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> INTRODUCTION

Olympic Host City history began with the selection of Athens for the Olympic Games 1896 and Paris for the Olympic Games 1900 at the Congress for the Re-establishment of the Olympic Games, which was held in Paris in 1894. In the years that followed there has been a long list of cities who have sought to be elected as an Olympic Host.

The way in which the cities are presented reflects the changes that have been made to the candidature process over the years. The introduction of new terms attributed to the cities (candidate, finalist candidate, applicant and interested) is directly linked to the evolving nature of the process. These changes have been gradually introduced as the Games have evolved, in order to provide cities with greater information and to ensure cities are adequately prepared to provide a unique Olympic experience for the best athletes in the world.

In this document we aim to provide an overview of the cities that have officially gone through the International Olympic Committee (IOC) candidature process. The cities are listed in alphabetical order and the elected Host City is underlined for edition of the Games, whether the Games were held or cancelled.

In the exceptional event that the Games were reallocated or a city withdrew from the candidature process, this is indicated.

> CITIES

GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD 2028

Candidate Cities	- <u>Los Angeles (USA)</u> * * In July 2017, Los Angeles changed its candidature from 2024 to 2028 as part of a Tripartite Agreement between the IOC, Los Angeles and Paris. Los Angeles became the sole candidate city for 2028.
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XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2026

Interested & Candidate Cities	- Calgary (CAN)*, <u>Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA)</u> , Stockholm-Åre (SWE) * Calgary withdrew during the candidature stage after a plebiscite 'no' vote by the local population and a 'no' vote by the city council.
Interested Cities	- Erzurum (TUR), Graz (AUS)*, Sapporo (JPN)**, Sion (SUI)*** * Graz withdrew during the dialogue stage after not gaining provincial government support for the bid. ** Sapporo withdrew during the dialogue stage to focus on recovery from an earthquake in the region in 2018 and a possible bid for 2030. *** Sion withdrew during the dialogue stage after a Canton-wide referendum vote against releasing funding.

GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD 2024

Candidate Cities	- Budapest (HUN)*, Hamburg (GER)**, Los Angeles (USA)***, <u>Paris (FRA)</u> ***, Rome (ITA)**** * Budapest withdrew during the candidate city phase of the process after the local government decided not to provide backing. ** Hamburg withdrew during the candidate city phase of the process after a 'no' vote by the local population in a referendum. *** In July 2017, Los Angeles changed its candidature to 2028 as part of a Tripartite Agreement between the IOC, Los Angeles and Paris. **** Rome withdrew during the candidate city phase of the process after the City Council decided not to provide backing.
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XXIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2022

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- Almaty (KAZ), <u>Beijing (CHN)</u> , Oslo (NOR)* * Oslo withdrew during the candidate city phase of the process after the Norwegian government decided not to provide backing.
Applicant Cities	- Krakow (POL)*, Lviv (UKR)**, Stockholm (SWE)*** * Krakow withdrew during the applicant city phase of the process following a 'no' vote by the local population in a referendum. ** Lviv withdrew during the applicant city phase of the process after they decided to turn their attention to a bid for 2026. *** Stockholm withdrew during the applicant city phase of the process after the City Council decided not to provide financial backing.

GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD 2020

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- Istanbul (TUR), Madrid (ESP), <u>Tokyo (JPN)</u>
Applicant Cities	- Baku (AZE), Doha (QAT), Rome (ITA)* *Rome withdrew during the applicant city phase of the process after the Italian government announced it would not provide a guarantee of financial backing.

XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2018

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- Annecy (FRA), Munich (GER), <u>PyeongChang (KOR)</u>
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GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD 2016

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- Chicago (USA), Madrid (ESP), <u>Rio de Janeiro (BRA)</u> , Tokyo (JPN)
Applicant Cities	- Baku (AZE), Doha (QAT), Prague (CZE)

XXII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2014

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- PyeongChang (KOR), Salzburg (AUT), <u>Sochi (RUS)</u>
Applicant Cities	- Almaty (KAZ), Borjomi (GEO), Jaca (ESP), Sofia (BUL)

GAMES OF THE XXX OLYMPIAD 2012

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- <u>London (GBR)</u> , Madrid (ESP), Moscow (RUS), New York (USA), Paris (FRA)
Applicant Cities	- Havana (CUB), Istanbul (TUR), Leipzig (GER), Rio de Janeiro (BRA)

XXI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2010

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- Bern (SUI)*, PyeongChang (KOR), Salzburg (AUT), <u>Vancouver (CAN)</u> <i>*Bern withdrew during the candidate city phase of the process following a local referendum on Games' funding.</i>
Applicant Cities	- Andorra La Vella (AND), Harbin (CHN), Jaca (ESP), Sarajevo (BIH)

GAMES OF THE XXIX OLYMPIAD 2008

Applicant & Candidate Cities	- <u>Beijing (CHN)</u> , Istanbul (TUR), Osaka (JPN), Paris (FRA), Toronto (CAN)
Applicant Cities	- Bangkok (THA), Cairo (EGY), Havana (CUB), Kuala Lumpur (MAS), Seville (ESP)

XX OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2006

Candidate Cities & Finalist Candidate Cities	- Sion (SUI), <u>Turin (ITA)</u>
Candidate Cities	- Helsinki (FIN), Klagenfurt (AUT), Poprad-Tatry (SVK), Zakopane (POL)

GAMES OF THE XXVIII OLYMPIAD 2004

Candidate Cities & Finalist Candidate Cities	- <u>Athens (GRE)</u> , Buenos Aires (ARG), Cape Town (RSA), Rome (ITA), Stockholm (SWE)
Candidate Cities	- Istanbul (TUR), Lille (FRA), Rio de Janeiro (BRA), San Juan (PUR), Seville (ESP), St. Petersburg (RUS)

XIX OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2002

Candidate Cities & Finalist Candidate Cities	- Östersund (SWE), Quebec City (CAN), <u>Salt Lake City (USA)</u> , Sion (SUI)
Candidate Cities	- Graz (AUT), Jaca (ESP), Poprad-Tatry (SVK), Sochi (RUS), Tarvisio (ITA)

GAMES OF THE XXVII OLYMPIAD 2000

Candidate Cities	- Beijing (CHN), Berlin (GER), Brasilia (BRA)*, Istanbul (TUR), Manchester (GBR), Milan (ITA)**, <u>Sydney (AUS)</u> <i>*Brasilia withdrew during the candidature process following the release of the IOC Enquiry Commission's Report.</i> <i>**Milan withdrew during the candidature process.</i>
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XVIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1998

Candidate Cities	- Aosta (ITA), Jaca (ESP), <u>Nagano (JPN)</u> , Östersund (SWE), Salt Lake City (USA), Sochi (URS)* <i>*Sochi withdrew during the candidature process.</i>
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GAMES OF THE XXVI OLYMPIAD 1996

Candidate Cities	- Athens (GRE), <u>Atlanta (USA)</u> , Belgrade (YUG), Manchester (GBR), Melbourne (AUS), Toronto (CAN)
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XVII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1994

Candidate Cities	- Anchorage (USA), Berchtesgaden (FRG)*, Lausanne (SUI)**, <u>Lillehammer (NOR)</u> , Östersund-Are (SWE), Sofia (BUL) <i>*Berchtesgaden withdrew during the candidature process.</i> <i>**Lausanne withdrew during the candidature process following a 'no' vote by the local population in a referendum.</i>
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GAMES OF THE XXV OLYMPIAD 1992

Candidate Cities	- Amsterdam (NED), <u>Barcelona (ESP)</u> , Belgrade (YUG), Birmingham (GBR), Brisbane (AUS), New Delhi (IND)*, Paris (FRA) <i>*New Delhi withdrew during the candidature process after announcing that the Indian government would not provide financial backing.</i>
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XVI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1992

Candidate Cities - Albertville (FRA), Anchorage (USA), Berchtesgaden (FRG), Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA), Falun (SWE), Lillehammer (NOR), Sofia (BUL)

GAMES OF THE XXIV OLYMPIAD 1988

Candidate Cities - Athens (GRE)*, Melbourne (AUS)**, Nagoya (JPN), Seoul (KOR)
**Athens was ultimately not taken into consideration by the IOC after it failed to meet the candidature file submission deadline and the NOC stipulated its candidature was linked to the Greek government's proposal to stage the Games permanently in Greece.*
***Melbourne withdrew during the candidature process after the Australian government decided it would not provide financial backing.*

XV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1988

Candidate Cities - Calgary (CAN), Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA), Falun (SWE)

GAMES OF THE XXIII OLYMPIAD 1984

Candidate Cities - Los Angeles (USA)

XIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1984

Candidate Cities - Gothenburg (SWE), Sapporo (JPN), Sarajevo (YUG)

GAMES OF THE XXII OLYMPIAD 1980

Candidate Cities - Los Angeles (USA), Moscow (URS)

XIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1980

Candidate Cities	- Chamonix-Mont Blanc Region (FRA)*, <u>Lake Placid (USA)</u> , Vancouver-Garibaldi (CAN)** <i>*The Chamonix-Mont Blanc Region withdrew during the candidature process after the French government decided that giving consideration to support for a bid was not a priority at that time.</i> <i>**Vancouver-Garibaldi withdrew during the candidature process after the British Columbia government opposed the use of provincial land for some events.</i>
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GAMES OF THE XXI OLYMPIAD 1976

Candidate Cities	- Florence (ITA)*, Los Angeles (USA), <u>Montreal (CAN)</u> , Moscow (URS) <i>*Florence was ultimately not taken into consideration by the IOC after the city failed to obtain support from the Italian government.</i>
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XII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1976

Candidate Cities*	- <u>Denver (USA)</u> , Sion (SUI), Tampere (FIN), Vancouver-Garibaldi (CAN) <i>*The above list of cities is only for the original candidature process.</i>
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Games Site	- <u>Innsbruck (AUT)</u> , Lake Placid (USA), Mont Blanc (FRA), Tampere
Re-allocation* -	(FIN)
Candidate Cities	<i>*Following Denver's withdrawal as Host City a second process took place to elect a new Host City.</i>

GAMES OF THE XX OLYMPIAD 1972

Candidate Cities	- Detroit (USA), Madrid (ESP), Montreal (CAN), <u>Munich (FRG)</u> , Paris (FRA)*, Vienna (AUT)** <i>*Paris withdrew during the candidature process after the city government decided it did not have the necessary means to organize the Games.</i> <i>**Vienna withdrew during the candidature process after the Austrian government decided it would not support the bid.</i>
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XI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1972

Candidate Cities	- Banff (CAN), Lahti (FIN), Salt Lake City (USA), <u>Sapporo (JPN)</u>
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GAMES OF THE XIX OLYMPIAD 1968

Candidate Cities - Buenos Aires (ARG), Detroit (USA), Lyon (FRA), Mexico City (MEX)

X OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1968

Candidate Cities - Calgary (CAN), Grenoble (FRA), Lahti (FIN), Lake Placid (USA), Oslo (NOR), Sapporo (JPN), Sion (SUI)*

**Sion withdrew during the candidature process following a local population vote against funding the Games.*

GAMES OF THE XVIII OLYMPIAD 1964

Candidate Cities - Brussels (BEL), Detroit (USA), Tokyo (JPN), Vienna (AUT)

IX OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1964

Candidate Cities - Calgary (CAN), Innsbruck (AUT), Lahti (FIN)

GAMES OF THE XVII OLYMPIAD 1960

Candidate Cities - Brussels (BEL), Budapest (HUN), Detroit (USA), Lausanne (SUI), Mexico City (MEX), Rome (ITA), Tokyo (JPN)

VIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1960

Candidate Cities - Garmisch-Partenkirchen (FRG), Innsbruck (AUT), Squaw Valley (USA), St. Moritz (SUI)

GAMES OF THE XVI OLYMPIAD 1956

Candidate Cities* - Buenos Aires (ARG), Chicago (USA), Detroit (USA), Los Angeles (USA), Melbourne (AUS), Mexico City (MEX), Minneapolis (USA), Philadelphia (USA), San Francisco (USA)
**The above list of cities is only for the original candidature process.*

“Equestrian Games” Allocation* - Berlin (GER), Buenos Aires (ARG)** , Dublin (IRL)*** , London (GBR)**** , Los Angeles (USA), Paris (FRA), Rio de Janeiro (BRA),
- Candidate Cities Stockholm (SWE)
**Following the discovery that the equestrian events could not be held in Australia due to the country’s quarantine laws a second process took place to elect a new Host City for only those events.
**Buenos Aires was ultimately not taken into consideration by the IOC at the time of the vote.
***Dublin withdrew during the process due to Ministry of Health regulations.
****London withdrew during the process.*

VII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1956

Candidate Cities - Colorado Springs (USA), Cortina d’Ampezzo (ITA), Lake Placid (USA), Montreal (CAN)

GAMES OF THE XV OLYMPIAD 1952

Candidate Cities - Amsterdam (NED), Chicago (USA), Detroit (USA), Helsinki (FIN), Lausanne (SUI)*, Los Angeles (USA), Minneapolis (USA), Philadelphia (USA)
**Lausanne withdrew during the candidature process after they found that it would not be possible to build the necessary venues.*

VI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1952

Candidate Cities - Cortina d’Ampezzo (ITA), Lake Placid (USA), Oslo (NOR)

GAMES OF THE XIV OLYMPIAD 1948

Candidate Cities - Athens (GRE)*, Baltimore (USA)**, Lausanne (SUI), London (GBR), Los Angeles (USA)**, Minneapolis (USA)**, Philadelphia (USA)**
**Athens withdrew during the candidature process after deciding to focus on an attempted bid for 1952.*
***Baltimore, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Philadelphia were taken **into consideration** by the IOC but were then subsequently eliminated in the narrowing down of candidates to London and Lausanne for the election.*

V OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1948

Candidate Cities - Lake Placid (USA)*, St. Moritz (SUI)
**Lake Placid was taken into consideration by the IOC but was then subsequently eliminated in the narrowing down to only the candidate of St. Moritz for the election.*

GAMES OF THE XIII OLYMPIAD 1944 - GAMES NOT HELD

Candidate Cities - Athens (GRE)*, Budapest (HUN)**, Detroit (USA), Helsinki (FIN)***, Lausanne (SUI), London (GBR), Rome (ITA)
**Athens withdrew during the candidature process after deciding to focus on a bid for 1948. **Budapest withdrew during the candidature process.*
****Helsinki was eliminated after they were chosen to take over as Host City for the Games of the XII Olympiad.*

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1944 - GAMES NOT HELD

Candidate Cities - Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA), Montreal (CAN), Oslo (NOR), St. Moritz (SUI)*
**St. Moritz was eliminated after they were chosen as the first site to take over as Host City for the 1940 edition of the Olympic Winter Games.*

GAMES OF THE XII OLYMPIAD 1940 - GAMES NOT HELD

Candidate Cities**	- Helsinki (FIN), Rome (ITA)*, <u>Tokyo (JPN)</u> *Rome withdrew during the candidature process. **The above list of cities is only for the original candidature process.
Games Site Re-allocation - Candidate Cities*	- <u>Helsinki (FIN)</u> *Following Tokyo's withdrawal as Host City a second process took place to elect a new Host City.

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1940 - GAMES NOT HELD

Candidate Cities*	- <u>Sapporo (JPN)</u> *The above list of cities is only for the original candidature process.
Games Site Re-allocation #1* - Candidate Cities	- Oslo (NOR)**, <u>St. Moritz (SUI)</u> *Following Sapporo's withdrawal as Host City a second process took place to elect a new Host City. **Oslo withdrew during the process.
Games Site Re-allocation #2* - Candidate Cities	- <u>Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER)</u> *Following St. Moritz's withdrawal as Host City a third process took place to elect a new Host City.

GAMES OF THE XI OLYMPIAD 1936

Candidate Cities	- Alexandria (EGY), Barcelona (ESP), <u>Berlin (GER)</u> , Budapest (HUN)*, Buenos Aires (ARG), Cologne (GER), Dublin (IRL), Frankfurt (GER), Helsinki (Helsingfors) (FIN), Lausanne (SUI)**, Nuremberg (GER), Rome (ITA)*** *Budapest withdrew during the candidature process after declaring their support for Berlin. **Lausanne withdrew during the candidature process after they decided to instead focus on a bid for 1944. ***Rome withdrew during the candidature process after they announced that they would focus on a bid in the future, but no specific Games edition was mentioned.
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IV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1936

Candidate Cities	- <u>Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER)</u>
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GAMES OF THE X OLYMPIAD 1932

Candidate Cities - Los Angeles (USA)

III OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1932

Candidate Cities - Bear Mountain (USA), Denver (USA), Duluth (USA), Lake Placid (USA), Lake Tahoe (USA), Minneapolis (USA), Montreal (CAN), Yosemite Valley (USA)

GAMES OF THE IX OLYMPIAD 1928

Candidate Cities - Amsterdam (NED)

II OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 1928

Candidate Cities - Davos (SUI), Engelberg (SUI), St. Moritz (SUI)

GAMES OF THE VIII OLYMPIAD 1924

Candidate Cities - Amsterdam (NED), Kristiania (NOR)*, Los Angeles (USA), Paris (FRA), Prague (TCH)*, Rome (ITA)
**Kristiania and Prague both withdrew during the candidature process.*

“SEMAINE DES SPORTS D’HIVER” 1924 - RETROACTIVELY RENAMED THE I OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Candidate Cities - Chamonix (FRA)

GAMES OF THE VII OLYMPIAD 1920

Candidate Cities - Antwerp (BEL), Lyon (FRA)*
**Lyon withdrew during the candidature process after declaring their support for Antwerp.*

GAMES OF THE VI OLYMPIAD 1916 - GAMES NOT HELD

Candidate Cities - Alexandria (EGY), Berlin (GER), Budapest (HUN)*
**Budapest withdrew during the candidature process after declaring their support for Berlin.*

GAMES OF THE V OLYMPIAD 1912

Candidate Cities - Berlin (GER)*, Stockholm (SWE)
**Berlin withdrew during the candidature process after they found that it would not be possible to build the necessary stadium in time for the Games.*

GAMES OF THE IV OLYMPIAD 1908

Candidate Cities** - Berlin (GER)*, Rome (ITA)
**Berlin withdrew during the candidature process.
**The above list of cities is only for the original candidature process.*

Games Site Re-allocation* - London (GBR)
**Following Rome's withdrawal as Host City a second process took place to elect a new Host City.*

GAMES OF THE III OLYMPIAD 1904

Candidate Cities* - Chicago (USA), St. Louis (USA)
**The above list of cities is only for the original candidature process.*

Games Site Re-allocation* - St. Louis (USA)
**In order not to conflict with the World Exposition which was scheduled to take place in St. Louis in 1904, the IOC took the decision to transfer the Olympic Games from Chicago to St. Louis.*

GAMES OF THE II OLYMPIAD 1900

Candidate Cities - Paris (FRA)

GAMES OF THE I OLYMPIAD 1896

Candidate Cities - Athens (GRE)

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