

1) Why was the sports program reduced?

The sports program was reduced mainly because the original host, Victoria in Australia, withdrew due to rising and unsustainable costs. To avoid cancelling the Games altogether, Glasgow proposed a more affordable alternative. This meant significantly cutting the number of sports and simplifying the organization in order to ensure the event could still take place under tighter financial constraints.

2) Which sports were removed and why is this controversial?

Several major team sports were removed, including rugby sevens, field hockey, and cricket. This decision is controversial because these sports are among the most popular and widely followed within the Commonwealth. Their exclusion disappointed both athletes and fans, especially those who had trained for years and hoped to compete or defend titles. It also reduces the overall appeal and visibility of the Games.

3) How do organizers justify their decisions?

Organizers justify the cuts by emphasizing the need to make the Games financially viable and realistic. They argue that using fewer sports, limiting the event to existing venues, and avoiding public funding are necessary compromises. They also present the Games as an opportunity for Scotland, highlighting cultural benefits, collaboration between organizations, and the goal of ensuring a successful and sustainable event despite difficult circumstances.

4) What does “sustainable Games” mean in this context?

In this context, “sustainable Games” refers to a model that minimizes costs and avoids unnecessary spending. It involves using existing infrastructure instead of building new facilities, limiting the scale of the event, and relying on available funding (such as compensation from Victoria). The aim is to create a more efficient and realistic version of the Games that could serve as a model for future hosts.