

> GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN 1936 VENUES



OVERVIEW

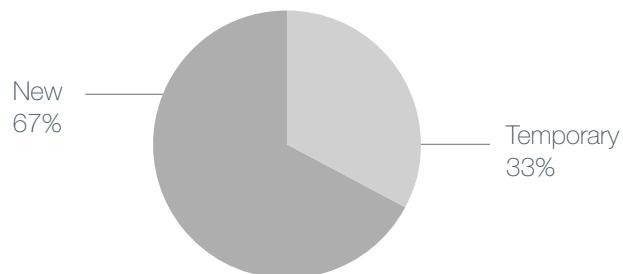
Six competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936.

Four of them were built for the Games and are still in use today by the local population and high-performance athletes alike. They also stage both major international championships and local competitions. The other two venues were temporary and have been dismantled.

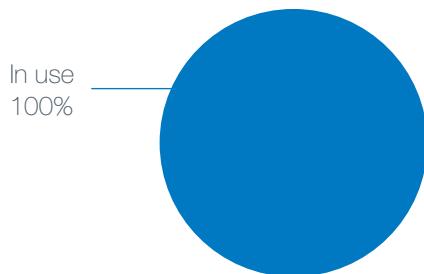
The Olympia-Skistadion was the main venue for the Games and hosted the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. It remains a leading ski jumping venue today.

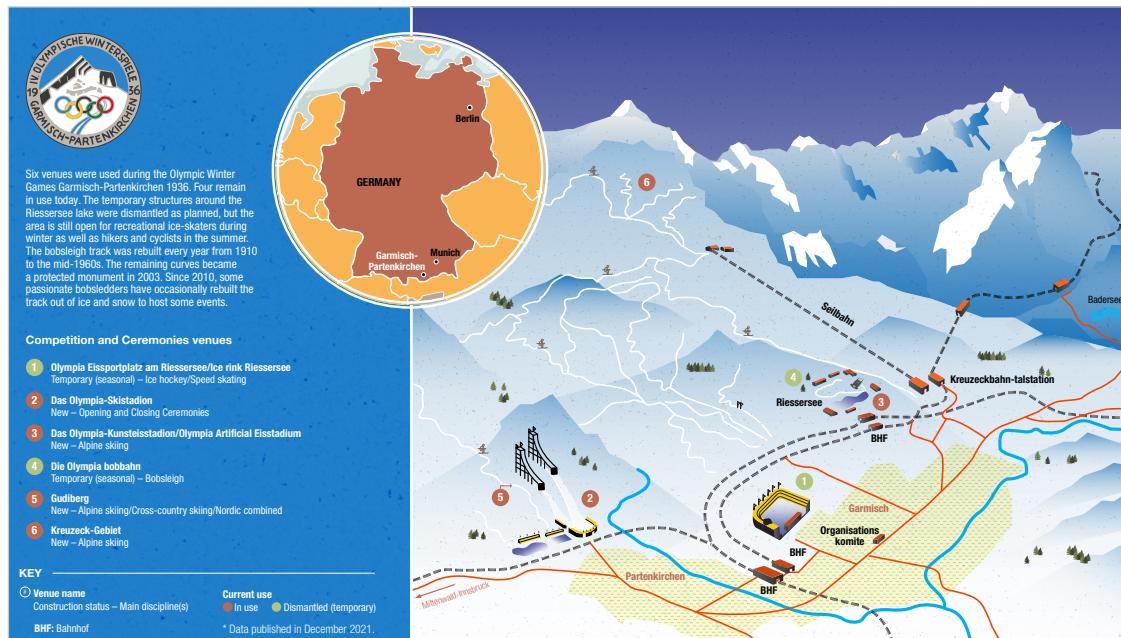
There was no official Olympic Village.

VENUE CLASSIFICATION



CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)





GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN 1936 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Olympia-Kunsteisstadion/Eisstadion (Olympia Artificial Ice Stadium)	New build	Ice hockey, figure skating	In use
Olympia Skistadion	New build	Ski jumping, Nordic combined, cross-country skiing, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, military patrol (demonstration sport)	In use
Gudiberg	New build	Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, Nordic combined	In use
Olympia Eissportplatz am Riessersee / Riessersee Ice Rink	Temporary (seasonal)	Ice hockey, speed skating	Dismantled (seasonal)
Olympia Bobbahn	Temporary (seasonal)	Bobsleigh	Dismantled (seasonal)
Venue outside Garmisch-Partenkirchen			
Kreuzeck-Gebiet	New build	Alpine skiing	In use

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VENUES IN USE

OLYMPIA KUNSTEISSTADION

An open-air venue at Games time, when an ammonia-cooling system was used to create artificial ice, the stadium has undergone several renovations since then. It was fitted with a roof in 1964, while a second hall with an ice hockey rink and a curling rink was added in the early 1990s, along with two outdoor rinks.

Since 1936, it has been the home stadium of professional ice hockey team SC Riessersee. It is also used by women's ice hockey club SC Garmisch-Partenkirchen and men's fourth-division ice hockey team TSV Farchant. It hosted a Germany national team match at the inaugural World Cup of Hockey in 1996 and all the matches in the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U-20 World Championship Division I Group A.

The country's national curling performance centre, it has twice staged the Men's Curling World Championships and also hosted a Davis Cup tie in 2009. The venue is open to skaters and the local community for training, classes and recreational skating.

OLYMPIA SKISTADION

One of the largest and busiest ski jumping venues in the world and a listed historical site, the Olympia-Skistadion has been renovated on several occasions, mostly with the aim of ensuring it complies with FIS rule changes. In 1950, a new jumping tower made of steel, the first of its kind, was erected to replace the original wooden construction. The hill was completely rebuilt in 2007 and underwent renovation work again in 2019.

It is the venue for the second round of the world-famous Four Hills Tournament, a ski jumping competition that takes place between Christmas and Epiphany and attracts crowds of over 25,000 spectators in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. It has also staged many FIS World Cup and Continental Cup events and the German National Ski Jumping Championships. Also used for youth and regional competitions, it is open for training five days a week and is visited annually by between 400,000 and 600,000 people. Its attractions include guided tours, a restaurant and a zipline running from the tower to the stadium area.

GUDIBERG

The venue for the Alpine skiing and cross-country skiing events at the 1936 Olympic Winter Games, the Gudiberg continues to host national and international skiing events. These include a round of the 2007 FIS Slalom World Cup and the slalom events at the 2011 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships. Its facilities were altered and upgraded for both events, with the finish line returned to its 1936 Games location. The Gudiberg was also the location for the ski jumping leg of the combined skiing events at Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936, which took place on an existing hill.

KREUZECK-GEBIET

The venue for the downhill races at the 1936 Games, which were held on the Neunerstrecke course. Known today as the Olympia or Kandahar run, it has hosted FIS Downhill World Cup races every year since 1970 and staged the downhill races at the 1978 and 2011 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships. Together with Haubberg and Alpspitze, Kreuzeck forms part of the Garmisch-Classic Ski Area.

TEMPORARY VENUES

OLYMPIA BOBBAHN

A temporary (seasonal) natural bobsleigh track made of ice and snow, it was built and dismantled every year as of winter 1910. It regularly held world, European, German and Bavarian bobsleigh championships until 1966. A popular destination for local hikers and cyclists, the track was uncovered again in 2002 by volunteers and was listed as a historical site the following year. The bobsleigh section of the SC Riessersee club has been organising commemorative bobsleigh runs on the track since 2013. In 2015, the Red Bull Bob Heroes event, in which participants raced in home-made bobs, attracted 2,500 spectators, while an international bob week was held at the venue in 2019. The site is also home to the Bob Museum, which tells the story of the track.

OLYMPIA EISSPORTPLATZ AM RIESSERSEE

A speed skating rink and two ice hockey rinks were prepared on the lake's frozen surface for the 1936 Olympic Winter Games, with temporary facilities being set up to accommodate spectators and officials. The lake was already a popular location before the Games and is still used for recreational skating when frozen, as well as commemorative events such as the Pond Hockey Cup, which was held in 2011 and 2013 with the same rules and conditions as those at the Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936 Games.

> DID YOU KNOW?

The Kandahar downhill course features a section called the Free Fall, which has a gradient of 92 per cent.

The Olympia Bobbahn was 1,525 metres long and had 13 curves and a vertical drop of approximately 130 metres. Competitors reached speeds of up to 120km/h on it.

The Olympia-Eissport-Zentrum was built in only 106 days.

Garmisch-Partenkirchen is Germany's only Olympic Winter Games host city. The resort joined with Munich to submit a candidature to co-host the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, which were awarded to PyeongChang.