

Vegas venues would add oomph to Tahoe Olympic bid

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The Lake Tahoe area still dreams of hosting its second Winter Olympics. And the International Olympic Committee's new push for regional bids could give Las Vegas an important role in any Northern Nevada proposal to host the sports showcase.

"We believe that Lake Tahoe will be the site of the next Winter Olympics in the U.S.," said former Nevada Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki, who has been leading the effort to bring the games to the state for more than a decade as chairman of the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition. "It is our goal and our hope. But it is complicated."

Jon Killoran, chief executive officer for the coalition, said the IOC issued a policy called Agenda 2020, which urges bidding cities to minimize infrastructure costs through regional efforts.

Nevada's opportunity to host a Winter Games – perhaps as soon as 2026 – has been enhanced by the opening of T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, soon to be home of the city's new National Hockey League franchise, as well a potential new 65,000-seat domed stadium in the city.

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