

## > ALBERTVILLE 1992 VENUES



### OVERVIEW

Ten competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Albertville 1992. Four of the venues were existing sites. The rest were built for the Games.

They are all still in use today for recreational and high-performance ice and snow sports, and have helped the Savoie Mont Blanc region establish itself as one of the world's leading winter sports destinations.

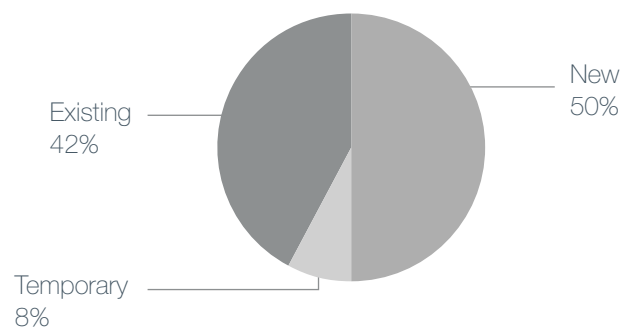
A temporary venue called Le Théâtre des Cérémonies was built to host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and dismantled as planned after the Games.

Most of the athletes stayed at the Olympic Village in Brides-Les-Bains, which comprised seven refurbished existing hotels, still welcoming visitors today.

In addition, three venues hosted demonstration sports.

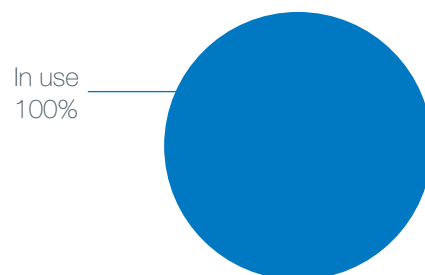
### VENUE CLASSIFICATION

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### CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)

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## ALBERTVILLE 1992 VENUES AT A GLANCE

| Venue name at Games time                          | Venue classification at Games time | Use at Games time                         | Current status         |
|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Olympic Ice Hall (Halle Olympique)                | New build                          | Figure skating, short track speed skating | In use                 |
| Olympic Oval (Anneau de vitesse)                  | New build                          | Speed skating                             | In use                 |
| Olympic Stadium (Théâtre des Cérémonies)          | Temporary                          | Opening and Closing Ceremonies            | Dismantled (temporary) |
| <b>Located outside of Albertville</b>             |                                    |   |                        |
| Les Ménuires - Slalom Stadium (Stade de Slalom)   | Existing                           | Alpine skiing                             | In use                 |
| Méribel - Massif du Roc de Fer or Stade du Corbey | Existing                           | Alpine skiing                             | In use                 |
| Val d'Isère - Massif de Belvedere                 | Existing                           | Alpine skiing                             | In use                 |

## ALBERTVILLE 1992 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

| Venue name at Games time  | Venue classification at Games time | Use at Games time                      | Current status  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Les Saisies - Olympic Nordic Skiing Stadium (Stade Olympique de ski nordique)                 | Existing                           | Biathlon, cross-country skiing         | In use  |
| Olympic Village (Village Olympique)   | Existing                           | Athlete accommodation                  | In use  |
| Méribel - La Chaudanne Olympic Ice Rink (Patinoire Olympique "La Chaudanne" Méribel)          | New build                          | Ice hockey                             | In use  |
| La Plagne - Olympic Bobsleigh and Luge Track (Piste Olympique de bobsleigh et de luge)        | New build                          | Bobsleigh, luge                        | In use  |
| Courchevel - Cross-Country Stadium (Stade de ski de fond)                                     | New build                          | Nordic combined                        | In use  |
| Ski Jumping Stadium (Stade de saut)   | New build                          | Nordic combined, ski jumping           | In use  |
| Demonstration sports venues (located outside of Albertville)                                  |                                    |  |   |
| Les Arcs - Speed Skiing Slope (Piste de Ski de Vitesse des Arcs)                              | Existing                           | Speed skiing (demonstration sport)     | Not in use (the slope disappeared naturally once it stopped being maintained, and is no longer visible) |
| Tignes - Freestyle Skiing Stadium or Stade de Lognan (Stade de ski artistique et acrobatique) | New build                          | Freestyle skiing (demonstration sport) | In use  |
| Pralognan-la-Vanoise - Ice Rink (Patinoire de Pralognan-la-Vanoise)                           | New build                          | Curling (demonstration sport)          | In use  |

## > THE VENUES UP CLOSE

### VENUES IN USE

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#### ALBERTVILLE OLYMPIC ICE HALL

One of several facilities at Albertville's Henri Dujol Olympic Park, it remains open to the public. The Halle Olympique is a training base for the French ice hockey and short track teams. A multi-purpose facility with a capacity of between 6,500 and 9,000, it was the venue for the French Short Track Speed Skating Championships in 2010, the 2018 Davis Cup tie between France and the Netherlands, and several matches at the 2017 World Handball Championship. A key venue for business, art and cultural events, it is also the home of the Tremplin 92 – Montagne et Olympisme, which houses a permanent exhibition telling the story of the 1992 Games.

#### ALBERTVILLE OLYMPIC OVAL

Also located at Henri Dujol Olympic Park in Albertville, the venue's temporary ice sheet was removed after the Games, and the facility was converted into a 10,000-capacity multi-purpose stadium. It is used by the town's athletics, rugby and football clubs and also hosts occasional rock concerts.

#### LA PLAGNE OLYMPIC BOBSLEIGH AND LUGE TRACK

France's national sliding sports training centre hosts international competitions nearly every year, including a round of the 2020 IBSF Bobsleigh World Cup. As planned when it was built, the venue is also open to the general public for beginners' bobsleigh and luge activities. It is visited by approximately 14,000 people a year. La Plagne, the resort where the sliding track is located, is the world's most-frequented ski resort. In 2003, the sliding centre in La Plagne became the first in the world to switch from ammonia to safer glycol refrigeration piping.

#### TIGNES FREESTYLE SKIING STADIUM OR STADE DE LOGNAN

Tignes ski resort greatly benefitted from the worldwide exposure provided by the Games. It has gone on to become a mecca of freestyle skiing. As well as staging the finals of the FIS Freestyle Skiing Halfpipe World Cup between 2015 and 2018, it also hosted the first four editions of the Winter X Games Europe, from 2010 to 2013.

#### LES MENUIRES SLALOM STADIUM

Les Ménuires resort has made the most of its Games-inspired transformation from a budget-conscious destination to one offering more luxurious accommodation. Its Olympic slalom course is just one of its many attractions.

#### MÉRIBEL (MASSIF DU ROC DE FER OR STADE DU CORBEY AND LA CHAUDANNE OLYMPIC ICE RINK)

Situated in the heart of the Trois Vallées ski area, the resort opened up the courses used for the women's Alpine skiing events to competitive and recreational skiers after the Games. Its Olympic Park, the ice rink of which hosted the men's ice hockey competition, is now home to a swimming pool, spa, gym and meeting rooms.

#### VAL D'ISERE - MASSIF DE BELLEVARDE

One of the world's best-known ski resorts, it staged the men's Alpine combined, downhill, giant slalom and super giant slalom events. The venue for the 2009 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Val d'Isère also hosts an event on the annual Alpine Ski World Cup tour. Having gradually developed its infrastructure over the years, it now offers 25,000 hotel beds for visitors.

### LES SAISIES OLYMPIC NORDIC SKIING STADIUM

Les Saisies resort's Nordic ski area has 120 kilometres of trails. They cater for every skill level and are a regular venue for national and international competitions, including the Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing World Cups.

### COURCHEVEL (CROSS-COUNTRY STADIUM AND SKI JUMPING STADIUM)

This Nordic skiing centre offers three different loops for recreational cross-country skiers: 1.5km, 7km and 8.5km. The smallest loop is designed for beginners, while the others are used by more advanced skiers.

The Cross-Country Stadium is a national ski jumping hub and is used as a national team training centre by France and other countries. Its hills host the only French round of the summertime FIS Ski Jumping Grand Prix, which brings together the world's leading jumpers in mid-August and attracts thousands of spectators.

### PRALOGNAN-LA-VANOISE ICE RINK

A leisure centre complete with a swimming pool, bowling alley, spa, ice rink, and a multi-sports hall with a climbing wall and courts for basketball, badminton, volleyball and other sports. The centre also has an outdoor recreational area with a mini-golf course and bouncy castles. The ice rink stages ice hockey matches and figure skating galas, among other events.

### OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Situated in the spa resort of Brides-Les-Bains, some 32 kilometres from Albertville, the Village comprised seven existing hotels that were refurbished to accommodate most of the athletes. The hotels remain in use today. The remaining athletes were housed in hotels and guest houses in Les Saisies, Val d'Isère, La Plagne, La Tania and Tignes.

## VENUES NOT IN USE

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### LES ARCS SPEED SKIING SLOPE

The slope was left to disappear naturally after the Games. A number of deaths were recorded in speed skiing after Albertville 1992, and it was promptly discontinued as a demonstration sport on account of being too dangerous.

## TEMPORARY VENUES

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### OLYMPIC STADIUM (THÉÂTRE DES CÉRÉMONIES)

Located in Albertville's Henri Dujol Olympic Park, it hosted the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Regarded at the time as the largest temporary structure ever built, it had a capacity of 35,000 and was taken down as planned as soon as the Games were over. A model for subsequent temporary venues, it is now an urban park. All that remains of the original construction is the 52-metre-tall flagpole that once stood at its centre and was a distinctive feature of the Albertville 1992 ceremonies.

## > DID YOU KNOW?

The ski resorts that staged events at Albertville 1992 form part of a network of 110 resorts in the Savoie Mont Blanc region, making it France's leading winter sports destination. Covering two-thirds of the French Alps, the region welcomes millions of visitors every year.

Among the many exhibits offered by the Tremplin 92 – Montagne et Olympisme is a virtual descent of the bobsleigh run in La Plagne, complete with VR headsets.

The Albertville 1992 venues are increasingly environmentally aware. Val d'Isère has installed a vast, state-of-the-art underground snow-creation facility at the foot of the Bellegarde slope, greatly reducing power usage. Meanwhile, Les Saisies has swapped snow cannons for snowfarming to preserve snow, which is piled up and covered with sawdust to prevent it from melting during the summer and then spread back on to the slopes come winter.

Originally known as the Albertville Olympic Park, Henri Dujol Olympic Park was renamed in 2006 in honour of a former mayor who championed the town's modernisation for the Games.