

# World Cube Association North American Championship 2020



**Jonathan Esparaz**  
Local Organizing Committee Chair

Submitted: July 30, 2019



BUSINESS EVENTS  
**TORONTO**



# CANADA'S DOWNTOWN

**Toronto thrives as a business hub thanks to its innovative talent pool that attracts both local and global recognition. A centre of competitive excellence, Toronto is the perfect place for your next event. As a vibrant destination, Toronto is ideal for celebrating the human potential, spirit and achievement.**

As the country's largest and most-visited destination, Toronto is Canada's Downtown. With over 230 nationalities and 140 languages and dialects, Toronto has made a name for itself as one of the most multicultural cities in the world. You'll experience this acclaimed cultural vibrancy through the city's cuisine, art, shopping, festivals, and especially through the locals that liven up the streets. Toronto passionately embraces its diversity, reflective of Canada's rich tapestry.

As the gateway to a nation and an entire world of diversity, Toronto is also easy to access with two international airports that cater to over 1,100 daily flights for over 180 cities worldwide. CNN Travel recently named Toronto Pearson International Airport one of the best connected airports in the world. Toronto welcomes the world with open arms, and visitors of all stripes feel at home here. Bring your next competition to life in Canada's centre of innovation—an energizing cosmopolitan hub that brims with exciting opportunities.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## **OUR BID**

The Local Organizing Committee, in partnership with Business Events Toronto, is delighted to submit the following bid to host the WCA North American Championship 2020 in Toronto, Canada. With the support of our hospitality industry and a world-class hotel and conference centre as our venue, we know we can deliver an outstanding WCA North American Championship in 2020.

## **PROPOSED DATES**

June 25–28, 2020

## **WHY CANADA AND TORONTO?**

We have a strong foundation in Toronto on which a spectacular event can grow. Toronto offers speedcubers, officials, staff, volunteers, spectators and media an environment where success thrives. With an outstanding track record in hosting major events including 2019 Special Olympics Invitational Youth Games, 2019 WWE SummerSlam, 2017 Invictus Games, 2019 Senior PanAM Fencing Championships, the world-renowned Toronto International Film Festival and the largest Caribbean Carnival in North America, Toronto is one of the world's most diverse and inclusive cities. It's also safe and accessible, easily capable of handling the logistical components of the WCA North American Championship 2020.

## **HOST CITY**

With more than 5 million people in the Greater Toronto Area, Toronto is the 4th largest city in North America after New York, Los Angeles and Mexico City. It is modern and progressive, with a vibrant downtown core. With 51% of Torontonians born outside of Canada and more than 230 nationalities with 140 languages and dialects spoken within our city, we are proud to say we are one of the world's truly diverse destinations. Toronto is highly walkable with colourful neighbourhoods, including a concentrated downtown core brimming with shopping, entertainment, attractions and a stunningly redeveloped waterfront area that is great for scenic activities. The city also boasts a lively Toronto West/Airport area. There are a wide variety of festivals and professional sporting events that take place in the city throughout the year.

## **EVENT VENUE**

The Westin Harbour Castle has hosted many successful events and is more than equipped to accommodate the needs of the WCA North American Championship. It is a recognized industry leader in hospitality and located on the waterfront of Lake Ontario in the downtown core.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Toronto's 170 hotels offer approximately 36,000 available rooms. The city offers a range of 3-, 4- and 5-star accommodations, many of which have been recently renovated and restored. The Westin Harbour Castle will act as the main venue and will be the perfect location for competitors and spectators to stay while in Toronto.

## **ACCESS**

Toronto's Pearson International Airport is the second busiest airport in North America. It is well connected with over 65 airlines operating more than 1,100 daily flights to 98 international cities around the world. A quarter of Canada's population lives within 160 km (100 miles) of Toronto and more than 60% of the U.S. population lives within a 90-minute flight. Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is another option for travellers and is located just 5 minutes from the downtown core.

## **SERVICING SUPPORT**

Business Events Toronto's Client Services department offers a number of complimentary services that will assist in building attendance and awareness to the event. The WCA North American Championship has the support of Business Events Toronto members and many potential sponsors across the country to ensure the success of this event.

# LOCAL HOST ORGANIZERS

## Local Organizing Committee Chair

### Jonathan Esparaz

Jonathan studies Engineering Science and is the President of the Cube Club at the University of Toronto. He has organized four WCA competitions and is a crucial staff member at competitions in Ontario. He has competed in over 50 WCA competitions and frequently promotes speedcubing to local media outlets. Jonathan is also a former North American record holder in the 3x3x3 One-Handed event.

## Local Organizing Committee Members

### Dave Campbell

Dave is an Engineering Manager and is the Regional Delegate for Canada. In 2006, he co-founded canadianCUBING, an organization he has been running ever since. He has competed in over 110 competitions and has delegated 80 of them. Dave has spent over a decade as an organizer of Canadian Open and has run competitions across the country.

### Catharine Benzie

Catharine is a core team member of canadianCUBING. She has organized dozens of competitions in Ontario and Quebec. She brings her expertise from organizing every Canadian Open since 2013. Catharine works tirelessly to bring more competitions to more places across Canada.

### Liam Orovec

Liam is entering the final year of his undergraduate degree, studying Pure Mathematics at Dalhousie University. After graduation, he plans to pursue a master's degree. He attended his first competition in 2014 and has been the Delegate for Atlantic Canada since Fall 2017. He has delegated competitions in four of Canada's 10 provinces. Liam was on the organizing team of Canadian Championship 2019.

### Sarah Strong

Sarah is a high school teacher and has been speedcubing since 2007. She has been volunteering at WCA competitions since 2009 and has been organizing them since 2012. She was the President of the Cube Club at the University of Waterloo from 2012 to 2015 and was a member of the WCA Regulations Committee from 2013 to 2016. Sarah became a Delegate in 2018 in order to hold "side event competitions" to provide the Ontario cubing community with frequent opportunities to compete in all the WCA events.



### Brady Metherall

Brady recently finished a Master of Science in Modelling and Computational Science. He has helped organize four competitions including Canadian Championship 2019, as well as staffed at four US Nationals. Brady is also the former national record holder and national champion for Square-1.

### Abdullah Gulab

Abdullah is a third-year mechanical engineering student and the Vice President of the Cube Club at the University of Toronto. He has been speedcubing since 2013 and has competed in over 20 competitions. He was the first person to organize a WCA competition in Pakistan and was selected as the first Delegate for the country in 2019 to help grow and expand the Pakistani cubing community. Abdullah has also held several national records for Pakistan.

### Alyssa Esparaz

Alyssa is an International Development Student at the University of Toronto and works on the Marketing and Communications team at Compassion Canada, an international NGO. She has competed in 16 WCA competitions since 2014 and has been a staff member at many more. Alyssa is also a founding member of the Cube Club at the University of Toronto.



# LETTER OF INTEREST



July 30, 2019

Bob Burton  
Executive Director  
World Cube Association  
5042 Wilshire Blvd #43206  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Dear WCA Board of Directors,

It is with great pleasure that we express our interest to host the inaugural WCA North American Championship in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Toronto has a long history with speedcubing, including hosting the 2003 World Championship.

Canada boasts the sixth largest number of WCA members in the world. We recently hosted Newmarket 2019, the largest one-day competition in North America. We aspire to host North American Championship 2020 as the largest multi-day competition in North America.

The Local Organizing Committee includes many Delegates and local organizers who each contribute unique skills and experience to the team. The core members are Jonathan Esparaz, Dave Campbell, Catharine Benzie, Liam Orovec, Sarah Strong, Brady Metherall, Abdullah Gulab and Alyssa Esparaz.

The proposed venue is the Westin Harbour Castle—a hotel and conference centre located in the heart of downtown Toronto. Multiple banquet halls and hotel rooms are on hold for the competition. Just a 10-minute walk from Toronto's Union Station, local and visiting competitors can enjoy easy access to and from the venue. Canada's largest city has lots to offer—exciting attractions, international cuisine and vibrant communities—all just steps away from the Westin Harbour Castle.

We are partnering with Business Events Toronto, a division of Tourism Toronto, to ensure that competitors and spectators enjoy their stay in the city of Toronto. We aspire to run a fair, enjoyable and memorable competition that promotes the WCA's Mission.

We look forward to discussing our bid in further detail.

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee,

Jonathan Esparaz  
Local Organizing Committee Chair

Dave Campbell  
WCA Delegate  
Co-Founder, canadianCUBING

July 29, 2019

Bob Burton  
Executive Director  
World Cube Association  
5042 Wilshire Blvd #43206  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

**TEAM UP WITH TORONTO.**

Dear Mr. Burton,

Every competitor strives to be the best, has a passion to succeed, and wants to show the world what they're made of. The city of Toronto shares all these attributes with each of them. That's why we're the perfect city to host the 2020 WCA North American Championship.

Toronto is where competitors come to train with the best, compete against the best, and be honoured alongside the best. It's where supporters come to cheer, share in the losses, and celebrate the wins. It's where a world class environment provides everything speedcubers need to succeed. And after all the hard work, it's where they can refresh with some of the world's best shopping and entertainment, revitalize with spas and wellness centres, and recharge with exquisite, globally-inspired cuisine.

We've been proud to host and stage some of the world's largest competitions and sporting events, including the NBA All-Star Game, Toronto Pan/Parapan American Games, IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships, Grey Cup and Ontario Summer Games. In Toronto, locals and visitors alike are keen to be a part of the competition as a spectator for one of our seven major sports teams and as participants and fans in local events and amateur leagues!

With 5.5 million people, we're the largest city in Canada and one of the world's most vibrant, exciting and diverse cities—perfect for celebrating the boundless limits of human potential, team spirit, and performance excellence. With two convenient airports, Toronto is easily accessible, conveniently located, and your gateway to Canada! Our central location and ease of access will help attract more speedcubers to participate in your event and more fans to come root for them in Canada's Downtown.

We're on your team! Tourism Toronto is here to help with our signature service, unparalleled hospitality and value-in-kind services. Working alongside you, we are your resource to Toronto. You will have a dedicated Client Services Manager helping you along the way!

We look forward to collaborating with you on your event. Thank you for considering Toronto!

Kind regards,



Andrew Weir  
Executive Vice President  
Tourism Toronto



# 360° SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

**Business Events Toronto has a dedicated team that will provide 360° Service to the WCA North American Championship as you host your event in Canada's Downtown. We offer tools, resources and connections, all highly valuable assets for clients hosting their events in Toronto.**

The Business Events Toronto team offers valuable unique market insights, industry experience and personalized attention to your goals. We are the link between your vision and the city's available resources, including a network of more than 1,000 member businesses, with access to a wide variety of inspiring venues, spaces, places and people suited to your needs.

Client Services provides the expertise that brings events to life, with consumer insight, advice and recommendations. Their overall attention to detail and premier hospitality have led Toronto to consistently be recognized as one of the top meeting and convention locations in North America. The team offers a myriad of other seamless services including but not limited to:

- Attendance-building and promotional resources commencing with year-prior support to assist through planning and coordination of events
- Customized microsites
- Customs and immigrations liaisons
- Access to innovative partnerships within the local community
- Media support including PR, social media and online resources
- Complimentary maps and visitor guides

Our team provides customer service, local relationships and partners, experience and ease of access. This all comes together with your vision, creating yet another memorable event in Toronto.

toronto@toronto.com.' Below this, there are several categories of resources: 'TOOLKIT HOME', 'DELEGATE WEBSITE', 'PHOTOS & VIDEO', 'TORONTO ARTICLES', 'PRINT ADS', 'DIGITAL BANNER ADS', 'POSTCARDS', 'CITY GUIDES', 'MEDIA ACCOLADES', and 'SOCIAL CHEAT SHEET'. Each category has a corresponding image and a brief description. For example, 'DELEGATE WEBSITE' shows a stack of website mockups, 'PHOTOS & VIDEO' shows a person holding a camera against a city skyline, and 'TORONTO ARTICLES' shows a stack of printed articles. At the bottom of each category, there is a call-to-action button: 'EXPLORE DELEGATE WEBSITE', 'FIND PHOTOS & VIDEO', and 'SELECT YOUR TORONTO ARTICLES'."/>

Business Events Toronto

ATTENDANCE MARKETING TOOLKIT

No matter the size, we want your Toronto event to be a smashing success. The materials in this toolkit show your delegates why Toronto is the ideal host, and will help you inspire them to get the most out of their visit. Need help with the toolkit? Let us know at [toronto@toronto.com](mailto:toronto@toronto.com)

TOOLKIT HOME DELEGATE WEBSITE PHOTOS & VIDEO TORONTO ARTICLES PRINT ADS DIGITAL BANNER ADS POSTCARDS CITY GUIDES MEDIA ACCOLADES SOCIAL CHEAT SHEET

DELEGATE WEBSITE  
MyTorontoMeeting.com introduces your delegates to Toronto, with helpful info and useful tips.  
EXPLORE DELEGATE WEBSITE

PHOTOS & VIDEO  
Find thousands of beautiful Toronto photos for use in your marketing materials, and share the official Destination Toronto video.  
FIND PHOTOS & VIDEO

TORONTO ARTICLES  
Tell the Toronto story with these written materials that are perfect for use in print or online.  
SELECT YOUR TORONTO ARTICLES

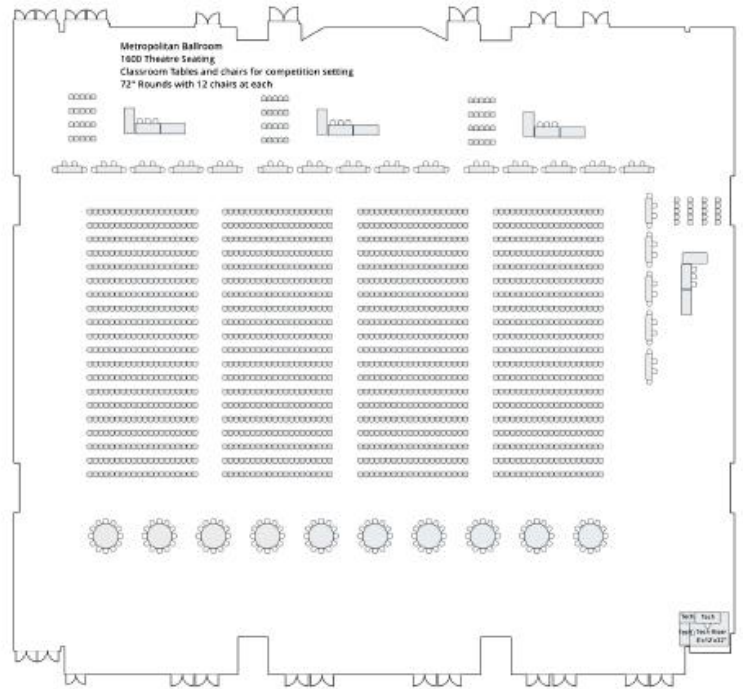
# WESTIN HARBOUR CASTLE

“The Westin Harbour Castle enables you to restore the body and expand the mind within our 70,000 square feet of refined function space. Hold a convention in the adjacent conference centre amid the graceful surroundings of the 25,000-square-foot Metropolitan Ballroom, accommodating up to 3,400 guests. Recognized for excellence by Successful Meetings’ Pinnacle Award, our facilities will transform the way you do business. And with the help of our meeting and event services team, everything from savoury catering to spirited entertainment will blend together in perfect harmony.”

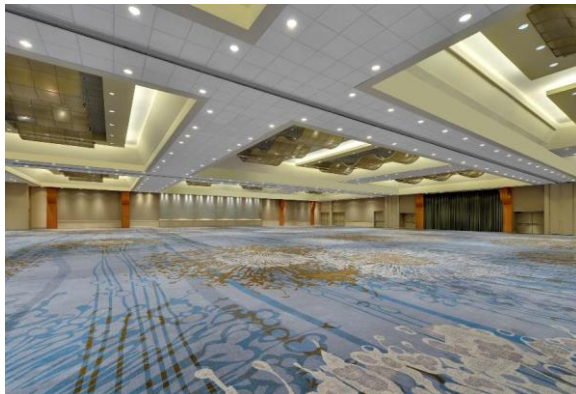
– Westin Harbour Castle management

The Local Organizing Committee has selected the Westin Harbour Castle for both its facilities and prime location. The Metropolitan Ballroom is suitable for both competitors and spectators. The Frontenac Ballroom is a quiet space for side events such as 3x3x3 Fewest Moves and 3x3x3 Multi-Blind.

Both ballrooms include large foyers—space that can be used for registration tables, booths and sponsors. Additionally, Queens Quay is a meeting room that will be dedicated for staff to relax, eat lunch and store bags.



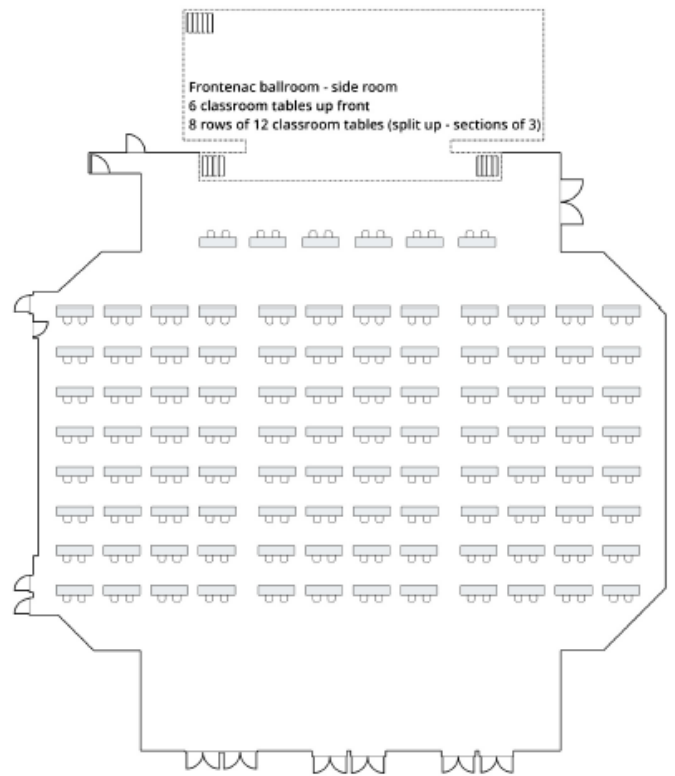
Main Room Diagram: Metropolitan Ballroom



Metropolitan Ballroom



Frontenac Ballroom



Side Room Diagram: Frontenac Ballroom



# PROPOSED PROGRAM

**The Local Organizing Committee is prepared to host up to 1,000 competitors in Toronto!**



## Proposed Schedule

The competition will start Thursday morning with setup occurring the evening before. To ensure that the competition stays on schedule, a staff competition will be held each morning, Thursday through Saturday. The competition will conclude Sunday evening when we will crown the first WCA North American Champions. The competition dates conveniently align with the first weekend of school summer holidays in Canada and Mexico. The United States will be at the mid-point of school summer holidays.



## Proposed Competitor Limit

The Local Organizing Team is planning for 800–1,000 competitors. We aspire to host the largest competition in North America to date.



## Access for Spectators

The Metropolitan Ballroom can comfortably seat 1,600 spectators. The Local Organizing Committee plans to charge a small admission fee to help finance this event. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted for free, which will allow parents to bring the entire family!



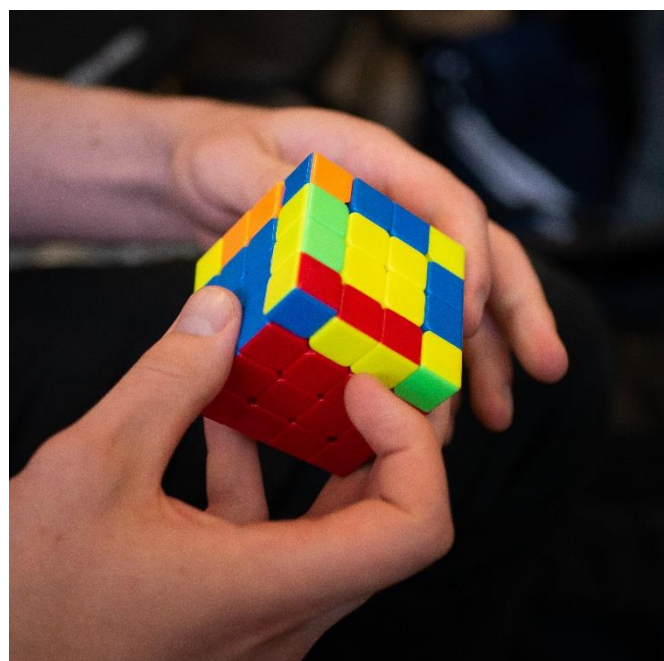
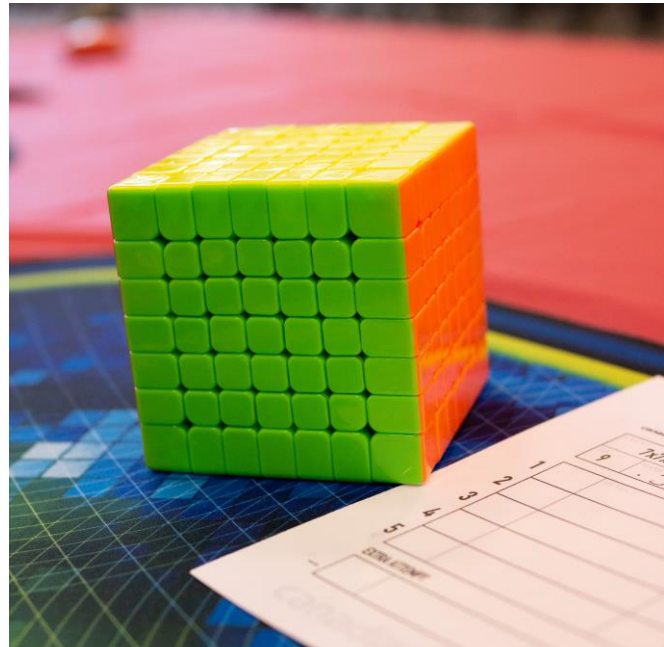
## Competition Equipment

The Metropolitan Ballroom can be configured with four stages and accommodate up to 48 timing stations. The Frontenac Ballroom can seat 200, allowing many competitors to participate in 3x3x3 Fewest Moves and blindfolded events.



## Other Technologies

Sound systems and projectors are available for use in the Metropolitan Ballroom. Live streaming will be arranged so that the competition can be viewed around the world.



# PREFERRED HOTEL

## Westin Harbour Castle

1 Harbour Square  
Toronto, ON M5J 1A6  
Tel: 416-869-1600, 1-800-228-3000  
Fax: 416-869-0573  
[www.westin.com/harbourcastle](http://www.westin.com/harbourcastle)

**June 24–28, 2020**

\$199.00 single/double occupancy

\$219.00 triple occupancy

\$239.00 quad occupancy

*\*Traditional guestrooms. Quotes in Canadian dollars.*

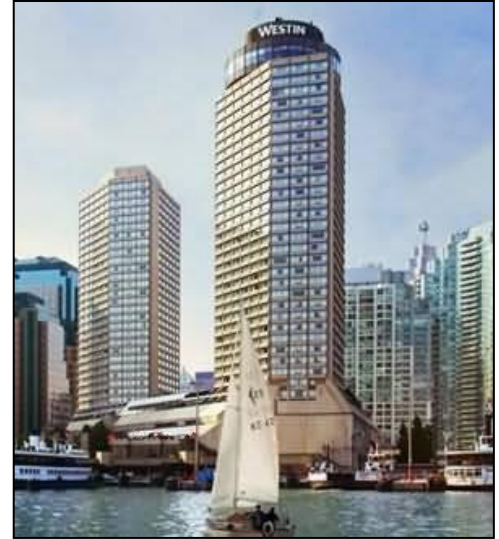
*Children under 17 years old are not counted for occupancy.*

All room rates do not include applicable taxes and fees. Currently, there is 13% HST and 4% MAT (Municipal Accommodation Tax) on the guest room rate. Taxes are subject to change.

Overlooking Toronto's majestic waterfront, the Westin Harbour Castle offers luxurious guestrooms, with magnificent views and the comfort of the Westin's signature Heavenly Bed®. Facilities include a day spa, indoor pool, Westin Kids Club, superior cuisine and more.

All guestrooms include the following standard amenities:

- High Speed internet access
- 55" flat screen plasma television
- In-room movies (Netflix available)
- Westin's Signature Heavenly Bed and Bath®
- In-room safe (can accommodate standard laptop)
- Individual climate-control
- Complimentary daily newspaper
- Coffee/Tea station featuring Starbucks Coffee
- Radio/Alarm clock
- 24-hour security
- Accessible rooms available



# ADDITIONAL HOTELS

There are many different hotels at various price points throughout the city. Whatever your preference, Toronto's stylish and acclaimed hotel roster delivers. Toronto has over 170 hotels and 36,000 hotel rooms. Below is a sampling of some of the hotels close by to the main venue site.

## **Fairmont Royal York**

100 Front Street West

Toronto, ON M5J 1E3

Tel: 416-368-2511

Fax: 416-368-9040

[www.fairmont.com/royalyork](http://www.fairmont.com/royalyork)

A Toronto landmark, the Fairmont Royal York is located in the heart of Toronto's downtown shopping, entertainment and sightseeing districts, across from Union Station and connected to PATH, Toronto's system of underground walkways.



## **InterContinental Toronto Centre**

225 Front Street West

Toronto, ON M5V 2X3

Tel: 416-597-1400, 1-800-422-7969

Fax: 416-597-8128

[www.ictc.ca](http://www.ictc.ca)

InterContinental Toronto Centre, which overlooks scenic Lake Ontario, could not be better located. It boasts easy access to Toronto's main financial, theatre and restaurant districts.





### **Novotel Toronto Centre**

45 The Esplanade  
Toronto, ON M5E 1W2  
Tel: 416-367-8900  
Fax: 416-360-8285  
[www.novotel.com/TorontoCentre](http://www.novotel.com/TorontoCentre)

The Novotel Toronto Centre in downtown Toronto is ideal for business or vacation travel. The hotel features an indoor pool, gym, restaurant and free WiFi. Many attractions are nearby including the Scotiabank Arena, Hockey Hall of Fame, Rogers Centre, Harbourfront Centre, Eaton Centre, St. Lawrence Market and the financial district.



### **Radisson Hotel Admiral Toronto**

249 Queens Quay West  
Toronto, ON M5J 2N5  
Tel: 416-203-3333  
Fax: 416-203-3100  
[www.radissonadmiral.com](http://www.radissonadmiral.com)

Located at Toronto's Harbourfront just walking distance to the CN Tower, Rogers Centre, Scotiabank Arena and minutes away from all downtown attractions. Featuring 157 new and all non-smoking Deluxe Rooms & Studios with lake, marina, pool and city view.



### **Toronto Marriott City Centre**

1 Blue Jays Way  
Toronto, ON M5V 1J4  
Tel: 416-341-7100, 1-800-237-1512  
Fax: 416-341-5091

Rogers Centre Hotel, the world's only sports and entertainment hotel, is located in the heart of the entertainment district. Featuring 348 rooms, 70 of which have a stadium view.



# GATEWAY TO CANADA



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**TORONTO AIRPORT RANKS FIFTH OVERALL IN THE WORLD AND SECOND BEST-CONNECTED AIRPORT IN NORTH AMERICA.**

**-OAG MEGAHUBS INTERNATIONAL INDEX 2018**



**It's easy to get to Toronto. Choose from one of two international airports that easily connect competitors to the rest of the country and beyond. It's also easy to get around, thanks to an extensive public transit system and fleet of taxis. Once you're here, it's harder to leave because you won't want to.**

Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) is Canada's primary airport and the second busiest in North America, with travel connections to every continent. It ranks among the top 30 world airports for passenger traffic and aircraft movement and is less than a 90-minute flight for over 100 million Americans. The UP Express train connects Toronto Pearson to the downtown core by a 25-minute direct transfer running every 15 minutes.

Located in the downtown core is Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ). Billy Bishop offers flights to over 20 cities in Canada and the U.S., with connections to more than 80 international destinations. It is easily accessible by a 5-minute ferry ride or through its underground pedestrian tunnel.

Explore Toronto with one of North America's best transport systems, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). With subways, buses and streetcars at every corner, getting around the city is a breeze. A single fare takes you anywhere on a one-way trip.

You can transfer between subways, streetcars and buses, and always keep your transfer as proof of payment.

GO Transit is Ontario's inter-regional bus and train service. It links Toronto with the Greater Toronto Area and beyond. This allows local competitors from neighbouring cities to easily access the competition venue via Toronto's Union Station.

Other forms of transportation include taxis, rideshare services and cycling. Toronto has cycling paths throughout the city that can get you where you're going safely. The city also has a robust bike share system, offering 24/7 access to 5,000 bikes at 465 stations across the city.



# TRAVEL EASY

**CANADA HAS ONE OF THE  
MOST ADVANCED CUSTOMS  
PROCESSES IN THE WORLD**

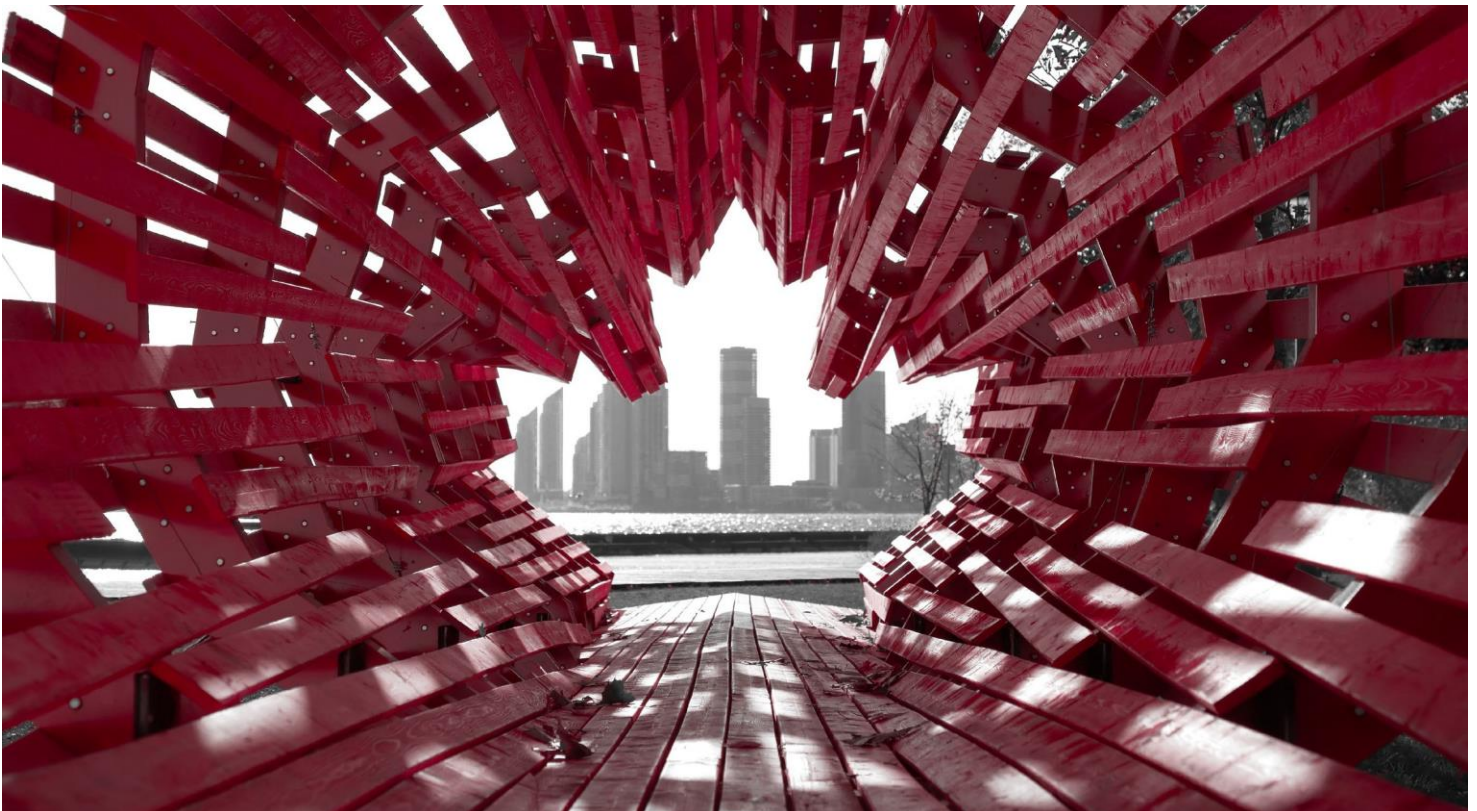
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**Canadians and international visitors alike can enter Toronto with the security and ease of travel they expect. Visitors to Canada must clear the customs border security upon entry into the country.**

The U.S. government implemented the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) in an effort to streamline travel across the border and increase security. Tourism Toronto is committed to working with the Local Organizing Committee to ensure ease of travel for those travelling to Toronto for the competition. The Canadian government understands that a pivotal part of holding a successful Toronto event is making it easy for planners to bring materials, staff, and exhibits into Canada. By working closely with the meetings, conventions and incentive travel industry, the government continues to implement policies and procedures geared towards simplifying the entire process. A customs broker can help coordinate and expedite the import of all exhibit and display materials into Canada on behalf of those affiliated with the WCA North American Championship.

Canada introduced a new entry requirement, known as an eTA, for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air. Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid visa. Entry requirements for other methods of travel (land and sea) have not changed. Eligible travellers can apply online for an eTA. As of March 15, 2016, this is mandatory and travellers will need an eTA before they can board a flight to Canada.

For more information, please visit: [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)  
[www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/western-hemisphere-travel-initiative](http://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/western-hemisphere-travel-initiative)





# COST EFFECTIVE TRAVEL

## Great opportunity to save when travelling to Canada's Downtown.

**Air Canada's** Meetings and Conventions program will help with savings. Air Canada is the largest provider of scheduled flights in the Canada-USA and Canada-International market. We plan to register this event to receive a unique promotional code that will save competitors and their families between 10–12% on airfare (conditions apply). Individuals will be able to make their bookings online to receive the fare discount.

**WestJet's** Meetings and Conventions program helps those that would like to fly WestJet's extensive North American and International network. We plan to register our event and receive a unique promotional code to share.

**Porter Airlines** offers convenience, speed and service as part of a premium travel experience. Passengers enjoy complimentary services, including free in-flight wine, beer and premium snacks, all aboard a modern aircraft. The Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is conveniently located just minutes from downtown Toronto, welcoming daily flights from Boston, Chicago (Midway), New York (Newark) and more Northeastern US cities. The Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is just 2.2 kilometres or 8–12 minutes from the Westin Harbour Castle. A unique discount conference code will offer special group fares and discounts.

**Union Pearson Express (UP Express):** A 25% off discount code will be offered for the WCA North American Championship. Competitors and their families can enjoy an effortless journey between the airport and downtown Toronto. The UP Express connects Toronto Pearson International Airport to Union Station in the heart of downtown Toronto in just 25 minutes. Union Station is only one kilometre away from the venue. UP Express trains depart every 15 minutes between 5:30 a.m. and 1 a.m.



# U.S. DIRECT FLIGHTS



**TORONTO PEARSON  
 RECEIVES MORE U.S. FLIGHTS THAN  
 ANY OTHER NON-U.S. AIRPORT.**

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**Atlanta, GA:** Air Canada, Delta

**Austin, TX (AUS):** Air Canada

**Baltimore, MD:** Air Canada

**Boston, MA:** Air Canada, WestJet

**Charlotte, NC:** Air Canada, American Airlines

**Chicago, IL (ORD):** Air Canada, American Airlines, United

**Cincinnati, OH:** Air Canada, Delta

**Cleveland, OH:** Air Canada

**Columbus, OH:** Air Canada

**Dallas/Fort Worth, TX (DFW):** Air Canada, American Airlines

**Denver, CO:** Air Canada, United

**Detroit, MI:** Air Canada, Delta

**Fort Lauderdale, FL:** Air Canada, Air Transat, Sunwing, WestJet

**Fort Myers, FL:** Air Canada, WestJet

**Harrisburg, PA:** Air Canada

**Hartford, CT:** Air Canada

**Houston, TX (IAH):** Air Canada, United

**Indianapolis, IN:** Air Canada

**Los Angeles, CA (LAX):** Air Canada, WestJet

**San Francisco, CA (SFO):** Air Canada, United

# U.S. DIRECT FLIGHTS

**Jacksonville, FL:** Air Canada  
**Kansas City, MO:** Air Canada  
**Las Vegas, NV:** Air Canada, Sunwing, WestJet  
**Los Angeles, CA:** Air Canada, American Airlines  
**Memphis, TN:** Air Canada  
**Miami, FL:** Air Canada, American Airlines, WestJet  
**Milwaukee, WI:** Air Canada  
**Minneapolis, MI:** Air Canada, Delta  
**Myrtle Beach, SC:** WestJet  
**Nashville, TN:** Air Canada  
**New Orleans, LA:** Air Canada  
**New York, NY (JFK):** Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta  
**New York, NY (LGA):** Air Canada, American Airlines, WestJet  
**Newark, NY:** Air Canada, United  
**Orlando, FL:** Air Canada, Air Transat, Sunwing, WestJet  
**Philadelphia, PA:** Air Canada, American Airlines  
**Phoenix, AZ:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Pittsburgh, PA:** Air Canada  
**Portland, OR:** Air Canada  
**Raleigh, NC:** Air Canada  
**Rochester, NY:** Air Canada  
**Salt Lake City, UT:** Air Canada, Delta  
**San Francisco, CA:** Air Canada  
**San Juan, PR:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**San Diego, CA:** Air Canada  
**Sarasota, FL:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Seattle, WA:** Air Canada  
**St. Louis, MO:** Air Canada  
**Syracuse, NY:** Air Canada  
**Tampa, FL:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Washington, VA (DCA):** Air Canada, American Airlines

**Washington, VA (IAD):** United  
**West Palm Beach, FL:** Air Canada, WestJet

## CANADIAN DESTINATIONS AND AIRLINES

**Calgary, AB:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Charlottetown, PE:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Deer Lake, NL:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Edmonton, AB:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Fort McMurray, BC:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Fredericton, NB:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Halifax, NS:** Canada, WestJet  
**Kelowna, BC:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Kingston, ON:** Air Canada  
**London, ON:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Moncton, NB:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Montreal, QC:** Air Canada, Air Transat, WestJet  
**Mont-Tremblant, QC:** Air Canada  
**North Bay, ON:** Air Canada  
**Ottawa, ON:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Quebec City, QC:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Regina, SK:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Saint John, NB:** Air Canada  
**Sarnia, ON:** Air Canada  
**Saskatoon, SK:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Sault Sainte Marie, ON:** Air Canada  
**St. John's, NL:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Sudbury, ON:** Air Canada  
**Sydney, NS:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Thunder Bay, ON:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Timmins, ON:** Air Canada  
**Vancouver, BC:** Air Canada, Sunwing, WestJet  
**Victoria, BC:** Air Canada, WestJet  
**Windsor, ON:** Air Canada  
**Winnipeg, MB:** Air Canada, WestJet



# EXPOSURE AT ITS HIGHEST

**Toronto is Canada's number one media hub, and the fourth largest in North America. Headquarters for the nation's major newspapers, magazines, television and radio programming are located in Canada's Downtown.**

Many of Canada's primary broadcasting stations, including the CBC and CTV, and national newspapers, including The Globe & Mail and the National Post, are headquartered in Toronto. The city is also home to several other major local and regional media outlets, including the Toronto Star, which boasts the largest readership in the country.

Thanks to Toronto's multicultural diversity, you'll have access to more than 100 ethnic newspapers, including 11 non-English dailies published in and around the city. The WCA will benefit from Toronto's extensive media outlets, many of which are already familiar with speedcubing and the work of the WCA, thanks to prior coverage of the Canadian speedcubing community.

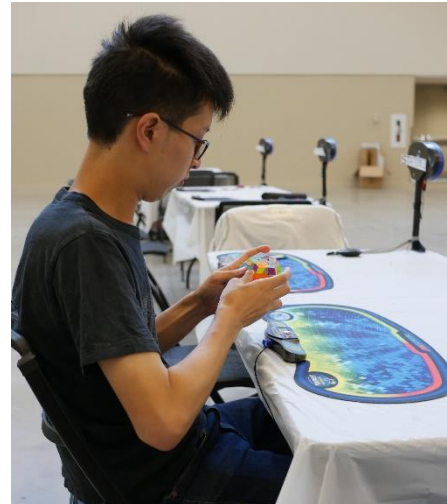


# STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

**Local and visiting staff will come together to make WCA North American Championship a reality.**

The Local Organizing Committee has already identified 35 potential staff members from across Canada. Additionally, speedcubers, their parents, siblings and many others in the Greater Toronto Area are willing to volunteer their time and effort at WCA competitions. Between 100 and 150 staff will be required for this competition.

We will reach out to other Regional Organizations, Delegates and organizers to complete the staff roster. We already have the full support of other Canadian Delegates including Kevin Matthews, Kris De Asis, Julien Gaboriaud and Micah Stairs. Staff will be recruited both by invitation and application to ensure that a skilled team is available for judging, running, scrambling and data entry.





# ATTRACTIONS

Toronto and its surrounding cities are filled with captivating sights and experiences. Enjoy unique sky-high experiences like EdgeWalk at the CN Tower, or go underwater at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada. Below is a sampling of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area's many attractions:

## CN TOWER

As the tallest freestanding structure in the western hemisphere, the CN Tower is a must-see. The world-famous glass floor is one of the tower's most exciting features. Visitors can enjoy some of the city's best views, including the thrilling EdgeWalk.

## RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM OF CANADA

Canada's largest indoor aquarium (over 5.7 million litres) immerses you into a thrilling underwater adventure with more than 16,000 marine animals.

## HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

The Hockey Hall of Fame offers the finest collection of hockey artifacts at all levels of play from around the world, including the Stanley Cup.

## TORONTO ZOO

The Toronto Zoo, the largest in Canada, is home to over 5,000 animals. There's over 10 km of walking trails including a 5-acre polar bear habitat, a gorilla rainforest and an African Savannah to be explored.

## ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

The Royal Ontario Museum is Canada's largest museum. Exhibits showcase world cultures and natural history, and include dinosaurs, ancient Egyptian artifacts, the history of Canada's First Peoples and more.

## CANADA'S WONDERLAND

Canada's premier amusement park is not to be missed by thrill-seeking visitors to Toronto. The park's many rides, shows and food options make for unforgettably fun days. New in 2019, the Yukon Striker is the only dive coaster in the world with a complete 360-degree loop.

## TORONTO ISLAND

Just a 13-minute ferry ride from downtown Toronto, visitors will find beautiful swimming beaches, sports facilities, relaxing green space, cafés and restaurants and an exciting amusement park on Toronto Island.





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