

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



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**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.