

## > ST. MORITZ 1928 VENUES



### OVERVIEW

Five competition and ceremonies venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games St. Moritz 1928. Three of them continue to offer quality facilities for high-performance athletes, the general public and visitors to the resort.

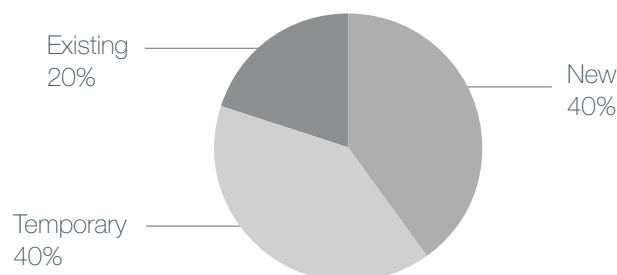
One venue was existing, two were built for the Games and two were temporary (seasonal) venues rebuilt every year. All hosted events at the resort's second Olympic Winter Games 20 years later, and all the venues are in the resort of St. Moritz. The St. Moritz Olympia Bob Run also hosted events at the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020.

St. Moritz Olympic Stadium, which is still in use, was the main venue for the Games and hosted the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

There was no official Olympic Village.

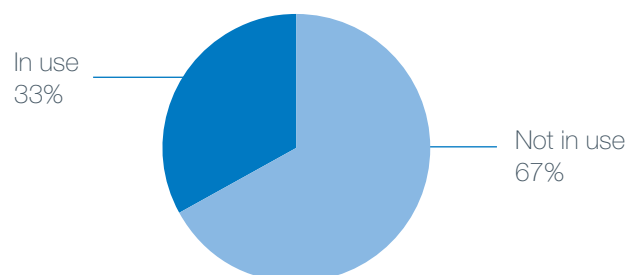
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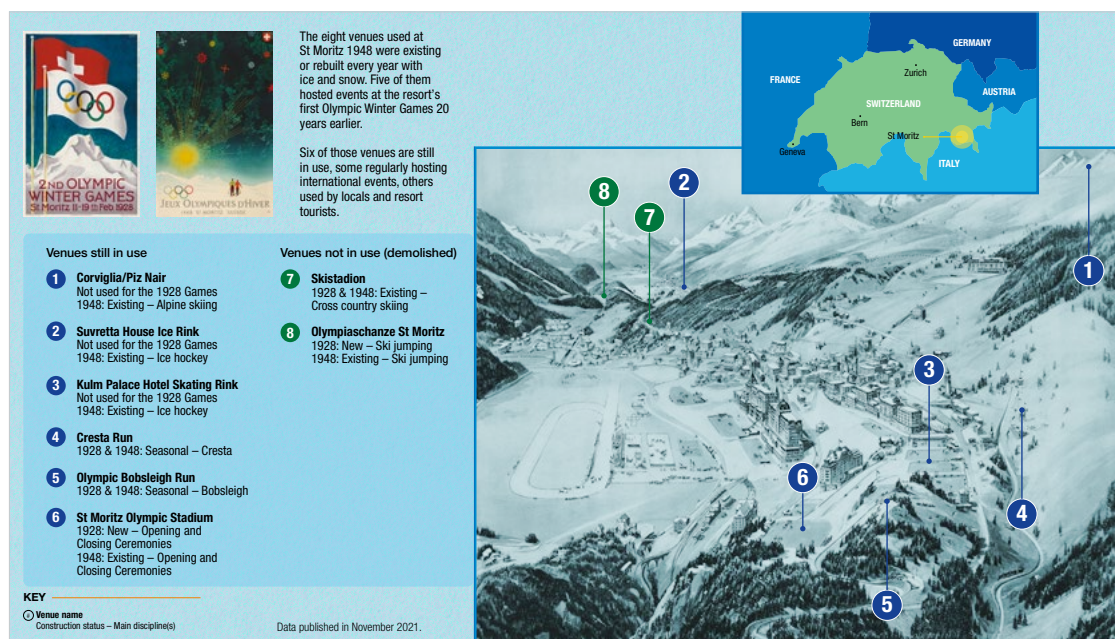
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### CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)

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## ST. MORITZ 1928 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Skistadion	Existing	Cross-country skiing and Nordic combined (demonstration sports: military patrol, winter pentathlon)	Not in use (demolished)
Olympiastadion St. Moritz (St. Moritz Olympic Stadium)	New build	Figure skating, speed skating, ice hockey, Opening and Closing Ceremonies	In use
Olympiaschanze St. Moritz	New build	Ski jumping, Nordic combined	Not in use (demolished)
St. Moritz Olympia Bob Run	Temporary (seasonal)	Bobsleigh	In use (seasonal)
Cresta Run	Temporary (seasonal)	Cresta (which later evolved into skeleton)	In use (seasonal)
Demonstration sport venue			
Skant Moritzersee	Temporary (seasonal)	Ski joring (demonstration sport)	In use

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### VENUES IN USE

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#### ST. MORITZ OLYMPIC STADIUM

Built in 1927 for the II Olympic Winter Games, the Olympic Stadium is now a private house. Also used at the Olympic Winter Games in 1948, it lay empty thereafter and fell into disrepair, before being refurbished by its current owner, a celebrated Swiss designer. Many of its original features have been restored, while the former ice rink in front of the building is now used as a driving range by a local golf club and also hosts occasional charity cricket matches.

#### ST. MORITZ OLYMPIA BOB RUN

First constructed in 1903, the Olympia Bob Run is one of the oldest bobsleigh tracks in the world and is rebuilt with natural ice and snow every winter, though it does have some permanent curves made from stone and concrete. It is a regular on the BMW IBSF World Cup circuit and has hosted 23 IBSF World Championships. It will stage the competition again in 2023.

Among other major international competitions, it has hosted the IBSF European Bobsleigh Championships 11 times (most recently in 2016), as well as the 2017 IBSF Para Sport World Championships, and the bobsleigh, luge and skeleton competitions at the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020.

The run also hosts Switzerland's national bobsleigh, skeleton and toboggan championships and several local events, including the Hornschlitten – a traditional toboggan race. It is open from the end of December to the beginning of March and is used for training by amateur and high-performance athletes and by the Sankt Moritz Bobsleigh Club, founded in 1897. Visitors can ride the run with a professional driver and brakeman.

#### CRESTA RUN

Owned and maintained by the St. Moritz Tobogganing Club, the famous Cresta Run has been rebuilt with natural ice and snow every winter since 1884/85. It is still used extensively today and staged 30 competitions in 2019.

The run has hosted to the annual Grand National race since 16 February 1885. It is the most prestigious of the four major classic races held at the venue, the others being the Curzon Cup (first held in 1910), the Morgan Cup (1935) and the Brabazon Trophy (1966).

The track welcomes both experienced athletes and the public. Around 12,500 rides are completed on it every year, adding up to an estimated half a million rides since it opened.

#### SANKT MORITZERSEE

The venue for the ski joring demonstration event at the 1928 Games, this lake sits on the southern edge of the resort. In winter, it hosts the Snow Polo World Cup, the only "high-goal" polo tournament to be played on snow, and the White Turf international horse racing meet, which has been running since 1907. The lake also staged the speed skating competitions at the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 and is used for sailing in summertime.

## VENUES NOT IN USE

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### OLYMPIASCHANZE ST. MORITZ

This ski jumping hill closed in 2006 because of safety concerns. A local ski club used the venue prior to its closure, and though plans were in place for the construction of a new hill, they were not implemented due to cost issues. A 90m hill was built next to the existing 70m hill for the 1948 Games.

### SKISTADION

Though its stands and shooting ranges were dismantled a few years ago, the Skistadion's trails now form part of a 230-kilometre cross-country skiing network catering for both the classic and skating styles.

## > DID YOU KNOW?

The Cresta Run and the St. Moritz Olympia Bob Run are the only two completely natural ice runs in the world to still stage international competitions.

More than 15,000 cubic metres of snow and 7,000 cubic metres of water are used to rebuild the Olympia Bob Run every winter, all without the aid of chemical products.

The Skistadion also hosted a demonstration event at the 1928 Games: military patrol, a team sport in which athletes compete in ski mountaineering, rifle shooting and cross-country skiing.

Ski joring is a sport in which athletes are pulled on skis by horses, dogs or motor vehicles. Horses were used at the St. Moritz 1928 event.