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THE PROGRAMME

Members of the International Olympic Committee play an important behind-the-scenes role at the Olympic Games by applying their expertise for the benefit of the athletes and other stakeholders. IOC members examine all aspects of the athlete experience to ensure that the needs of athletes are being met. Observers are assigned to specific venues and sports disciplines, depending on their expertise and interest, and file regular reports on their findings so any problems can be addressed quickly.

BACKGROUND

The IOC Observer Programme began with the 1988 Calgary Games and has operated at every edition of the Games since then. About 50 IOC members typically participate in the programme at the Olympic Winter Games; about 70 are needed for the larger Summer Games. Daily reports from the observers are presented to the Games Coordination Meeting. The head of the observer team also delivers a final report on the Games to the IOC Session. The programme is currently headed by IOC member Anton Geesink of the Netherlands, a gold medallist in judo at the 1964 Tokyo Games.

TOPICS

The topics covered during the Observer Programme include areas such as:

- Competition venues
- Olympic Village

- Medical Services
- Transport
- Accreditation
- Ceremonies
- Catering
- Technology
- Culture
- Security
- Spectator Services
- Environment
- Protocol

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