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Sport

Sydney Olympic Park is Australia's premier sports and events precinct. With its central location and significant infrastructure, Sydney Olympic Park is one of the world's most important integrated sporting centres – a true 'Sports Town'.

General

- Sydney Olympic Park is a place to play and watch sport at all levels. The Park is home to thirty-eight sports, attracting 1.5 million visitors annually. It is also the training ground for coaches and future administrators.
- Over 47 different sporting headquarters are located at Sydney Olympic Park including the NSW Institute of Sport, NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, Tennis NSW, Hockey NSW, Athletics NSW, Triathlon NSW, the NSW Sports Federation, Australian Sports Commission's Active After School Communities Program and the Australian Paralympic Committee.
- Sydney Olympic Park is home to the Wallabies (Rugby Union); Bulldogs, Rabbitohs, Eels (National Rugby League); Socceroos (Football / Soccer); NSW Blues cricket team, Sydney Swans (Australian Football League), NSW Swifts (Netball), the NBL's Sydney Spirit (Basketball) and the State League Football team, the West Sydney Berries.
- The Park is home to the NRL Finals Series and NRL Grand Final, NSW State of Origin, the ANZ pre-season Netball Cup, the Bledisloe Cup and the Medibank International Tennis.

Acer Arena

- Acer Arena was used primarily for basketball during the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The Arena is the largest and most technologically advanced indoor entertainment and sporting arena in Australia and has the highest venue security rating in the Australia Pacific basin.
- The venue has hosted a variety of events including Supercross, tennis, rock concerts, arena musicals, religious services, school spectaculars and banquets.
- In 2009 it was ranked in the world's top 10 most successful concert arenas in terms of ticket sales.

ANZ Stadium

- ANZ Stadium hosted the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and a wide range of events including the track and field program, the closing stages of the Marathon and the Olympic Games Gold Medal Soccer Final.
- ANZ Stadium hosts around 50 sporting events every year, attracting on average 1 million patrons; making it one of Australia's busiest sports venues. Since commencing operation in 1999, more than 10 million people have attended events at the Stadium.
- Unique in the world, the size and shape of the pitch can be changed and it is flexible enough to host four different codes of football. ANZ Stadium's seating capacity varies from 83,500 for Rugby Union, Rugby League and Football to 81,500 for Cricket & AFL.

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- ANZ Stadium holds many records for the crowds attracted to sporting events including the largest Olympic crowd for a single session, world record crowds for Rugby Union and Rugby League and Australian record crowds in Football (soccer) and State of Origin.
- In 2009, ANZ Stadium will play host the Sydney Swans' four biggest matches, as well as the Waratahs' blockbuster against the Crusaders and two key Qantas Socceroos 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying matches. It will also host the Wallabies v France Test match.

Monster Skatepark

- Monster Skatepark is the only international standard indoor outdoor ramp set up in Australia with an indoor street course and outdoor vert and mini ramps as well as a skate shop and Xbox Entertainment Lounge.
- Designed and built by riders for riders, Monster Skatepark caters for the needs of riders of all skill levels and riding tastes. The Skatepark offers Ride with a Pro clinics, school PDHPE and school programs and is also home to a range of regional, national and international action sports events.

Monster BMX

- Monster BMX offers 306 metres of dirt jumps and bends designed for both the freestyler and racer, from beginners through to professionals alike. Monster BMX is the perfect place to learn and practice. The Monster BMX facility was built in consultation with national, state and local club associations of BMX and some of Australia's top BMX riders helped shape the final design.

Monster MountainX

- The Monster MountainX facility is a world-class mountain cross facility comprising 250 metres of meandering downhill dirt jumps and turns, located between the Archery Centre and the P5 Car Park, off Hill Road, Sydney Olympic Park.
- The facility was built in consultation with the national, state and local club associations of Mountain Bike and involved some of Australia's top mountain cross riders in shaping the final facility.

Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

- The Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre hosted the swimming, diving, synchronised swimming and water polo events at the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The Centre includes two Olympic-sized pools, a world-class health club, spas and a sauna and steam room.
- The Aquatic Centre has the largest visitation of any aquatic venue in New South Wales. Since opening in October 1994, the Centre has welcomed over sixteen million visitors (a staggering 100,000 per month). About 1 million people visited the Centre in 2007, to take part in school sports carnivals and activities or for recreational purposes. Average attendance during school holidays and summer weekends is between 3,000 and 4,000 per day. The annual 'Splash Festival' attracted more than 5,000 visitors to the Centre's leisure facilities in 2008.
- The Aquatic Centre has the largest swim school in Australia with 4,000 students and more than 1,000 people are members of its Health & Fitness Club. It is also heavily booked for school swimming carnivals between December and April each year.

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- The Centre is home to a number of NSW Institute of Sport coaching programs including Water Polo, Diving and Swimming, and each year hosts numerous state, national and international events including the FINA World Cup.

Sydney Olympic Park Archery Centre

- The Archery Centre was the venue of archery competition during the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympics, and today continues to host national, state and community competitions.
- The Centre runs a variety of programs aimed at school students, corporate groups, beginners and casual archers as well as higher performance advanced coaching.

Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre

- The Athletic Centre hosted many of the track and field events of the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Built to Olympic and International Accredited Athletic Federation Standards, Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre has hosted the Grand Prix, the Sydney Marathon, the National Championships and the World Junior Championships.
- The Centre is used by local primary and high school groups for athletic carnivals throughout the carnival season.
- As a flexible multi-purpose venue able to cater for large crowds, the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre also hosts a number of community events, such as the India Australia Friendship Fair, the Bengali Fair and Deepavali (Hindu Festival of Lights).

Sydney Olympic Park Golf Centre

- The Gold Centre includes 60 golf driving bays, a short game area (for putting and chipping) and an 18-hole Mini-Golf course.
- The Centre runs golf clinics and professional (PGA) instructors and video analysis facilities are also available.
- The Golf Centre offers junior golf clinics for children aged between 3 and 14 years, and runs tuition programs for local school children.

Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Centre

- The Hockey Centre hosted hockey events during the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games including the Kookaburras bronze medal win and the Hockeyroos third consecutive gold medal.
- A training and competition venue for players of all levels ranging from school teams to world-class athletes, offering two water based synthetic pitches, seating for up to 4,000 spectators and other facilities including medical and physiotherapy services, change rooms and players lounge.
- In 2008, both pitches have been upgraded to the new POLIGRAS Olympia 2008 (FIH Approved) surface, which is the same surface used at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Green Hockey Centre.
- The Centre has seating for up to 4,000 spectators and offers all of the facilities needed for major international tournaments.
- The Centre houses the offices of Hockey NSW and the NSW Institute of Sport's hockey program.

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Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre

- The Sports Centre was designed to meet the needs of up to thirty different indoor sports and is also ideally suited for concerts, conferences, exhibitions, dinners and cocktail parties.
- The Centre incorporates two interconnected event spaces: the Main Arena and the Hall of Legends, both of which are fitted with clear timber floors and flexible draping.
- The 2,166 square-metre Main Arena has fixed and retractable tiered seating and can cater for a wide variety of events and audiences, from 500 to 5,000 people.

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Halls

- The Sports Halls were provided by the NSW Government as a legacy of the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The Halls comprise two large halls of over 3,000 square metres each and a smaller martial arts hall.
- They are the state training venue for Volleyball NSW, Badminton NSW, Handball NSW, Table Tennis NSW and Judo NSW. The multi-purpose halls are also suitable for indoor soccer, netball and various martial arts.
- The East Hall has a sprung timber floor and accommodates volleyball, handball, indoor soccer and netball. The smaller North Hall has two Olympic competition judo mats on a raised podium for judo and other martial arts. The West Hall has a sprung plastic 'Pulastic' floor throughout and is suitable for badminton, table tennis and volleyball.

Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre

- The Centre hosts the world-renowned annual Medibank International Sydney and is home to Tennis NSW, the Australian Tennis Museum, the NSW State Academy, as well as Tennis Australia's National Academy Sydney.
- It offers sixteen plexicushion championship courts, which are available for hire to the general public and for programs to meet the needs of all tennis enthusiasts regardless of their age and ability.
- The Centre runs healthy active kids programs including Phizz Kids for 2½ to 7 year olds and Aussie Mozzie for kids 5-7 years.

Sydney Showground

- Sydney Showground hosted baseball during the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The Showground includes the Main Arena, which is oval shaped and provides seating for 10,000. The Main Arena is a turf oval ideal for sporting events. It has three seating levels in the grandstand, tiered grass banks and a capacity of up to 15,000 people.
- It is suitable for cricket, AFL, Rugby Union and Rugby League. It has been used as a training ground for NSW and ACT AFL development squads and the ARU Western Rams.