

SLIDING CENTER BID

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State of New York
Executive Chamber
Albany 12224

Kathy Hochul
GOVERNOR

November 29, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
Gene Sykes, Chairman
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
27 S Tejon St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

On behalf of New York State and the Olympic Regional Development Authority, we submit this proposal to host the bobsleigh, skeleton, and luge events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. New York's storied Olympic history – kept alive through significant investments in ORDA's world-class facilities and a steady stream of high-caliber competitions in Lake Placid – provides a ready and proven solution for the sliding sports in 2026. The State of New York and Lake Placid are seasoned in hosting international events. Since hosting its first Winter Olympics Games in 1932, Lake Placid has been a stage for the world's elite sporting events. The international appeal and world-class events continue today with hundreds of championships and competitions including the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games Winter this past January 12-22.

The Mt Van Hoevenberg Sliding Center in Lake Placid offers an ideal location that can meet both the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation's (IBSL) and the International Luge Federation's (FIL) requirements for Olympic bobsleigh, skeleton and luge competition. The facility annually hosts international competitions including World Cups and World Championships and the track is considered to be one of the world's most technically challenging tracks.

Bringing the sliding events back to New York for a record third time is important to continuing the legacy of the Lake Placid region. Since 1981, it has been our mission to preserve the facilities and keep the Olympic spirit alive. In partnership with Lake Placid, New York City will welcome and celebrate the athletes. New York is an incredibly open, vibrant, and culturally diverse state in an ideal broadcast time zone with Italy. The mountain-to-metropolitan concept provides a compelling solution to host and inspire a new generation through sport, culture, and education in partnership with Milano Cortina.

For decades, New York State's commitment to winter sports has kept the Olympic flame burning bright in Lake Placid. We would be honored to provide the Milano Cortina 2026 with a solution that offers not only the assurance of knowing the sliding events are in good hands in a two-time Olympic host city, but an opportunity to tap into the largest media market in the world and one of the largest and most iconic outposts of the Italian diaspora. We are committed to facilitating memorable and rewarding world-class sporting events and look forward to the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hochul".

Kathy Hochul
Governor



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New York State's Olympic Regional Development Authority respectfully shares the updated information and continues to extend our invitation for the Milano Cortina 2026 sliding events to be held in Lake Placid at Mt Van Hoevenberg.

Lake Placid's commitment to sliding is demonstrated through decades of hosting prestigious events, including the Olympic Games, World Cups, World Championships, and other international competitions. In June 2024, we will host the congresses of the International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) and International Luge Federation, and in March 2025, we will host the IBSF World Championships. Our new indoor push track is utilized by international teams year-round, and Lake Placid is the proud home of USA Luge. As a former Olympic athlete in luge, I can personally attest to the beneficial environment that Lake Placid contributes to the development of all sliding athletes, as well as the dedicated commitment our organization will make toward successfully hosting the 2026 events.

We will celebrate the many parallels between Milano Cortina and Lake Placid; there is only one degree of separation between us on the map. This would be the third Olympic Games for each site. We each have sliding histories that have helped shape the sports. We look forward to sharing stories about both regions while honoring athletes like Eugenio Monti, who have linked us together over time.

What is unparalleled is the Lake Placid experience - our world-famous and technically demanding track, the pristine setting in the Adirondack Mountains, our community's rich expertise in welcoming large international competitions, and an infrastructure to reliably host events even amid challenging weather conditions.

Using an existing facility such as ours at Mt Van Hoevenberg aligns with the IOC's sustainability goals, and the recent improvements at the venue and throughout our New York Olympic Region, ensure a successful execution of this exciting opportunity. Lake Placid will extend the Olympic spirit of Milano Cortina 2026 further than we knew was possible, all while honoring our role as a secondary partner location.

In sport and friendship,

Ashley Walden, President & CEO
Olympic Regional Development Authority





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INTRODUCTION

The following updated bid document sets forth additional information and modifications to the original Sliding Center Bid submitted in December 2023.

The Olympic Regional Development Authority with New York City is a turn-key solution with pre-configured event experience providing the Milano Cortina 2026 Organizing Committee (MiCo 2026) a team to lean on and execute the sliding events in 2026. It is the intention to not only provide exceptional competitions in Lake Placid and celebrations in New York City, but also to ensure the athletes are a part of the larger athlete community in Milan. Bobsled and skeleton athletes will participate in Opening Ceremonies and then charter to Plattsburgh, New York for official training and competition in Lake Placid. Skeleton and luge athletes will charter to Milan after the medal ceremony and celebration in New York City, also participating in Closing Ceremonies. Provided the duration needed for official training and competition for bobsled athletes, we propose these athletes have their medal ceremony as part of the conclusion of the Games in Milan and participate in Closing Ceremonies. While the distance may be viewed as an obstacle, an enhanced event and travel schedule provides access to a technically competitive track, integrated Athlete's Village and unique celebratory experience. The mountain-to-metropolitan concept in New York State provides a compelling solution to host and inspire a new generation through sport, culture and education in partnership with MiCo 2026. The team here in New York State is ready to provide a solution to MiCo 2026 that will minimize work from the organizing committee and provide an exceptional athlete experience.

To be truly successful and support MiCo 2026 effectively, it is imperative to be named the Plan B back up to properly reserve, stage, schedule, and ultimately guarantee the concept and proposal set forward in the following updated bid.

We will appoint a Milano Cortina Organizing Committee - Olympic Authority Liaison Officer to be the main point of contact who will be overseeing and supervising the local tasks. The Olympic Authority has a built-in workforce active and ready to work in unison with the MiCo 2026 Organizing Committee to ensure sliding sport events are memorable and exceed expectations.



**CORTINA AND LAKE PLACID
BOTH HOSTED THE OLYMPIC
WINTER GAMES TWICE.**

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Lake Placid 1980 luge gold medal winners Karl Bruner, Peter Gschnitzer, and Paul Hildgartner were all born in Italy's Southern Tyrol Region, where events will take place during the 2026 Games.

James Ernest Lamy won a bronze medal in the 1956 Olympic Games in Cortina D'Ampezzo. He later became general manager of Mt Van Hoevenberg and is related to Emma Lamy, the Olympic Authority's current Sustainability & Environmental Officer.



CORTINA D'AMPEZZO 45° N
1 DEGREE OF SEPARATION
LAKE PLACID 44° N



Eugenio Monti won the 2-man and 4-man at the 1967 Bobsled World Championships in Lake Placid.



"MINI" MIRACLE ON ICE
Team USA defeated Canada in 1956 at Cortina for the first time in Olympic history and to everyone's surprise, finished with the silver medal.



Cortina beat Lake Placid for the right to host the 1956 Games.





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COMPETITION VENUE & VENUE OPERATIONS



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COMPETITION VENUE

The Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg is a world-class, state-of-the-art facility featuring a mile-long IBSF and FIL homologated bobsled, luge, and skeleton track at the site of the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Winter Games. Through years of elite international competition and regularly hosting FIL and IBSF World Cups, the combined track has earned a global reputation among the world's top sliders as one of the most technically challenging. For the tenth time, the IBSF World Championships will be held at Mt Van Hoevenberg in 2025.

Since its inception in 1930, Mt Van Hoevenberg has hosted two Olympic Games and 10 World Championships. Recent upgrades and modernizations have transformed the facility into a four-season venue that includes the Mountain Pass Lodge, centrally located between the sliding track and a 55-kilometer Nordic Ski and Biathlon Center. The Mountain Pass Lodge is a 5,110 square meter (55,000 sq. ft) facility with two retail spaces, a restaurant and bar, a large media work room, competition service suites, VIP rooms, a climbing wall and refrigerated indoor bobsled/skeleton start facility.

2025 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mt Van Hoevenberg will host the IBSF World Championships in March of 2025, poised and ready to be the test events leading up to the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



- Total Length:**
1,680 meters
- Competition Length:**
1,455 meters
- Maximum Gradient:**
20 percent
- Average Gradient:**
9 percent
- Vertical Drop:**
128 meters
- Number of Curves:**
20



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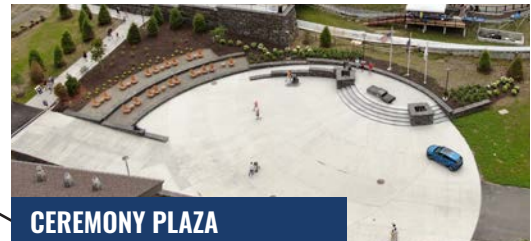


TRACK MAP



LEGEND

- Track Observation Trail
- Sliding Track
- Parking
- Viewing Areas
- Media/Broadcast
- Cleaning & Waste
- On-track athlete area with additional food & beverage
- Medical Building
- Storage



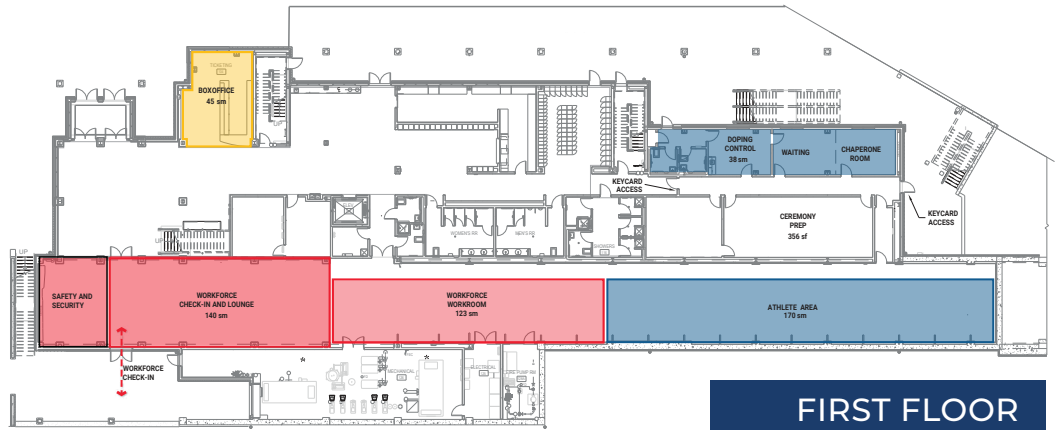


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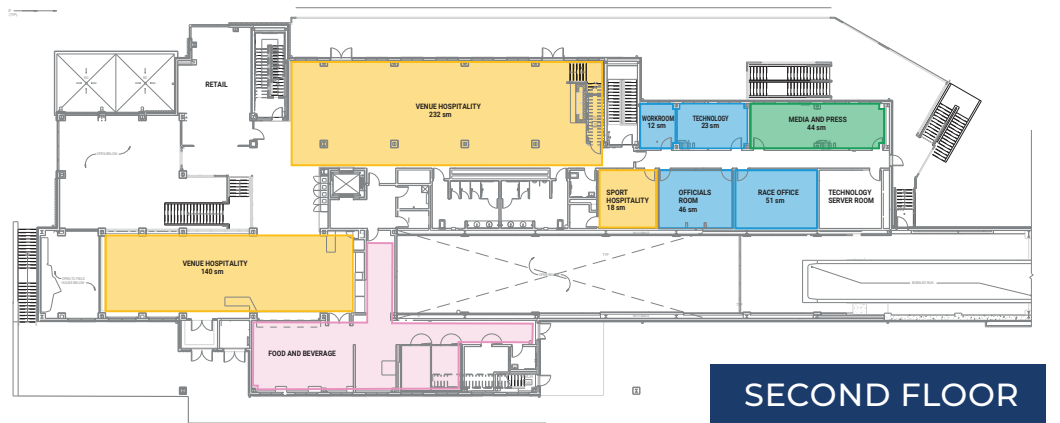


MOUNTAIN PASS LODGE

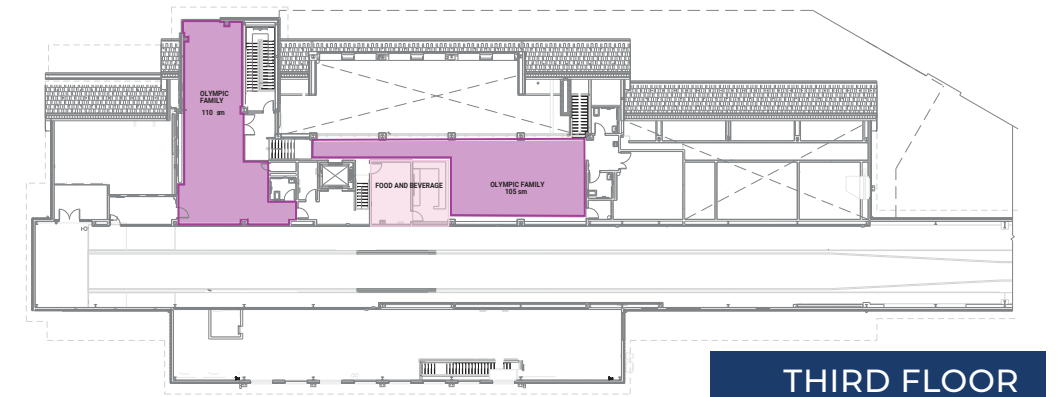
- Olympic Family
215 m²
- Media
44 m²
- Athlete Area
208 m²
- Technical Officials
132 m²
- Food and Beverage
190 m²
- Venue Hospitality
435 m²
- Workforce
263 m²
- Safety and Security
45 m²



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



THIRD FLOOR



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VENUE IMPROVEMENTS & READINESS



Mt Van Hoevenberg saw significant improvements to the venue campus as part of recent revitalization efforts. Those projects included an expanded Start Deck Area, energy-efficient lighting, a TV broadcast compound with enhanced fiber infrastructure, a new awards plaza, and a main support lodge. Many aspects of the track not renovated during these efforts will be addressed during preparation for a potential hosting opportunity. Those aspects include a new ammonia refrigeration plant, a replacement of curve 7, new shade and roof structures on 6 of the large curves, significant improvements to spectator access and utilities and new Operations and Start 3 buildings. The following schedule indicates the scope of work and the expected timeline to completion.



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Gilbane is honored to have been chosen to manage the construction of the planned enhancements for Mt Van Hoevenberg. Gilbane's relationship with the Lake Placid Olympic facilities dates back about 50 years when we were tasked with getting the facilities ready for the 1980 Olympics. In 2019, we were entrusted to spearhead the renovation and expansion of the facilities for the 2023 World University Games. We are deeply proud of our collaboration with the ORDA team, ensuring each project's on-time completion for these incredible Games. With this new assignment, we are confident that we will once again complete the work with the greatest excellence, ensuring Lake Placid is ready to welcome the world!

*- Keith Leal, Vice President
Gilbane Building Company*

Preliminary Complete Schedule	Duration	Start	Finish
General Planning and Management	380 Days	6/25/24	12/8/25
UMP / Environmental Permitting	196 Days	7/1/24	3/31/24
Ammonia Refrigeration Plant	380 Days	6/25/24	12/8/25
Ammonia Refrigeration Preliminary	280 Days	6/25/24	7/21/25
Long Lead Equipment	280 Days	6/25/24	7/21/25
Engineer of Record Engagement	20 Days	6/25/24	7/22/24
Design	100 Days	7/23/24	12/9/24
Ammonia Refrigeration: Bid and Award	85 Days	9/23/24	1/20/25
Foundation Bids	25 Days	9/23/24	10/28/24
Superstructure Bids	25 Days	9/23/24	10/28/24
Remainder Bid	30 Days	12/9/24	1/20/25
Ammonia / Refrigeration: Construction	275 Days	11/18/24	12/8/24
Foundation & Superstructure	60 Days	11/18/24	2/10/25
Building Enclosure	20 Days	2/17/25	3/17/25
Rough In, Fit-Up and Completion	150 Days	3/18/25	10/13/25
Building Completion	40 Days	10/14/25	12/8/25
Track Curve Replacement	354 Days	6/25/24	10/31/25
Engineer of Record Engagement	20 Days	6/25/24	7/22/24
Design	70 Days	7/23/24	10/28/24
Bid and Award	55 Days	10/28/24	1/13/25
Construction	189 Days	2/10/25	10/31/25
Track Shades and Envelope (6 Curves)	355 Days	6/25/24	11/3/25
Engineer of Record Engagement	20 Days	6/25/24	7/22/24
Design	120 Days	7/23/24	1/6/25
Bid and Award	35 Days	1/6/25	2/24/25
Construction	180 Days	2/25/25	11/3/25
Subgrade Construction	145 Days	2/25/25	9/15/25
Foundation Prep	75 Days	6/2/25	9/15/25
Above Grade Construction - Curve 14	60 Days	6/3/25	8/25/25
Above Grade Construction - Curve 19	60 Days	6/17/25	9/8/25
Above Grade Construction - Curve 17	60 Days	7/15/25	10/6/25
Above Grade Construction - Curve 10	60 Days	7/15/25	10/6/25
Above Grade Construction - Curve 7	60 Days	7/29/25	10/20/25
Above Grade Construction - Curve 14	60 Days	8/12/25	11/3/25
Access and Utilities	370 Days	6/25/24	11/24/25
Engineer of Record Engagement	20 Days	6/25/24	7/22/24
Design	120 Days	7/23/24	1/6/25
Bid and Award	35 Days	1/6/25	2/24/25
Construction	170 Days	3/31/25	11/24/25
Buildings (Operations & Start 3)	350 Days	6/25/24	10/27/25
Engineer of Record Engagement	20 Days	6/25/24	7/22/24
Design	120 Days	7/23/24	1/6/25
Bid and Award	35 Days	1/6/25	2/24/25
Construction	150 Days	3/31/25	10/27/25





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VENUE OPERATIONS & EVENT MANAGEMENT



Established in 1982, the Olympic Regional Development Authority was created by the State of New York following the 1980 Olympic Winter Games to manage, market, maintain, and provide first class facilities for training and competitions at all venues. The organization and its mission is still firmly in place today, providing an economic engine for the entire region through increased tourism and jobs. Many of these jobs are year-round at all the various Olympic Authority venues. These Olympic venues and the Olympic Authority's operational expertise have provided the platform for elite athletic training and competition.



The Mt Van Hoevenberg facility employs hundreds of full-time, seasonal, and part-time staff that will minimize the work needed for these events. The Olympic Authority's experienced professionals provide daily expertise and operational support to event functions including venue management, broadcast infrastructure, and games services. The Mt Van Hoevenberg track workers prepare and maintain the track's ice and daily logistics. With a fleet of sled transport vehicles, and Olympic Authority vehicles, the team is poised to expand and execute. Additionally, Mt Van Hoevenberg has a team of dedicated and knowledgeable local and regional volunteers. Numerous assigned officials from various federations are well acquainted with venue staff, volunteers, and facilities.



Mountain Pass Lodge provides the layout and space to facilitate many of the needed functional areas. The main headquarters of the Olympic Authority is located on 37 Church St. in Lake Placid, in between the United States Olympic and Paralympic Training Center and USA Luge headquarter buildings. There are over 60 experienced professionals in this location that direct and support the venues. They include Legal, Human Resources, Information Technology, Marketing, Communications, Sponsorship & Sales, Sport Management, Event Planning and Management, Operations, Finance, and Sustainability. With the Mt Van Hoevenberg venue team, the corporate Olympic Authority professionals will expand the MiCo 2026 organizing committee.



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The following outlines the areas of support and responsibility for the event. As stated in the Introduction, it is our objective to minimize the time commitment of MiCo 2026 utilizing the Olympic Authority staff including New York State resources, proposed partner organizations, and contracted professionals.

Functional Areas	MiCo Support	Olympic Authority Staff Leads	Proposed Partner Organizations*	Contract Professionals	NYS Resource
Event General Manager	MiCo	Venue Manager/ Director of Events			
Event Comms	MiCo	Director of Communications			
Partner Services	MiCo	Vice President of Marketing/Partnerships/Communications	US Olympic Paralympic Committee (USOPC)		
Rights Protection	MiCo	Lead Counsel	USOPC		
Finance	MiCo	Director of Finance			
Sustainability & Legacy	MiCo	Sustainability and Legacy Officers	USOPC, Adirondack Sports Council (ADKSC)		
NOC/NPC Services			USOPC, ADKSC		
Security		Risk Manager	BlueLine		NY State Police,
Local Government Agencies		CEO	Village of LP, North Elba and NYS		
Local Stakeholders		CEO	Elected Officials		
External Stakeholders	MiCo		USOPC, IOC		Governor Office
Sport					
Sport Presentation		Track Operations Manger			
Victory Ceremonies		Assistant Director of Events	ADKS		
Competition Mgmt		Sport Competition Manger		To be shared	
Sport Equipment		Assistant Manager of MVH	DHL, Team World Wide		
Weather Monitoring		Athlete Services Coordinator	NBC - Channel 5		NYS Emergency Response
New York City Celebration Center					
Event Planning		Designated liasion	NYC Tourism	To be shared	
Transportation		MVH Assistant Manager	NYC Tourism		
Security		Risk Manager			NYC
Front of House					
Ticketing and Hospitality		MVH Revenue Manager	Tixr or other Platform		
Licensing		Lead Counsel / Retail Director	USOPC		
Marketing Partners		Vice President of Marketing/Partnerships/Communications	I Love NY		
Medical Services		Medical Team Supervisor	Adirondack Medical Facilities	To be shared	
Doping Control		Athlete Services Coordinator	WADA - Montreal	To be shared	
Cleaning & Waste		Building Readiness Supervisor	Cassaella - Waste Management, GK Cleaning		
Food & Beverage		Food and Beverage Manager	Sodexo, Sugar Shakers		
Event Services (media, spectator, athlete/team, officials & VIP)		Assistant Director of Events	ADKSC		
Transportation		MVH Assistant Manager	Air Planning, Premier Coaches, Yankee Travel		Albany and NYC Metro
Back of House					
Technology		Director of Technology	PSC, Verizon, Spectrum		DANC
Broadcast Services	MiCo	Director of Technology	TBD		
Press Operations	MiCo	Director of Communications			
Protocol	MiCo			To be shared	
Language Services		Director of Events	ProLingo		
Accreditation	MiCo		ADKSC		
Logistics		Event Logistics Manager	Peak Event Services		
Workforce	MiCo	Workforce Manager			SUNY & CUNY
Event Infrastructure		Venue Manager			
Energy		Facilities Superintendent	Lake Placid Municipal Electric, Northline		
Look and Signage	MiCo	Event Logistics Manager	Sports Graphics		
Facility Management		Venue Manager			
Temporary Infrastructure Management		Event Logistics Manager	Peak Event Services		
Athlete Village Management					
Overall Planning		Director of Events	Paul Smiths College		
Housing			Paul Smiths College	To be shared	
Food & Beverage			Paul Smiths College	To be shared	
Training Facilities			Paul Smiths College	To be shared	
Medical Facilities			Paul Smiths College	To be shared	
Social / Cultural Program		Sport Development Manager			
Security			Blue Line Security		NY State Police

*The contracted organizations is suggested and proposed and not confirmed.



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TEST EVENTS - PROPOSED

FIL

International Training Period
Proposed Nov. 24-28, 2025

Luge World Cup Proposed Dec. 1-6, 2025

IBSF

IBSF Bobsled and Skeleton World
Championships 2025 - Mar. 3-16, 2025

International Training Period
Proposed Dec. 9-13, 2025

World Cup Bobsled and Skeleton
Proposed Dec. 16-21, 2025

COMMITMENT TO DATES

Shared Use: September 1, 2025 to
December 21, 2025
(to allow for IBSF Test Event)

Exclusive Use: December 22, 2025 to March 1, 2026

Shared Use: March 2, 2026 to April 28, 2026

EXISTING CONTRACTORS

- Swiss Timing – Track Timing and Scoring
- Team Worldwide – Sled Shipping and Importing
- Premier Coach - Buses
- Air Planning – Air Charter

LOGISTICS/ FREIGHT

Saturday January 31

Luge Sleds Arrive

Sunday February 1

Bobsled/Skeleton Sleds Arrive

Tuesday February 3

Freight Flight for Bobsled and Skeleton
Sleds to JFK

Friday February 13

Luge Sleds Depart

Sunday February 22

2-Man / 4-Man Bobsleds Depart for JFK

Charter flights will be considered for athletes to
and from New York and Plattsburgh that align
with the schedule.



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PROPOSED TRACK SCHEDULE

		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb	4-Feb	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb	11-Feb	12-Feb
		Day -5	Day -4	Day -3	Day -2	Day -1	Day -0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
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8:15	14:15												
8:30	14:30												
8:45	14:45							M/W Doubles LUGE Systematic Run (2 Runs)	Women's Luge Run 5 & 6 OTRG #3 (2 Runs)	M/W Doubles Luge Runs 3 & 4 OTRG #2	M/W Doubles Luge Runs 5 & 6 OTRG #3	Men's Luge Addl Training	
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9:15	15:15												
9:30	15:30											Track Walk	Track Walk
9:45	15:45												
10:00	16:00												
10:15	16:15												
10:30	16:30				Bob M/W Pre-TRG #1	Bob M/W Pre-TRG #2							
10:45	16:45												
11:00	17:00			Men's LUGE Systematic Run (2 runs)			TCM Luge DRAW					TCM Bob	
11:15	17:15												
11:30	17:30												
11:45	17:45		FOP Sports Operations Rehearsal w forerunners										
12:00	18:00												
12:15	18:15							Men's Luge Runs 1&2	Men's Luge Runs 3 & 4	Women's Luge Runs 1 & 2	Women's Luge Runs 3&4		
12:30	18:30												
12:45	18:45												
13:00	19:00												
13:15	19:15				Track Walk								
13:30	19:30												
13:45	19:45		Track Walk ALL										
14:00	20:00			Women's LUGE Systematic Run (2 runs)									
14:15	20:15												
14:30	20:30				Women's Skeleton Pre TRG #1	Men's Luge Run 3 & 4 OTRG #2 (2 Runs)			Track Walk	Track Walk		TCM Luge DRAW	
14:45	20:45												
15:00	21:00		TCM Luge										
15:15	21:15												
15:30	21:30												
15:45	21:45												
16:00	22:00			Track Walk ALL				Women's Skeleton Pre TRG #2	Men's Skeleton Pre TRG #2	Women's Skeleton OT 1	Women's Skeleton OT 2	Women's Skeleton OT 3	Men's Skeleton 1&2
16:15	22:15												
16:30	22:30												
16:45	22:45			TCM Bob									
17:00	23:00				Men's Skeleton Pre TRG #1								
17:15	23:15												
17:30	23:30								TCM Luge DRAW				
17:45	23:45			TCM Skel									
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18:15	0:15												
18:30	0:30			16:00-19:00				Women's Luge Run 3 & 4 OTRG #2 (2 Runs)	TCM SKN DRAW				Women's Mono OT 1
18:45	0:45												
19:00	1:00					Women's Luge Run 1 & 2 OTRG #1 (2 Runs)							
19:15	1:15									Men's Skeleton OT 1	Men's Skeleton OT 2	Men's Skeleton OT 3	
19:30	1:30												
19:45	1:45												
20:00	2:00												
20:15	2:15				Men's Luge Run 1 & 2 OTRG #1 (2 Runs)				M/W Doubles Luge Run 1 & 2 OTRG #1 (2 Runs)				
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20:45	2:45												
21:00	3:00												
21:15	3:15												
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21:45	3:45												
22:00	4:00											TCM Skel	Men's 2man OT 1
22:15	4:15												
22:30	4:30												
22:45	4:45												



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PROPOSED TRACK SCHEDULE

		Friday 13-Feb	Saturday 14-Feb	Sunday 15-Feb	Monday 16-Feb	Tuesday 17-Feb	Wednesday 18-Feb	Thursday 19-Feb	Friday 20-Feb	Saturday 21-Feb	Sunday 22-Feb
	ITA	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Day 16
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10:00	16:00										
10:15	16:15			Women's Mono Runs 1&2	Men's 2man Runs 1&2	Women's 2 Man OT 1					
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10:45	16:45										
11:00	17:00	Women's Skeleton 1&2					Men's 4 Man OT 1	Men's 4 Man OT 2	Men's 4 Man OT 3		
11:15	17:15										
11:30	17:30										
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12:45	18:45										
13:00	19:00										
13:15	19:15		Women's Skeleton 3&4	Skeleton Team Relay Comp							
13:30	19:30										
13:45	19:45										
14:00	20:00										
14:15	20:15	Men's Skeleton 3&4			Women's Mono Runs 3&4	Men's 2man Runs 3&4			Women's 2 Man Heats 1&2	Women's 2 Man Heats 3&4	
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17:30	23:30							2-man Bob TCM	4-man Bob TCM		
17:45	23:45										
18:00	0:00										
18:15	0:15	Men's 2man OT 2									
18:30	0:30										
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SLIDING CENTER BID



ITALIAN TEAM TRAINING

The Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg is revered as a competitive track that provides fair play opportunities to nations worldwide. It has long been known as an incubator of small nations and the home of many sliding nations without tracks. Lake Placid is proud to continue this legacy by the Olympic Authority extending Mt Van Hoevenberg as a training site for the Italian Team and to call Lake Placid its home sliding venue. This includes access to the Start Facility (bobsled/skeleton) as well as the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg. A separate agreement between the Italian National Federation and the Olympic Regional Development Authority will be developed to support this initiative.

PRIORITIZING ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

The Olympic Authority is aligned with the IOC goal of developing healthy, capable and resilient young athletes, while attaining widespread, inclusive, sustainable, and enjoyable participation and success for all levels of individual athletic development. We facilitated over 95,000 winter sport training and competition sessions for beginner to Olympic athletes at our venues in 2022-2023.



In honor of Eugenio Monti and carrying forward his legacy, **the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg will name turn 7 in his honor.** Photo: (Top) Eugenio Monti at the World Championship in Lake Placid (1961 WCH); (Bottom) Gary Sheffield (L) and Eugenio Monti (R) discuss the run.





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ATHLETE'S VILLAGE & ACCOMMODATIONS





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ATHLETES VILLAGE

PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE

Paul Smith's College is a private college on a 14,000-acre campus, one of the largest college campuses in the world. Campus facilities include top-quality fitness center, 40-foot (12 meters) ropes course, two gymnasiums, soccer/rugby field, indoor pool, unique head-to-head woodsmen's arena, state-of-the-art esports lab, and more. Recently used for the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games.



Property Name	Distance to Venue	# of Beds	Catering Facility
Paul Smith's College	45km	800	yes



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ATHLETES VILLAGE PLAN

The Athlete's Village at Paul Smith's College provides an integrated operation with full use of the facility with a secure international zone from Jan. 23, 2026 – February 25, 2026. The campus provides up to 800 beds, which is above the 720-requirement, allowing for additional beds for stakeholders. The all-inclusive location provides a recreation and sport facility, weight room, dining hall with 24-hour food & beverage service, technology support, satellite medical center and doping control, VIP rooms, Games viewing areas, laundry service, cleaning and waste, ice making facility, delegation meeting rooms, transportation hub with parking, storage and equipment rooms, and other as requested. This approach will provide amenities, support services, accommodations, and food and beverage all in one location.

Each room will include beds, bedding, lamp/light, table and chair per person, closet/clothes rack, storage space for personal belongings, curtains/blinds, waste basket and bathroom access/ amenities. Additionally, delegation office space / meeting rooms, medical rooms, ice making facility, laundry, dining hall, recreational and sport facility, cleaning services to be provided.

The accommodations and services will provide all of the basics at the highest level to ensure athletes can compete at the highest level.





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U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC TRAINING CENTER

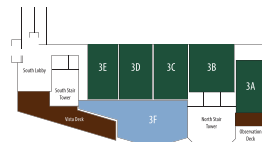
The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center (USOPTC) in Lake Placid is a world-renowned training facility for American athletes preparing for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. It's International wing also welcomes visiting athletes from around the world.

With Paul Smith's College as an integrated Athlete's Village suitable for all delegations, the USOPTC will provide sports medicine and rehabilitation, conference and meeting spaces, additional recreation, warm-up, and weightlifting space for athlete training, and additional accommodations for officials, and other amenities and support services.

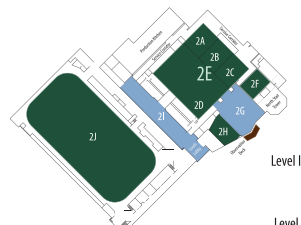
The USOPC will grant access at the USOPTC to athletes requiring specialized care and treatment. Extended training times at the USOPTC will be accommodated by providing athletes with exclusive access to training venues and facilities, allowing for optimal preparation leading up to the competition. This world-class facility offers state-of-the-art equipment and support staff to ensure the well-being of all participants.

LEVEL	ROOM	SQ. FEET	RECEPTION	THEATER	CLASSRM	BANQUET	BOOTHS
1A	North Eba	835	80	80	50	48	5
2A	Lussi Ballroom A	1,177	325	110	84	80	7
2B	Lussi Ballroom B	1,164	325	110	84	80	7
2C	Lussi Ballroom C	1,178	325	110	84	80	7
2D	Lussi Ballroom D	5,433	500	600	350	400	34
2	Lussi Salens A & B	2,341	250	225	168	160	14
2	Lussi Salens A, B & C	3,519	375	350	240	225	21
2E	Entire Lussi Ballroom	9,009	900	1000	625	600	60
2F	Legacy	898	95	90	60	48	6
2G	Eddelweis	3,560	300	250	128	293	18
2H	Excelsior	1,050	110	110	68	64	7
2	Eddelweis & Excelsior	4,610	450	400	248	250	25
2I	Hall of Fame	2,745	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	12
2J	1932 Jack Shea Arena	20,000	2,000	2,000*	1,400	1,200	130
2K	1980 Herb Brooks Arena	20,000	2,105	2,000*	1,400	1,200	130
2L	1980 Mezzanine	7,800	600	N/A	N/A	900	30
2M	USA Bank	17,000	1,769	1,480	1,170	900	105
3A	State Room	720	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	n/a
3B	Van Hosenberg	1,029	120	110	70	72	6
3C	Interside	925	95	90	56	48	6
3D	Whiteface	878	95	90	56	48	5
3E	Gore	807	90	76	48	48	5
3F	Lookout Gallery	1,695	150	n/a	n/a	100	10

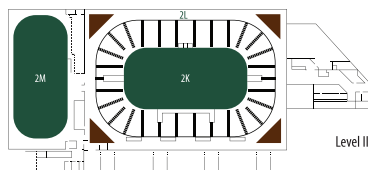
*With arena seating. Capacities are based on MPF guidelines.



Level III



Level II



Level I





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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel and private rental accommodations are concentrated and in close proximity to this area. The hotel accommodations and temporary housing from Lake Placid to Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Canton, Malone, and the Lake George region will be formalized to accommodate technical officials, media, volunteers, games stakeholders, workforce, and contractors.

GAMES STAKEHOLDER ACCOMMODATIONS

Within one-hour of Lake Placid is Plattsburgh, New York where the Plattsburgh International Airport (PBG) is located. Additionally, Plattsburgh is approximately one hour from Montreal, Canada, for international flights (YUL) and Mirabel (YMX). Plattsburgh serves as an ideal location for Games stakeholders, workforce and contractor accommodations and carries over 1,200 rooms. The average room rate in Plattsburgh for February is \$140 per night, rack rate.

LAKE PLACID ACCOMMODATIONS

The Lake Placid bed base of approximately 1,900 rooms supplies sufficient accommodations for spectators and guests including the designated IOC and Olympic family representatives. The Olympic Family and MiCo 2026 OCOG staff will be accommodated in a dedicated hotel in Lake Placid. Average hotel room rate is \$266 in February.

As mentioned, with Paul Smith’s College as an integrated Athlete’s Village suitable for all delegations, the USOPTC will provide sports medicine and rehabilitation and additional accommodations for officials, and support services as needed.

An efficient transportation system will be provided to participating housing locations for all functional groups from respective accommodations.

For a comprehensive list of accommodations see the appendix on page 47.





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ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES TRANSPORTATION





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TRAVEL PLAN FOR DELEGATIONS/NOCs

The Master Transportation Plan will aim to move athletes, Games stakeholders and spectators efficiently before, during, and after the Games. The schedule will also include transportation to New York City for medal ceremonies at the Celebration Center and airport transfers.

Date	Flights	Departure	Arrival	PAX	Cargo	Bags
Feb 2, 2026	Luge Athlete & Sleds	Frankfurt, GER	Plattsburgh, NY	250	106 Luge sleds 50kg ea	600
Feb 3, 2026	Bobsleds/Skeleton Sleds	Frankfurt, GER	JFK, NY	NA	75 Bobsleds 750kg ea 50 Skeleton sleds 50kg ea	
Feb 7, 2026	Bobsled & Skeleton Athletes	Milan, Italy	Plattsburgh, NY	500	NA	1250
Feb 12, 2026	Luge Athletes to NYC	Plattsburgh, NY	JFK, NY	250	NA	600
Feb 13, 2026	Luge Athletes to Milan	JFK, NY	Milan, Italy	250	NA	600
Feb 14, 2026	Skeleton Athletes to NYC	Plattsburgh, NY	JFK, NY	125	NA	300
Feb 14, 2026	Luge/Skeleton Sleds	Plattsburgh, NY	Frankfurt, GER		106 Luge sleds and 50 Skeleton sleds 50kg ea	
Feb 15, 2026	Skeleton Athletes to Milan	JFK, NY	Milan, Italy	125	NA	300
Feb 16, 2026	Mono/2 Man Athletes to NYC	Plattsburgh, NY	JFK, NY	50	NA	75
Feb 17, 2026	Mono/2 Man Athletes to Milan	JFK, NY	Milan, Italy	25	NA	60
Feb 17, 2026	Mono/2 Man Athletes to Plattsburgh	JFK, NY	Plattsburgh, NY	25	NA	25
Feb 20, 2026	2 Woman/4 Man Athletes to Milan	Plattsburgh, NY	Milan, Italy	425	NA	1140
Feb 21, 2026	Bobsleds to Europe	Plattsburgh, NY	Frankfurt, GER	NA	75 Bobsleds 750kg ea	



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AIRPORTS | CUSTOMS | VISAS

MAIN POINT OF ARRIVAL:

Plattsburgh International Airport (PBG)
Plattsburgh, NY

Montréal–Trudeau International Airport (YUL)
Dorval, Quebec

Albany International Airport (ALB)
Albany, NY

Adirondack Regional Airport (SLK)
Lake Clear, NY

Lake Placid Airport (LKP)
Lake Placid, NY



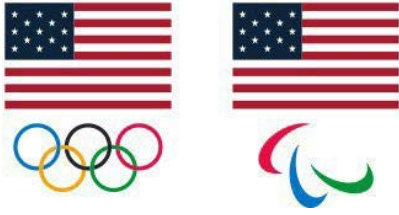
AIRPORTS

JFK airport will be designated as the preferred point of entry for sleds and equipment.

Additional airport options can be utilized for commercial and charter flights.

The USOPC's partnership with Delta Airlines will provide preferential rates and arrangements for travel to and from the event.





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OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC
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July 15, 2024

Olympic Regional Development Authority
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USA

To Whom it May Concern

The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) oversees the process by which American cities bid to host the Olympic/Paralympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games, or the Pan/Parapan American Games, while also playing a supporting role in the bid processes for hosting a myriad of other international competitions. As the umbrella organization of over 53 Sport National Governing Bodies (NGB), we are encouraged to know that the Olympic Regional Development Authority is working with the Olympic Games Milano-Cortina 2026 to bring the 2026 Olympic sliding sports events to Lake Placid, New York.

The USOPC has a long history of proactively working in concert with National Federations, local organizing committees, international sport federations, the U.S. Department of State, and other appropriate government agencies. We have a dedicated "sports liaison officer" in the Bureau of Consular Affairs who serves as our main point of contact for all visa-related inquiries. Once an event host is awarded, the USOPC will work with the Department of State to ensure that consular posts globally are notified. We are committed to utilizing these measures to facilitate the smoothest logistical procedures and entry process possible for all eligible participants in this event. The USOPC is confident we will be successful in supporting ORDA and the sliding sports community.

Sincerely,

Delise S. O'Meally
Vice President, International Relations



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GAMES SERVICES






















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GAMES SERVICES

The Olympic Regional Development Authority has a proven track record of orchestrating large-scale international events. The organization's multi-faceted management team oversees a spectrum of crucial planning and support functions and will be an invaluable supporting partner to ensure the smooth execution of the sliding events.

Additional Supporting Services:

-  Accommodations
-  Accreditation
-  Arrivals and Departures
-  Doping Control
-  Food and Beverage
-  Language Services
-  Medical Services
-  Transportation
-  Fan Engagement
-  Signage
-  Sustainability
-  Cleaning & Waste
-  Media, Press Relations, Communications
-  Broadcast
-  Security
-  Sponsorship/Sales
-  Ticketing



The USOPC international relations team will support immigration and visa requirements from their Washington D.C. office. The USOPC works closely with the State Department and other agencies to expedite consular services and customs needs for special equipment, etc. **The USOPC will act as a liaison between National Olympic Committees, International Federations, and the organizing committee.**





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MEDICAL CARE & SERVICES | Adirondack Health will serve as the main health care system based on its breadth of services and close proximity to the venue and lodging. Adirondack Health is the family of facilities and individuals who have provided sophisticated care to the Adirondack region of northern New York and beyond for the past 100 years. The highly trained and compassionate individuals who work at these facilities provide a full range of medical, surgical, and long-term care services. Adirondack Health is the only full-service health system in the Adirondack Park and offers 24-hour medical and emergency services. Adirondack Health has a new leading-edge surgical services wing at Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake and a medical fitness center in Lake Placid.

Adirondack Health is an official healthcare provider for the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center. Many of the advanced techniques and gold medal care provided to the athletes are also administered daily to residents and visitors cared for by Adirondack Health. Ambulance Services are dispatched through Essex County.



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DOPING CONTROL | The Olympic Regional Development Authority guarantees that the MiCo 2026 regulations will be adhered to, and the relevant Minimum Requirements will be met in partnership with Adirondack Health and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), a Code Signatory. There are two Sports Medicine Research & Testing Laboratorys (SMRTL) located in the U.S. and Canada. SMRTL is accredited to conduct these tests by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Samples collected will be shipped daily to the SMRTL lab.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT | As a turn-key events organization, volunteers are a paramount component of the staffing structure. The Olympic Authority carries an existing experienced database of volunteers and manages the process to recruit, track, engage, and train volunteers.

BROADCAST SUPPORT SERVICES | Lake Placid has a long standing reputation of hosting and broadcasting World Cup and World Championship competitions, especially in winter sports and is staged with the necessary infrastructure.

PRESS CENTER | The Press Center at Mountain Pass Lodge with additional infrastructure at the Lake Placid Conference Center will support media. The Olympic Authority communications team is versed in press center set-up as well as the communication and management of media to fully support MiCo 2026 on site.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS | The Olympic Authority's marketing, sales, and communications department, offers support in building awareness and promotion of the events.

SPONSORSHIP RELATIONS | The corporate development department can assist the USOPC and MiCo 2026 with sponsor opportunities and in collaboration provide financial outcomes to support the expenses of the event.





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GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES SERVICES

Government Authorities and Services within the village of Lake Placid, the town of North Elba, communities around the Olympic Region and the State of New York are highly experienced and proven capable of fulfilling their responsibilities to ensure successful planning, organizing, and staging of major international sport and multi-sport events.

The Olympic Regional Development Authority manages the Olympic venues and employs experts in event organization and compliance with international sport governing body technical standards and other needs, including those of the International Bobsled and Skeleton Federation (IBSF) and the International Luge Federation (FIL).

The village of Lake Placid and city of New York successfully manage complex operations that attracts millions of visitors annually. Within the responsibilities of these local authorities are the provision of fire prevention, safety, and rescue operations; policing, crime prevention and investigation, and the maintenance of public order; airport, water, sewer, electric, local highway maintenance, and recycling and waste.

Providing safe, reliable, and efficient transportation, security, and other essential services are also the domain of local and State law enforcement, the U.S. Office of Homeland Security, and a host of State and Federal governmental agencies.

We confirm that the required Government and Local Authority services will be provided.





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FUNCTIONAL USE SPACE

The Lake Placid Conference Center within the Olympic Center will serve as the main welcome center, for delegation meetings, and hub for cultural programming. Within walking distance of the hotels, the Lake Placid Conference Center has 3,344 square meters (90,000 square feet) of flexible meeting and exhibition space with a total of 12 breakout rooms available for concurrent sessions, state-of-the-art audio visual technology, a ballroom, and a full-service production kitchen.



[FloorPlan-web](#). All meetings could be held here.

LEED GOLD CERTIFIED

The Conference Center is a green building with construction techniques that adhere to the criteria set forth by the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design consortium).



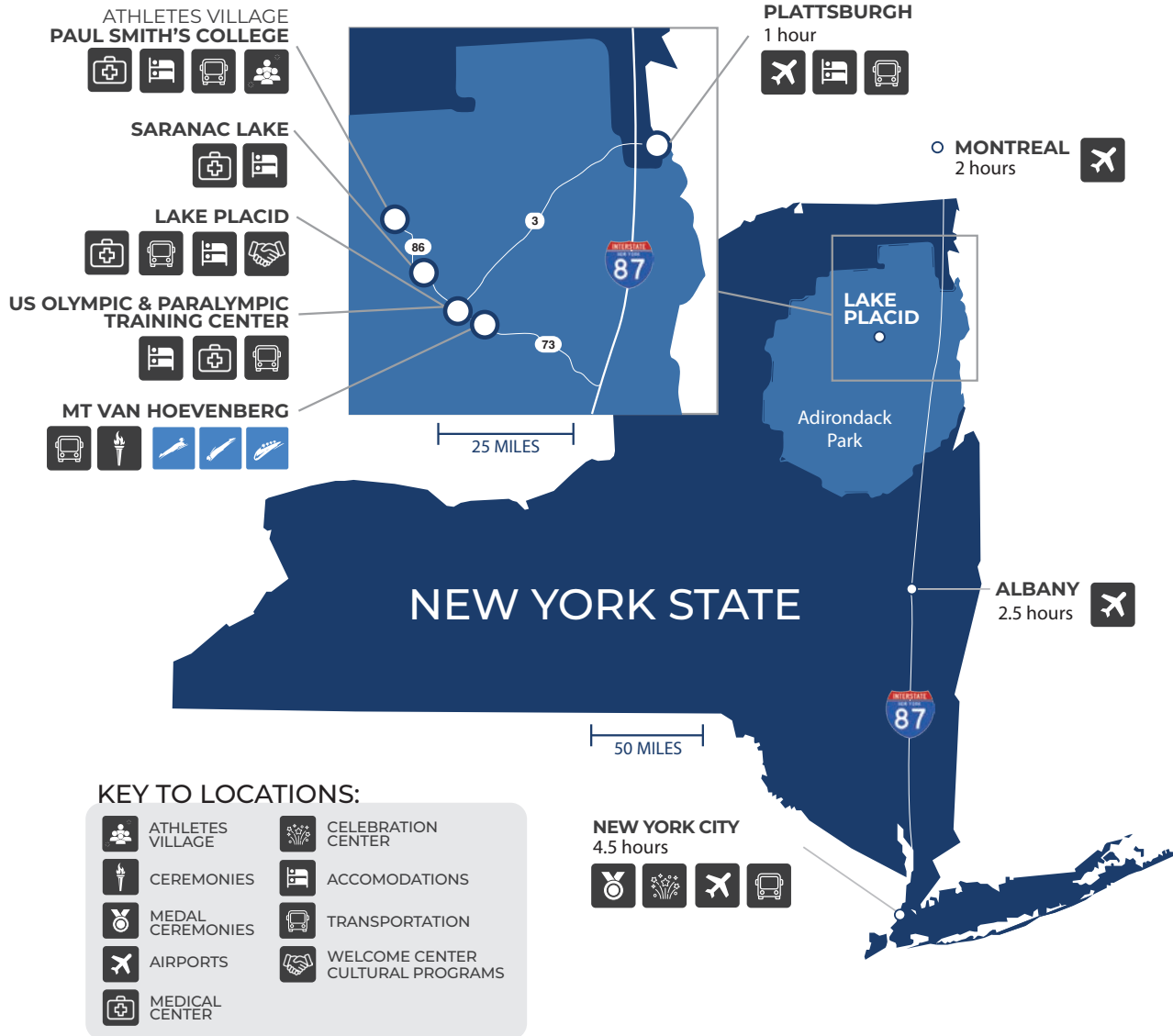


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NEW YORK STATE

New York State has a rich, competitive sports foundation and is seasoned in hosting sporting events. The State is also home to the greatest number of people with Italian heritage (3.1 million) in the world, second only to Argentina.

A New York State partnership to host the sliding and ancillary events between New York City and Lake Placid presents Milano Cortina 2026 with a distinct opportunity to provide athletes with a unique experience. Lake Placid has a storied Olympic past, hosting two previous Winter Olympics, 1932 and 1980, and now reimagined with investment by the State of New York – a climate-reliable host poised for competition at the highest level.



New York State has one of the nation's most ambitious climate plans and is a leader in sustainability and legacy initiatives, aligning with the International Olympic Committee's Olympic 2020+5 Agenda. The Adirondack-Abruzzo Park Exchange was created in 1997, and the two parks, one in the United States and the other in Italy, share a long history. The Adirondack Park which is encompassed by Lake Placid and dozens of communities, spans over 5 million acres (2.02 hectares) and is an international symbol of sustainability for its mix of public and private land as well as its concentration of visitors and tourist amenities at the edge of large expanses of forest and mountain wilderness. The State and regions are committed to equal rights, diversity and inclusiveness at every level.



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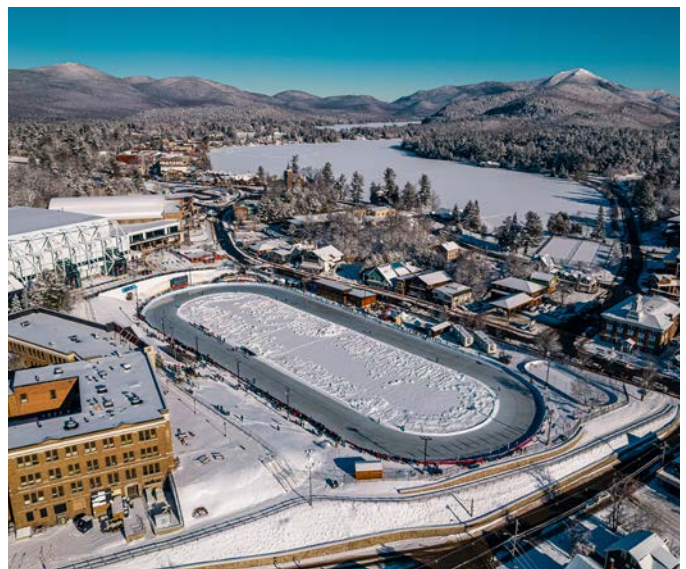
LAKE PLACID

Season after season, year after year, Lake Placid and the Olympic Region have successfully played host to internationally acclaimed events. The Olympic Regional Development Authority, along with the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism carry local expertise and will support the various aspects of the event from the field of play to hospitality.

Lake Placid will be the central location for the sliding events as well as enrichment and entertainment. This concentrated area is closely surrounded by the towns of Wilmington and Saranac Lake, and slightly further Plattsburgh (80 km), Potsdam and Canton (110 km) and Lake George (130 km).

PASSION AND SPIRIT + SENSE OF COMMUNITY

The people of the Lake Placid Olympic Region are the essence of competition and the Olympic spirit, whether hosting, cheering, competing, or volunteering. The region's rich heritage and decades of elite training and competition have developed a way of life and a commitment to excellence in sports. The spirit of the place is impactful, and the athletes who train and compete here, feel it. From the grocery store to the training site, they feel at home. International athletes, families, and guests are a natural part of the fabric of the Lake Placid Olympic Region and the community looks forward to welcoming the Milano Cortina 2026 sliding sport athletes.





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DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

The 1932 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid marked the first time the Olympic Winter Games had been held in North America—and the first outside Europe—bringing worldwide recognition of Lake Placid. Then came 1980 and the Olympic Winter Games again put Lake Placid on the map internationally as a destination resort and provided some of the most inspiring performances and unforgettable moments in the history of winter sports. The international appeal and world-class events continue today with hundreds of championships and competitions across multiple sport disciplines. As a result, the Olympic Authority has brought millions of athletes and spectators to the State of New York.

In the winter of 2022-2023, the Olympic Authority hosted over 50 sporting events and tournaments, including the biggest event since the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games. This past winter the Olympic Authority hosted an additional 50 events, including four World Cups, of which two are in sliding sports: FIL Luge World Cup and IBSF World Cup Bobsled & Skeleton.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WCH Bobsleigh -

1949, 1961, 1969, 1972, 1978, 1983

FIL WCH Luge - 1983, 2009

WCH Skeleton - 1997

IBSF WCH Bobsleigh & Skeleton -

2003, 2009, 2012, 2025



COMPLETE LIST OF PAST TO PRESENT EVENTS





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NEW YORK CITY

The international melting pot of the world where more than 800 languages are spoken, New York City is a truly magical place. It is home to a staggering 12 professional sports teams and is one of the largest media markets in the world, including ABC, CBS, Fox, CNN, MSNBC, and home of the long-time rights-holding broadcaster, NBC.

WELCOME TO NEW YORK CITY, TOO – CONCEPT

John F. Kennedy (JFK) airport will serve as a point of entry for sleds and equipment customs and departures to Milan after ceremonies.

New York City will provide a Celebration Center at Rockefeller Center for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games – Feb. 5-23, 2026. The Celebration Center will host three to four medal ceremonies after each sport discipline during the time period of the Games.

-  **Luge medal ceremony – February 13, 2026***
-  **Skeleton medal ceremony – February 15, 2026***
-  **Bobsled medal ceremony – February 17, 2026***

*All dates are approximate and include a travel day from Lake Placid to New York City. Flower ceremonies will take place at the Awards Plaza at Mt Van Hoevenberg in Lake Placid with medal ceremonies to follow in New York City at Rockefeller Center at the conclusion of all events for each sport discipline. Athletes and their delegations can experience the city and continue to Milan for the Games and Closing Ceremonies on February 22, 2026. Concept elements include a secure location with set-up over a~15-day period with podium, mini sliding track, engagement



with NBC and athlete interviews on the Today Show with their medals, viewing parties, athlete meet and greet, cultural integration (Italian American culture aligning with Milano Cortina 2026), and engagement with prominent actors, business people, restaurateurs of Italian American descent and highlighting the Italian diaspora.



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CULTURAL PROGRAM





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CULTURAL EXCHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND UNITY AMONG NATIONS

Cortina and Lake Placid have a binding spirit of the Olympic Games, thus we propose an innovative cultural exchange concept for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter sliding sports with a robust blend of Italian and Lake Placid sport and lifestyle, and cultural experiences. From sharing Lake Placid's own unique sport, historical, and mountain landmarks that parallel those of Cortina, to a celebration of the mountain roots that both communities share, to Italian cooking exhibitions featuring renowned chefs from Milan and Cortina, we'll create an experience that promotes mutual respect, understanding, and shared enjoyment.

To anchor the concept and solidify this cultural bond, we suggest instituting a "Sister Cities" program between Lake Placid and Cortina. We propose implementing tactics that enhance the overall experience for athletes and spectators alike. Additionally, incorporating elements of sustainability into the Olympic Village design, such as utilizing renewable energy sources and promoting eco-friendly practices. By doing so, we will showcase our commitment to preserve the environment, connect with the demands of athletes around the world, and inspire future host cities to do the same.



CULTURAL EXPERIENCE IDEAS THAT LINK THE TWO CITIES:

-  Nightly cultural showcases.
-  Community service projects that occur simultaneously in both locales.
-  Simulcast of the events.
-  Digital Interactive displays that connect to the same display in the Olympic Village within Milan's Porta Romana district and provide live interaction between athletes at both locations.
-  Athlete welcome ceremony that combines the cultures of both Italy's Cortina region and Lake Placid.
-  Italian cooking exhibitions and other cultural experiences.
-  Tours of the Lake Placid Olympic Museum that include a temporary exhibit of Italian Olympic History.





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OLYMPISM - ART, CULTURE, AND EDUCATION ALONG WITH SPORT

Artwork produced by Olympians is on display at Lake Placid's venues following a new partnership established between the Olympic Authority, the Al Oerter Foundation, and its affiliate organization, Art of the Olympians (AOF).



Emanuela Pierantozzi is the Artist Representative on the Board of Directors at AOF.



AOF will establish, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Education and the Olympic Authority, a statewide education program within schools that promote Olympism/Paralympism and mirrors the program that AOF partnered on in Milano Cortina Gen26. AOF will assist, guide and support this initiative starting first in the Olympic Region for the 2024-2025 school year.

AOF will continue their partnership with the Olympic Authority on existing and future initiatives related to art, fashion, and educational programs throughout the region and in connection with existing programs in Milano Cortina 2026.

The Lake Placid Olympic Museum, an official member of the IOC's Olympic Museum Network, continues to be active in the service of sport and the development of the Olympic Movement. The revamped Museum opened its doors in December 2022 and has benefited from and is augmented by the Olympic venues and programs.

Adjacent and accessible from the Museum is the Empire Room, a hospitality space for VIPs, sponsor, or athlete receptions, meetings, or events. The Museum, which boasts the second-largest Olympic collection in the world, is part of the Olympic Center and offers in-house event coordination, including IT support and food and beverage services.



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APPENDIX



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LAKE PLACID
HOTELS

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Golden Arrow	★★★	12km	166
Grand Adk Hotel	★★★	12km	92
Adirondack Inn	★★★	12km	49
Crowne Plaza	★★★	12km	220
Mirror Lake Inn	★★★★★	12km	131
High Peaks	★★★	12km	133
Lake House	★★★	12km	44
Cambria	★★★	12km	185
Wildwood	n/a	12km	35
Placid Bay	n/a	12km	22



Photo: Joseph Rector/Courtesy Mirror Lake Inn Resort and Spa

APPENDIX

**LAKE PLACID
HOTELS**
continued

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
The Devlin	★★	12km	50
Lake Placid Inn Boutique Hotel	★★★	12km	40
Lake Placid Inn Main Street	★★★	12km	9
Lake Placid Inn Residences	★★★	12km	11
Hampton Inn	★★★	12km	97
The Haus	★★★	12km	10
The Pines	★★★	12km	30
Eastwind	Not Rated	12km	26
Bluebird	★★★	12km	90
Spruce Lodge B&B	★★	12km	13
Town House Lodge	★★	12km	27
Whiteface Lodge	★★★★	12km	96
The Boha	★★	12km	22
Cobble Mountain Inn	Not rated	12km	14
Interlaken	Not rated	12km	10
Maple Leaf Inn	★★	12km	15
Lake Placid Lodge	★★★★	12km	30
Courtyard Marriott	★★★	12km	96
Cascade Inn	Not rated	12km	11
Rentals	Est. 1,600+ units averaging 2.5 bedrooms each		

**NON-HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS**

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Village	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Paul Smith's College	Not Rated	35 km	45 km	582
Olympic Training Center	Not Rated	3 - 5 km	10 km	138

APPENDIX

SARANAC LAKE HOTELS

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Lake Placid	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Ampersand Bay Resort	★★	17 km	15 km	20
Gauthiers Saranac Lake Inn	★★★★	13 km	15 km	32
Saranac Waterfront Lodge	★★★★★	14 km	15 km	93
Sara Placid Inn & Suites	★★	13 km	15 km	17
Hotel Saranac	★★★★★	15 km	15 km	122
Best Western Saranac Lake	★★	13 km	15 km	69
The Point Resort	★★★★★	40 km	43 km	11

PLATTSBURGH HOTELS

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Lake Placid	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Holiday Inn Express Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	105
Days Inn by Wyndham	★★★★	78 km	82 km	102
Comfort Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	112
Best Western Plus Plattsburgh	★★★★	78 km	82 km	126
Hampton Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★★★	78 km	82 km	94
Fairfield Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★★★	78 km	82 km	91
Microtel Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	58
La Quinta Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	103
Quality Inn & Suites	★★	78 km	82 km	70



SLIDING CENTER BID



LETTERS OF SUPPORT

USA Bobsled/Skeleton

United States Luge Association

New York State Senator Chuck Schumer

New York State Assembly, 115th District

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New York State Senate, 45th District

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Lake Placid Olympic Museum



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November 15, 2023

To:
Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
Gene Sykes, Chairman
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
27 S Tejon St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milan Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that USA Bobsled/Skeleton pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milan Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world-class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

Despite the unfortunate circumstance of the sliding sports not taking place in Italy, based on our past experience of hosting bobsled and skeleton events in Lake Placid, I have full confidence that the local organizing committee and volunteers will ensure that the athletes receive the Olympic experience they rightly deserve.

Please accept this letter as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to host an exceptional cross-nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Take care,

Aron McGuire
Chief Executive Officer
USA Bobsled/Skeleton

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November 20, 2023

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Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
Gene Sykes, Chairman
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
27 S Tejon St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that USA Luge pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

USA Luge is excited to host the first international FIL World Cup of the 2023-2024 competitive season on December 8 & 9, 2023 in Lake Placid. Hosting is a testament to the support we continue to maintain and receive at the international level.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

With kindest regards,

Jim Leahy
CEO / Executive Director
United States Luge Association

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

November 29, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
Gene Sykes, Chairman
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
27 S Tejon St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that I pledge my support for New York State to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events at the world-class facilities in Lake Placid, and for New York City to welcome and celebrate athletes for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. The track has a superb reputation within the winter sports community for being challenging and fair. We are proud that Lake Placid is known for being open and welcoming to all athletes from around the globe. As an active venue with an experienced operational team, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports events and its athletes on behalf of Milano Cortina 2026.

New York City, which is accessible to Lake Placid, offers a vibrant and culturally diverse welcome place for the athletes that can provide exceptional fanfare and cultural enrichment to enhance the experience for the athletes and the Olympic Movement. Plans are already drawn up to transport international athletes from New York City to Lake Placid and return them for departure either to Milano Cortina or to their home countries.

With this Olympic Winter Games being the first multi-national event, it is only fitting that Lake Placid, with its Olympic roots, sport development excellence, and state-of-the-art venues be the partner to host the highest level of sport with Milano Cortina in 2026. Just last week, I had the pleasure of visiting Lake Placid and I know how determined and prepared it is to host such prestigious and world-renowned sporting events.

I know that Lake Placid and New York City have the organizational capabilities and event experience to provide an exceptional cross-nation experience for the sliding athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



BILLY JONES
 Assemblyman 115th District

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November 17, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
 Gene Sykes, Chairman
 United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
 27 S Tejon St.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

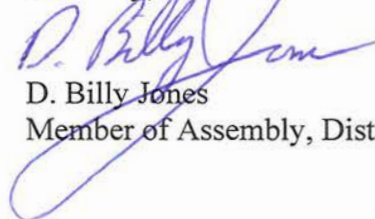
As the Assemblymember representing District 115, it is with great honor and pride that I pledge my support for New York State with New York City to welcome and celebrate athletes and Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

This past winter, the updated, world-class venues in Lake Placid hosted the 31st winter edition of the FISU World University Games. The decision to host the FISU Winter Games in Lake Placid illustrates the success of significant investment by New York State to upgrade their winter sports facilities. This was the second time Lake Placid hosted the FISU Winter Games, and it is the only location outside of Europe or Asia that has been a host. This is a testament to Lake Placid's longstanding tradition of sports development excellence and historic venues.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,



D. Billy Jones
 Member of Assembly, District 115



ROBERT CARROLL
Assemblymember 44th District

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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great pride that I pledge my support for New York State with New York City to welcome and celebrate athletes and Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

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As someone who has a home in the Adirondacks and as the Assemblymember for the 44th District in Brooklyn, I know Lake Placid and New York City can offer a truly world class competition, setting, and experience for the bobsled, luge, and skeleton athletes who will participate in the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Robert Carroll
District 44

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November 17, 2023

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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

Please accept this letter as my support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

This testimony is a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross-national experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DGST".

Daniel G. Stec
Senator, 45th District

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November 17, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
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27 S Tejon St.
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that the Village of Lake Placid pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

I also have a personal stake in Lake Placid continuing its Olympic legacy. My father, Art Devlin Sr., was an Olympic ski jumper in three Olympic games and then continued promoting the sport as a commentator. I have grown up surrounded by Olympic heritage not just in this Village but in my home. Nothing would please me more than to see that heritage continue to thrive.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Art Devlin".

Art Devlin
Mayor



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November 28, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
Gene Sykes, Chairman
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
27 S Tejon Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: Milano Cortina 2026 Sliding Events Proposal

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes:

It is with great pride that I pledge my support for New York State's campaign to welcome athletes to Lake Placid for the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt. Van Hoevenberg have the distinction of hosting two Winter Olympic Games and several international world-class sporting events. They are prepared and well-positioned to host these events, and we look forward to making New York City the gateway to these games. By hosting these events in the Empire State, we will provide a distinctly New York experience, welcoming participants at New York City's world-class airports, providing exceptional fan engagement experiences right here in the five boroughs, and hosting the medal ceremonies at iconic New York City landmarks. There is no better place for athletes and their families to enjoy exceptional dining, world-class cultural institutions and entertainment, and the experience of the Italian diaspora.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that New York State has our administration's full support in hosting an exceptional experience for the athletes of the 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

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Eric Adams
Mayor

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November 16, 2023

To:

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27 S Tejon St.
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that the Town of North Elba pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

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Emily K. Politi
Deputy Town Supervisor



November 20, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
Gene Sykes, Chairman
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
27 S Tejon St.
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

Thank you for this opportunity to put forward the Sliding Center at Mount Van Hoevenberg, in Lake Placid, as a possible host for the sliding events for the Milano/Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

The Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) pledges our support and is prepared to help coordinate the hospitality needs if Lake Placid is selected. With a team effort by New York State, the New York Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), the Adirondack Sports Council, ROOST, and the community of Lake Placid, we are confident this proposal offers the Milano/Cortina Organizing Committee the best solution for a successful competition for their games. Working in conjunction with the USOPC and the IOC, we look forward to the solution that this offers the Olympic Movement.

Lake Placid offers the Olympic spirit and atmosphere necessary to make this a successful event for the sliding sports of the Malino/Cortina Games.

Please accept this assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional Olympic experience for the sliding athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James McKenna".

James McKenna
Chief Executive Officer
Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism



November 16, 2023

To:

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

The Adirondack Sports Council pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and its legendary Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg, share a storied history of successfully hosting two Olympic Winter Games and innumerable world-class international sporting events on an ongoing basis. Lake Placid's status as headquarters for both USABS and USA Luge coupled with Mt Van Hoevenberg's status as a world-class, active venue to present this plan as evidence of Lake Placid's support of Milano Cortina 2026 and the IOC's mission of Olympic Spirit to value friendship, solidarity and fair play.

The ADKSC believes strongly that this collaborative solution to host the sliding sports' competitions in Lake Placid for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games will ensure a memorable experience for all participants. As the official organizing committee for the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games, we are eager to offer our readiness and expertise in organization and event management to support this endeavor.

We offer this letter as a testament to our commitment and an assurance that Lake Placid possesses the requisite capabilities and expert resources to ensure an outstanding and memorable experience for all athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy M. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Tracy M. Smith
Executive Director
Adirondack Sports Council

November 16, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer
Gene Sykes, Chairman
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
27 S Tejon St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that I, Courtney Bastian, Lake Placid Olympic Museum Director, pledge my support for Lake Placid, NY, to host the bobsleigh, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid has a rich history in winter sports and has proven itself an exceptional host for major sporting events. With its stunning natural landscapes and newly upgraded facilities, Lake Placid offers the perfect setting for athletes and spectators alike to experience the thrill and excitement of the Olympic Winter Games.

The Mt Van Hoevenberg track, located in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains, is a historic winter sports venue. Constructed in 1930, it was the first bobsleigh track in the United States and has since become an iconic location for sliding sports to train and compete. Over the years, the Mt Van Hoevenberg track has witnessed countless inspiring moments and remarkable achievements. It has hosted numerous international competitions, including the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics and, most recently, the 2023 FISU World University Winter Games. The track's challenging layout and high speeds have tested the skills and courage of athletes from around the globe. Its reputation as a world-class venue is further enhanced by its continuous upgrades and improvements, ensuring the highest safety and performance standards for the athletes' wellbeing and enjoyment.

Furthermore, Lake Placid's strong commitment to sportsmanship and respect aligns with the Olympic spirit. The town's warm hospitality and welcoming community will create a memorable experience for athletes, officials, and visitors. I enthusiastically support Lake Placid's bid to host the skeleton, luge, and bobsleigh events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. I am confident Lake Placid will deliver an unforgettable and successful Olympic experience.

Sincerely,

Courtney Bastian

Courtney Bastian
Lake Placid Olympic Museum Director

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