

## > SARAJEVO 1984 VENUES



### OVERVIEW

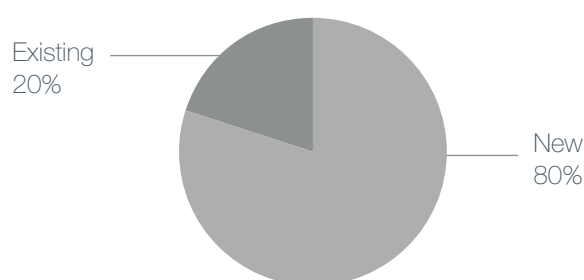
Eight competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Sarajevo 1984. Six of them are still in use today, benefitting the local community, visitors and recreational and high-performance athletes alike. One of the competition venues was an existing site. The rest were built for the Games. The Olympic venues suffered damage to varying degrees during the Bosnian War from 1992 to 1995. Most have been restored to their original use and modernised since then, partly thanks to international support. Visitors and local residents continue to use them for a wide range of winter and summer sports.

Although the ski jumps and sliding track can no longer be used for winter sports, the sites where they are located host a wide variety of other sporting and cultural activities. For example, the reopening, in 2018, of the cable car connecting the city to the top of Mount Trebević has allowed more people to access the area for hiking and other pursuits. Since then, the number of hotels, restaurants, recreation centres, etc. has grown alongside the number of visitors.

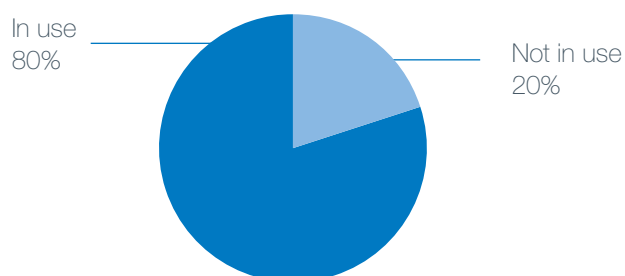
An existing venue, Koševo Stadium, hosted the Opening Ceremony. It continues to be used as a venue for track and field, football and rugby. The Olympic Hall of the newly built Zetra Complex staged the Closing Ceremony. A multi-purpose facility, it is used for sports and other events.

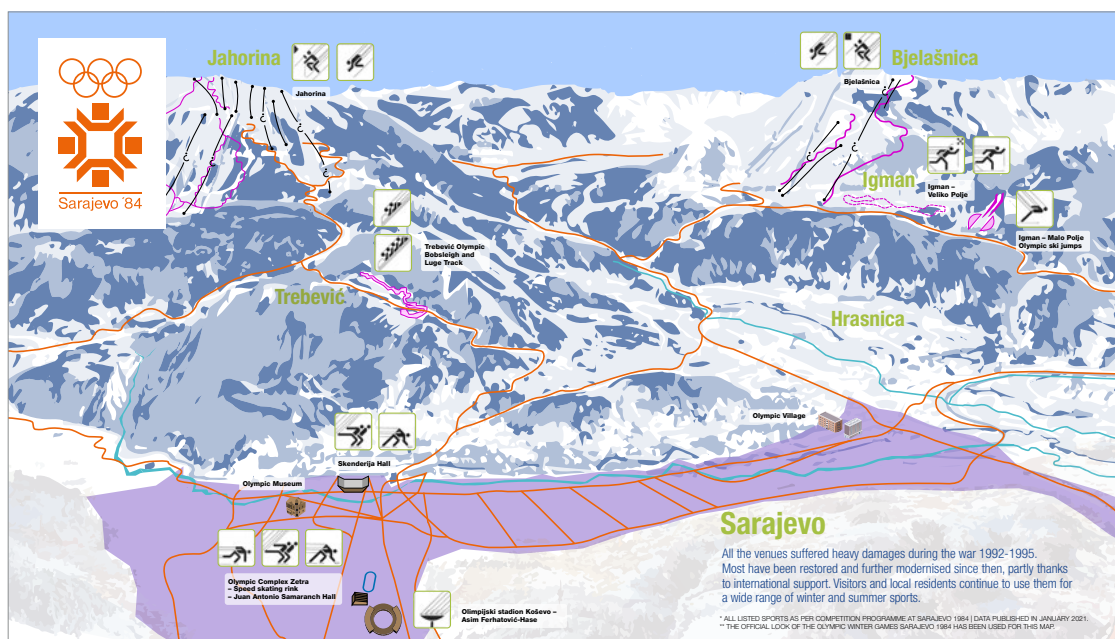
An Olympic Village was built for the Games, in the Mojmiro district. It was renovated after the war and is fully occupied today.

### VENUE CLASSIFICATION



### CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)





## SARAJEVO 1984 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Skenderija Cultural and Sports Centre	Existing	Figure skating, ice hockey	In use
Koševo Stadium	Existing	Opening Ceremony	In use
Zetra Complex - Speed Skating Stadium	New build	Speed skating	In use (rebuilt)
Zetra Complex - Olympic Hall	New build	Figure skating, ice hockey, Closing Ceremony	In use (rebuilt)
Mojmilo Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use
Trebevic Olympic Bobsleigh and Luge Track	New build	Bobsleigh, luge	Not in use

## SARAJEVO 1984 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Venues outside Sarajevo			
Igman - Veliko Polje	New build	Cross-country skiing, Nordic combined	In use
Bjelašnica	New build	Alpine skiing	In use
Jahorina	New build	Alpine skiing	In use
Igman Olympic Jumps	New build	Ski jumping, Nordic combined	Not in use

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### VENUES IN USE

#### ZETRA COMPLEX - SPEED SKATING STADIUM

The facility suffered heavy damage during the Bosnian War. It underwent restoration work in 1999 and 2017. Reconstructed after the war, the venue is now used for winter and summertime training, community and public recreational sports, and festivals. A small, covered ice rink and artificial football pitch have also been installed in the centre of the rink.

#### ZETRA COMPLEX - OLYMPIC HALL

This was renamed the Juan Antonio Samaranch Olympic Hall in 2010, following the death of the former IOC President, who was instrumental in the IOC's support for the rebuilding of the venue after it was shelled and extensively damaged during the Bosnian War.

It is the home of Bosnia and Herzegovina's national handball, futsal and ice hockey teams, its National Olympic Committee and the ZOI'84 Olympic Legacy Foundation. Up to 17 different sports are played there. Used widely by the local community, its facilities include tennis courts, outdoor basketball and football pitches, indoor and outdoor ice rinks, a billiard sports hall, bowling alley, pistol range and a gym.

Also a venue for concerts, trade shows and conferences, it hosted the ice hockey competition of the 2019 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival and staged the 2018 European Cadet Judo Championships.

#### SKENDERIJA CULTURAL AND SPORTS CENTRE

The new hall was added to the existing Skenderija Centre for the Games, and is still used extensively for basketball, handball, volleyball and table tennis. It also hosts cultural and business activities.

### KOŠEVO STADIUM

This is the biggest stadium in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a capacity of 35,000. Damaged during the Bosnian War, it was renovated in 1996 with the help of the IAAF and the IOC to host the "IAAF Sarajevo 1996 Athletics Meeting of Solidarity". Further upgrades were done in preparation for a visit by Pope John Paul II in April 1997 and a U2 concert later that year, two symbolically important events in the city's recovery from the war.

It is the home of football team Sarajevo FK and the country's national team. It also plays host to local and national track and field, football and rugby events. The venue is currently awaiting refurbishment to bring it into line with UEFA's latest stadium access requirements. It was renamed after the famous football player Asim Ferhatović Hase.

In 2019, Sarajevo and East Sarajevo successfully hosted the 14th Winter European Youth Olympic Festival. The Opening Ceremony was held at the stadium with the attendance of 38,000 people, celebrating the revival of the Olympic Spirit.

### MOJMILO OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Located in the Mojmiло district of Sarajevo, the Village's 639 apartments were made available after the Games to families in need of permanent accommodation. Though extensively damaged during the Bosnian War, the Olympic Village was renovated afterwards, and is fully occupied today. The central plaza of the Olympic Village in Mojmiло was renamed Barcelona Square in honour of the Spanish city, which helped rebuild the Village after the Bosnian War. The two cities twinned in 2000, a year after rebuilding work was completed.

### IGMAN - VELIKO POLJE

Some 15 kilometres of its 39 kilometres of tracks remain in use for local skiers, and its many trails are popular all year round with walkers, runners and cyclists.

### BJELAŠNICA

This is a modern ski resort that attracts 20,000 to 30,000 people a day during the winter. Its facilities include eight lifts and seven runs offering 12.5km of skiing. Two of these runs were homologated by the FIS for use at the 2019 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival. Bjelašnica has also hosted FIS Europa Cup snowboard events. Having undergone continual development since 2000, the resort also boasts several hotels, apartment complexes and restaurants, as well as a newly installed snow-making system complete with two lakes.

### JAHORINA

This is the largest and most popular ski resort in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with 25km of slopes. Its eight FIS-homologated runs include the three Olympic runs and are used by elite skiers for training. They also host international competitions, such as the FIS Cup Jahorina, last held in 2019. The resort has a new snow-making system and extensive facilities for visitors, including restaurants, bars, clubs and hotels. It suffered no damage during the Bosnian War.

## VENUES NOT IN USE

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### TREBEVIĆ OLYMPIC BOBSLEIGH AND LUGE TRACK

Situated on Mount Trebević, the track was used as an artillery position during the Bosnian War. Mount Trebević was a feared place during the 1,425-day siege of Sarajevo, offering clear vantage points for attacking the city below. The mountain was declared a national park in 2014 and reopened to the public in 2017, following more than 15 years of work to clear its slopes of abandoned military hardware and the thousands of mines laid during the war.

The graffiti-covered bobsleigh and luge track on Mount Trebević has become one of Sarajevo's cultural landmarks, and attracts lovers of street art from all over the world.

With the aid of volunteers, the national bobsleigh federation and a grant from the International Luge Federation, the ZOI'84 Olympic Legacy Foundation began restoration work on the badly damaged track in 2014. Though it remains unfit for official sliding sports competitions, it is used for extreme cycling and as a summer luge training venue.

### IGMAN OLYMPIC JUMPS

Igman Malo Polje was once home to five ski jumps (three wooden and two concrete), and hosted its last competition in 1988. Heavy fighting during the Bosnian War caused the destruction of the wooden jumps and extensive damage to the concrete ones.

Although Igman Malo Polje's two surviving ski jumps are no longer in use, the facilities around them have been redeveloped and welcome families in both summer and winter. They include a fully functioning restaurant and a small ski lift and slope used for beginners' ski classes, while the run-off area is now occupied by a playground.

## > DID YOU KNOW?

Symbols of Sarajevo's Olympic identity, the venues used at the XIV Olympic Winter Games were repeatedly targeted during the Bosnian War, when the city was besieged for nearly four years. Their subsequent reconstruction reflected Sarajevo's pride in its Olympic heritage and its status as the only Olympic host city in this part of Europe.

Zetra Olympic Hall housed Sarajevo's Olympic Museum on a temporary basis for 16 years before it returned to its original location across the city in October 2020.

Six of the city's Olympic venues staged events during the 2019 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival, which was jointly hosted by Sarajevo and the neighbouring city of East Sarajevo.

Hotel Igman housed reporters and competitors in the cross-country, Nordic combined and biathlon events. It too was bombed during the war and remains in ruins.