

2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games FAQ

Olympic and Paralympic Games Structure

Q: Who governs the Olympic and Paralympic Games?

A: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) are the governing bodies that lead the worldwide movement for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. They oversee all aspects of the Games and ensure they adhere to the Olympic Charter.

Q: What are National Olympic Committees (NOCs)?

A: Each country that belongs to the IOC has its own National Olympic Committee. NOCs promote the development of national athletes and select which athletes will attend the Olympic Games. They also nominate host cities for the Games.

Q: What is an Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games (OCOG)?

A: The IOC entrusts the organization of the Olympic Games to the NOC of the host country. The local NOC forms an OCOG to organize the Games for a specific year, complying with the Olympic Charter, the contract with the IOC, and instructions from the IOC Executive Board. For the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the OCOG is known as [LA28](#).

Q: What is Long Beach's role in the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

A: Long Beach is a Venue City for the 2028 Games, meaning we will host specific events and provide necessary municipal services to support these events.

Q: How is Long Beach different from the Host City, Los Angeles?

A: The City of Los Angeles is the Host City and financial guarantor for the 2028 Games, hosting the greatest number of events and the athletes' village. Long Beach, as a Venue City, will host specific events and support them with municipal services but is not responsible for the overall organization of the Games.

Q: What are Venue Service Agreements (VSAs)?

Answer: Venue Service Agreements are contracts between LA28 and the City of Long Beach. They will outline the terms and conditions for using our venues during the Games, ensuring everyone understands their roles and responsibilities. The VSAs are expected to be negotiated and executed by October 1, 2027, and the City intends to seek full cost recovery.

Q: What municipal services will the City provide during the Games?

A: During the Games, the City will continue to provide its usual public services within the event areas at the City's expense. By October 1, 2025, the City and LA28 will agree on the exact scope of these services based on historical data from 2022-2024. Additionally, the City will provide extra services specifically for the Games, known as "Enhanced City Resources," which LA28 will

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reimburse the City for. By October 1, 2026, both parties will finalize an agreement detailing these additional services, including their levels, costs, and other considerations.

Q: When will the final list of events and venue information be available?

A: At the June 11, 2024, City Council meeting, staff are presenting the specific venue use areas that LA28 is proposing for the 2028 Games. These areas are subject to change through discussions with the California Coastal Commission. LA28 is expected to finalize the Games schedule with the International Olympic Committee and the City of Los Angeles this summer.

Community Engagement

Q: Will there be community meetings as we get closer to the Games?

A: Yes, community meetings will be scheduled in the coming months. These meetings will provide updates, gather community input, and address residents' concerns. The City's goal is to ensure regular communication with the community through these meetings and other outreach efforts.

Q: How can I get involved with the Games? Will there be opportunities to volunteer?

A: As we approach the Games, numerous volunteer opportunities will likely become available. As planning progresses, more details will be provided.

Q: How will the City keep residents informed about the planning process?

A: The City will keep residents informed through community meetings, official communications, dedicated websites, and other outreach efforts. These channels will provide updates on planning progress, upcoming events, and opportunities for community involvement.

Transportation and Mobility

Q: When will residents and businesses receive exact timelines for road closures and parking restrictions?

A: Detailed timelines regarding closures and parking impacts will be provided in the months leading up to the Games. We are working closely with LA28 on transportation and mobility planning to ensure the community is well-informed about efforts to mitigate adverse impacts and ensure the Games is a positive experience for all. This information will be disseminated through community outreach efforts, official communications, and dedicated websites to help residents and businesses plan accordingly.

Q: Will beach parking be accessible during the setup periods for the Games?

A: Beach parking availability during set-up periods will depend on the specific requirements of the event infrastructure and security measures. Efforts will be made to minimize disruptions, and alternative parking arrangements will be communicated well in advance to residents and visitors.

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Q: Will beach bike paths remain open to the public during the Games? When will residents be informed about alternative routes if they need to be closed?

A: The status of bike paths will be determined based on safety and logistical considerations. If closures are necessary, reroutes and alternative paths will be provided, with information provided in the months leading up to the Games. Updates will be available through the City's communication channels.

Security and Access

Q: What security measures will be in place to ensure the safety of residents and visitors?

A: Consistent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's commitment to designate the Games a National Special Security Event, the City will work with the California Olympic and Paralympic Public Safety Command, the International Olympic Committee, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and LA28 to ensure a safe and peaceful Games.

Q: If I'm a resident, can I get in and out during events?

A: Yes, residents will be able to access their properties during events. However, access times during event hours may be restricted for security and logistical reasons. We are committed to minimizing impacts through careful planning and clear communication, and we will provide further information and guidance as we approach the Games.

Q: How will residents and boat owners access their properties if they are located within the restricted security areas for the Games? Will there be a screening process?

A: We are actively considering how access for residents and boat owners within restricted security areas will be managed. While we don't have specific details to share yet, ensuring efficient and secure access is a priority. More information will be provided as planning progresses.