



Lake Placid 1980

Television rights

On 17th May 1976, the IOC released the following communiqué to the press: "Following careful enquiries, study of reports from the three American networks A.B.C., C.B.S. and N.B.C., and consultation with the United States Olympic Committee and the Lake Placid Organising Committee, the IOC considers that all three networks had equal opportunity in the first instance to organise the television transmission of the XIIIth Winter Games in Lake Placid in 1980.

The A.B.C. offer will be studied in detail by the IOC Finance Commission at its next meeting scheduled for 25th May."

On 25th May, the Finance Commission, meeting in Paris, received successively at their request the American companies Columbia Broadcasting System and National Broadcasting Company. Representatives of the American Broadcasting Company also came to explain the offer they had already made. Taking into account the quality of reporting supplied at the previous Games, the spirit with which it was directed, and the installations which will be available to the world's broadcasters, the IOC, Lake Placid Organising Committee and the USOC chose the ABC.



Facilities for the XIIIth Winter Games at Lake Placid

Progress of work

Site	Start	Constructions Completion	1st com- petitions	Approval from Federation	Observations	Cost
Hockey stadium	1977	1979	1979			\$12 million
Figure skating (3 rinks)		already in use	1979	Approved		
Speed skating (400 m. rink)	1977 (plans complete)	1978	1978-79			\$1.5 million
Biathlon		Completed		Approved	Shooting range to be shortened	
Combined run: Bobsleigh Luge		50 % réfrigération in place	1978	Approved	Funds appropriated. Only luge run to be built	\$2 million
Alpine skiing			1978-79	Approved	2 downhill, 2 giant slalom trails, 3 arriving at same finish. Slalom run to be widened (\$2 million); additional parking, snow-making, maintenance; plans for double lift (\$1 million)	\$9 million
Nordic skiing		Completed except for 2 miles of trail	1978-79	Approved		
Ski jump (90 m. - 70 m.)		1978	1979	Approved		\$2.5 million
Olympic Village (Raybrook)					Former hospital - existing building plus possible additional temporary buildings	
Hotels					10,000 beds in Lake Placid (radius 5 miles); 75,000 beds within 25 mile radius	\$13 million
Press Centre					Existing building (Lake Placid High School)	\$1 million