



TEAM BC 2020

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
BRITISH COLUMBIA



Event: 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games
Date: February 25 to 29, 2020
Location: Thunder Bay, Ontario
Athletes: 143 athletes from across B.C.
Sports: 5-pin bowling, alpine skiing, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, floor hockey, snowshoeing, and speed skating
Impact: Athletes will experience the power of sport to inspire greatness and transform lives. The competitions will spark a fire in the hearts of athletes that will burn bright long after the events have come to a close.
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DRAFT AN ATHLETE

1 DONATE
 Draft an athlete for \$1,000 to support Special Olympics Team BC 2020 athletes.

2 CHANGE A LIFE
 Help a Team BC 2020 athlete experience the thrill and joy of competing on the national stage.

3 RECIEVE

- A charitable tax receipt
- A personalized thank-you card from a Team BC athlete
- Recognition in SOBC's online channels

Donations in any amount also welcome. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Yes, I would like to **Draft an Athlete**

Donate securely online with a credit card at www.sobcdraft.com

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Full name _____

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Please send completed form to: **Special Olympics BC – Draft an Athlete**
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Special Olympics athlete Ashley Adie

Ashley Adie says being a Special Olympics BC athlete has helped her grow as a person.

"It's given me purpose. It's given me a reason to look forward to the day, something to commit myself to," she says. "It's not just the competitive aspect – it's the atmosphere. It doesn't matter what your differences are, what your background is, or how disabled you are – everyone is inclusive of one another and encourages each other. It is so welcoming!"

Before joining Special Olympics, Ashley kept to herself, felt isolated, and didn't have many friends. Through Special Olympics BC, Ashley says she has found a place where she belongs and feels accepted. She has also developed confidence and social skills that have helped her in all aspects of her life.

Ashley is one of 143 Special Olympics Team BC athletes training to compete at the [2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games](#) in Thunder Bay from February 25 to 29.



"I feel honoured to be part of the team!" Ashley says. "I am just really looking forward to representing B.C., and showing the country what I've got and what the snowshoeing team has to offer."

Ashley has competed at National Games before, as a Special Olympics Team BC 2018 track and field athlete, and says it is an incredible experience.

"It's almost surreal to go to Games – you are here because you have worked so hard! I find it exciting, humbling, and eye-opening," she says.

Ashley participates in several sports in her community's year-round Special Olympics programs, and as a Team BC athlete she has committed to training at least three days a week – which she often exceeds. Her goal for Thunder Bay is to achieve new personal bests. While she would love to win a medal, she says a new best time shows her she has improved – and all her hard work has paid off.

By drafting an athlete for the Games, you can help Special Olympics athletes like Ashley be part of this exciting, empowering, and frequently life-changing experience.

Special Olympics transforms lives through the joy of sport every day.

In B.C., there are more than **5,200** Special Olympics athletes in **55** communities empowering themselves through **18** sports and youth programs, supported by more than **4,300** dedicated coaches and volunteers, and countless sponsors and fans.

Year-round sport programs and competitions give athletes opportunities to develop physical fitness and skills, experience joy, share friendship, and feel a sense of belonging.



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