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# OLYMPIC FLAME-LIGHTING & HANDOVER CEREMONIES LIVE FEEDS & ADDITIONAL CONTENT FROM GREECE

**Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026**

V.3 – 02 December 2025

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V.1.	Initial release.
V.2.	Times have been adjusted for the Flame-Lighting Ceremony. All changes are highlighted in yellow.
V.3.	Times have been adjusted for the Handover Ceremony. All changes are highlighted in yellow.

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On **26 November**, the Olympic flame will be lit in front of the ruins of the Temple of Hera in Olympia, Greece. The Olympic flame will then travel through Greece before heading to Athens. On **4 December**, the Olympic flame will be handed over from Greece to the Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee at the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. The Olympic flame will then travel to Rome, Italy on the same day.

On **5 December** in Rome, there will be a public ceremony attended by the Italian Head of State.

The Olympic Torch Relay officially begins on **6 December**, starting in Rome.

Olympic Channel Services (OCS) will produce live coverage of the flame-lighting and handover ceremonies, as well as additional content (highlights package from each ceremony, daily highlights from the Greek leg of the Olympic Torch Relay).

## **Access to the ceremony live feeds**

The live feeds are provided free of charge to the media by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Media Rights-Holders (MRHs) and IOC Official News Agencies will be contacted directly by Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) regarding the signal distribution for the two events in Greece.

Other media outlets are requested to contact the distribution partner, Overon, directly, as referred on page 3.

**Advanced signal booking is required and must be made at least one week prior to the start of transmission.**

Please note that the exact timings and duration of each event are not yet fully confirmed. Therefore, the transmission times may change closer to the dates.

Events	Flame-Lighting Ceremony	Handover Ceremony
<b>Dates</b>	26 November 2025	4 December 2025
<b>Location</b>	Ancient Olympia, Greece	Athens, Greece
<b>Provisional transmission start/end time</b>	09:00 UTC time / 11:00 Athens time: <i>International Pool Signal Up (Bars and Tone)</i>	<b>08:35 UTC time / 10:35 Athens time:</b> <b><i>International Pool Signal Up (Bars and Tone)</i></b>
	09:20 UTC time / 11:20 Athens time: <i>Start of International Feed – Run-up (with Opening Animation)</i>	<b>08:50 UTC time / 10:50 Athens time:</b> <b><i>Start of International Feed – Run-up (with Opening Animation)</i></b>
	09:30 UTC time / 11:30 Athens time: <i>Start of the Official Ceremony</i>	<b>09:00 UTC time / 11:00 Athens time:</b> <b><i>Start of the Official Ceremony</i></b>
	10:50 UTC time / 12:50 Athens time: <i>End of transmission (approximate)</i>	<b>09:56 UTC time / 11:56 Athens time:</b> <b><i>End of transmission (approximate)</i></b>
<b>Host Broadcaster/Source</b>	Olympic Channel Services (OCS)	
<b>Booking Deadline</b>	Advance signal booking is required and must take place <b>at least one week prior to transmission start time</b> .	
<b>Offer</b>	<b>MRHs and IOC Official News Agencies:</b> via OBS. <b>Other media outlets:</b> Distribution via satellite in Europe (encrypted with BISS key). Free of technical charge. Additional costs may incur for extension outside of Europe.	
<b>Format</b>	1080p50	
<b>Audio</b>	1. Int. Sound L 2. Int. Sound R 3. Language 1 Clean (English) 4. Language 2 Clean (Italian) 5. English PGM L 6. English PGM R 7. Italian PGM L 8. Italian PGM R	
<b>Graphics</b>	Dirty feed with graphics in English. With Olympic Rings bug on top left.	
<b>Distribution Contact – Satellite</b>	OVERON Bookings: <a href="mailto:sports@overon.es">sports@overon.es</a>   Phone +34 91 512 1700 Booking reference: <b>OVE_SP251354026</b>	
<b>Booking reference:</b> <b>OVE_SP251354029</b>		
<b>Production/On-site Contact</b>	Sara Hernaez   Production Manager, Olympic Channel Tel: +34 699 474 620	
<b>Event Organiser</b>	Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC)   <a href="#">Website</a>	

All information is subject to change.