



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING  
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## Update – Mar 23, 2009

### CALL to ACTION Urgent assistance required!

- The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sports (CAAWS) has come out with an official statement of support for women ski jumpers and support for getting the women into the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.
- They have posted on their website an **urgent call to action** in the form of a letter writing campaign to Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee and have distributed the Call to Action to over 6000 individuals and sports communities.
- The next page of this Update is a copy of a letter that you could send to Mr. Rogge, Gilbert Felli, Director of the Olympic Games and John Furlong of VANOC. Fill it out as is or make changes if you wish, but please take a few minutes to send a letter today – your reward might be watching our girls flying off the hills in Whistler!
- **Send the letter to:**

Please send to Dr. J. Rogge: Fax: **0 1141 21 621 62 16**

Gilbert Felli (Director of the Olympic Games): [Gilbert.Felli@olympic.org](mailto:Gilbert.Felli@olympic.org)

cc John Furlong VANOC email: [john\\_furlong@vancouver2010.com](mailto:john_furlong@vancouver2010.com)

- Go to <http://www.caaws.ca/e/article.cfm?ID=2342> for background, press releases and a video called ICE Gate.
- As reported in the last Update, the IOC Executive Committee is meeting in Denver, Colorado in 2 days - March 25-27 - and a letter has been sent to Jacques Rogge requesting a private meeting with the female ski jumpers. Lindsey Van and Katie Willis will be there to meet with him and to participate in a press conference.
- **The timing of your show of support is significant in light of this meeting. If you are going to send a letter of support, please do it today!**

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

Dr. Jacques Rogge, President  
International Olympic Committee  
Château de Vidy  
1007 Lausanne  
Switzerland  
Fax: **0 1141 21 621 62 16**

**Re: Inclusion of Women's Ski Jumping in the 2010 Winter Olympics**

Dear Dr. Rogge,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ would like to express my disappointment with the International Olympic Committee's decision to exclude Women's Ski Jumping from the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver/Whistler. I respectfully request you and the IOC to revisit the issue of Women's Ski Jumping at the 2010 Winter Olympics at your upcoming meeting in Denver this March 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and include the women at the upcoming Games.

As Canadians we are proud of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which strives to be inclusive.

It is without reservation that I support the following City of Vancouver resolution calling for the inclusion Women's Ski Jumping in the 2010 Winter Olympics:

*WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is host city for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and prides itself on its commitment to women's equality; and*

*WHEREAS the International Olympic Committee has a record of leadership in supporting the development of women's sport; and*

*WHEREAS the IOC has so far refused to allow the inclusion of women ski-jumpers in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games despite the fact that their participation would be consistent with their technical proficiency, the 114-1 vote of the International Ski Federation, the recent World Championships in the Czech Republic and the recent inclusion in the Games of many new facility-based winter sports enjoyed by women; and*

*WHEREAS failure to include women's ski-jumping in the 2010 Olympic Games may expose the City, the Province and other Olympic Partners to court rulings finding the ban in violation of Canadian human rights law;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver confirm its unanimous resolution of February 26, 2008, calling for the inclusion of women's ski-jumping in the 2010 Games; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Vancouver call upon VANOC to include a women's ski-jumping event during the 2010 Games to ensure that the Games are free of discrimination and organized with full respect for the right to equality enjoyed by women under Canadian law.*

And finally, it would be great to see the Women's Ski Jumping at the 2010 Winter Olympics and have the Vancouver/Whistler Olympics be the first gender-equal Olympic Games. Please let the women jump in 2010!

Thank-you and I look forward to hearing the result of the IOC meetings this March.

Sincerely,