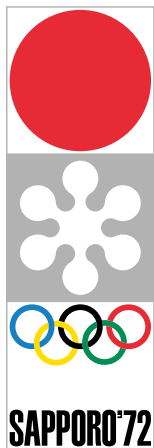


> SAPPORO 1972 VENUES



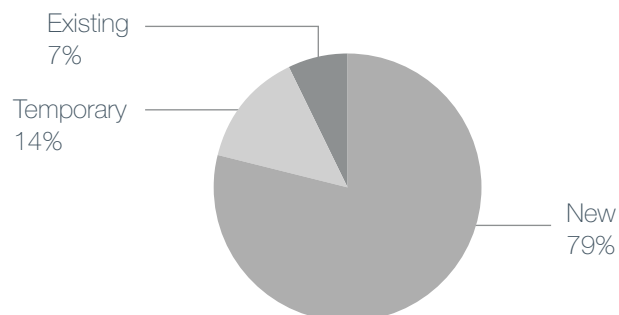
OVERVIEW

Thirteen competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Sapporo 1972. Nine of them are still in use today, hosting sports and leisure activities. One of the venues already existed. Ten were built for the Games, two of them temporary and one existing.

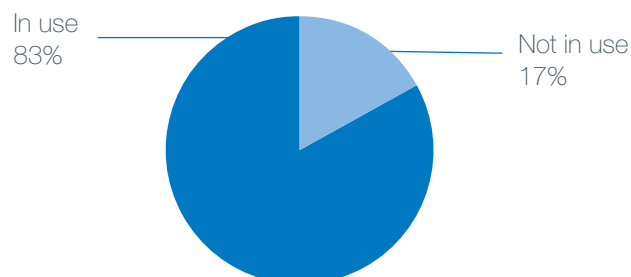
The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were held at separate stadiums that were also used as competition venues: Makomanai Speed Skating Rink and Makomanai Indoor Skating Rink respectively. Both remain in use as popular sporting venues.

The Olympic Village built for the Games continues to provide housing today, as planned.

VENUE CLASSIFICATION



CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)





SAPPORO 1972 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Okurayama Ski Jump	Existing	Ski jumping	In use
Makomanai Biathlon Course	New build	Biathlon	In use (repurposed)
Makomanai Indoor Skating Rink	New build	Figure skating, ice hockey, Closing Ceremony	In use
Makomanai Speed Skating Rink	New build	Speed skating, Opening Ceremony	In use
Tsukisamu Indoor Skating Rink	New build	Ice hockey	In use
Mikaho Indoor Skating Rink	New build	Figure skating	In use

SAPPORO 1972 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Miyanomori Ski Jump	New build	Ski jumping, Nordic combined	In use
Mt Teine Slalom Events Site	New build	Alpine skiing	In use
Mt Teine Giant Slalom Events Site	New build	Alpine skiing	In use
Sapporo Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use
Makomanai Cross-Country Events Site	Temporary	Cross-country skiing, Nordic combined	Dismantled (temporary)
Venues outside Sapporo			
Mt Teine Bobsleigh Course	New build	Bobsleigh	Not in use
Mt Teine Luge Course	New build	Luge	Not in use
Mt Eniwa Downhill Events Site	Temporary	Alpine skiing	Dismantled (temporary)

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VENUES IN USE

MAKOMANAI BIATHLON COURSE

As planned, the venue was converted after the 1972 Olympic Winter Games into a firing range and training centre for Japan's Ground Self-Defence Force.

MAKOMANAI INDOOR SKATING RINK

Popular with the local community and visitors, the rink remains the centrepiece of Makomanai Park, which was the hub of the Games and then opened to the public as a place of recreation and leisure. As well as skating, the rink hosts other sports such as karate, handball, tennis, badminton, basketball, volleyball and rhythmic gymnastics. It is also a popular conference and concert venue, and welcomes PPE classes for school children. The arena has 6,024 permanent seats but can be expanded to a capacity of 10,770.

MAKOMANAI SPEED SKATING RINK

The lower stands of this 17,324-seat venue – which is also located in Makomanai Park – sit below ground level, allowing the stadium to blend in with the park's natural landscape. The stadium has been in constant use since the Games – for skating in winter, and for athletics, tennis and futsal during the summer. Its gym is open all year round. The venue offers dancing, yoga and physical exercise classes for children and adults.

TSUKISAMU INDOOR SKATING RINK

Used by the local community for gym classes and recreational skating, the venue is the home arena of Sapporo Ice Hockey Club, which plays in the J-ICE North League, the second tier of Japanese ice hockey.

MIKAHO INDOOR SKATING RINK

After the Games, the venue was used briefly as a heated swimming pool in the summer months. It now operates as an ice rink in winter (for figure skating, recreational skating and curling) and as a gym in summer.

OKURAYAMA SKI JUMP

Constructed in 1931, the venue was expanded for the 1972 Olympic Winter Games, with the original jump being moved forward to help negate crosswinds, and stands being built for 50,000 spectators. A new lift was installed in 1982; the hill was expanded to a 115 K-point jump in 1986; and further refurbishments were carried out in 1996 and 2018.

A regular FIS Ski Jumping World Cup venue, Okurayama Ski Jump has hosted world and national championships and Continental Cup events, and it is also a training site. Popular with tourists, the hill's tower has an observation lounge offering panoramic views of Sapporo, the Ishikari Plain and Ishikari Bay.

MIYANOMORI SKI JUMP

This is located one kilometre south of Okurayama Ski Jump. The design of the hill's landing slope and run-off area take full advantage of the mountain's natural contours. In 1983, the hill was enlarged to become a 90m jump and is now equipped for year-round operation.

The venue hosts competitions on a regular basis, staging FIS Ski Jumping World Cup and Continental Cup events, national championships and the annual Sapporo Olympic Memorial Ski Jumping competition.

SAPPORO OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Now known as the Makomanai Gorin Danchi and situated in the southern part of the city, the Olympic Village was, as planned, turned over for housing after the Games, a function it continues to perform today.

MT TEINE SLALOM AND GIANT SLALOM EVENTS SITE

This was an existing resort, still regarded as one of Japan's best ski destinations and renowned for the quality of its snow. Mt Teine has hosted the Alpine skiing events at the Asian Winter Games on three occasions as well as the 1991 Winter Universiade. The resort has two ski zones – Highland and Olympia – and visitor facilities that include restaurants, ski schools and rental shops. There is also a terrain park for snowboarders and freestyle skiers. Mt Teine's Olympia Ski School was the first in the Hokkaido region to be accredited by the Ski Association of Japan, and has produced many excellent skiers.

VENUES NOT IN USE

MT TEINE BOBSLEIGH AND LUGE TRACKS

The tracks were underused after the Games, owing to the lack of an established sliding sports culture in Japan. The luge course was closed in 1985, the bobsleigh course in 2000, and the tracks were subsequently mostly dismantled.

The start house of the bobsleigh course was left standing but has since been abandoned.

TEMPORARY VENUES

MAKOMANAI CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS SITE

The temporary infrastructure was dismantled after the Games, as planned, although the site is still used for recreational cross-country skiing.

MT ENIWA DOWNHILL EVENTS SITE

Some 20 hectares of forest were cut down to make way for the Mount Eniwa courses. After the 1972 Olympic Winter Games, the courses were removed, as intended, and the site successfully replanted.

> DID YOU KNOW?

Still home to the Olympic cauldron, Makomanai Park contains 63,000 trees and its famous dogtooth violets, which bloom every May.

Miyanomori Ski Jump was the setting for one of the most famous events in Japanese Olympic history, when its ski jumpers swept all the medals in the normal hill competition.

Sapporo Olympic Museum is located at the foot of the Okurayama Ski Jump. Its attractions include displays on the 1972 Olympic Winter Games and a ski jumping simulator.

Mount Eniwa is an active volcano, although it has not erupted since the early 18th century. The original plan was to make the downhill courses on its slopes permanent. However, following opposition from the public and a nature conservation group, the local authorities changed their plans. It became a temporary venue on the condition that all facilities be removed afterwards and the area permanently restored to its original state.