CEREMONIES & AWARDS - SPORT OPENING & CLOSING

The Host Society may conduct individual Sport Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

If a Host Society chooses to run a Sport Opening and / or Closing Ceremony they should be between 5 and 15 minutes in length. Following are guidelines for planning these events:

- Sport Opening Ceremonies:
  o Held prior to the start of competition although this is not required if sport schedules require an earlier start.
  o Order of events is recommended as:
    ▪ Master of Ceremonies (Emcee) welcome,
    ▪ Participants march in to the Host Society's Arctic Winter Games theme song,
    ▪ The flags and contingents are marched in as noted in the flag protocol,
    ▪ A banner stating the name of the contingent precedes each contingent (check Contingent Unit Name Policy),
    ▪ Emcee asks everyone to stand for the national anthems. The anthems are played in alphabetical order except that the host country's anthem is played last,
    ▪ Emcee introduces speaker,
    ▪ Address by speaker,
    ▪ Speaker officially opens the sport venue while the Arctic Winter Games Host Society flag is raised or positioned in a visible location,
    ▪ Host Society’s Arctic Winter Games theme song is played while participants leave to prepare for competition.

- Sport Closing Ceremonies:
  o Order of events – see above,
  o Arctic Winter Games Fair Play pins and coaches medals (individual sports only) may also be presented at Sport Closing Ceremonies,
  o Medal ceremonies may be held in conjunction with Sport Closing Ceremonies.

- Official versions of Contingent Anthems are available from the AWGIC.