



OLYMPIC GAMES



SAPPORO
February 3-13, 1972



First winter in Asia

The 1972 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XI Olympic Winter Games (Japanese: *Dai Jūichi-kai Orinpikku Tōkikyōgi Taikai*)(French: *Les Xles Jeux olympiques d'hiver*), were a winter multi-sport event which was held from February 3 to February 13, 1972, in Sapporo, Hokkaidō, Japan. It was the first Winter Olympics to be held outside Europe and North America, and only the third game (summer or winter) held outside those regions overall, after Melbourne (1956 Summer Olympics) and Tokyo (1964 Summer Olympics). Sapporo first won the rights to host the 1940 Winter

advance of the Games. An international sport week was held in February, 1971, to assess the city's preparations as well as "to test its civic mettle and hospitality", and this effort was acclaimed by Olympic observers as "a complete success". The development of new infrastructure proved to be a huge boon for the Sapporo economy: by the time of the Games, the national government had invested some US\$500 million in upgrades, including a new subway. The Games' organizers themselves turned a healthy profit in part because they arranged a record \$8.47 million for broadcast rights.

The Olympic Games were officially opened by Emperor Hirohito.

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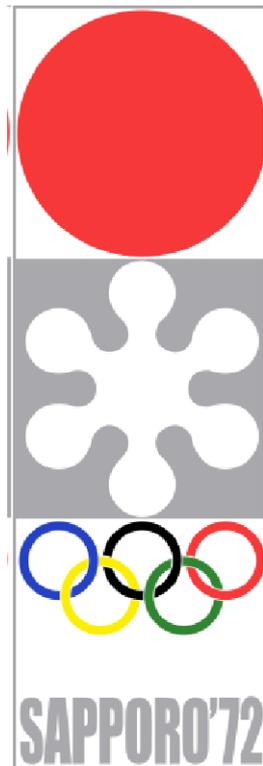


Olympics, but Japan resigned as the Games' host after its 1937 invasion of China. The 1940 Games were later cancelled. All the cities awarded Games that were cancelled due to war have since hosted the Games (London, Tokyo, Helsinki, Sapporo and Cortina d'Ampezzo). Sapporo competed with Banff, Lahti, and Salt Lake City. The Games were awarded at the 64th IOC Session in Rome, Italy, on April 26, 1966.

In preparation, the Japanese constructed new largescale facilities at Sapporo and conducted a trial run a full year in



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SPORTS

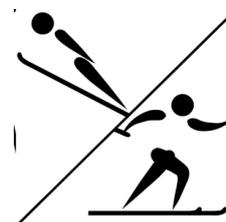
There were 35 events contested in 6 sports (10 disciplines):

- *Alpine skiing (6 events)
- *Biathlon (2 events)
- *Bobsleigh (2 events)
- *Cross-country skiing (7 events)
- *Figure skating (3 events)
- *Ice hockey (1 event)
- *Luge (3 events)
- *Nordic combined (1 event)
- *Ski jumping (2 events)
- *Speed skating (8 events)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Galina Kulakova of the USSR won all three cross-country skiing events for women.
- Dutch skater Ard Schenk won three gold medals in speed skating.

- Magnar Solberg from Norway was the first repeat winner in the individual 20 km biathlon event, having first won in Grenoble.
 - Spain scored its first Winter gold medal courtesy of slalom skier Francisco Fernández Ochoa.
 - Three days before the Games, controversy over amateur status arose when IOC president Avery Brundage threatened to disqualify 40 alpine skiers who received endorsement and other deals. Austrian skier Karl Schranz, who received over \$50,000 per year from ski manufacturers, was banned as an example. Meanwhile, Canada refused to send an ice hockey team, maintaining that professional ice hockey players from Communist nations were allowed to compete with no restrictions.
 - On a historical note, these Games are the last where a skier won the gold medal using all-wooden skis. Since this time, top-level cross-country skiers use skis made mostly of fibreglass synthetics.
 - In female Figure skating event, American skater Janet Lynn won not only a bronze medal, but also tremendous popularity among Japanese audiences because of her artistic free program, as to make appearance on the cover of "Olympic Winter Games, Sapporo 1972" photo books published in Japan, and even on Japanese TV commercials later.
 - Luge had its only tie in the history of the Winter Olympics in the men's doubles event.
 - Yukio Kasaya, Akitsugu Konno, and Seiji Aochi won the ski jumping normal hill (70 m) gold, silver, and bronze medal, respectively. Kasaya's gold was Japan's first-ever at the Winter Games. This result would persist as the country's best for the next 20 years
 - Wojciech Fortuna of Poland won the ski jumping's large hill (90 m) event – it was the first winter gold for Poland
- In speed skating, Ard Schenk (three golds), Stien Baas-Kaiser (one gold and one silver), Atje Keulen-Deelstra (one silver and two bronzes), and Kees Verkerk (one silver) were responsible for all nine medals for the Netherlands. This was the best performance by a Dutch delegation at the Winter Olympics, and it took 26 years to be improved, when the Games returned to Japan.



Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Makomanai Biathlon site	Biathlon
Makomanai Cross-country site	Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined
Makomanai Ice Arena	Figure skating / Ice hockey
Makomanai Speed Skating Rink	Opening ceremony / Speed skating
Mikaho Indoor Skating Rink	Figure skating
Tsukisamu Indoor Skating Rink	Ice hockey
Miyanomori Jumping Hill	Nordic combined / Ski jumping
Mount Eniwa Downhill Course	Alpine skiing
Mt. Teine Alpine Skiing courses	Alpine skiing
Mt. Teine Bobsleigh Course	Bobsleigh
Okurayama Jumping Hill	Ski jumping

35 nations participated in the 1972 Winter Olympics. The Republic of China (commonly known as Taiwan) and the Philippines participated in their first Winter Olympic Games.

NATION	PARTICIPANTS	NATION	PARTICIPANTS
ARGENTINA 	2	SOUTH KOREA 	5
AUSTRALIA 	4	LEBANON 	1
AUSTRIA 	40	LIECHTENSTEIN 	4
BELGIUM 	1	MONGOLIA 	4
BULGARIA 	4	NETHERLANDS 	11
CANADA 	47	NEW ZEALAND 	2
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 	41	NORWAY 	67
FINLAND 	50	PHILIPPINES 	2
FRANCE 	40	POLAND 	47
EAST GERMANY 	42	ROMANIA 	13
WEST GERMANY 	78	SOVIET UNION 	78
GREAT BRITAIN 	37	SPAIN 	3
GREECE 	3	SWEDEN 	58
HUNGARY 	1	SWITZERLAND 	52
IRAN 	4	REPUBLIC OF CHINA 	5
ITALY 	44	UNITED STATES 	103
JAPAN 	85	YUGOSLAVIA 	26
NORTH KOREA 	6		



POLISH PARTICIPATION

47 athletes (39 men, 8 women) took part in 8 sports

GOLD MEDAL:

***Wojciech FORTUNA – ski jumping (large hill)**
(in the post stamp on the right)

OTHER RESULTS

ALPINE SKIING:

*Andrzej BACHLEDA – 9 (giant slalom); 10 (slalom)

BIATHLON:

*Andrzej FIEDOR – 48 (20 km)

*Józef STOPKA – 35 (20 km)

*Andrzej RAPACZ – 33 (20 km)

*Aleksander KLIMA – 9 (20 km)

*Józef RÓZAK, Józef STOPKA, Andrzej RAPACZ, Aleksander KLIMA – 7 (4 x 7,5 km)

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:

*Jan STASZEL – 33 (15 km); 29 (30 km)

*Anna GĘBALA-DURAJ – 29 (5 km); 15 (10 km)

*Władysława MAJERCZYK – 23 (5 km); 34 (10 km)

*Józefa CHROMIK – 21 (5 km); 21 (10 km)

*Weronika BUDNY – 13 (5 km); 11 (10 km)

***Anna GĘBALA-DURAJ, Józefa CHROMIK, Weronika BUDNY – 7 (3 x 5 km)**

FIGURE SKATING:

*Grażyna KOSTRZEWIŃSKA, Adam BRODECKI – 11 (pairs)

ICE HOCKEY:

*Walery KOSYL, Andrzej TKACZ, Ludwik CZACHOWSKI, Marian FETER, Stanisław FRYŻLEWICZ, Robert GÓRALCZYK, Adam KOPCZYŃSKI, Jerzy POTZ, Andrzej SZCZEPANIEC, Józef BATKIEWICZ, Krzysztof BIAŁYNICKI, Stefan CHOWANIEC, Feliks GÓRALCZYK, Tadeusz KACIK, Tadeusz OBŁÓJ, Józef SŁOWAKIEWICZ, Leszek TOKARZ, Wiesław TOKARZ, Walenty ZIĘTARA – **6th place** (West Germany 4-0, Czechoslovakia 1-14, Finland 1-5, Sweden 3-5, Soviet Union 3-9, USA 1-6)

LUGE:

*Ryszard GAWIOR – 19

*Mirośław WIĘCKOWSKI – 27

*Lucjan KUDZIA – 13

*Janusz GRZEMOWSKI – 12

***Mirośław WIĘCKOWSKI, Wojciech KUBLIK – 5 (doubles)**

*Lucjan KUDZIA, Ryszard GAWIOR – 9

*Barbara PIECHA – 9

***Wiesława MARTYKA – 6**

***Halina KANASZ – 6**

NORDIC COMBINED:

*Kazimierz DŁUGOPOLSKI – 12

*Józef GAŚIENICA – 31

*Stefan HULA – 17

SKI JUMPING:

*Stanisław GAŚIENICA DANIEL – 39 (normal hill); 31 (large hill)

*Tadeusz PAWLUSIAK – 32 (normal hill); 18 (large hill)

*Adam KRZYSZTOFIAK – 24 (normal hill); 29 (large hill)

***Wojciech FORTUNA – 6 (normal hill)**



Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	SOVIET UNION	8	5	3	16
2.	EAST GERMANY	4	3	7	14
3.	SWITZERLAND	4	3	3	10
4.	NETHERLANDS	4	3	2	9
5.	UNITED STATES	3	2	3	8
6.	WEST GERMANY	3	1	1	5
7.	NORWAY	2	5	5	12
8.	ITALY	2	2	1	5
9.	AUSTRIA	1	2	2	5
10.	SWEDEN	1	1	2	4
11.	JAPAN	1	1	1	3
12.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1	0	2	3
13.	POLAND	1	0	0	1
	SPAIN	1	0	0	1
15.	FINLAND	0	4	1	5
16.	FRANCE	0	1	2	3
17.	CANADA	0	1	0	1
		36	34	35	105

MAJOR STARS

Marie-Theres NADIG (Switzerland) – two gold medals in alpine skiing



Vyacheslav VEDENIN (Soviet Union) – two golds and one bronze in cross-country skiing (then: 2-1-1 in Olympics)

Galina KULAKOVA (Soviet Union) – she added three gold medals in cross-country skiing to one silver from Grenoble'68

Wojciech FORTUNA (Poland) – he won the first gold winter medal for Poland

Francisco FERNANDEZ OCHOA (Spain) – he won the first (gold) medal for Spain

Ard SCHENK (Netherlands) - he added three gold medals in cross-country skiing to one silver from Grenoble'68

Dianne HOLUM (USA) – one gold and one silver in speed skating (then: 1-2-1 in



Olympics)

Stien KAISER (Netherlands) - one gold and one silver in speed skating (then: 1-1-2 in Olympics)