



## Press Release

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# Paris 2024 welcomes the decision to postpone the Tokyo Games

## Everyone involved in the organisation of the Paris 2024 Games expresses their solidarity with Tokyo 2020

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**The joint decision by the Japanese government and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is proportional to the severity of the health crisis we are facing. It mirrors the need to rank human health and efforts to stop this virus spreading above any other consideration.**

Paris 2024 commends the IOC and Japanese authorities: faced with an unprecedented and extremely complex situation, they chose the best possible scenario. Postponing the world's largest sporting event is not an easy decision. The IOC and organisers took the time to consider all the options, in close cooperation with all the stakeholders and in accordance with the WHO's recommendations. They listened to the sporting world's concerns. Deferring the Tokyo Games will provide the athletes with optimal conditions to prepare and compete in them.

As the organizers of the Paris 2024 Games, the organizing committee, the sporting movement in France - CNOSF, CPSF - and public stakeholders - Paris city council, Greater Paris Metropolis, Seine-Saint-Denis departmental authorities, Ile-de-France Region, the French government, SOLIDEO and all the host authorities - we salute the spirit of responsibility and adaptation demonstrated by Tokyo 2020 in this unprecedented event. Their example will make us stronger and fitter to deal with the contingencies of our time.

With solidarity, we will stand alongside the Japanese Organising Committee to provide our full support as it takes on the new organisational challenge.



The Games are a huge brotherly and sisterly festivity. When the circumstances are right, we will be glad to see every nation gather again around Olympic and Paralympic values and celebrate sport.

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### About Paris 2024

The Organising Committee for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Paris 2024) has the task of planning for, organising, financing and delivering the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024 in accordance with the host city contract signed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF) and the City of Paris.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are the leading sports event in the world and have a unique media impact, bringing together some 10,500 Olympic and 4,350 Paralympic athletes respectively representing 206 and 182 delegations from five continents. The Games are followed by over 13 million spectators and 4 billion viewers around the world through more than 100,000 hours of TV coverage, and their impact as a global event of great sporting, economic and cultural importance is unparalleled.

Founded in January 2018, Paris 2024 is headed by Tony Estanguet, a three-time Olympic champion and IOC member. It is administered by an Executive Board (EB) that brings together all the project's founding members: CNOSF, the City of Paris, the state, the Île-de-France Region, CPSF, the Greater Paris Metropolitan Area, the Seine-Saint-Denis Departmental Council and representatives of the local authorities involved in the Games.

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