

events and venues

Perhaps no city in the world is better equipped than Los Angeles to stage the Summer Olympic Games. With an abundance of excellent existing athletic venues, promises for proposed construction are unnecessary. For, if need be, Los Angeles could hold the Games this summer using the present facilities. That is not to say, however, that Los Angeles will rely on this distinction in its plans for the 1976 Summer Games. That is not the nature of its citizenry.

Already designed and funded by local government are a new equestrian center, a 25,000 spectator swim stadium, expanded shooting ranges, and a new rowing course—all within easy access of the Olympic Village, to be located in the downtown area of Los Angeles.

Of the existing facilities, one of the classic stadiums of the world is situated near the heart of the City—the Los Angeles Coliseum, where 94,000 track and field enthusiasts can sit in armchair comfort. Immediately adjacent to this colossus is the magnificent Sports Arena with its capacity of 16,000 armchairs for basketball patrons. On the same grounds, lavishly landscaped with greenery and rose gardens, and dotted with interest-laden museums, is the Los Angeles Swim Stadium with its 5,000 seats.

Twenty minutes away, to the southwest, is the lovely Forum where 17,000 people can enjoy boxing. And further west, on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles is situated Pauley Pavilion, a 12,500 capacity venue for gymnastics. Also on campus is the UCLA Track Stadium, well designed for soccer. To the nearby north lies the huge Griffith Park, where equestrian sports and the Modern Pentathlon may be held. The San Fernando Valley offers its Velodrome and convenient sites for the new swim stadium and Equestrian Center.

Easterly from the center of the City, the fine new shooting range is planned for the Whittier Narrow's section, while Los Angeles State College's gymnasium will provide outstanding facilities for fencing events.

If needed, an excellent array of additional arenas and auditoriums are available—the Long Beach Civic, Santa Monica Civic, the Pan Pacific, Pasadena Civic, the Los Angeles Olympic and the Anaheim Auditoriums, to name a few.

As to outdoor team sports, there are a number of additional stadiums in and around Los Angeles — East Los Angeles College Stadium with 22,000 seats and, of course, the famed Rose Bowl with 100,000.

To all of these facilities, add the aforementioned high schools, junior colleges and

universities which can provide the much needed practice fields, gymnasiums and swimming pools—more than enough for each participating nation to have its own training area.

For rowing and canoeing, a fine course exists in the Long Beach Marine Stadium which was remodeled in 1967 at a cost of \$2 million. The facility can accommodate more than 200,000 spectators.

Rounding out the cornucopia of Los Angeles' athletic venues are the lovely yachting facilities located on the nearby Pacific coastline. Three of them—Marina del Rey, Los Angeles Harbor, and Newport Beach Marina—offer ideal conditions for the five Olympic yachting classes.

The entire spectrum of sports components lies within minutes of the centrally located Olympic Village via the Los Angeles freeway system—a uniquely designed mode of surface transportation.