



# Committing to the Moment

The Spirit of  
**Loving Competition**



Case for Support  
**Canadian Improv Games**

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# A Message from the Canadian Improv Games

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Improv Games, we are thrilled to present our case for support—a vibrant testament to our unwavering commitment to fostering community, creativity, collaboration, and confidence among Canadian youth. As an organization with a rich legacy spanning multiple decades, we have become a beacon for transformative experiences through the art of improvisational theatre.

Our mission is simple yet profound: to empower young minds through the magic of improvisation, unlocking their potential for innovation and resilience. We envision a future where every Canadian youth has the opportunity to discover the joy of spontaneous creativity, developing skills that transcend the stage to shape the leaders of tomorrow.

Your support would go far beyond an investment in the arts; it's an investment in the future of our nation. In a world that demands agility and creative thinking, our programs are essential catalysts for personal and professional growth - instilling a sense of self-expression, teamwork, and adaptability within the community. Join us in this exciting journey as we continue to fuel the imaginations of Canada's youth, building a foundation for a society where innovation and collaboration thrive. Together, let's empower the next generation to step into the spotlight and embrace a world of limitless possibilities.



Board Chair  
**Jameson Glas**

On behalf of the CIG board

# What we do

For 40 years, the Canadian Improv Games (CIG) has been inspiring, teaching, and supporting high school students across Canada.

## We are

A national charity with regional tournaments in every province, an online tournament, a week-long sleepover camp, and a national festival, the CIG is the best training program in the country for young performers. We are dedicated to enriching the lives of our players through improvisational theatre and promoting positivity, communication, leadership, commitment, and teamwork. The CIG teaches respect, listening to understand, and compassion, all while having the best possible time.



## Our Aim

Through our programming, our aim is to foster a genuine and continued love for improvisation, and to deliver to students training that is second-to-none. The CIG enriches the lives of our participants, and helps them become citizens of excellence on whatever path their journey takes them.





# Across the Country



**Newfoundland**

REGION



**Nova Scotia**

REGION



**Quebec**

REGION



**Kingston**

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**Ottawa**

REGION



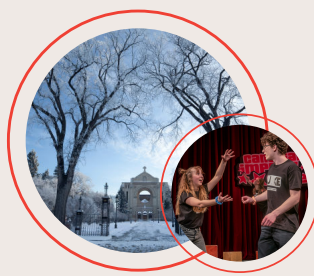
**Tri-City**

REGION



**Toronto**

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**Manitoba**

REGION



**Saskatchewan**

REGION



**Alberta**

REGION



**Lower Mainland**

REGION



**Vancouver Island**

REGION



**Distance\***

REGION

\*The Distance Region is composed of teams located 3+ hours away from their nearest tournament. This includes teams from Northern Territories, PEI, and Northern Ontario. Distance teams compete virtually and the winner competes in Ottawa at the National Festival.

# Across the Country



# CIG Distance Tournament

## est. 2021

In the past, the CIG used to extend its reach to more than 300 schools across Canada. However, we recognize that our base of participants was not comprehensive, particularly with regard to Northern and remote schools. In response to the challenges posed by the pandemic, we had to create educational materials and competitions that could be conducted online and remotely, and were excited to see schools from rural Manitoba and the Northwest Territories who had never previously participated join the Games.

To accomplish our goal of creating future community leaders across the country, CIG has created the “Distance Tournament,” running completely digitally alongside our in-person programming. Schools from remote regions who would have previously been unreachable for CIG are able to participate in digital workshops and classes from CIG instructors and compete in the tournament by filming or streaming their performances. This includes schools from the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Northern Ontario, New Brunswick, PEI, and more. The winning team of the Distance Tournament goes on to compete in the National Tournament, where they will be able to access even more educational opportunities and perform to a national audience through the livestreaming of the National Tournament.



**Northern  
Territories**



**Northern Ontario**



**New  
Brunswick/PEI**





# Why It Matters

Every year, hundreds of players in dozens of cities participate in the Games. Each of them are exposed to the overwhelming positivity and welcoming atmosphere of the tournament. The Canadian Improv Games delivers a program that teaches that competition can be friendly, that learning can be fun, and that collaboration and problem solving don't have to be stressful.

These skills are important to great on-stage performances. But they're even better used long after the night of play is over. We don't just teach improv. We teach students the skills they will need—and use—to better engage with their friends, peers, family, and employers. We teach students how to empathize and problem solve on the fly. We teach students how to be better communicators, on and off the stage. In short, we give young people tools they can use no matter what their future holds.

CIG prides itself on being a place of acceptance, community, and a safe place for self-expression for people of all races, genders, identities, and abilities. Students with disabilities, who are LGBTQ2S+, or who are neurodivergent can see themselves reflected in their peers and mentors through the CIG program. Participating in improv and forming a community can be extremely beneficial to students mental health, and CIG provides them an opportunity to share their voices in an accepting and nurturing environment.

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# The Oath

We have come together  
In the spirit of loving competition  
To celebrate the Canadian Improv Games  
We promise to uphold the ideals of improvisation  
To cooperate with one another  
To learn from each other  
To commit ourselves to the moment  
And above all,  
**TO HAVE A GOOD TIME!**



This is the Oath that we all take—audience included—at the beginning of every night of play. It reminds players what the CIG is all about: teamwork, celebrating each other, gaining knowledge through play, and having a whole lot of fun while doing it. It is not only our oath, nor is it lip service. It's what makes us unique. It's what makes the Canadian Improv Games special. And it's what makes us proud to be a part of it.

# The National Festival

## Canada's Largest Youth Improv Festival

The National Festival is the culmination of the hard work of hundreds of students, staff, and volunteers. It takes place annually in Ottawa at the National Arts Centre, Canada's bilingual home for the performing arts, and creates an opportunity for students and teachers from across the country to meet, learn, grow, and perform together. This week-long program is the final piece of the CIG's annual programming and has been a beloved touchstone for CIG participants since 1977.





# Improv Camp

## Canada's Longest Running Improv Summer Camp

Located on Gambier Island, BC, Improv Camp brings students from across the country together to hone their craft, and learn from some of Canada's best improvisers. With programming tailored to varying skill sets, Improv Camp is an intensive

Our camp program is unlike any other in Canada, and has been inspiring students and trainers alike for decades. Every day, campers are immersed in the “yes, and!” environment—from morning exercises and focus drills to nightly performances. Each camper will leave camp with the skills they need to succeed onstage and off, and build lifelong friendships. The confidence gained at Improv Camp cannot be understated—we teach our campers how to be better performers, as well as how to be true to themselves.

**“I CANNOT WAIT TO COME AGAIN NEXT YEAR BECAUSE IT TRULY IS WHERE I AM THE BEST PERSON I CAN BE AND WHERE MY HEART WILL ALWAYS BE.”**

– IMPROV CAMPER



# You Can Play A Role!

A gift to the Canadian Improv Games helps the next generation of Canadians find confidence and community.



You can help make positive, lifelong memories for students across the country. With your support, young people can discover the value of teamwork, communication, and empathy, all while having a lot of fun.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Canadian Improv Games, please contact:



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Gifts of \$10 or more are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Thank you for considering.

# And Scene!



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