



### ***What is the Kelowna International Children's Games Committee (KICGC)?***

As part of the legacy of hosting the ICG Winter Games in 2011, the KICGC was formed to organize Team Kelowna to go to future Games. It has 10 community volunteers and one City of Kelowna Representative.

For more information on the KICGC please go to

<https://www.facebook.com/KelownalcgLegacy>

[www.kicgc.wordpress.com](http://www.kicgc.wordpress.com)

### ***How many teams have we sent to the Games?***

Ten - Games attended are: Kelowna (2011), Lanarkshire, Scotland (2011), Daegu, South Korea (2012), Ufa, Russia (2013), Windsor, Canada (2013), Lake Macquarie, Australia (2014), Alkmaar, Netherlands (2015), Innsbruck, Austria (2016), New Taipei City, Taiwan (2016) and Kaunas, Lithuania (2017).



### ***What are the International Children's Games?***

The International Children's Games (ICG) were founded in 1968 in Celje, Slovenia, to advance the meeting, understanding and friendship of athletes while promoting the Olympic ideal. 46 different cities in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia have hosted Summer and Winter Games - Kelowna hosted the 2011 ICG Winter Games. Each summer, 1500 athletes and coaches participate in 7 to 10 sport disciplines. Every two years, 800 athletes participate in Winter Games in 6-8 sport disciplines.

### ***Who takes part in the ICG?***

These are city to city Games. Cities are invited to send a team of athletes between the ages of 12 and 15 to compete in their individual sports and participate in cultural activities held by the host city. ICG athletes have gone on to success in the Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Games.



### ***In which sports has Team Kelowna participated?***

Team Kelowna has participated in 19 different sports: Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cycling (BMX), Golf, Sailing, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball, Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Curling, Cross Country Skiing, Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey, Snowboarding and Speed Skating.

### ***What is the level of competition like?***

The ICG is an international competition so athletes and coaches can expect a high level of competition.

### ***How many athletes and coaches have gone to the Games?***

208 athletes (107 boys and 101 girls) and 51 coaches, (31 male and 20 female).



### ***Has Team Kelowna been successful?***

Yes! Since 2011 we have won 22 medals (5 gold, 6 silver and 11 bronze) and Kelowna is one of the few cities to win medals at both Summer and Winter Games.

Our male beach volleyball players also won the prestigious Fair Play Award at the Summer Games in Kaunas, Lithuania, in 2017.

All of the 208 young athletes and 51 coaches who have participated have gained incredible international competition experience and brought home unforgettable memories.



### ***Where are the next Games?***

They are in Jerusalem, Israel, in July 2018. The KICGC is currently also organizing a team to attend the Winter Games in Lake Placid, USA, in January 2019. We will also be sending teams to the Summer Games in Ufa, Russia, in July 2019 and Kecskemét, Hungary, in 2020.

### ***How can I attend?***

If you are an athlete or coach and interested in participating in future Games, please contact the KICGC Sports Director, Michelle Schueler, at [schuelers@shaw.ca](mailto:schuelers@shaw.ca)

### ***Can parents and/or other family members come to the Games?***

Absolutely!

### ***What are the costs to attend?***

**Athletes:** The parents/guardians of each athlete must pay for their child's travel expenses. At the Games, sports costs, meals, accommodation and transportation are covered by the host city.

**Coaches:** Unless covered by their sport organization, coaches must pay for their travel expenses. At the Games, sports costs, meals, accommodation and transportation are covered by the host city.

The City of Kelowna helps Team Kelowna with the costs for Games registration, Head of Delegation and City Representative expenses.

Fundraising to support uniforms and other team expenses is needed. Athletes and coaches are expected to participate in fundraising events.



### ***How can I volunteer to help?***

If you would like to help, please contact the KICGC President, Heather Schneider, at [corgi@shaw.ca](mailto:corgi@shaw.ca)

### ***Where do I find more information about the ICG and the KICGC?***

**International Children's Games website:**

<http://international-childrens-games.org>

**Kelowna ICG Committee:**

[www.facebook.com/KelownalcgLegacy](http://www.facebook.com/KelownalcgLegacy)

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