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First-class venues primed to host the 2013 SOBC Summer Games

With the 2013 Special Olympics BC Summer Games quickly approaching, excitement is building fast around the venues for the 11 sporting events.

Langley Events Centre

The main hub for the 2013 SOBC Summer Games, the LEC will host an exciting day of festivities to open the Games. The LEC will be the home for the basketball, powerlifting, and rhythmic gymnastics events, and will also host the Healthy Athletes program and the main results centre.

The basketball tournament will take place on the LEC's two official-sized courts with seating for 800 spectators. With an electronic scoring system and video board, the spectators will be sure to enjoy the show.

Backed by the LEC's state-of-the-art sound system, rhythmic gymnastics will be a thrill for spectators as well. The LEC arena has international-standard lighting to bring the stage to life. With floor space to accommodate the rhythmic gymnastics mat, judges table, and an additional warm-up mat, the arena is well equipped for this exciting event.

Always a crowd favourite, powerlifting will set up a pedestal with a raised stage promising a great view for spectators. With warm-up and weigh-in areas, crowds won't miss out on any action. The state-of-the-art sound system plus video board and stadium seating are sure to guarantee a great event.

McLeod Athletic Park

Home to the athletics events, McLeod Athletic Park offers an eight-lane synthetic track, two regulation jump pits, and three shot put pits. Spectators and athletes can benefit from the covered seating and the proximity of the nearby softball venue.

Also hosting the exciting softball events, McLeod Park offers four regulation softball pitches with covered dugouts and an evening lighting system. With spectator seating for each diamond, spectators can cheer on their hometown team.

Redwoods Golf Course

With its par-71 championship-level golf course that will challenge athletes, the Redwoods Golf Course will offer a great event for athletes and spectators alike. With clubhouse facilities, pull carts, and an onsite practice facility, athletes will be well taken care of during the golf tournament.

Walnut Grove Community Centre

With an 8-lane swimming pool, electronic touchpad timing, and a live results board, the Walnut Grove Community Centre pool will be home to an ultra-fun competition. There is plenty of seating for the fans, with an exciting opportunity to watch both inside and out.

Willoughby Community Park

The home of the bocce tournament, Willoughby Community Park offers 10 courts with nearby parking. Bleacher seating will allow spectators to sit comfortably and cheer on the action in the summer sun, adding to the energy of the Games.

Also home to the popular soccer event, Willoughby Community Park has two full-sized artificial turf fields with a spectacular lighting system. With Willoughby Community Park ideally situated adjacent to the LEC, spectators will have easy access to a wide range of exciting events.

Willowbrook Lanes

Home to 20 regulation 5-pin bowling lanes, a computerized scoring system, and ample seating, Willowbrook Lanes will be a perfect host for the 2013 SOBC Summer Games 5-pin bowling events. Balls and shoes are available onsite at this popular and air-conditioned venue, Langley's only 5-pin bowling centre.

The Zone Bowling Centre

The 10-pin bowling events will be hosted at The Zone Bowling Centre located at 228 Schoolhouse Road in Coquitlam. The Zone Bowling Centre features a state-of-the-art on-screen results system, 30 newly built 10-pin lanes, and a variety of restaurants for family and friends to enjoy while viewing all the action.

From July 11 to 14, more than 1,100 athletes with intellectual disabilities will converge on Langley from communities all across B.C. and the Yukon to give their best and go for gold in 11 sports at the 2013 SOBC Summer Games. Volunteers are needed to play a part in staging this inspiring and memorable event. More information is available at www.sobcgameslangley.ca or by contacting the Games office at 604-533-2233 or games@specialolympics.bc.ca.

About Special Olympics BC

Special Olympics BC is dedicated to providing individuals with intellectual disabilities opportunities to enrich their lives and celebrate personal achievement through positive sport experiences. In 55 communities around the province, we provide year-round training and competitive opportunities in 18 different sports to more than 4,100 athletes of all ages and abilities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of over 3,200 volunteers. For more information, please visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca. Find us on Facebook and Twitter: www.facebook.com/specialolympicsbc | @sobcsociety.

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