



# Greater Vernon 2022 BC Winter Games (in 2023) External Travel Planning Summary

*\*Tentative planning document – subject to change (updated December 7, 2022)*

## **Background**

All registered participants who attend the BC Winter or BC Summer Games, except for those who reside in the immediate vicinity of the host community, are provided with the opportunity to travel to the Games on flights or buses chartered by the BC Games Society. This transportation is offered at no additional cost to participants and is one of the major benefits offered to sports who participate in the Games.

Sports are required to select pick-up point information for each participant that they register for the Games. The BC Games Society then works with contractors to plot travel and provide each participant with a travel itinerary detailing their travel arrangements to and from the host community.

To make this transportation network feasible, sports are required to follow the [BC Games Society Team Travel Policy](#) and ensure that a zone coach or adult supervisor is present to supervise participants. Additionally, sports are asked to limit the number of pick-up points selected in each zone for their participants. As a regional zone team, participants are expected to travel from their home community to the pick-up point selected by their sport at their own cost. The BC Games Society reserves the right to move participants to other pick-up points within their zone to best achieve an efficient transportation network.

## **Planning Summary**

### **Those Flying to the Games:**

- North West (Zone 7) – communities northwest of Vanderhoof/Fort St. James will fly from Terrace
- Cariboo-North East (Zone 8) – McLeod Lake and communities northeast will fly from Fort St. John
- All participants on BC Games charter flights will fly to and from Kelowna International Airport. Transportation will be provided between the airport and the Bus Arrivals/Departures Area in Greater Vernon.

### **Those Busing to the Games:**

- Kootenays (Zone 1) – All of Zone 1 will bus to the Games
- Fraser Valley (Zone 3) – All of Zone 3 will bus to the Games
- Fraser River (Zone 4) – All of Zone 4 will bus to the Games
- Vancouver-Coastal (Zone 5) – All of Zone 5 will bus to the Games
- Vancouver Island-Central Coast (Zone 6) – All of Zone 6 will bus to the Games
- North West (Zone 7) – Vanderhoof/Fort St. James and communities east will bus to the Games
- Cariboo-North East (Zone 8) – communities south of McLeod Lake will bus to the Games

### **Thompson-Okanagan (Zone 2):**

- Participants from the following communities are expected to make their own way to the Games and report to their designated accommodation site by 10:30 am PST to meet up with the rest of their team.
  - South of Sicamous (residents of Sicamous are bused)
  - North of Penticton (residents of Penticton are bused)
  - This includes residents of the municipalities of Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Kelowna, Lake Country, Lumby, Peachland, Salmon Arm, Spallumcheen, Vernon, and West Kelowna.
- These participants should connect with their zone coach to determine their specific arrival time.
- All other Zone 2 participants are provided with transportation on BC Games buses.

### Special Travel Zones:

- Participants living in remote areas of British Columbia not serviced by BC Games Society charter flights or buses may be eligible for special travel provisions (i.e.; travel via commercial services).
- Special Travel Zones include remote areas of Zones 6, 7, and 8 such as the Central Coast Regional District (including the Bella Coola Valley and surrounding areas), Haida Gwaii, the northern parts of the Regional District of Kitimat–Stikine (Dease Lake, etc.), the Stikine Region, and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.
- If special travel arrangements, as noted above, are required, please select “Special Travel Zone” as the pick-up point of that participant.

### Timing and Expectations:




- Participants on BC Games transportation from Vancouver Island-Central Cost (Zone 6) and those on charter flights will travel to Greater Vernon on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, and are expected to arrive that evening.
- All other participants on BC Games charter buses will travel to Greater Vernon on Thursday, March 23, 2023, and are expected to arrive by 12:00 pm PST.
- Those participants making their own way to the Games should plan to arrive at their sport’s designated Games accommodation site on Thursday, March 23, 2023. These participants should connect with their zone coach to determine their specific arrival time.
- Returning from the Games, all participants on BC Games transportation will depart Greater Vernon mid-afternoon on Sunday, March 26, 2023, and arrive at their home destination Sunday night or early Monday morning.
- Those participants making their own way home from the Games should identify a plan for pick-up at a convenient location on Sunday, March 26, 2023. This may include the accommodation site or sport venue for that participant, depending on their schedule for that day.
- Transporting up to 1,400 participants to Vernon takes significant planning, coordination, and cooperation. Meeting registration the deadline of February 13, 2023 for all athletes, coaches, and officials on Games transportation is critical.
- Sports are required to follow supervisor expectations and the BC Games Society Team Travel Policy found here: <https://www.bcgames.org/Sport/Technical-Packages-and-Rules/BC-Winter-Games/General-Rules#teamtravel>

### Pick-up Point Information

To view the map of all pick-up point locations, please follow this link:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1EpgJ3rMsnuE9UIRIfqX3bYzA-dloAO9\\_&usp](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1EpgJ3rMsnuE9UIRIfqX3bYzA-dloAO9_&usp)

Each pick-up point location is identified with one of the following three symbols:

	Airport	This pick-up point is an airport where participants will board a flight to the Games
	Bus to Airport	This pick-up point will have a bus take participants to a designated airport to board a flight to the Games
	Bus to Greater Vernon	This pick-up point will have a bus take participants directly to the Games

In the pages that follow, pick-up points from each zone are listed with the above information.

**Specific travel itinerary information will be provided to each confirmed Games participant within two weeks of the BC Games registration deadline of February 13, 2023.**

**Greater Vernon 2022 BC Winter Games (in 2023)**

**Zone Code            1            Kootenays (1)**

**Pick-up Point Location**

**Type**

Castlegar  
Cranbrook  
Creston  
Ferne  
Golden  
Grand Forks  
Invermere  
Kaslo  
Nakusp  
Nelson  
Rossland  
Slocan

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*Notes:*

- All "Bus to Greater Vernon" pick-up points will travel directly to Greater Vernon by bus
- All other locations are expected to make their own way to their nearest pick-up point

**Greater Vernon 2022 BC Winter Games (in 2023)**

**Zone Code            2                    Thompson-Okanagan (2)**

**Pick-up Point Location**

**Type**

Barriere	Bus to Greater Vernon
Blue River	Bus to Greater Vernon
Cache Creek	Bus to Greater Vernon
Clearwater	Bus to Greater Vernon
Kamloops	Bus to Greater Vernon
Lillooet	Bus to Greater Vernon
Merritt	Bus to Greater Vernon
Osoyoos	Bus to Greater Vernon
Penticton	Bus to Greater Vernon
Princeton	Bus to Greater Vernon
Revelstoke	Bus to Greater Vernon
Sicamous	Bus to Greater Vernon

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**Greater Vernon 2022 BC Winter Games (in 2023)**

**Zone Code            3            Fraser Valley (3)**

**Pick-up Point Location**

**Type**

Abbotsford  
Boston Bar  
Chilliwack  
Hope  
Langley

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## Greater Vernon 2022 BC Winter Games (in 2023)

**Zone Code**        **4**                **Fraser River (4)**

**Pick-up Point Location**

Burnaby  
Surrey

**Type**

Bus to Greater Vernon  
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**Zone Code            5                    Vancouver-Coastal (5)**

**Pick-up Point Location**

**Type**

Gibsons  
North Vancouver  
Pemberton  
Squamish  
Vancouver  
Whistler

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**Zone Code**          **6**                  **Vancouver Island-Central Coast (6)**

### **Pick-up Point Location**

Campbell River  
Courtenay  
Duncan  
Nanaimo  
Port Alberni  
Port McNeill  
Powell River  
Sayward  
Ucluelet  
Victoria

### **Type**

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**Greater Vernon 2022 BC Winter Games (in 2023)**

**Zone Code            7            North West (7)**

**Pick-up Point Location**

**Type**

Burns Lake	Bus to Airport
Fort St. James	Bus to Greater Vernon
Fraser Lake	Bus to Airport
Houston	Bus to Airport
Kitwanga	Bus to Airport
New Hazelton	Bus to Airport
Prince Rupert	Bus to Airport
Smithers	Bus to Airport
Terrace Airport	Airport
Vanderhoof	Bus to Greater Vernon

**Notes:**

- All "Bus to Airport" pick-up points will travel to Terrace Airport by bus and fly to the Games
- All "Bus to Greater Vernon" pick-up points will travel directly to Greater Vernon by bus
- All other locations are expected to make their own way to Terrace Airport or their nearest pick-up point

## Greater Vernon 2022 BC Winter Games (in 2023)

Zone Code            8                    Cariboo-North East (8)

### Pick-up Point Location

### Type

100 Mile House	Bus to Greater Vernon
Chetwynd	Bus to Airport
Fort St. John Airport	Airport
McBride	Bus to Greater Vernon
McLeod Lake	Bus to Airport
Prince George	Bus to Greater Vernon
Quesnel	Bus to Greater Vernon
Tumbler Ridge	Bus to Airport
Valemount	Bus to Greater Vernon
Williams Lake	Bus to Greater Vernon

### Notes:

- All "Bus to Airport" pick-up points will travel to Fort St. John Airport by bus and fly to the Games
- All "Bus to Greater Vernon" pick-up points will travel directly to Greater Vernon by bus
- All other locations are expected to make their own way to Fort St. John Airport or their nearest pick-up point