

> BEIJING 2008 VENUES

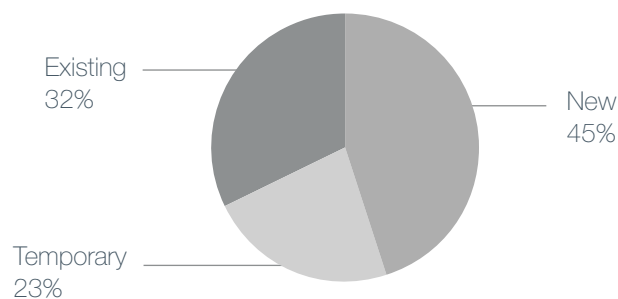


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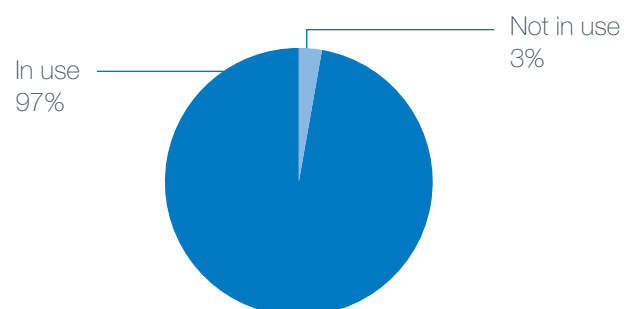
A total of 39 competition venues were used for the Olympic Games Beijing 2008: 18 of them new, 12 existing and nine temporary. Thirty of these venues remain in use, for sports, cultural and recreational activities. Seven out of the nine temporary venues have been dismantled as planned, one remains in use, and one was not dismantled as planned but is not in use.

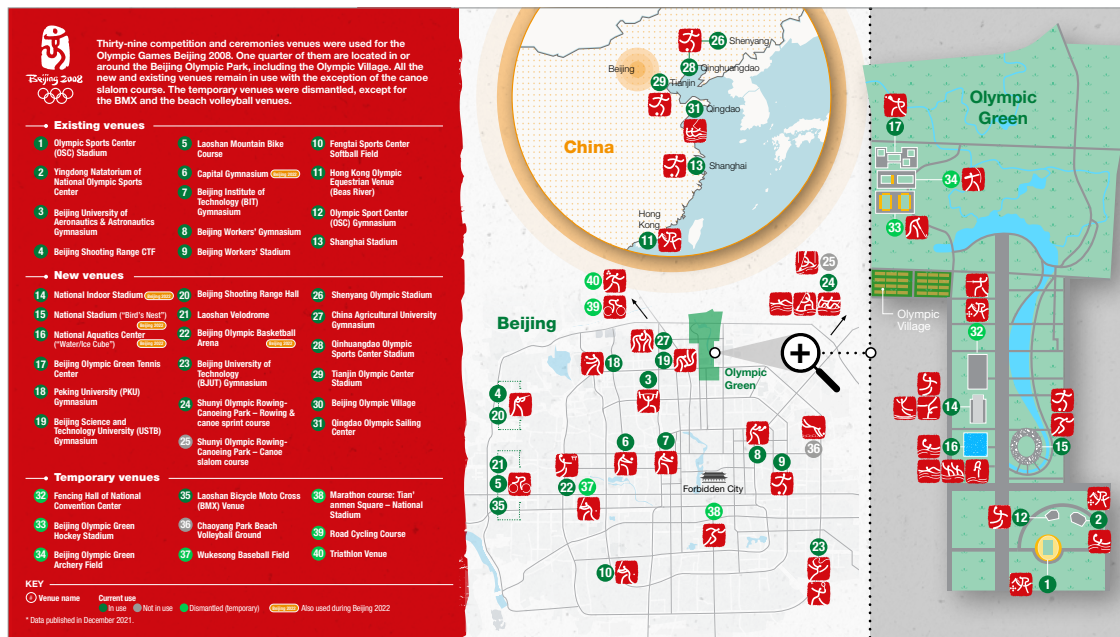
The National Stadium was the main hub of the Games, hosting the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Beijing Olympic Village was built for the Games and remains in use.

VENUE CLASSIFICATION



CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)





BEIJING 2008 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Fengtai Sports Centre Softball Field	Existing	Softball	In use
Yingdong Natatorium of National Olympic Sports Centre	Existing	Water polo, modern pentathlon (swimming)	In use
Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT) Gymnasium	Existing	Volleyball	In use
Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics Gymnasium	Existing	Weightlifting	In use
Beijing Workers' Gymnasium	Existing	Boxing	In use
Beijing Workers' Stadium	Existing	Football	In use
Capital Gymnasium	Existing	Volleyball	In use

BEIJING 2008 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Laoshan Mountain Bike Course	Existing	Mountain bike	In use
Olympic Sports Centre (OSC) Gymnasium	Existing	Handball	In use
Olympic Sports Centre (OSC) Stadium	Existing	Modern pentathlon (running, equestrian)	In use
Beijing University of Technology (BJUT) Gymnasium	New build	Rhythmic gymnastics, badminton	In use
National Indoor Stadium	New build	Artistic gymnastics, trampoline gymnastics, handball	In use
National Stadium	New build	Athletics, football, Opening and Closing Ceremonies	In use
Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park – Rowing & canoe sprint course	New build	Rowing, canoe sprint, swimming	In use
National Aquatics Centre	New build	Swimming, diving, artistic swimming, water polo	In use
Beijing Olympic Green Tennis Centre	New build	Tennis	In use
Laoshan Velodrome	New build	Cycling (track)	In use
Beijing Olympic Basketball Arena	New build	Basketball	In use
Beijing Science and Technology University (USTB) Gymnasium	New build	Judo, taekwondo	In use
Beijing Shooting Range CTF	New build	Shooting	In use

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Beijing Shooting Range Hall	New build	Shooting	In use
China Agricultural University Gymnasium	New build	Wrestling	In use
Peking University (PKU) Gymnasium	New build	Table tennis	In use
Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park – Canoe slalom course	New build	Canoe slalom	Not in use
Beijing Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use
Beijing Olympic Green Hockey Stadium	Temporary	Hockey	Dismantled (temporary)
Fencing Hall of National Convention Centre	Temporary	Fencing, modern pentathlon (fencing)	Dismantled (temporary)
Tiananmen Square National Stadium Marathon Course	Temporary	Athletics	Dismantled (temporary)
Olympic Green Archery Field	Temporary	Archery	Dismantled (temporary)
Road Cycling Course	Temporary	Cycling (road)	Dismantled (temporary)
Triathlon Venue	Temporary	Triathlon	Dismantled (temporary)
Wukesong Baseball Field	Temporary	Baseball	Dismantled (temporary)
Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground	Temporary	Beach volleyball	Not in use
Laoshan Bicycle Moto Cross (BMX) Venue	Temporary	Cycling (BMX)	In use (repurposed)

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Venues outside Beijing			
Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Venue (Beas River)	Existing	Eventing, dressage, jumping	In use
Shanghai Stadium	Existing	Football	In use
Qingdao Olympic Sailing Centre	New build	Sailing	In use
Qinhuangdao Olympic Sports Centre Stadium	New build	Football	In use
Tianjin Olympic Centre Stadium	New build	Football	In use
Shenyang Olympic Stadium	New build	Football	In use

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VENUES IN USE

NATIONAL STADIUM

Also known as the Bird's Nest on account of its distinctive, award-winning steel structure, it has become one of Beijing's best-known landmarks and has attracted more than 30 million visitors since its opening. The venue continues to be used for national and international competitions. Located in the Olympic Park, it hosted the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

NATIONAL AQUATICS CENTRE

Better known as the Water Cube, it has become another Beijing landmark. This multi-functional sports, recreation and fitness venue is mainly used as an aquatic sports training facility, but it continues to host national and international events and is also open to the public, receiving 3,000 visitors a day. The venue was refurbished in 2010, when a water park, exhibition hall, stores and restaurants were added. It underwent further refurbishment in 2020, in preparation for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, when it staged the curling events.

BEIJING OLYMPIC BASKETBALL GYMNASIUM

Home to a number of sports teams, this privately run venue stages more than 100 sports and cultural events per year, including concerts by world-renowned artists. The Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 ice hockey competitions were held here.

SHUNYI OLYMPIC ROWING-CANOEING PARK

Though the canoe slalom course was emptied after the Games and is used intermittently, the rest of the venue remains open to sporting events and to recreational water activities, such as sailing lessons, wakeboarding and water skiing. It has also hosted local water sports events and some international events.

LAOSHAN MOUNTAIN BIKE COURSE

This existing venue located by the Laoshan Velodrome was opened to the public just after the Games and has now been converted into a leisure park.

BEIJING OLYMPIC GREEN TENNIS CENTRE

The centre has hosted the ATP 500 China Open since 2009. A new centre court, the National Tennis Stadium, was opened in 2011. Featuring a retractable roof, the stadium has a capacity of 15,000, the fifth largest in the world. When it is not hosting events, the centre opens to the public, who can rent the courts out.

CHINA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY GYMNASIUM

Now a sports complex used by students of the China Agricultural University, it is one of six further education facilities that was used to stage events at Beijing 2008.

BEIJING OLYMPIC VILLAGE

After accommodating 16,000 athletes at Beijing 2008, the Olympic Village's apartments were refurbished for residential purposes and placed on the market. Its occupancy rate was 95 per cent by 2016. The city's public transport network has been expanded to serve the area, with the construction of new subway lines. During the Village's construction, concerns were raised about worker conditions and the displacement of local residents. Six auxiliary accommodation sites were used at Beijing 2008: in Qingdao, Hong Kong, Tianjin, Shanghai, Shenyang and Qinhuangdao.

LAOSHAN VELODROME

The venue has mainly been used for cycling training since the Games, and has hosted only a small number of local and national cycling competitions. It is also used for other sports on an occasional basis.

HONG KONG OLYMPIC EQUESTRIAN VENUE (BEAS RIVER)

The venue hosted the equestrian events at the 2010 Asian Games and continues to stage a large number of dressage, show jumping and cross-country events at all levels, from grassroots to high-performance. It is also home to a riding school that offers services to Hong Kong Jockey Club members and other permitted users.

NATIONAL INDOOR STADIUM

A multi-purpose venue that is open to the public and visitors, the National Indoor Stadium hosts both sporting and cultural events. It was refurbished in preparation for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, when it hosted the ice hockey competitions.

TEMPORARY VENUES

CHAOYANG PARK BEACH VOLLEYBALL GROUND

The venue's stands have not been dismantled and have deteriorated over the years. The grounds around it are used for a variety of cultural activities, however.

TRIATHLON VENUE

The venue was located at the Ming Tombs Reservoir, an hour's drive north of central Beijing. The 1.5km swim was held in the reservoir, with the 40km bike section and 10km run taking place on the reservoir dam itself and the surrounding roads. The facilities and stands erected for the Games were dismantled afterwards.

BEIJING OLYMPIC GREEN HOCKEY STADIUM:

After Beijing 2008, the stadium was used by the public for ball games. Both it and the neighbouring Olympic Green Archery Field – another temporary Games venue – have now been dismantled to make way for the National Speed Skating Oval, which hosted the speed skating competitions at the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

> DID YOU KNOW?

At the time of its construction, the Bird's Nest was the world's largest steel structure, with 26km of unwrapped steel used. With a capacity of 91,000, it was the largest venue used at Beijing 2008, though the capacity has since been reduced to 80,000.

The distinctive facade of the Water Cube is inspired by soap bubbles and allows daylight to enter the building, helping to save up to 55 per cent on lighting energy for the venue.

The Ming Tombs Reservoir, the venue for the triathlon competitions, is so called because of its proximity to the Ming Tombs, a series of mausoleums built by the emperors of China's Ming dynasty.

Beijing 2008 had more competition venues – 39 – than any other Olympic Games.

Beijing's Olympic Village is located in a park that is twice the size of New York's Central Park.