

## Lethbridge to host 2020 Alberta Summer Games

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The City of Lethbridge has been officially named host city of the 2020 Alberta Summer Games.

The Games provide an opportunity for Albertans 11 to 17 years old to compete in a province-wide summer sports competition. More than 3,000 participants, their families and spectators are expected to attend the Games. Athletes will participate in a wide variety of sports including athletics, cycling, baseball, swimming, triathlon, rugby, basketball, soccer, canoe/kayak and beach volleyball.

“Congratulations to the City of Lethbridge and the Lethbridge Sport Council on their successful bid to host the 2020 Alberta Summer Games. Through Budget 2018 we are investing in the next generation of Albertans and helping communities build a strong foundation for the future. The Alberta Summer Games are an important part of that foundation and make life better for Albertans.”

*Rachel Notley, Premier*

The government will provide \$420,000 to support the Games through Alberta Sport Connection, which includes a cultural grant of \$70,000.

“The Alberta Games are an important part of Alberta’s culture, inspiring our young amateur athletes while bringing communities together. Congratulations to the City of Lethbridge and all those who worked together on the successful bid to host these Games. I am confident the volunteers, sponsors and supporters will do an amazing job in 2020.”

*Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism*

The Games are coordinated by the Alberta Sport Connection in partnership with the host community. Participants earn the right to compete by qualifying through zone playoffs for each sport which are held across the province.

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“Lethbridge has a long history of hosting successful sport events and multi-sport Games. The city is known for quality, well-organized events and friendly volunteers, and we are looking forward to working with them in staging these Games and welcoming young athletes from across our province.”

*Kelly Blackshaw, vice chair, Alberta Sport Connection*

“Having just witnessed the excitement of our local athletes as they headed off to the Winter Games in Wood Buffalo, Lethbridge is thrilled to have the opportunity to provide that same experience for thousands of Alberta Summer Games athletes in 2020. I am certain our amazing volunteers combined with our high-quality sports facilities will create a Games experience to remember.”

*Chris Spearman, mayor, City of Lethbridge*

The Games generate about \$3 million for host communities.