

## **Qatar Winter Sports Committee and Years of Culture Invite the Public to Winter Sports Open House Activities**

**19 May 2026 - Doha, Qatar:** The Qatar Winter Sports Committee, in collaboration with Years of Culture, will continue the Qatar Canada and Mexico 2026 Year of Culture Winter Sports Development Programme with a new series of public winter sports activities at Ali Bin Hamad Al Attiyah Arena from 24 to 26 May 2026.

The May programme invites families, young people, sports enthusiasts, and members of the wider community to experience curling, ice hockey, skating, and short track through open house sessions and friendly community games. The activities are designed to introduce winter sports to the public in an accessible and welcoming setting, while continuing to build connections between Canadian, Qatari and expat communities in Doha.

Launched in April, the Winter Sports Development Programme runs throughout 2026 and aims to expand participation in winter sports in Qatar, with a focus on grassroots engagement, youth development, coach education, and competitive opportunities. Developed as part of the Qatar Canada and Mexico 2026 Year of Culture, the programme highlights the role of sport as a platform for cultural exchange, community participation, and long-term collaboration.

### **Event Schedule**

#### **Curling Open House**

**Date:** Sunday, 24 May 2026

**Time:** From 4:00 PM

**Location:** Ali Bin Hamad Al Attiyah Arena

**Details:** Public introductory curling sessions for all ages

#### **Canada–Qatar Expat Ice Hockey Series**

**Date:** Monday, 25 May 2026

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Ali Bin Hamad Al Attiyah Arena

**Details:** Members of the public are invited to spectate the ice hockey series, followed by the Open House Ice Skating session

#### **Short Track & Skating Open House**

**Date:** Monday, 25 May 2026

**Time:** 8:20 PM – 9:50 PM

**Location:** Ali Bin Hamad Al Attiyah Arena

**Details:** Open skating experiences introducing short track disciplines to the public

#### **Canadian–Qatar Expat Curling Game**

**Date:** Tuesday, 26 May 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Ali Bin Hamad Al Attiyah Arena

**Details:** Friendly curling matches connecting Canadian, Qatari, and expat communities throughout the



season. Teams of four may take part, with one captain required to register the team at the Registration Desk on the day.

### **Attendance and Registration**

Registration and attendance are open to all at the venue. Activities will be held on a first-come, first-served basis, with rotating slots available throughout the sessions.

Further details on upcoming events will be announced through the Years of Culture website and official social media channels.

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### **About Years of Culture**

The Years of Culture initiative, chaired by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, spearheads long-lasting cultural partnerships between Qatar and other nations. It exists to promote respect and understanding among diverse cultures and serves as a catalyst for bringing people together, nurturing connections, encouraging dialogue, and deepening understanding. At its core, Years of Culture is a portal for making connections across various sectors, including cultural heritage, creative industries, social and economic development, and innovation, which enriches Qatar's ties with partner countries beyond the dedicated year.

Each year is organised with support from Qatar and partner countries' cultural institutions, ministries, foundations, and private and public sector partners, with assistance from Embassies in Qatar and abroad. Programmes are tailored to explore the unique nature of each partner country.

Previous Years of Culture have included: Qatar-Japan 2012, Qatar-UK 2013, Qatar-Brazil 2014, Qatar-Türkiye 2015, Qatar-China 2016, Qatar-Germany 2017, Qatar-Russia 2018, Qatar-India 2019, Qatar-France 2020, Qatar-USA 2021, Qatar-MENASA 2022, Qatar-Indonesia 2023, Qatar-Morocco 2024, and Qatar Argentina and Chile 2025.

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