Pre-Games Training Camps
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TRAINING CAMPS

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ALL OVER FRANCE
ARE GEARING UP TO
WELCOME ATHLETES
AND DELEGATIONS
FOR THE PARIS
2024 OLYMPIC AND
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The Pre-Games Training Camps have been selected, kicking off the Olympic and Paralympic journey for athletes all over the world. Following a rigorous selection procedure, led by Paris 2024 and involving a large number of stakeholders (the French State, the French National Olympic and Sports Committee, the French Paralympic and Sports Committee, national Olympic and Paralympic federations, regional authorities, the French National Sports Agency, Solideo and Territoires Unis), 620 sports facilities and host services have been chosen as Pre-Games Training Camps, meaning that they will potentially host international sports delegations in training for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. France’s rich local diversity is taking centre stage, as 415 local collectivities awarded the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label will host to Pre-Games Training Camps. All the regions and departments (i.e. 95 out of 101) that have applied are represented in this selection.
THE JOURNEY BEGINS FOR ATHLETES ALL OVER THE WORLD

As soon as the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games are over, athletes from all over the world will be able to find their bearings in one of the 415 locations selected as Pre-Games Training Camps throughout France. High-quality sports facilities and host services were selected to host the athletes in top-class surroundings. Pre-Games Training Camps – effective support bases enabling athletes to soak up the atmosphere in the host country and start along their journey to the Games three years before the big event kicks off – play a key role in helping athletes prepare as they seek to dazzle spectators all over the world with their performance come summer 2024.
GLOSSARY

Local authority
A lead entity that applies to host a Pre-Games Training Camp. A local authority can apply to host multiple Pre-Games Training Camps; for instance, a structure spanning multiple towns can make an application for a sports complex in one town and an aquatics centre in another. Local authorities are authorised to communicate about the presence of one or several Pre-Games Training Camps in their area.

Pre-Games Training Camp
A camp selected by Paris 2024 to appear in the official catalogue. A camp can consist of one or several sports facilities (e.g. a sports complex comprising a sports hall and a stadium).

Facilities
Examples include an aquatics centre, a sports hall and a white-water centre. A facility can host one or several sports.

Disciplines
Examples include badminton, wheelchair tennis and football. They are the sports that local authorities applied to host.
A CHANCE FOR FRANCE’S REGIONS TO SHINE

From local authorities’ point of view, hosting a Pre-Games Training Camp makes their area more attractive. It gives local residents the opportunity to learn more about a particular sport, country or culture and feel the pride of hosting a delegation of athletes and helping them prepare right up until the big day.

A total of 415 local authorities will host Pre-Games Training Camps across every region of France and almost all departments (95 out of 101), far and wide, such as Corsica, Reunion island, New Caledonia and Brittany. This widespread geographical distribution highlights France’s rich local diversity and is a testimony to the high-quality sports facilities all over the country.
A RIGOROUS PROCEDURE WITH STRONG STAKEHOLDER BACKING

Pre-Games Training Camps are listed in a catalogue that will be made available to the 206 National Olympic Committees and 182 National Paralympic Committees in the first three months of 2021. Each committee will choose from this list, sending their teams to the camps that best suit their specific needs.

Territoires Unis (comprising Régions de France, the Association of French Mayors and the Assembly of French Departments) ensured that all regions, departments and towns knew that they had the opportunity to apply to host a Pre-Games Training Camp. Over 750 applications were submitted between 15 July and 30 November 2019.

Paris 2024 stakeholders worked together as part of the selection procedure. Through the Olympic and Paralympic federations, the French National Olympic and Sports Committee and the French Paralympic and Sports Committee helped draw up the specifications and review the applications, sharing their views and technical expertise. The French State, through its decentralised services and regional youth and sports departments (DRJS), applied its area-specific knowledge to the applications. The French National Sports Agency will provide up to €20 million in funding to renovate certain accredited “Pre Games Training Camp” sports facilities.

Applications were reviewed based on various criteria – both technical (playing areas, infrastructure quality, medical services and accessibility) and non-technical (transport and host infrastructure, welcome and support programmes for the delegations, as well as local sports heritage) – in accordance with guidelines issued by the International Olympic Committee, international federations, French National Federations and Paris 2024.

The selections announced today follow the first wave of applications. However, it is still possible for local authorities to apply to be Pre Games Training Camp

It will also be possible for local authorities with the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label to apply from the second half of the year 2021 to become Pre Games Training Camp for the additional sports of Paris 2024 (breaking, climbing, surfing, skateboarding).
“Selecting Pre-Games Training Camps is a key step. Athletes will be able to make very concrete plans for their Paris 2024 journey as they begin to organise their training regime on site, in top-class facilities. They will also discover the essence of our project – the sport, celebrations, innovation and solidarity – through our fantastic ambassadors and local areas and residents.

It is a unique opportunity for local areas to shine and get residents involved. The Pre-Games Training Camps constitute another opportunity to recall the national scope of the Paris 2024 Games. No fewer than 414 local authorities throughout France might host and support international delegations preparing for the Games. This is a great source of pride and provides opportunities to bring different cultures together to communicate through the common language of sport. We are committed to getting all of France and all its citizens involved in the Paris 2024 Games. All areas – from the largest region to the smallest town – can take part in our project, which gives everybody the opportunity to join in the Games experience right away and continue to enjoy the celebration for many years to come. Many of us are now using the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label to spread the energy sparked by the Games all over the country and will build on this momentum right up until 2024.”

Tony Estanguet · President of the Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

“Through the Olympic federations, the French sporting movement is greatly committed to lending its expertise to the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It is vital to enable all the National Olympic Committees to prepare in the best possible conditions and we are lucky here in France to have suitable sports facilities. The selection of the Pre-Games Training Camps is a big moment for the whole country and will give many people in France the opportunity to host delegations of athletes from all over the world.”

Denis Masseglia · President of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee

“The success of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games lies partly in our collective ability to host the world’s greatest athletes throughout France and provide suitable modern facilities. We are doing this by setting up Pre-Games Training Camps. Areas awarded the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label that host Pre-Games Training Camps give teams from all over the world the opportunity to do their final preparation in France and I am pleased that this major project has fully taken Paralympic athletes into consideration. The commitment of a very large number of stakeholders and the expertise of Paralympic federations will enable us to provide National Paralympic Committees with excellent, accessible training facilities that are suitable for Paralympic athletes.”

Marie-Amélie Le Fur · President of the French Paralympic and Sports Committee
“State services have worked with Paris 2024 and the sporting movement to select state-of-the-art sports facilities to host sports delegations from all over the world as soon as the Tokyo Games are over.

Within this framework, the Ministry of Sport and the French National Sports Agency will provide €20 million in funding to carry out works on these Pre-Games Training Camps to host French and foreign sports delegations in top-class surroundings.

“Terre de Jeux 2024” labels were awarded all over the country. This was an essential move.

Since the very beginning of the Olympic journey, both we and Paris 2024 firmly believe that the 2024 Games must benefit the entire country right away, as these Games are for all of France.”

Ms. Jacqueline Gourault · Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Government

Ms. Roxana Maracineanu · Minister Delegate for Sport

M. Michel Cadot · Interministerial Delegate for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and Major Sporting Events and President of the French National Sports Agency
“Paralympic Games will hinge on getting all towns involved in the years leading up to this major international event. The “Terre de Jeux 2024” label and applications from several hundred towns to host Pre-Games Training Camps are wonderful vehicles to convey the commitment of mayors. When these essential local stakeholders work alongside sports clubs, their joint action can give rise to a profound grassroots movement. These moves highlight the need for the Paris 2024 Games to put legacy at the heart of the project in order to make a tangible impact when it comes to facilities and sports participation for all.”

François Baroin · President of the Association of French Mayors (AMF)

“We are very pleased with the remarkable success of our regions. 95 departments are involved and, during the selection process, 55 out of 60 applications are submitted by departmental councils or local authorities with departmental competencies.

This recognition is important for our departments and all areas that demonstrate involvement and ambition on a daily basis to develop sporting activities for everybody and support up-and-coming athletes.

Sport is suffering greatly as a result of the health crisis. For us, it is both an opportunity to highlight the work carried out so far and the involvement of local stakeholders to create future Olympic and Paralympic success together and a reminder that, despite the current challenges, the 2024 dream is still there to inspire us.”

Dominique Bussereau · President of the Assembly of French Departments (ADF)

“In supporting the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic journey, Régions de France has always believed that the Games would involve all of France, both mainland and overseas. Following the successful mobilisation stemming from the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label, we welcome the selection of the first round of Pre-Games Training Camps. By hosting international sporting delegations in top class surroundings, we will give the champions who will take our breath away in summer 2024 a taste of what France has to offer.”

Renaud Muselier · President of the Régions de France association
IN Volving France as a whole IN ORGANISING THE GAMES

Paris 2024 wished to involve more people and enhance the Games experience over the long term by including local residents across the entire country.

Whether you live in a major region or a small town, mainland France or a French overseas territory, the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label provides numerous opportunities to get involved in the Paris 2024 Games. Areas awarded this label are encouraged to get residents to exercise more and their efforts are highlighted in a unique way. They contribute to the many highlights of the Games, including an Olympic and Paralympic Week in schools to raise children’s awareness of sports participation and values, the Paris 2024 Club and its sports challenges, the “ExploreTerredeJeux2024” hashtag to discover local exercise trails, the Paris 2024 cultural programme and the Olympic and Paralympic torch relay.

The “Terre de Jeux 2024” label has recently been awarded to the 1000th town, reflecting the great enthusiasm for the Games throughout the whole country. Four years ahead of the event and already one third of people in France live in a “Terre de Jeux 2024” town. Towns across all French regions and departments – from the Grand Est region to Tahiti and from Corsica to the Seine Saint-Denis department – have been awarded the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label. The smallest (Bellefosse in the Bas-Rhin department) has only 72 inhabitants.

In choosing to make the “Terre de Jeux 2024” label a prerequisite for Pre-Games Training Camp applications, Paris 2024 ensured that these areas – and their inhabitants – would be involved in the Games journey for many years to come.
Paris 2024 thanks its Partners for their dedication.

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