41	Turkmenistan	TKM
42	United Arab Emirates	UAE
43	Uzbekistan	UZB
44	Vietnam	VIE
45	Yemen	YEM

The 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games will be held in the Japanese cities of Sapporo and Obihiro. The Asian Winter Games are an international multi-sport event run by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), which has 45 member countries and regions, with the aim of developing winter sports in Asia.

Event	8th Asian Winter Games Sapporo 2017 (2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games)
Period	Sunday, February 19 – Sunday, February 26, 2017 (8 days)
Host Cities	Sapporo and Obihiro (Hokkaido)
Competition Venues	Sapporo : Sapporo Teine, Shirahatayama Open Stadium Miyanomori Ski Jump Stadium, Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium Sapporo Bankei Ski Area, Makomanai Indoor Skating Rink Nishioka Biathlon Stadium, Tsukisamu Gymnasium Mikaho Gymnasium, Hoshioki Ice Skating Rink Sapporo Curling Stadium Obihiro : Obihiro Forest Speed Skating Oval
Opening Ceremony Venue	Sapporo Dome
Closing Ceremony Venue	Makomanai Indoor Skating Rink
Sports, Disciplines and Events	5 sports, 11 disciplines and 64 events *Please refer to p.16 for details of the events. Skiing : Alpine Skiing / Cross-country Skiing / Ski Jumping Freestyle Skiing / Snowboard Skating : Speed Skating / Short Track Speed Skating / Figure Skating Biathlon Ice Hockey Curling
Administrator	Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
Organizer	8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee (SAWGOC)

Official Logo

The official logo was chosen from among proposals submitted by the Japanese public.

The overall form of the logo represents Hokkaido – the northernmost of Japan's four main islands – as a whole. It also has design elements echoing the North Star shining in the night sky, a snow crystal and the winter breeze.

The five blue arcs themselves represent the five sports of the Games and the people from the five Asian regions who will assemble in the host cities of Sapporo and Obihiro and work together to ensure the success of the event. They also signify the assembly and collaboration of representatives from the five regions under the OCA symbolized by the sun in the middle.

The arcs also further represent the organizers' hopes that the influence of this winter sporting event will develop and spread along with Hokkaido's international profile.



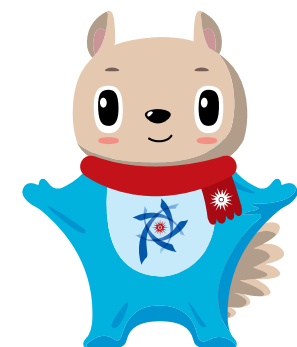
Official Mascot

Sporting a red scarf and blue cape, Ezomon is a very special type of flying squirrel that, in Japan, is found only in Hokkaido. Ezomon is a winter sports hero who encourages children to dream big.

The outgoing Ezomon creates excitement for the Games by flying around, wearing the cape with pride!

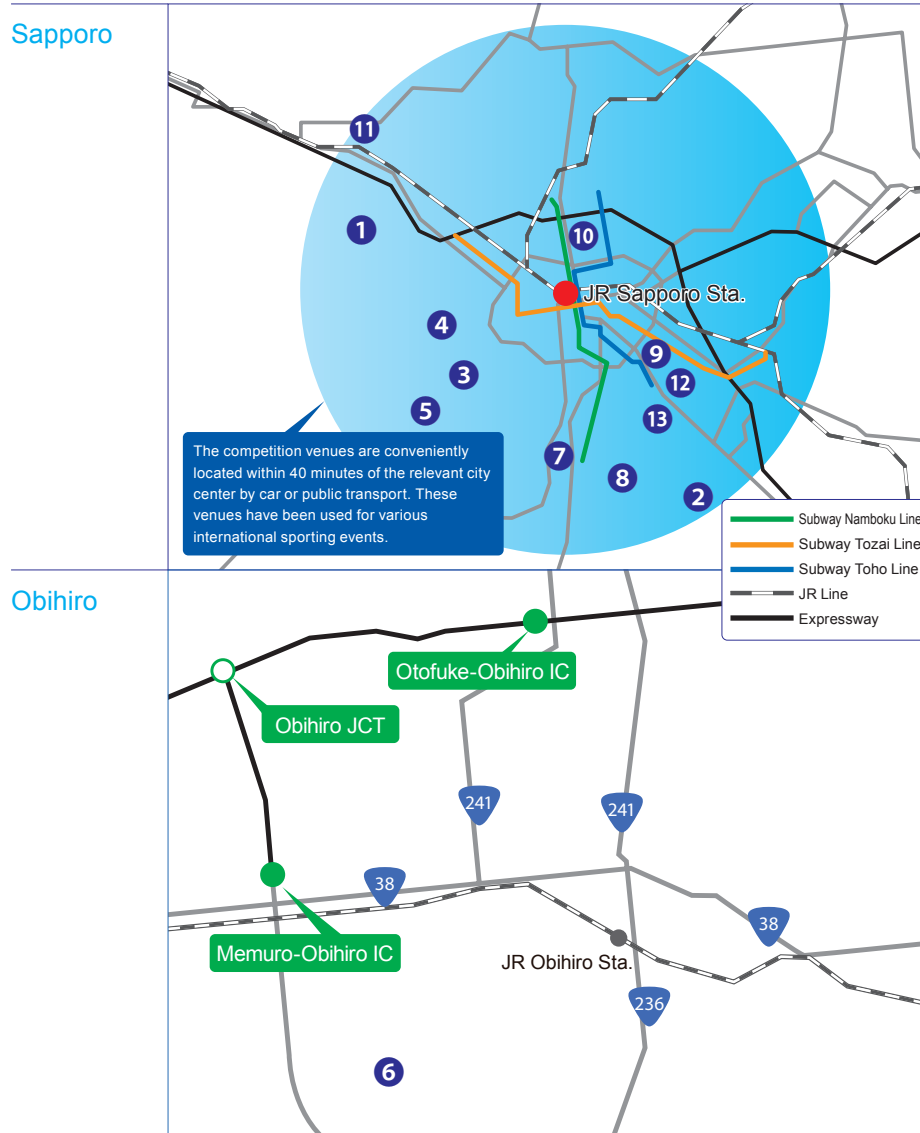
Official website
<http://sapporo2017.org/en/>

Official Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/sapporo2017>



Sport (5)	Discipline (11)	Event (64)	Venue	February 2017															
				17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26						
				Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.						
Opening Ceremony			Sapporo Dome																
Skiing	Alpine Skiing	Men	Giant Slalom																
			Slalom																
		Ladies	Giant Slalom																
			Slalom																
	Cross-country Skiing	Men	1.4 km Individual Sprint Classical																
			10 km Classical																
			15 km Free																
			30 km Free Mass Start																
			4 × 7.5 km Relay																
		Ladies	1.4 km Individual Sprint Classical																
			5 km Classical																
			10 km Free																
			15 km Free Mass Start																
			4 × 5 km Relay																
	Ski Jumping	Men	Normal Hill Individual	Shirahatayama Open Stadium															
			Large Hill Individual	Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium															
			Large Hill Team	Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium															
	Freestyle Skiing	Men	Dual Moguls	Sapporo Bankei Ski Area															
			Moguls	Sapporo Bankei Ski Area															
		Ladies	Moguls	Sapporo Bankei Ski Area															
	Snowboard	Men	Giant Slalom	Sapporo Teine															
			Slalom	Sapporo Teine															
Halfpipe			Sapporo Bankei Ski Area																
Ladies		Giant Slalom	Sapporo Teine																
		Slalom	Sapporo Teine																
	Halfpipe	Sapporo Bankei Ski Area																	

Sport (5)	Discipline (11)	Event (64)	Venue	February 2017														
				17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26					
				Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.					
Skating	Speed Skating	Men	500 m															
			1000 m															
			1500 m															
			5000 m															
			10000 m															
			8 Laps Team Pursuit															
		Ladies	16 Laps Mass Start															
			500 m															
			1000 m															
			1500 m															
			3000 m															
			5000 m															
			6 Laps Team Pursuit															
			16 Laps Mass Start															
	Short Track Speed Skating	Men	500 m															
			1000 m															
			1500 m															
		Ladies	5000 m Relay															
			500 m															
	Figure Skating	Men	1000 m															
			1500 m															
		Ladies	3000 m Relay															
			Short Program/Free Skating															
Biathlon	Men	Short Program/Free Skating																
		Ice Dance (Short Dance/Free Dance)																
Ice Hockey	Men	Top Division	Tsukisamu Gymnasium															
		Premier Division	Mikaho Gymnasium															
	Women	Hoshioki Ice Skating Rink																
		Top Division	Tsukisamu Gymnasium															
Curling	Men	Sapporo Curling Stadium																
	Women	Sapporo Curling Stadium																
Closing Ceremony			Makomanai Indoor Skating Rink															



1 Sapporo Teine

Skiing: Alpine Skiing

Skiing: Snowboard (Giant Slalom, Slalom)

Address: Teine-Kanayama 172-1, Teine-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: <http://www.sapporo-teine.com/snow/lang/en/>

Major international sporting events: 11th Winter Olympic Games (1972), 1st and 2nd Asian Winter Games (1986 and 1990)



2 Shirahatayama Open Stadium

Skiing: Cross-country Skiing

Address: Shin-ei 502-1, Kiyota-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Major international sporting events: 2nd Asian Winter Games (1990), FIS Nordic World Ski Championships (2007)



3 Miyanomori Ski Jump Stadium

Skiing: Ski Jumping – Normal Hill

Address: Miyanomori 1-jo 18-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: http://www.welcome.city.sapporo.jp/find/sports/miyanomori_ski_jump_stadium/?lang=en

Major international sporting events: 11th Winter Olympic Games (1972), FIS Nordic World Ski Championships (2007)



4 Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium

Skiing: Ski Jumping – Large Hill

Address: Miyanomori 1274, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: <http://www.sapporo-dc.co.jp/eng/okurayama/jump/>

Major international sporting events: 11th Winter Olympic Games (1972), FIS Nordic World Ski Championships (2007)



5 Sapporo Bankei Ski Area

Skiing: Freestyle Skiing

Skiing: Snowboard (Halfpipe)

Address: Bankei 410-1, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: <http://www.bankei.co.jp/ski/english.html>

Major international sporting events: FIS Snowboard World Cup 2016 in Sapporo



6 Obihiro Forest Speed Skating Oval

Skating: Speed Skating

Address: Minami 7-sen 56-7 Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: <http://obihiro-foundation.jp/shisetsu/sportslist/oval>

Major international sporting events: ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Final 2011/12 (Obihiro), ISU World Cup Speed Skating 2014/15 (Obihiro)



7 Makomanai Indoor Skating Rink

Skating: Short Track Speed Skating

Skating: Figure Skating

Closing Ceremony

Address: Makomanai Koen 1-chome 1, Minami-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Major international sporting events: 11th Winter Olympic Games (1972), 1st and 2nd Asian Winter Games (1986 and 1990), ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2011/12 NHK Trophy



8 Nishioka Biathlon Stadium

Biathlon

Address: Nishioka, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Major international sporting events: 11th Winter Olympic Games (1972), 1st and 2nd Asian Winter Games (1986 and 1990), 8th Asian Biathlon Championships (2013)



9 Tsukisamu Gymnasium

Ice Hockey

Address: Tsukisamu-Higashi 1-jo 8-chome, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Major international sporting events: 11th Winter Olympic Games (1972), 1st and 2nd Asian Winter Games (1986 and 1990), 2008 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B



10 Mikaho Gymnasium

Ice Hockey

Address: Kita 22-jo Higashi 5-chome, Higashi-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Major international sporting events: 11th Winter Olympic Games (1972), 1st and 2nd Asian Winter Games (1986 and 1990)



11 Hoshioki Ice Skating Rink

Ice Hockey

Address: Hoshioki 2-jo 1-chome 12-1, Teine-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan



12 Sapporo Curling Stadium

Curling

Address: Tsukisamu-Higashi 1-jo 9-chome, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Major international sporting events: World Women's Curling Championship 2015



13 Sapporo Dome

Opening Ceremony

Address: Hitsujigaoka 1, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: <http://www.sapporo-dome.co.jp/foreign/index-en.html>

Major international sporting events: FIS Nordic World Ski Championships (2007), TOYOTA BIG AIR



Accreditation and Validation

Asian Winter Games Identification and Accreditation Cards (AWGIACs) produced by the 8th Sapporo Asian Winter Games Organising Committee (SAWGOC) will be issued to establish identity and give the right of access to specific Games venues and zones so that holders can perform their functions at the 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games.

SAWGOC will distribute an Accreditation Package with an Accreditation Guide to each NOCs and Responsible Organization in May 2016.

Pre-valid AWGIACs (PVCs) for approved applicants applying by Monday, September 19, 2016, will be sent to the relevant Responsible Organizations.

PVCs constitute documentation authorizing entry into Japan for overseas delegations along with a valid passport or travel document.

PVC holders are required to visit one of the Validation Counters at the Games official airport or an Accreditation Center and present their PVC along with a valid passport or travel document to have the card validated. Once this process is complete, the card can be used as an AWGIAC.

Immigration and Visas

During the period from Friday, January 20 to Monday, March 13, 2017, PVC holders are permitted multiple entries into Japan without a separate entry visa. Upon entry to Japan, overseas delegations must present a PVC and a valid passport or travel document and submit an Embarkation/ Disembarkation Card.

Delegates who do not have a PVC and who plan to stay in Japan outside the validity period will need to make their own arrangements for entry into Japan in accordance with Japanese immigration law.

Individuals using their PVC as a visa to enter Japan must ensure that their passport is valid after Monday, March 13, 2017 and that the details on the passport match the information provided on the application for accreditation.

Games Official Airport and Flight Information

The official airport for the 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games is New Chitose Airport, which is located in the city adjacent to Sapporo.

Overseas delegations are strongly advised to initially enter Japan via New Chitose Airport in order to take advantage of the related support provided there by SAWGOC.

SAWGOC will distribute Online Arrival and Departure System (ADS) manuals to Responsible Organizations around August 2016.

Responsible Organizations are required to enter correct flight information for all confirmed applicants into the ADS by the deadline.

New Chitose Airport

Address: Bibi, Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: <http://www.new-chitose-airport.jp/en/>



Transportation Services

Transportation Services for Arrival and Departure

Transportation services between New Chitose Airport and the Athletes' Hotel will be provided for participating athletes and officials in accordance with their flight schedules.

NOC Dedicated Vehicle Services

Based on the number of delegates per NOC, dedicated vehicle services between the Athletes' Hotel and areas designated by SAWGOC will be provided for athletes and officials.

Transportation Services for Competitions and Training

Transportation services between the Athletes' Hotel and the venues will be provided for athletes and officials participating in competitions or official training.

Transportation Services for Opening/Closing Ceremonies

Transportation services between the Athletes' Hotel and the venues will be provided for athletes and officials participating in the Opening or Closing Ceremonies.

Transportation Services for Competition Viewing

Transportation services between the Athletes' Hotel and the venues will be provided for athletes and officials wishing to watch competitions. However, transportation services for athletes and officials participating in the competitions will take priority.

Transportation Services for Luggage

If the luggage brought by athletes or officials exceeds the capacity of the buses used for their transportation, extra vehicles will be provided for luggage.

*The above transportation services will be provided only in Sapporo. Details of Obihiro transportation services will be announced separately.

Athletes' Hotels

The Apa Hotel & Resort Sapporo will serve as the Athletes' Hotel for athletes and officials staying in Sapporo. The opening period will be from Sunday, February 12 to Monday, February 27, 2017.

The Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro will serve as the Athletes' Hotel for athletes and officials participating in the Speed Skating competitions in Obihiro. The opening period will be from Wednesday, February 15 to Friday, February 24.

Apa Hotel & Resort Sapporo

Address: Kawazoe 4-jo 2-chome, Minami-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan
Website: http://www.apahotel.com.e.ju.hp.transer.com/language/hokkaido/04_resort-sapporo.html



Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro

Address: Nishi 2-jo Minami 13-chome 1, Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan
Website: <http://www.jrhotels.co.jp/obihiro/english/>



Meals and Catering Services

Three buffet-style meals will be served to athletes and officials at the Athletes' Hotels daily.

The menu will incorporate a wide variety of food, including Japanese and other types of Asian cuisine, and will accommodate requirements for diverse preferences related to religious and ethnic backgrounds.

Lunch boxes will be provided for athletes and officials unable to eat at the Athletes' Hotels due to their schedule.

Catering services for athletes and officials will be provided at each competition venue.

Medical Services

During the Games, SAWGOC will run Medical Stations for athletes at each venue and provide onsite medical services and emergency transport. Medical staff will be stationed at an Athletes' Hotel Medical Station, "clinic", to provide care and treatment. If advanced care is needed, patients will be transferred to the Games' designated hospitals.

AWGIAC holders who are not athletes or officials may undergo medical treatment at the clinic or designated hospitals free of charge for acute illnesses, severe injuries or acute exacerbations of chronic conditions. If necessary, medical services such as emergency treatment, hospitalization and emergency transfer will be provided. Free medical services will not include non-essential medical care nor elective medical treatment.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be held as detailed below.

Opening Ceremony: Sunday, February 19, 2017, at Sapporo Dome

Closing Ceremony: Sunday, February 26, 2017, at Makomanai Indoor Skating Rink

Athletes attending the Opening Ceremony are required to wear their delegation uniforms. NOC representatives will bear their delegation flag during the athletes' parade at the Opening Ceremony.

Cultural Program

A Japanese Cultural Program will be run at the Athletes' Hotel during the Games to provide athletes with experience of aspects of traditional Japanese culture such as kimono dressing and the tea ceremony.

Welcome Ceremony

The 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games Welcome Ceremony will be held at the Athletes' Hotel with timing based on delegates' arrival dates/times.

Volunteers

Skilled volunteers with significant experience of international sporting events and young volunteers will provide support for the Games, and look forward to welcoming athletes and officials from all over Asia.

Games Information

Media

Main Media Center (MMC)

The Main Media Center (MMC) will be located in the Sapporo Convention Center. It will house the International Broadcasting Center (IBC), which will provide international video and audio feeds, and the Main Press Center (MPC), which will serve as a workplace for journalists and photographers.

Sapporo Convention Center

Address: Higashi-Sapporo 6-jo 1-chome 1-1,
Shiroishi-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Website: <http://www.sora-scc.jp/eng/>



Mixed Zone

A Mixed Zone will be set up at each competition venue to allow media interviews of athletes. Athletes are kindly asked to cooperate with interviewers as much as possible when passing through these zones.

Press Conferences

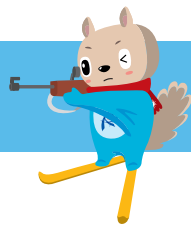
Athletes may be asked via NOCs to attend press conferences during the Games. Such conferences will be held at each competition venue or MPC. SAWGOC staff will guide athletes to the press conference room, and their coaches are asked to accompany them.

TV Interviews

At competition venues, athletes may be asked to do interviews by broadcasters outside the Mixed Zone. They may also be asked via NOCs to do interviews at the IBC, and are kindly asked to cooperate as much as possible.

Technical Information





Competition Dates

Biathlon competitions will be held from Thursday, February 23 to Sunday, February 26, 2017, at Nishioka Biathlon Stadium.

Venue

Nishioka Biathlon Stadium

Address: Nishioka, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Chief of Competition

Isao Yamase (Japan Biathlon Federation (JBF))

Competition Schedule

Date	Time	Event
February 23 (Thu.)	10:00	10 km Sprint (Men)
	13:00	7.5 km Sprint (Women)
February 24 (Fri.)	10:00	12.5 km Pursuit (Men)
	13:00	10 km Pursuit (Women)
February 25 (Sat.)	10:00	(2 × 6 km Women + 2 × 7.5 km Men) Mixed Relay
February 26 (Sun.)	10:00	15 km Mass Start (Men)
	13:00	12.5 km Mass Start (Women)

Training

Free training will be available at the competition venue on Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21. Official training will be held at the competition venue on Wednesday, February 22. Schedule details will be announced later.

Competition Rules

Biathlon competitions will be conducted in accordance with International Biathlon Union (IBU) Event and Competition Rules applicable to the Games.

Material Control

Material control will be conducted in accordance with the IBU Event and Competition Rules.

Eligibility

All OCA-member NOCs are entitled to enter athletes in each event. Participating athletes must comply with the Eligibility Code of the OCA Constitution and Rules.

Number of Entries

	Event	Number of athletes	Maximum number of entries per NOC
Men	10 km Sprint	4	6
	12.5 km Pursuit	4	
	15 km Mass Start	4	
Women	7.5 km Sprint	4	6
	10 km Pursuit	4	
	12.5 km Mass Start	4	

Mixed Relay participants shall be chosen from the pool of athletes entered in the above events.

	Event	Maximum number of teams
Men and Women	(2 × 6 km Women + 2 × 7.5 km Men) Mixed Relay	2

Entry Timeline

Entry by number – deadline: 24:00 Saturday, November 19, 2016 (Japan time, UTC + 9)

Entry by name – deadline: 24:00 Thursday, January 19, 2017 (Japan time, UTC + 9)

*Documentation regarding rifles and ammunitions must be submitted by Wednesday, December 21, 2016. Details will be provided separately.

Note: A considerable period of time is required for Japanese public offices to process applications and grant permission for import/export of rifles and ammunitions. Accordingly, athletes failing to submit the relevant documentation by the deadline (December 21, 2016) may not be able to participate in the Games.

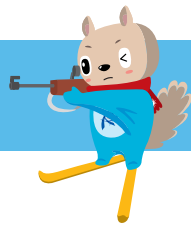
Import/Export of Rifles and Ammunitions to/from Japan

The import/export of firearms and ammunitions to/from Japan is strictly regulated by Japanese law and requires permission under Japanese law. Owners of imported firearms and ammunitions must comply with Japanese law while in Japan.

Technical Delegate and Judges

At SAWGOC's request, JBF will invite qualified Technical Delegate, International Referees and other Jury members in accordance with the International Biathlon Union (IBU) Event and Competition Rules.

OCA reserves the right to propose the appointment of the Technical Delegate or International Referees via IBU with justified reason.



Starting Order

The starting order will be decided in accordance with IBU Event and Competition Rules.

Timing & Results

An electronic timing system will be used, and the results will be determined and announced in accordance with IBU Event and Competition Rules.

Victory Ceremonies

After competitions, victory ceremonies will be held at competition venues to honor the three best-placed participants in each event. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to individuals/teams ranked first, second and third. For individual events, only the top two athletes in each NOC may take the podium. Certificates will also be given to the top six participants/teams individually (rather than at victory ceremonies).

Protests and Appeals

Any protests regarding competitions shall be resolved under the IBU Event and Competition Rules. Any disputes not resolved under the IBU Event and Competition Rules or under the OCA Constitution and Rules may be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Doping Control

Doping control during the 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games will be conducted in accordance with the OCA Anti-Doping Rules and the IBU Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Games, and will comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and its relevant International Standards.

In collaboration with the Medical Committee of the OCA, SAWGOC will arrange the resources to handle the investigation of any cases involving disorders of sexual determination. The need for related tests and the processes to be followed will be as per the rules/procedures laid down by the OCA.

*The competition schedule and other details contained in this Technical Information are subject to change. SAWGOC will inform individual NOCs separately in the event of any changes.

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