



# OLYMPIC GAMES



AMSTERDAM

July 28 - August 12, 1928



## Olympic Parking

The 1928 Summer Olympics (Olympische Zomerspelen 1928), officially known as the Games of the IX Olympiad, were held in 1928 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Amsterdam had bid for the 1920 and 1924 Olympic Games, but had to give way to Antwerp, Belgium, and Pierre de Coubertin's Paris, respectively. The only other candidate city for the 1928 Games was Los Angeles, which would host the Olympics four years later.

The United States Olympic Committee measured the costs and revenue of the 1928 Games in preparation for the 1932 Summer Olympics. The committee reported a total cost of US\$1.183 million with receipts of US\$1.165 million for a loss of US\$18,000 — much less than that of the previous Games.

Frederik van Tuyll van Serooskerken first proposed Amsterdam as host city for the Summer Olympic Games in 1912, even before the Netherlands Olympic Committee was established. In 1916 the Olympic Games were cancelled due to World War I. In 1919 the Netherlands Olympi-

c Committee abandoned the proposal of Amsterdam in favour of their support of Antwerp as host city for the 1920 Summer Olympics. In 1921 Paris was selected for the 1924 Summer Olympics on the condition that the 1928 Summer Olympics would be organized in Amsterdam. This decision, was announced by the International Olympic Committee on 2 June 1921. The decision was disputed by



the Americans, but their request to allocate the 1928 Summer Olympics to Los Angeles was without success in 1922 and again in 1923. Los Angeles was eventually selected as host city for the 1932 Summer Olympics.

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## SPORTS

There were 14 sports, 20 disciplines and 109 events in the tournament.

### Aquatics

**Diving (4 events)**

**Swimming (11 events)**

**Water polo (1 event)**

### Athletics (27 events)

**Boxing (8 events)**

### Cycling

**Road (2 events)**

**Track (4 events)**

### Equestrian

**Dressage (2 events)**

**Eventing (2 events)**

**Show jumping (2 events)**

**Fencing (7 events)**

**Football (1 events)**

**Gymnastics (8 events)**

**Field hockey (1 event)**

**Modern pentathlon (1 event)**

**Rowing (7 events)**

**Sailing (3 events)**

**Weightlifting (5 events)**

**Wrestling**

**Freestyle (7 events)**

**Greco-Roman (6 events)**

### *Demonstration sports*

*Kaatsen*

*Korfball*

*Lacrosse*

### *Art competitions:*

\*Architecture: Architectural design, Town planning

\*Literature: Lyric works, Dramatic works, Epic works

\*Music: Song, One instrument, Orchestra

\*Painting: Paintings, Drawings, Graphic works

\*Sculpture: Statues, Reliefs and medallions

At the time, medals were awarded to these artists, but art competitions are no longer regarded as official Olympic events by the International Olympic Committee. These events do not appear in the IOC medal database, and these totals are not included in the IOC's medal table for the 1928 Games.

Medal count in art competition:

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	NETHERLANDS	2	1	1	4
2.	GERMANY	1	2	5	8
3.	FRANCE	1	2	1	4
4.	GREAT BRITAIN	1	1	0	2
5.	POLAND	1	0	1	2
6.	AUSTRIA	1	0	0	1
	HUNGARY	1	0	0	1
	LUXEMBOURG	1	0	0	1
9.	SWITZERLAND	0	2	0	2
10.	DENMARK	0	1	2	3
11.	ITALY	0	1	0	1

# Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Amersfoort	Modern pentathlon
Amsterdam	Road cycling
Buiten Y	Sailing
Hilversum	Equestrian / Modern pentathlon
Krachtsportgebouw	Boxing / Weightlifting / Wrestling
Monnikenhuize (Arnhem)	Football
Old Stadion	Field hockey / Football
Olympic Sports Park Swim Stadion	Diving / Modern pentathlon / Swimming / Water polo
Olympic Stadium	Athletics / Track cycling / Equestrian / Football / Gymnastics / Korfbal
Schermsaal	Fencing / Modern pentathlon
Sloterringvaart, Sloten	Rowing
Sparta Stadion Het Kasteel (Rotterdam)	Football
Zeeburg Shooting Grounds	Modern pentathlon
Zuiderzee	Sailing

## HIGHLIGHTS

\*Women's athletics and team gymnastics debuted at these Olympics. Halina Konopacka of Poland became the first female Olympic track and field champion. Reports that the 800 meter run ended with several of the competitors being completely exhausted were widely (and erroneously) circulated. As a result, the IOC decided that women were too frail for long distance running, and women's Olympic running events were limited to 200 meters until the 1960s.

\*The 1928 Games invented the blue parking sign with a white P.

**\*For the first time, the Olympic Flame was lit during the Olympics.**

\*For the first time, the parade of nations started with Greece, which holds the origins of the Olympics, and ended with the host country, a tradition which continues today.

\*The Games were officially opened by Prince Hendrik, consort of Queen Wilhelmina, who had authorized him to deputise for her. This was the second time a head of state had not personally officiated at an Olympic opening ceremony. The Queen refused as she was on holiday in Norway and did not want to disrupt her trip. The Queen was furious at the organizing committee for not consulting with her about the opening date.

\*These games were the first to feature a standard schedule of 16 days.

\*Athletics events were held on a 400-meter track, later becoming the standard for athletics tracks.

\*Paavo Nurmi of Finland won his ninth and final gold medal in the 10,000 m race.

\*Mikio Oda (Japan) was the first gold medalist from Asia.

\*Crown Prince Olav (later King of Norway) won a gold medal in sailing.

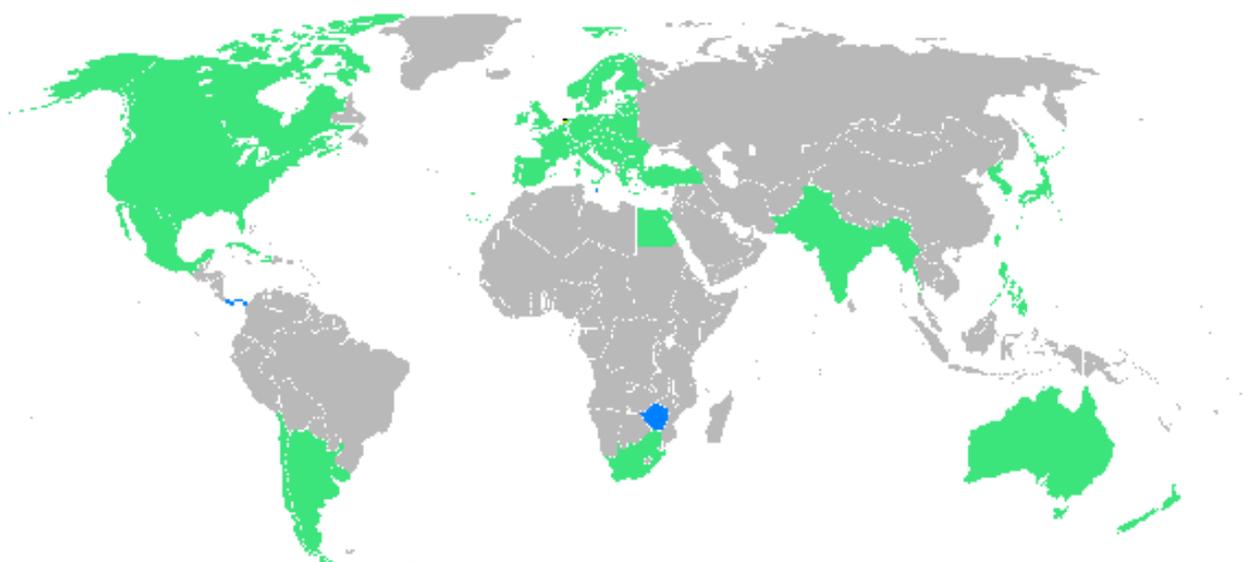
\*The first appearance of the sponsor Coca-Cola at the Olympic Games.

\*These games were the first to bear the name "Summer Olympic Games",



NATION	PARTICIPANTS	NATION	PARTICIPANTS
ARGENTINA 	81	LATVIA 	14
AUSTRALIA 	18	LITHUANIA 	12
AUSTRIA 	73	LUXEMBOURG 	46
BELGIUM 	186	MALTA 	9
BULGARIA 	5	MEXICO 	30
CANADA 	69	MONACO 	7
CHILE 	38	NETHERLANDS 	264
CUBA 	1	NEW ZEALAND 	10
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 	70	NORWAY 	52
DENMARK 	91	PANAMA 	1
EGYPT 	32	PHILIPPINES 	4
ESTONIA 	20	POLAND 	93
FINLAND 	69	PORTUGAL 	31
FRANCE 	255	RHODESIA 	2
GERMANY 	296	ROMANIA 	29
GREAT BRITAIN 	232	SOUTH AFRICA 	24
GREECE 	23	SPAIN 	80
HAITI 	2	SWEDEN 	100
HUNGARY 	109	SWITZERLAND 	133
INDIA 	21	TURKEY 	31
IRELAND 	27	UNITED STATES 	280
ITALY 	174	URUGUAY 	22
JAPAN 	43	YUGOSLAVIA 	34

A total of 46 nations were represented at the Amsterdam Games. Malta, Panama, and Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) competed at the Olympic Games for the first time. Germany returned after having been banned in 1920 and 1924.



# Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	UNITED STATES	22	18	16	56
2.	GERMANY	10	7	14	31
3.	FINLAND	8	8	9	25
4.	SWEDEN	7	6	12	25
5.	ITALY	7	5	7	19
6.	SWITZERLAND	7	4	4	15
7.	FRANCE	6	10	5	21
8.	NETHERLANDS	6	9	4	19
9.	HUNGARY	4	5	0	9
10.	CANADA	4	4	7	15
11.	GREAT BRITAIN	3	10	7	20
12.	ARGENTINA	3	3	1	7
13.	DENMARK	3	1	2	6
14.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2	5	2	9
15.	JAPAN	2	2	1	5
16.	ESTONIA	2	1	2	5
17.	EGYPT	2	1	1	4
18.	AUSTRIA	2	0	1	3
19.	AUSTRALIA	1	2	1	4
	NORWAY	1	2	1	4
21.	POLAND	1	1	3	5
	YUGOSLAVIA	1	1	3	5
23.	SOUTH AFRICA	1	0	2	3
24.	INDIA	1	0	0	1
	IRELAND	1	0	0	1
	NEW ZEALAND	1	0	0	1
	SPAIN	1	0	0	1
	URUGUAY	1	0	0	1
29.	BELGIUM	0	1	2	3
30.	CHILE	0	1	0	1
	HAITI	0	1	0	1
32.	PHILIPPINES	0	0	1	1
	PORTUGAL	0	0	1	1
		110	108	109	327

## MAJOR STARS

**Johnny Weissmuller (USA)** - added two more golds in swimming (to three other won in 1924)

**Paavo Nurmi (Finland)** - won his ninth gold in athletics (he also added two silvers)

**Ville Ritola (Finland)** - won his fifth gold medal in athletics

**Halina Konopacka (Poland)** - she was the first female Olympic champion in athletics (as well the first Polish Olympic champion in history)

**Lucien Gaudin (France)** - won two golds in fencing (he had won 2 golds in 1924)

**Uruguay football team** - they defended the gold medal won in 1924

**Georges Miez (Switzerland)** - three golds and one silver in gymnastics

**Leon Štukelj (Yugoslavia)** - won his third gold in gymnastics

## POLISH PARTICIPATION

There were 93 Polish competitors, 82 men and 11 women, took part in 44 events in 11 sports.

The flag bearer was Marian Cieniewski (wrestler)

The medalists were:

**Gold** - Halina Konopacka (discus throw - photo on the right)

**Silver** - Michał Woysym-Antoniewicz, Kazimierz Gzowski, Kazimierz Szosland (Equestrian - team jumping)

**Bronze** - Michał Woysym-Antoniewicz, Karol Rómmel, Józef Trenkwald (Equestrian - team eventing)

Tadeusz Friedrich, Kazimierz Laskowski, Aleksander Małeckki, Adam Papée, Władysław Segda, Jerzy Zabielski (team sabre)

Leon Birkholc, Franciszek Bronikowski, Bolesław Drewek, Edmund Jankowski, Bernard Ormanowski (rowing - coxed four)

Other notable results:

4th - Kazimierz Gzowski (Equestrian jumping)

5th - Józef Lange, Alfred Reul, Jan Zybert, Józef Oksiutycz (Track cycling - team pursuit)

5th - Jerzy Koszutski (Track cycling - sprint)

5th - Stanisław Podgórski, Ludwik Turowski (Track cycling - tandem)

5-8th - Jan Górny (Boxing)

6th - Józef Lange (Track cycling - time trial)

8th - Gertruda Kilosówna (800m)

**Art competition:**

**Gold** - Kazimierz Wierzyński (Literature - Lyric works)

**Bronze** - Władysław Skoczylas (Painting - Drawing)



*Kazimierz Szosland*

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