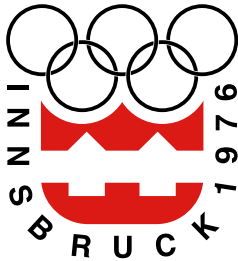


## > INNSBRUCK 1976 VENUES



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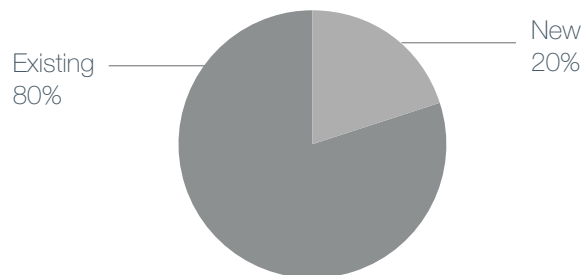
Nine competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Innsbruck 1976. All of them had been used at the Olympic Winter Games Innsbruck 1964 and were refurbished to varying degrees for Innsbruck 1976. They are all still in use today. Hosting a large number of sports and competitions, they benefit the local population and high-performance athletes alike and also attract visitors to the city and region.

All of them were existing sites, though the Olympic Ice Track was rebuilt for Innsbruck 1976. Six of the venues hosted Olympic events for a third time at the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games: Bergisel Ski Jump; the Olympiaworld Olympic Ice Track, Outdoor Ice Rink and Olympia Hall; and "Olympiaregion" Seefeld and Patscherkofel.

Bergisel Ski Jump staged the Opening Ceremony, and Innsbruck Olympic Ice Stadium hosted the Closing Ceremony. Both venues are still in use. An Olympic Village was also built for the Games, just to the south of the Olympic Village built for Innsbruck 1964.

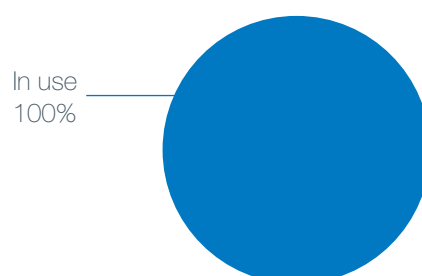
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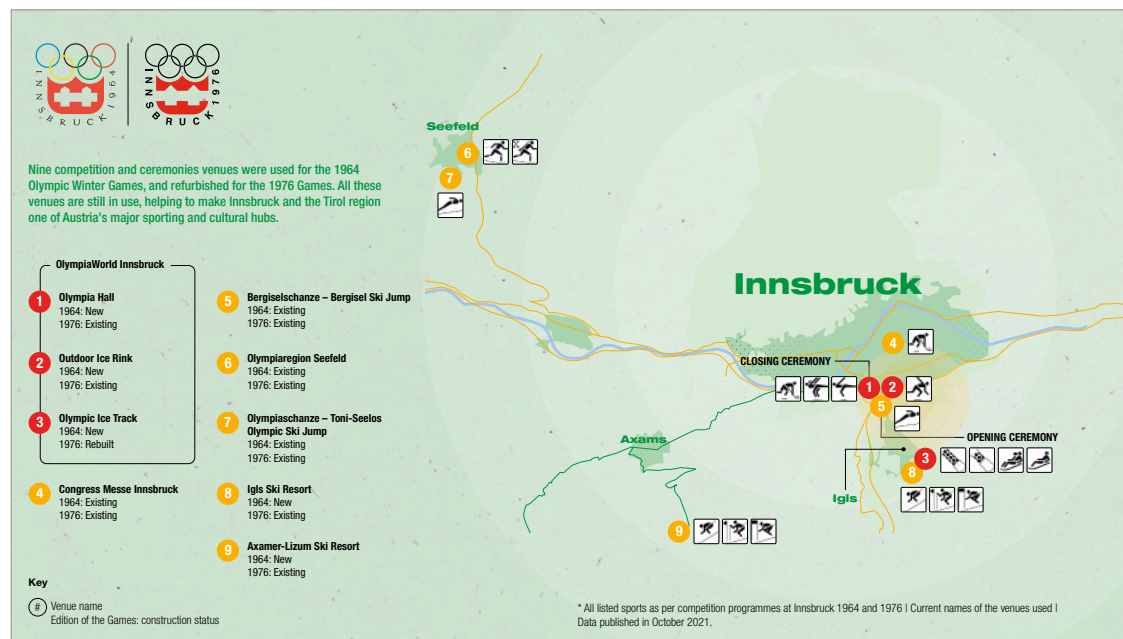
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### CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)

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## INNSBRUCK 1976 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current Status
Bergisel Ski Jump (Bergiselschanze)	Existing	Ski jumping, Opening Ceremony	In use
Olympic Speed Skating Oval (Olympia Eisschnellaufbahn)	Existing	Speed skating	In use
Messehalle (Indoor Skating Rink)	Existing	Ice hockey	In use
Olympic Ice Stadium	Existing	Figure skating, ice hockey, Closing Ceremony	In use
Innsbruck Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use

## INNSBRUCK 1976 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current Status
Venues outside Innsbruck			
Patscherkofel	Existing	Alpine skiing	In use
Axamer Lizum	Existing	Alpine skiing	In use
Seefeld	Existing	Biathlon, cross-country skiing, Nordic combined	In use
Toni Seelos Schanze (Olympiaschanze)	Existing	Nordic combined	In use
Kombinierte Kunsteisbahn für Bob-Rodel Igls	New build	Bobsleigh, luge	In use

## > THE VENUES UP CLOSE

### VENUES IN USE

#### BERGISEL SKI JUMP

One of the world's leading ski jumping venues and a popular tourist attraction. A ski jumping site since 1927, when a wooden jump was erected, it was upgraded for the 1964 Olympic Winter Games and again for Innsbruck 1976. Parts of the Bergisel site are protected by cultural heritage status.

The Bergiselschanze is the venue for the third round of the world-famous annual Four Hills Tournament, which is held in early January and attracts sell-out crowds of 28,000. The hill also hosted the ski jumping events at the 1985 and 2019 Nordic World Ski Championships and the inaugural Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2012, when it again staged the Opening Ceremony. Formerly a regular stop on the summertime FIS Ski Jumping Grand Prix tour, the Bergiselschanze is a year-round ski jumping training centre used by Austria's national ski jumping team, other national teams from around the world, and three local ski clubs. The venue plays host to other winter sports such as snowboarding and freestyle skiing. Its spectator area is used as an open-air theatre in the summer and hosted the Innsbruck Fan Zone at UEFA Euro 2008.

#### OLYMPIC ICE STADIUM

Part of the Olympiaworld complex and now known as the Olympiahalle, this multi-sports venue hosts ice hockey matches and figure skating events, and hosted matches at the 2010 European Handball Championships and the 2011 European Volleyball Championships. It is also used extensively by the local community.

### OLYMPIC SPEED SKATING OVAL

Austria's only outdoor speed-skating rink, the Olympia Eisschnellaufbahn is also part of the city's Olympiaworld complex, which was the Olympic Park at both Innsbruck 1964 and 1976. It is a training centre for Austria's speed skating teams, and is also used for ice skating competitions and recreational skating for the general public and schoolchildren. In summer, it is an inline hockey venue, and it also stages concerts. It underwent a major refurbishment for Innsbruck 1976.

### OLYMPIC COMBINED TRACK

As part of an extensive refurbishment of the venue in preparation for the Austrian city's second Olympic Winter Games, the separate bobsleigh and luge tracks used at Innsbruck 1964 were removed and replaced by a combined, artificially refrigerated track, which remains in place.

The venue has hosted several world championships – including the 2016 IBSF Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Championships – and is a popular tourist attraction in both winter and summer, offering visitors Olympic track sliding experiences. Part of the Olympiaworld umbrella brand, the Olympia Eiskanal Innsbruck is the training base of the Austrian Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation.

### MESSEHALLE (INDOOR SKATING RINK)

Rebuilt in 2011, Congress Messe Innsbruck hosts major medical conferences and InterAlpin, the world's leading trade fair for Alpine technologies. The venue, which has helped make Innsbruck a leading business, trade show and conference hub, also organises concerts and art exhibitions.

### INNSBRUCK OLYMPIC VILLAGE

The 1976 Olympic Village was built to the south of the 1964 Village, which was already housing local people by that time. As planned, and as was the case with the 1964 Village, its apartments were made available to Innsbruck residents after the Olympic Winter Games ended. Still known locally as the O-Dorf, the Olympic Village is currently home to around 7,000 people of over 50 nationalities. It is well served by the city's public transport network, and its amenities include nurseries, schools, sports and cultural clubs, health clinics, shops, an indoor swimming pool, and a recently built five-floor nursing home.

### PATSCHERKOFEL

Just as it was in 1964, Patscherkofel was the venue for the men's downhill at Innsbruck 1976. The resort can be reached from Innsbruck by cable car and is a popular weekend retreat for the city's inhabitants. It offers a wide range of winter and summer activities.

### AXAMER LIZUM

Built for the 1964 Olympic Winter Games, Axamer Lizum has since built up a reputation for delivering consistently good conditions, and attracts skiers and snowboarders of all ages. One of Austria's snowiest resorts, it is served by 10 cable cars and lifts and has around 40 kilometres of groomed slopes, some of which are named after the Olympic races they hosted in 1964. It is also the training centre of the Tyrolean Ski Instructors' Association.

### SEEFELD

Boasting over 250km of cross-country skiing trails, Seefeld continues to attract Nordic sport athletes of all ages and abilities and was the venue for 2019 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.

### TONI SEELOS SKI JUMP

The Tirol region's other Olympic ski jumping venue, located in Seefeld, is home to two hills, which are used by ski jumpers of all ages and abilities.

## > DID YOU KNOW?

In preparation for Innsbruck 1976, the Bergiselschanze became the first hill in the world to be equipped with a take-off table with a changeable slope.

The current Bergiselschanze was built in 2001 by the late and celebrated architect Zaha Hadid. Its award-winning, steel-lined tower comprises a panoramic café and a viewing platform open to the public every day. A funicular runs to the tower, carrying visitors 250 metres above the city on a two-minute ride.

The Olympic Ice Track is also used for skeleton and staged a round of the 2020/21 IBISF Skeleton World Cup.

Built for Innsbruck 1976 and still in use today, the city's school-teacher training academy was used as the press centre during the Games. As planned, the building reverted back to its main function after the Games. The University of Innsbruck made use of the academy before it was renamed the Praxisvolksschule in 2007, when it also became a fully functioning school. Extended in 2012, the academy provides schooling for several hundred local children.