

Premier Venues for Toronto Games

Toronto is one of Canada's major centres for both participatory and spectator sports. The city and its surroundings have a vast inventory of facilities for all types of individual and team sports, including those of the Olympics. Toronto's professional teams are in the major North American leagues, and the abundance of first-class stadiums and arenas is evidence of sport's ability to draw large crowds.

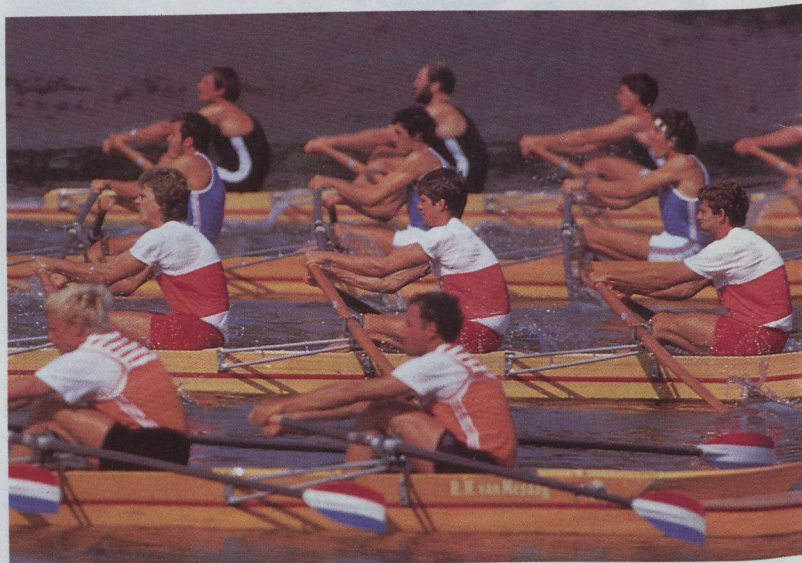
Toronto has developed a comprehensive sporting venues plan in its bid for the 1996 Olympic Games. Its

Up to 80 000 spectators will view track and field events at Toronto's new Olympic Stadium.

purpose is to ensure that the Toronto Games will be an outstanding event for all athletes, officials, International Olympic Committee (IOC) members, spectators and the media.

Compact and Convenient

The Toronto Olympic plan provides for the most self-contained Games ever. Placing all major Olympic facilities in one compact area along the lakefront, approximately 3 km from end to end, will have numerous advantages over a more scattered configuration. The Games will have a practical focus for competitors and spectators alike.



Many venues will be an easy walk, bike or water-taxi ride away. Training facilities and parks, including those at the beautiful Toronto Islands, Harbourfront and Ontario Place, also abound in this lakefront area. Athletes and their coaches will be able to meet, mingle and train, without being unduly disrupted by the workday routine of the larger city beyond.

The Olympic rowing competitions will be held at the Western Beaches Rowing and Canoeing Basin on the Toronto lakefront.

two athletes per room. After the Games, it will become affordable downtown housing — a legacy that has received warm support throughout the entire Toronto community.

The Olympic Village

Toronto's proposed Lakefront Olympic Village will be unique. Athletes will be housed in 20 new low-rise buildings in a self-contained community complete with restaurants, laundry, day-care facilities and courtyards. The Village will have well-located gathering places, walkways, bicycle paths as well as a fine view of Lake Ontario.

The Village will offer athletes a standard of accommodation equal to that of any other Games, with no more than

The Olympic Stadium

The premier sporting venue for the Games will be the Olympic Stadium. Located in Exhibition Place at the west end of the Olympic lakefront area, this specially designed open-air stadium will have the most modern facilities, an excellent natural grass field and seating for 80 000 spectators. The new stadium will house the opening and closing ceremonies, all athletic events, some preliminaries and the finals for football and for individual equestrian jumping competitions.

