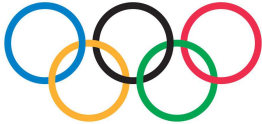




OLYMPIC GAMES



INNSBRUCK
February 4-15, 1976



Back to Innsbruck

The **1976 Winter Olympics**, officially known as the **XII Olympic Winter Games** (German: *Olympische Winterspiele 1976*), was a winter multi-sport event which was celebrated February 4–15, 1976 in Innsbruck, Austria. It was the second time the Tyrolean city hosted the Games, which were awarded to Innsbruck after Denver, the original host city, withdrew in 1972.

The cities of Denver, Colorado, United States; Sion, Switzerland; Tampere, Finland; and Vancouver (with the Garibaldi mountains), Canada, made bids for the Games. The chart below displays the vote count for the 69th IOC meeting at Amsterdam, Netherlands, on May 12 1970.

The selection process for the 1976 Winter Olympics consisted of four bids, and saw Denver, United States, selected ahead of Sion, Switzerland; Tampere,



Finland; and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The selection was made at the 70th

IOC Session in Amsterdam on 12 May 1970. In a 1972 referendum, voters in Colorado rejected funding for the games, and for the only time a city awarded the Games rejected them. Denver officially withdrew on 15 November, and the IOC then offered the games to Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, but they too declined owing to a change of government following elections. Whistler would go on to be associated with neighbouring Vancouver's successful bid for the 2010 games. Salt Lake City offered to host the games, but the IOC, still reeling from the Denver rejection, declined and selected Innsbruck to host the 1976 Winter Olympics, which had hosted

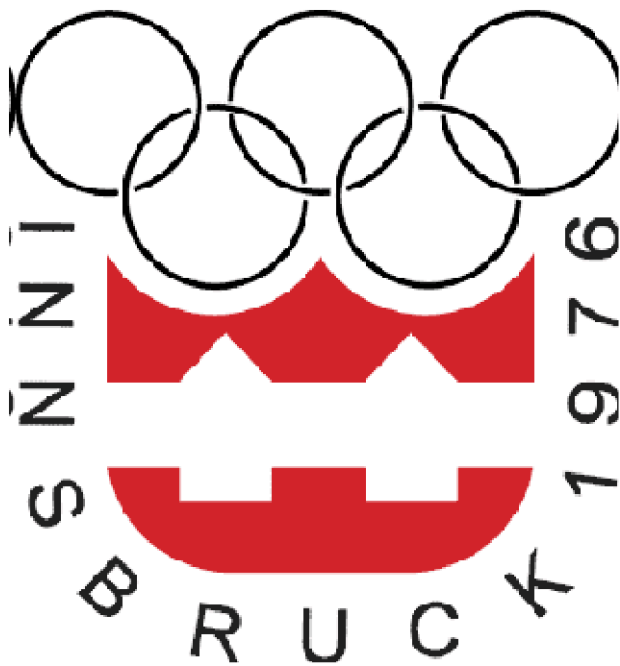


the 1964 Winter Olympics games twelve years earlier, on 5 February 1973. Salt Lake City would then host the Winter Olympics in 2002.

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SPORTS

There were 37 events in 6 sports (10 disciplines).

- *Alpine skiing (6 events)
- *Biathlon (2 events)
- *Bobsleigh (2 events)
- *Cross-country skiing (7 events)
- *Figure skating (4 events)
- *Ice hockey (1 event)
- *Luge (3 events)
- *Nordic combined (1 event)
- *Ski jumping (2 events)
- *Speed skating (9 events)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- First Games under the presidency of Michael Morris, 3rd Baron Killanin
- Austrian favorite Franz Klammer won the men's downhill event in alpine skiing in 1:45.73, after great pressure from his country and defending champion Bernhard Russi of Switzerland.

- Dorothy Hamill of the US won the gold in figure Skating, and inspired the popular "wedge" haircut.
- Elegant British figure skater John Curry altered his routine to appeal to Olympic judges, winning gold.
- American figure skater Terry Kubicka attempted – and completed – a dangerous backflip in figure skating.
- Rosi Mittermaier of West Germany nearly swept the women's alpine skiing events, earning two golds and a silver, missing the third gold by 0.13 seconds.
- Soviet speed skater Tatiana Averina won four medals. The U.S. team won six medals in speed skating.
- In the 4-man bobsled, the East German team won the first of three consecutive titles.
- The USSR won its fourth straight ice hockey gold medal; for the second consecutive Olympics, Canada refused to send a team, protesting amateur rules. Sweden joined the boycott.
- Sports technology, in the guise of innovative perforated skis, sleek hooded suits and streamlined helmets appeared in alpine skiing, speed skating and ski jumping, making headlines in Innsbruck.
- A second cauldron for the Olympic flame was built to represent the 1976 Games. Both it and the cauldron from the 1964 games were lit together.
- Bobsleigh and luge competed on the same track for the first time ever.
- Galina Kulakova of the Soviet Union finished 3rd in the women's 5 km ski event, but was disqualified due to taking a nasal spray that contained the banned substance ephedrine. Both the FIS and the IOC allowed her to compete in the 10 km and the 4x5 km relay. This was the first stripped medal at the Winter Olympics.

















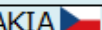




















MASCOT

The mascot of the 1976 Winter Olympics was *Schneemann*, German for "snowman", a snowman in a red Tyrolean hat. Designed by Walter Pötsch, Schneemann was purported to represent the 1976 Games as the "Games of Simplicity". It was also regarded as a good-luck charm, to avert the dearth of snow that had marred the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck.

Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Axamer Lizum	Alpine skiing
Bergiselschanze	Ski jumping / Opening ceremony
Eisschnellaufbahn	Speed skating
Kominierte Kunsteisbahn für Bob- Rodel Igls	Bobsleigh / Luge
Messenhalle	Ice hockey
Olympiahalle	Figure skating / Ice hockey
Patscherkofel	Alpine skiing
Seefeld	Biathlon / Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined / Ski jumping

37 nations participated in the 1976 Winter Olympic Games. The games marked the final time the Republic of China (Taiwan) participated under the Republic of China flag and name. After most of the international community recognized the People's Republic of China as the legitimate government of all China, the ROC was forced to compete under the name Chinese Taipei, under an altered flag and to use its National Banner Song instead of its national anthem. Andorra and San Marino participated in their first Winter Olympic Games

NATION	PARTICIPANTS	NATION	PARTICIPANTS
ANDORRA 	5	ITALY 	58
ARGENTINA 	9	JAPAN 	58
AUSTRALIA 	7	SOUTH KOREA 	3
AUSTRIA 	77	LEBANON 	3
BELGIUM 	4	LIECHTENSTEIN 	9
BULGARIA 	29	NETHERLANDS 	11
CANADA 	59	NEW ZEALAND 	5
CHILE 	5	NORWAY 	42
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 	58	POLAND 	56
FINLAND 	53	ROMANIA 	32
FRANCE 	35	SAN MARINO 	3
EAST GERMANY 	59	SOVIET UNION 	79
WEST GERMANY 	71	SPAIN 	4
GREAT BRITAIN 	42	SWEDEN 	39
GREECE 	4	SWITZERLAND 	59
HUNGARY 	3	REPUBLIC OF CHINA 	6
ICELAND 	6	TURKEY 	9
IRAN 	4	UNITED STATES 	106
		YUGOSLAVIA 	28



Snowman
Innsbruck 1976



POLISH PARTICIPATION

There were 56 athletes from Poland in 9 sports.

RESULTS:

ALPINE SKIING:

Roman Dereziński – 52 (downhill); 38 (giant slalom); 21 (slalom)
Jan Bachleđa-Curuś – 11 (slalom)

BIATHLON:

Andrzej Rapacz – 46 (20km)
Wojciech Truchan – 28 (20km)
Jan Szpunar – 19 (20km)
Jan Szpunar, Andrzej Rapacz, Ludwik Zięba, Wojciech Truchan – 12 (4 x 7,5km)

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:

Jan Dragon – DNF (15km)
Władysław Podgórski – 44 (15km); DNF (30km)
Jan Staszel – 40 (15km); 24 (30km); DNF (50km)
Wiesław Gębala – 22 (15km); 20 (30km); DNF (50km)
Jerzy Koryciak – 47 (30km); DNF (50km)
Wiesław Gębala, Jan Staszel, Jan Dragon, Władysław Podgórski – 13 (4 x 10km)
Maria Trebunia – 36 (5km); 33 (10km)
Anna Gębala-Duraj – 31 (5km); 27 (10km)
Anna Pawlusiak – 25 (5km); 26 (10km)
Władysława Majerczyk – 24 (5km); 20 (10km)
Anna Pawlusiak, Anna Gębala-Duraj, Maria Trebunia, Władysława Majerczyk – 8 (4 x 5km)

FIGURE SKATING:

Grażyna Dudek – 18 (women individual)
Teresa Weyna, Piotr Bojarczyk – 9 (ice dancing)

ICE HOCKEY:

6th place – Walery Kosyl, Andrzej Tkacz, Robert Góralczyk, Andrzej Iskrzycki, Kordian Jajszczok, Marek Marcińcza, Jerzy Potz, Andrzej Słowakiewicz, Stefan Chowaniec, Mieczysław Jaskierski, Wiesław Jobczyk, Marian Kajzerek, Leszek Kokoszka, Tadeusz Obłój, Henryk Pytel, Andrzej Zabawa, Walenty Ziętara, Karol Żurek (Romania 7-4; West Germany 4-7; USSR 1-16; Czechoslovakia 1-0 walkover due to positive doping test of one the Czechoslovakian players; USA 2-7; Finland 1-7)

LUGE:

Mirosław Więckowski – 16
Andrzej Piekoszewski – 19
Jan Kasielski – 12
Andrzej Żyła, Jan Kasielski – 10 (doubles)
Mirosław Więckowski, Andrzej Kozik – 12 (doubles)
Barbara Piecha – 13
Halina Kanasz – 14
Teresa Bugajczyk – 12

NORDIC COMBINED:

Stanisław KAWULOK – DNF
Jan Legierski – 18
Marek Pach – 20
Stefan Hula – 16

SKI JUMPING:

Janusz Waluś – 52 (normal hill); 39 (large hill)
Adam Krzysztofiak – 38 (normal hill)
Stanisław Bobak – 28 (normal hill); 37 (large hill)
Tadeusz Pawlusiak – 31 (normal hill); 52 (large hill)
Marek Pach – 40 (large hill)

SPEED SKATING:

Ewa Malewicka – 26 (500m); 19 (1000m); 18 (1500m); 25 (3000m)
Erwina Ryś-Ferens – 18 (500m); 10 (1000m); **8 (1500m)**; 10 (3000m) - *photo above*
Stanisława Pietruszczak – 14 (500m)
Janina Korowicka – 26 (1000m); 19 (1500m); 16 (3000m)



Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	SOVIET UNION	13	6	8	27
2.	EAST GERMANY	7	5	7	19
3.	UNITED STATES	3	3	4	10
4.	NORWAY	3	3	1	7
5.	WEST GERMANY	2	5	3	10
6.	FINLAND	2	4	1	7
7.	AUSTRIA	2	2	2	6
8.	SWITZERLAND	1	3	1	5
9.	NETHERLANDS	1	2	3	6
10.	ITALY	1	2	1	4
11.	CANADA	1	1	1	3
12.	GREAT BRITAIN	1	0	0	1
13.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	0	1	0	1
14.	LIECHTENSTEIN	0	0	2	2
	SWEDEN	0	0	2	2
16.	FRANCE	0	0	1	1
		37	37	37	111

MAJOR STARS

Rossi MITTERMAIER (FRG) – two golds, one silver and one bronze in alpine skiing



Hanni WENZEL (Liechtenstein) – she won the first Olympic medal for her country (in alpine skiing)

Nikolay KRUGLOV (USSR) – two golds in cross-country skiing

Meinhard NEHMER and Bernhard GERMESHAUSEN (GDR) – two golds in bobsleigh

Tatiana AVERINA (USSR) – two golds and two bronzes in speed skating

Galina KULAKOVA (USSR) – one gold and one bronze in cross-country skiing (then: 4-2-2); she was 3rd in 5km event but was disqualified due to taking a nasal spray that contained ephedrine – this was the first stripped medal at the Winter Olympic Games



Raisa SMETANINA (USSR) – two gold medals and one silver in cross-country skiing

Irina RODNINA (USSR) – she won her second consecutive gold medal in pair skating

USSR ICE HOCKEY TEAM – they won their fourth consecutive gold medal

Ulrich WEHLING (GDR) – he won his consecutive gold medal in nordic combined