

TOKYO 2020 OLYMPICS: FROM IDEA TO REALITY

As the Summer Olympic Games draw closer, we've kicked off our Tokyo 2020 Watch series. This month, we look at just how much time and preparation is needed to plan the event. Follow our timeline path, beginning at the "Start" button below...

MARCH 2013

Evaluation Commission visits cities.



25 JUNE 2013
2020 IOC Evaluation Commission Report published.

3 - 4 JUL 2013
2020 Briefing for IOC members.

7 SEP 2013
Election of the host city for the 2020 Olympic Games and signature of the Host City Contract.

7 JAN 2013
Candidature files and guarantees submitted to the IOC.

23 MAY 2012
IOC Executive Board accepts candidate cities: Istanbul, Tokyo, and Madrid move on to the second phase.

1 SEP 2011
National Olympic Committees (NOCs) inform the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the name of their respective applicant cities.

PRE-DECISION:
WHEN THE OLYMPICS WAS JUST A TWINKLE IN TOKYO'S EYE

Application to Become the Host of the 2020 Olympics

Foundation Phase (2013-2015)

] Defined the Games vision and missions of each division.
] Started collaborative activities to create excitement and anticipation ahead of the Games — especially with universities, disaster-affected areas, and regional/local governments.

Planning Phase – After the Rio 2016 Games (2016-2019):

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Committee assesses and adjusts plans based on lessons learned at the Rio 2016 Games.

POST-DECISION:
WHEN TOKYO BEGINS HOST CITY PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2020 OLYMPICS

FEB - MAY 2012
IOC examines submissions.

15 FEB 2012
Applicant files and guarantees submitted to the IOC.

Readiness Phase (2019-2020)

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Committee and partners will perform exercises to assess readiness to operating the Games. During this time, they will also:
] Conduct test events to examine, evaluate, and revise their plans.
] Announce the Torch Relay route.

Dissolution and Legacy Phase (2020-2021)

This is when temporary venues will be taken apart, and permanent venues will be retrofitted for other event use. A final report with an evaluation and feedback of the Games will be submitted. The Legacy Report will report on the positive effect — or legacy — the Games have had on Japan and the world outside of sport.

Games Operations Phase (2020)

For a successful Tokyo 2020 Olympics, multiple groups, organizations, and other parties must coordinate seamlessly.
2020 Olympics: July 24 – Aug 9, 2020 & Paralympics: Aug 25 – Sep 6, 2020

Other Milestones During This Phase:

Feb 28, 2018 Announced the Tokyo 2020 Games mascot.

Mar 28, 2018 Announced volunteer recruitment needs — 110,000 volunteers in total: 80,000 games volunteers and 30,000 city volunteers.

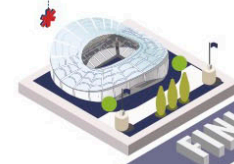
Mid-Sep to early Dec, 2018 Volunteer application period, to be followed by actual recruiting later.

Planning Phase – Before the Rio 2016 Games (2015-2016):
This is the phase where concrete preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Games began.

] Prepared for the Handover Ceremony at Rio 2016 Games.

] Launched the Tokyo 2020 Games emblem — April 25, 2016 (This was the second one, after plagiarism allegations followed the first one announced in July 26, 2015).

] Developed the so-called "Action & Legacy Plan" for success. It contains programs within five areas: sport and health, urban planning and sustainability, culture and education, economy and technology, and finally, recovery, nationwide benefits, and global communication.



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Spring 2019: Tickets go on sale



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