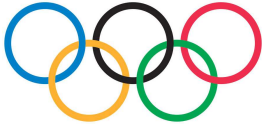




# OLYMPIC GAMES



MONTREAL

July 17 - August 01, 1976



## Canada boycotted by Africa...

The 1976 Summer Olympics, officially called the Games of the XXI Olympiad (French: *Les XXIes olympiques d'été*), were held in Montreal, Quebec, in 1976, and the first Olympic Games held in Canada. Montreal was awarded the rights to the 1976 Games on May 12, 1970, at the 69th IOC Session in Amsterdam, over the bids of Moscow and Los Angeles. It is so far the only Summer Olympic Games to be held in Canada. Calgary and Vancouver later hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1988 and 2010, respectively. The vote occurred on May 12, 1970, at the 69th IOC Session in Amsterdam, Netherlands. While Los Angeles and Moscow were viewed as the favourites given that they represented the world's two main powers, many of the smaller countries supported Montreal as an underdog and as a politically neutral site for the games. Los Angeles was eliminated after the first round and Montreal won in the second round. Moscow would go on to host the 1980 Summer Olympics and Los Angeles the 1984 Summer Olympics. One blank vote was cast in the second and final round. Toronto had made its third attempt for the Olympics but failed to get the support of the Canadian Olympic Committee, which selected Montreal instead.

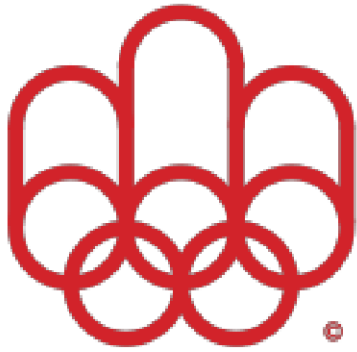


The Games were officially opened by Elizabeth II. The Olympic torch was lit by Stéphane Prefontaine and Sandra Henderson (see photo).

Twenty-nine countries, mostly African, boycotted the Montreal Games when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refused to ban New Zealand, after the New Zealand national rugby union team had toured South Africa earlier in 1976 in defiance of the United Nations' calls for a sporting embargo.



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## Montréal 1976

**The 1976 Summer Olympic programme featured 196 events with 198 medal ceremonies in the following 21 sports:**

**\*Aquatics:**

- Diving (4 events)
- Swimming (26 events)
- Water polo (1 event)

**\*Archery (2 events)**

**\*Athletics (37 events)**

**\*Basketball (2 events)**

**\*Boxing (11 events)**

**\*Canoeing (11 events)**

**\*Cycling:**

- Road (2 events)
- Track (4 events)

**\*Equestrian:**

- Dressage (2 events)
- Eventing (2 events)
- Show jumping (2 events)

**\*Fencing (8 events)**

**\*Football (1 event)**

**\*Gymnastics (14 events)**

**\*Handball (2 events)**

**\*Field hockey (1 event)**

**\*Judo (6 events)**

**\*Modern pentathlon (2 events)**

**\*Rowing (14 events)**

**\*Sailing (6 events)**

**\*Shooting (7 events)**

**\*Volleyball (2 events)**

**\*Weightlifting (9 events)**

**\*Wrestling:**

- Freestyle (10 events)
- Greco-Roman (10 events)

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*Another boycott of the Montreal Games was the main issue between the Republic of China (ROC) and the People's Republic of China (PRC). The ROC team withdrew from the games when Canada's Liberal government under Pierre Trudeau told it that the name "Republic of China" was not permissible at the Games because Canada had officially recognized the PRC in 1970. Canada attempted a compromise by allowing the ROC the continued use of its national flag and anthem in the Montreal Olympic activities; the ROC refused. Later in November 1976, the IOC recognized the PRC as the only recognized name of any Olympic activities representative of any Chinese government. In 1979 the IOC established in the Nagoya Resolution that the PRC agreed to participate in IOC activities if the Republic of China was referred to as "Chinese Taipei".*

## Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Centre Pierre Charbonneau	Wrestling
Maurice Richard Arena	Boxing / Wrestling
Montreal Botanical Garden	Athletics / Modern pentathlon
Olympic Pool	Diving / Modern pentathlon / Swimming / Water polo
Olympic Stadium	Athletics / Equestrian / Football
Olympic Velodrome	Track cycling / Judo
Centre Etienne Desmarteau	Basketball
Complexe sportif Claude-Robillard	Handball / Water polo
Notre Dame Island	Canoeing / Rowing
Molson Stadium, McGill University	Field hockey
Montreal Forum	Basketball / Boxing / Gymnastics / Handball / Volleyball
Mount Royal Park	Cycling
Paul Sauve Centre	Volleyball
Quebec Autoroute 40	Cycling
St. Michel Arena	Weightlifting
Streets of Montreal	Athletics (marathon)
Winter Stadium	Fencing / Modern pentathlon
Lansdowne Park, Ottawa	Football
Sherbrooke Stadium, Sherbrooke	Football
Varsity Stadium, Toronto	Football
Pavilion de l'éducation physique et des sports de l'Université Laval, Quebec City	Handball
Sherbrooke Sports Palace, Sherbrooke	Handball
Olympic Archery Field, Joliette	Archery
Olympic Equestrian Centre, Bromont	Equestrian / Modern pentathlon
Olympic Shooting Range, L'Acadie	Modern pentathlon / Shooting
Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, Kingston	Sailing

### ROAD TO GOLD - Polish Volleyball Team

Matches:

- 18.07.1976: POLAND – SOUTH AFRICA 3:2 (12:15, 6:15, 15:6, 15:6, 15:5)  
 19.07.1976: POLAND – CANADA 3:0 (15:4, 15:7, 15:6)  
 21.07.1976: POLAND – CUBA 3:2 (13:15, 10:15, 15:6, 15:9, 20:18)  
 23.07.1976: POLAND – CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3:1 (8:15, 15:11, 15:5, 16:14)  
 29.07.1976: POLAND – JAPAN 3:2 (15:17, 15:6, 15:6, 10:15, 15:10)  
 30.07.1976: POLAND – SOVIET UNION 3:2 (11:15, 13:15, 15:12, 19:17, 15:7)

\*The coach of the team was Hubert Jerzy Wagner



# HIGHLIGHTS

- Taro Aso was a member of the Japanese shooting team. 32 years later, he would be elected as the prime minister of Japan.
- The Games were opened by Elizabeth II, as head of state of Canada. The Queen's daughter, Princess Anne, also competed in the games as part of the British riding team.
- After a rainstorm doused the Olympic Flame a few days after the games had opened, an official relit the flame using his cigarette lighter. Organizers quickly doused it again and relit it using a backup of the original flame.
- Women's events were introduced in basketball, handball and rowing.
- Canada, the host country, finished with five silver and six bronze medals. This was the first time that the host country of the Summer Games had not won any gold medals.
- At age 14, gymnast Nadia Comăneci of Romania became the first person to score a perfect 10 at the Olympics, recording seven 10.00 scores and winning three gold medals, including the all-around. The scoreboard could hold only 3 digits and the score was shown as 1.00.
- Alberto Juantorena of Cuba became the first man to win both the 400 m and 800 m at the same Olympics.
- Finland's Lasse Virén repeated his 1972 double win in the 5,000 and 10,000 m runs, the first runner to successfully defend a 5,000 m win (since equalled by Britain's Mo Farah in 2016). Virén finished 5th in the marathon, thereby failing to equal Emil Zátopek's 1952 achievements.
- Hasely Crawford won Trinidad and Tobago's first Olympic gold medal by finishing first in the 100 meter dash.
- Viktor Saneyev of the Soviet Union won his third consecutive triple jump gold medal, while Klaus Dibiasi of Italy did the same in the platform diving event.
- Boris Onishchenko, a member of the Soviet Union's modern pentathlon team, was disqualified after it was discovered that he had rigged his épée to register a hit when there wasn't one. Because of this, the Soviet modern pentathlon team was disqualified.
- Five American boxers – Sugar Ray Leonard, Leon Spinks, Michael Spinks, Leo Randolph and Howard Davis Jr. won gold medals in boxing. This has been often called the greatest Olympic boxing team the United States ever had, and, out of the five American gold medalists in boxing, all but Davis went on to become professional world champions.
- Princess Anne of the United Kingdom was the only female competitor not to have to submit to a sex test. She was a member of her country's equestrian team.
- Japanese gymnast Shun Fujimoto performed on a broken right knee, and helped the Japanese team win the gold medal for the team championship. Fujimoto broke his leg on the floor exercise, and due to the closeness in the overall standings with the USSR, he hid the extent of the injury. With a broken knee, Fujimoto was able to complete his event on the rings, performing a perfect triple somersault dismount, maintaining perfect posture. He scored a 9.7 thus securing gold for Japan. Years later, when asked if he would do it again, he stated bluntly "No, I would not".
- The East German women's swimming team won all but two gold medals. Kornelia Ender won four gold medals and a silver medal.
- The U.S. men's swimming team won all but one gold medal. John Naber won four gold medals and a silver medal.
- Alex Oakley, the Canadian race walker, became the oldest track and field athlete to compete at the Olympic Games. He was aged 50, and taking part in his fifth Olympics.
- The New Zealand men's national field hockey team beat Australia to win gold, becoming the first non-Asian/European team to win the gold medal in hockey. It is also the first Olympic games in which hockey was played on artificial turf.
- The Polish men's volleyball team came back from being down 2 sets against the USSR to win the gold medal.
- Thomas Bach of West Germany won a gold medal in the team foil event in fencing. He would later become IOC President.
- Heavyweight boxer Clarence Hill won a bronze medal for Bermuda. His accomplishment makes Bermuda the smallest nation in terms of population to win an Olympic medal at the Summer Olympics.

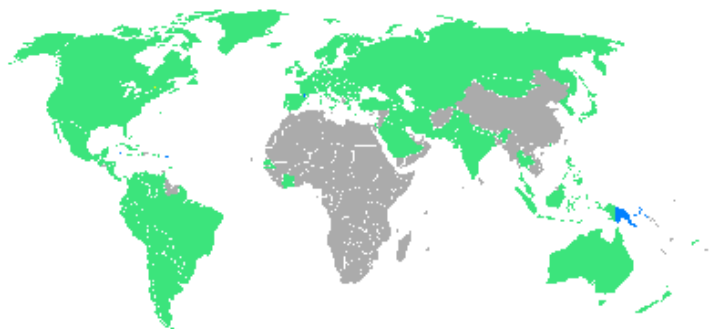
Four nations made their first Summer Olympic appearance in Montreal: Andorra (which had its overall Olympic debut a few months before in Innsbruck Winter Olympics), Antigua and Barbuda (as Antigua), Cayman Islands, and Papua New Guinea.

Twenty-nine countries boycotted the Games due to the refusal of the IOC to ban New Zealand, after the New Zealand national rugby union team had toured South Africa earlier in 1976. The boycott was led by Congolese official Jean Claude Ganga. Some of the boycotting nations (including Morocco, Cameroon and Egypt) had already participated, however, and withdrew after the first few days. Senegal and Ivory Coast were the only African countries that competed throughout the duration of the Games. Elsewhere, both Iraq and Guyana also opted to join the Congolese-led boycott. South Africa had been banned from the Olympics since 1964 due to its apartheid policies. Other countries, such as El Salvador and Zaire, did not participate in Montreal because of economic reasons.

AFGHANISTAN, ALBANIA, ALGERIA, BENIN, BURMA, CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUYANA, IRAQ, KENYA, LIBYA, LESOTHO, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MALI, MOROCCO, NIGER, NIGERIA, REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIA, SWAZILAND, TANZANIA, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, ZAIRE, ZAMBIA

NATION	NATION	NATION
ANDORRA (3)	GREECE (37)	NICARAGUA (14)
ANTIGUA (9)	GUATEMALA (29)	NORWAY (68)
ARGENTINA (70)	HAITI (12)	PAKISTAN (24)
AUSTRALIA (182)	HONDURAS (3)	PANAMA (8)
AUSTRIA (60)	HONG KONG (25)	PAPUA NEW GUINEA (5)
BAHAMAS (10)	HUNGARY (183)	PARAGUAY (6)
BARBADOS (10)	ICELAND (14)	PERU (13)
BELGIUM (106)	INDIA (26)	PHILIPPINES (14)
BELIZE (4)	INDONESIA (7)	POLAND (224)
BERMUDA (22)	IRAN (84)	PORTUGAL (19)
BOLIVIA (4)	IRELAND (46)	PUERTO RICO (81)
BRAZIL (81)	ISRAEL (26)	ROMANIA (157)
BULGARIA (160)	ITALY (221)	SAN MARINO (10)
CAMEROON (4)	IVORY COAST (8)	SAUDI ARABIA (19)
CANADA (391)	JAMAICA (20)	SENEGAL (23)
CAYMAN ISLANDS (4)	JAPAN (215)	SINGAPORE (4)
CHILE (7)	NORTH KOREA (41)	SOVIET UNION (412)
COLOMBIA (34)	SOUTH KOREA (50)	SPAIN (115)
COSTA RICA (5)	KUWAIT (14)	SURINAME (3)
CUBA (150)	LEBANON (4)	SWEDEN (122)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (150)	LIECHTENSTEIN (6)	SWITZERLAND (54)
DENMARK (69)	LUXEMBOURG (8)	THAILAND (43)
DOMINICAN REP. (11)	MALAYSIA (23)	TRINIDAD TOBAGO (12)
ECUADOR (5)	MEXICO (99)	TUNISIA (17)
EGYPT (29)	MONACO (10)	TURKEY (27)
FIJI (2)	MONGOLIA (33)	UNITED STATES (403)
FINLAND (89)	MOROCCO (9)	URUGUAY (9)
FRANCE (213)	NEPAL (1)	VENEZUELA (31)
EAST GERMANY (274)	NETHERLANDS (103)	VIRGIN ISLANDS (18)
WEST GERMANY (289)	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (4)	YUGOSLAVIA (90)
GREAT BRITAIN (249)	NEW ZEALAND (84)	

\*Cameroon, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia withdrew from the Games after June 20th



## Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	SOVIET UNION	49	41	35	125
2.	EAST GERMANY	40	25	25	90
3.	UNITED STATES	34	35	25	94
4.	WEST GERMANY	10	12	17	39
5.	JAPAN	9	6	10	25
6.	POLAND	7	6	13	26
7.	BULGARIA	6	9	7	22
8.	CUBA	6	4	3	13
9.	ROMANIA	4	9	14	27
10.	HUNGARY	4	5	13	22
11.	FINLAND	4	2	0	6
12.	SWEDEN	4	1	0	5
13.	GREAT BRITAIN	3	5	5	13
14.	ITALY	2	7	4	13
15.	FRANCE	2	3	4	9
16.	YUGOSLAVIA	2	3	3	8
17.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2	2	4	8
18.	NEW ZEALAND	2	1	1	4
19.	SOUTH KOREA	1	1	4	6
20.	SWITZERLAND	1	1	2	4
21.	JAMAICA	1	1	0	2
	NORTH KOREA	1	1	0	2
	NORWAY	1	1	0	2
24.	DENMARK	1	0	2	3
25.	MEXICO	1	0	1	2
26.	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	1	0	0	1
27.	CANADA	0	5	6	11
28.	BELGIUM	0	3	3	6
29.	NETHERLANDS	0	2	3	5
30.	PORTUGAL	0	2	0	2
	SPAIN	0	2	0	2
32.	AUSTRALIA	0	1	4	5
33.	IRAN	0	1	1	2
34.	MONGOLIA	0	1	0	1
	VENEZUELA	0	1	0	1
36.	BRAZIL	0	0	2	2
37.	AUSTRIA	0	0	1	1
	BERMUDA	0	0	1	1
	PAKISTAN	0	0	1	1
	PUERTO RICO	0	0	1	1
	THAILAND	0	0	1	1
		198	199	216	613



## MAJOR STARS

**Klaus DIBIASI (Italy)** – he won his third gold medal in diving (then: 3-2-0)

**Jim MONTGOMERY (USA)** – three golds and one silver in swimming

**Bruce FURNISS, Brian GODDELL, Matt VOGEL, Mike BRUNER (USA)** – all of them won two gold medals in swimming

**John NABER (USA)** – four golds and one silver in swimming

**John HENCKEN (USA)** – two golds and one silver in swimming (then: 3-1-1)

**Kornelia ENDER (GDR)** – four golds and one silver in swimming (then: 4-4-0)

**Petra THÜMER, Hannelore ANKE (GDR)** – they both won two golds in swimming

**Ulrike RICHTER (GDR)** – three gold medals in swimming

**Andrea POLLACK (GDR)** – two golds and two silvers in swimming

**Alberto JUANTORENA (Cuba)** – two golds in athletics

**Lasse VIREN (Finland)** – two gold medals in athletics (then: 4-0-0)

**Viktor SANAYEV (USSR)** – he won his third consecutive gold in triple jump

**Irena SZEWIŃSKA (Poland)** – one gold in athletics – her Olympic achievement was then three golds, two silvers and 2 bronzes

**Tatyana KAZANKINA (USSR)** – two golds in athletics

**Teófilo STEVENSON (Cuba)** – second consecutive gold in boxing

**Sergei PETRENKO and Aleksandr VINOGRADOV (USSR)** – two gold medals in canoeing (C-2)

**Gregor BRAUN (FRG)** – two golds in track cycling

**Reiner KLIMKE (FRG)** – one gold and one bronze in equestrian (then: 3-1-1)

**Edmund COFFIN and Bally-Cor (USA)** – two golds in equestrian

**Viktor KROVOPUSKOV (USSR)** – two golds in fencing (sabre)

**Elena BELOVA (USSR)** – one gold and one bronze in fencing (then: 4-0-1)

**Sawao KATO (Japan)** – two golds and one silver in gymnastics (then: 8-3-1)

**Eizo KENMOTSU (Japan)** – one gold and two silvers in gymnastics (then: 3-3-3)

**Mitsuo TSUKAHARA (Japan)** – two golds, one silver and two bronzes in gymnastics (then: 5-1-3)

**Nikolai ADRIANOV (USSR)** – four golds, two silvers and one bronze in gymnastics (then: 5-3-2) - *photo below*

**Nellie KIM (USSR)** – three golds and one silver in gymnastics

**Nadia COMĂNECI (Romania)** – three golds, one silver and one bronze in gymnastics (*photo below*)



## POLISH PARTICIPATION

**207 competitors, 180 men and 27 women, took part in 18 sports**

### **GOLD MEDALISTS (7):**

- \*Irena SZEWIŃSKA – athletics (400m)
- \*Jacek WSZOŁA – athletics (high jump)
- \*Tadeusz ŚLUSARSKI – athletics (pole vault)
- \*Jerzy RYBICKI – boxing (light-middleweight)
- \*Janusz PECIAK – modern pentathlon
- \*Kazimierz LIPIEŃ – wrestling (Greco-Roman, 62kg)
- \*Bronisław BEBEL, Ryszard BOSEK, Wiesław GAWŁOWSKI, Marek KARBARZ, Zbigniew LUBIEJEWSKI, Lech ŁASKO, Mirosław RYBACZEWSKI, Włodzimierz SADALSKI, Edward SKOREK, Włodzimierz STEFAŃSKI, Tomasz WÓJTOWICZ, Zbigniew ZARZYCKI (coach: Hubert WAGNER) – volleyball

### **SILVER MEDALISTS (6):**

- \*Bronisław MALINOWSKI – athletics (3000m steeplechase)
- \*Zbigniew JAREMSKI, Andrzej KUPCZYK, Ryszard PODLAS, Jan WERNER – athletics (4x400m relay)
- \*Tadeusz MYTNIK, Mieczysław NOWICKI, Stanisław SZOZDA, Ryszard SZURKOWSKI – road cycling (team time trial)
- \*Andrzej GRONOWICZ, Jerzy OPARA – canoeing (flatwater C-2 500m)
- \*Grzegorz CZIURA – weightlifting (bantamweight)
- \*Jan BENIGIER, Lesław ĆMIKIEWICZ, Kazimierz DEYNA, Jerzy GORGON, Henryk KASPERCZAK, Kazimierz KMIECIK, Grzegorz LATO, Zygmunt MASZCZYK, Piotr

MOWLIK, Roman OGAZA, Wojciech RUDY, Andrzej SZARMACH, Antoni SZYMANOWSKI, Jan TOMASZEWSKI, Henryk WAWROWSKI, Henryk WIECZOREK, Władysław ŻMUDA (coach: Kazimierz GÓRSKI) – football

### **BRONZE MEDALISTS (13):**

- \*Leszek BŁAŻYŃSKI – boxing (flyweight)
- \*Leszek KOSEDOWSKI – boxing (featherweight)
- \*Kazimierz SZCZERBA – boxing (light-welterweight)
- \*Janusz GORTAT – boxing (light-heavyweight)
- \*Mieczysław NOWICKI – cycling (individual road race)
- \*Zdzisław ANTCZAK, Janusz BRZOZOWSKI, Piotr CIEŚLA, Jan GMYREK, Alfred KAŁUZIŃSKI, Jerzy KLEMPER, Zygfryd KUCHTA, Jerzy MELCER, Ryszard PRZYBYSZ, Henryk ROZMIAREK, Andrzej SOKOŁOWSKI, Andrzej SZYMCZAK, Mieczysław WOJCZAK, Włodzimierz ZIELIŃSKI – handball
- \*Marian TAŁAJ – judo (half-middleweight)
- \*Wiesław GAWLIKOWSKI – shooting (skeet)
- \*Jerzy GRESZKIEWICZ – shooting (running target)
- \*Kazimierz CZARNECKI – weightlifting (lightweight)
- \*Tadeusz RUTKOWSKI – weightlifting (heavyweight)
- \*Czesław KWIECIŃSKI – wrestling (Greco-Roman – light-heavyweight)
- \*Andrzej SKRZYDLEWSKI – wrestling (Greco-Roman – heavyweight)



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