

# **The International Olympic Committee Vote**

## **The vote**

On July 2, 2003, in the Czech capital, Prague, the International Olympic Committee will vote by secret ballot to select a host city for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

A candidate city requires at least 51 per cent of the votes to be declared the host city. If the first ballot fails to declare a winner, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated and a second ballot will decide the host.

## **IOC voting procedure**

The total of each continent's usual number of votes at the IOC is 126.

However, the maximum number of ballots allowed on July 2 will be 119, because IOC members from nations with cities bidding to host the Games are not allowed to vote. The three countries with candidate cities are Austria, Canada, and South Korea.

To win on the first ballot on July 2, a candidate must take at least 60 votes.

**Breakdown of IOC votes by continent.** Europe normally has 58 votes, but loses Austria's one, for a new total of 57. The Americas normally have 21 votes, but lose Canada's three, for a total of 18. Asia's 25 votes are reduced to 22, after losing Korea's three. Africa and Oceania, with no cities bidding for the 2010 Games, maintain their respective 17 and 5 votes.

## **Vancouver 2010 official delegation**

Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada  
Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Natural Resources (Canada)

Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia  
Ted Nebbeling, Minister of State for the 2010 Olympic Bid (British Columbia)

Larry Campbell, Mayor of Vancouver

Hugh O'Reilly, Mayor of Whistler

Michael Chambers, chairman, Canadian Olympic Committee  
Chris Rudge, chief executive officer, Canadian Olympic Committee  
Patrick Jarvis, president, Canadian Paralympic Committee