



# OLYMPIC GAMES



**SARAJEVO**  
February 08 - 19, 1984



## In the Balkans

The 1984 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XIV Olympic Winter Games (Serbo-Croatian: *XIV. zimске olimpijske igre*), took place from 8–19 February 1984 in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Yugoslavia. Other candidate cities were Sapporo, Japan; and Gothenburg, Sweden.

It was the first Winter Olympics held in a socialist state. It was also the second Olympics overall, as well as the second consecutive Olympics, to be held in a socialist country after the 1980 Summer Olympics were held in Moscow, Soviet Union. The only other games that have since been held in a socialist state are the 2008 Summer Olympics held in Beijing and 2014 Summer Youth Olympics in Nanjing, and the 2022 Winter Olympics which will be held in Beijing. All of these have been in China. The Sarajevo games have also been the only Olympics so far to be hosted by a city with mainly Muslim population.

games 12 years earlier) by a margin of three votes. Gothenburg was the first city in Sweden to lose a Winter Olympic bid, as other Swedish cities such as Falun and Östersund would later lose their consecutive bids to Calgary, Albertville, Lillehammer, Nagano, and Salt Lake City respectively. Sarajevo, capital of present-day Bosnia and Herzegovina, was part of the united Yugoslavia at the time.



The host city for the XIV Winter Olympics was announced on 18 May 1978 during

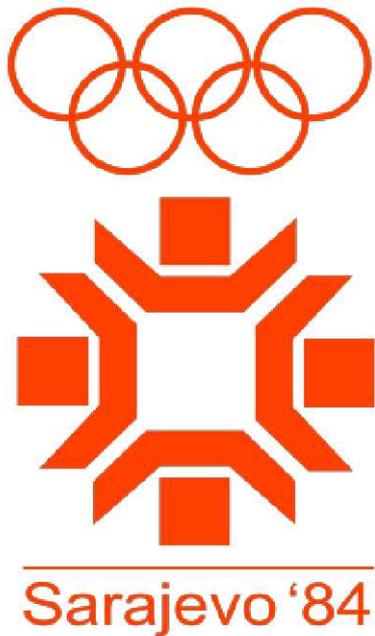
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an 80th session of the International Olympic Committee in Athens, Greece. Sarajevo was selected over Sapporo, Japan (which hosted the



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## SPORTS

**There were 39 events in 6 sports (10 disciplines):**

- \*Alpine skiing (6 events)
- \*Biathlon (3 events)
- \*Bobsleigh (2 events)
- \*Cross-country skiing (8 events)
- \*Figure skating (4 events)
- \*Ice hockey (1 event)
- \*Luge (3 events)
- \*Nordic combined (1 event)
- \*Ski jumping (2 events)
- \*Speed skating (9 events)

*Demonstration sport:*

- \*Disabled skiing

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Olympic flag was raised upside down during the opening ceremony by mistake.
- First Games under the presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch.
- The 20 kilometre race was added to women's Nordic skiing.
- Skier Jure Franko won Yugoslavia's first Winter Olympic medal; a silver in the giant slalom.
- Marja-Liisa Hämäläinen won all three individual cross-country races for women.
- Gaétan Boucher and Karin Enke each won two gold medals in speed skating, while East German women won all but three out of the twelve medals in the sport.
- Austria, usually a formidable winter sports nation, won only one bronze medal.
- Biathlete Eirik Kvalfoss earned a complete set of medals.
- Twin brothers Phil and Steve Mahre took first and second place in the slalom.
- Torvill and Dean of Great Britain earned across-the-board perfect scores for artistic impression in the free dance ice dancing competition, a feat that was never matched.
- The gold medals for Figure Skating were split among four nations. While Torvill and Dean won the Ice Dancing Competition for the UK, Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev of the Soviet Union won the Pairs Competition, Scott Hamilton scored Men's gold for the United States, and Katarina Witt won the first of two consecutive gold medals for East Germany in Ladies Figure Skating.
- Disabled skiing was a demonstration sport for the first time.
- Bill Johnson became the first American to win an Olympic downhill event.
- Lamine Guèye of Senegal was the first Black African skier to compete in the Winter Olympics.
- The closing ceremony was held indoors in the figure skating venue. The next time the closing ceremony for the Winter Games was held indoors was the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

## Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Bjelašnica	Alpine skiing
Igman, Malo Polje	Nordic combined / Ski jumping
Igman, Veliko Polje	Biathlon / Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined
Jahorina	Alpine skiing
Koševo Stadium	Opening ceremony
Skenderija II Hall	Ice hockey
Trebević Bobsleigh and Luge Track	Bobsleigh / Luge
Zetra Ice Hall	Figure skating / Ice hockey
Zetra Ice Rink	Speed skating

A then record of 49 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) entered athletes at the 1984 Winter Olympic Games. Egypt, Monaco, Puerto Rico, Senegal, and the British Virgin Islands participated in their 1st Winter Olympic Games. The People's Republic of China ended its boycott of the Olympic Games over the controversy regarding the IOC's recognition of the Republic of China. The Republic of China (Taiwan) then competed as Chinese Taipei for the first time. Many smaller countries competed in these games, due to the funding program created by the IOC. The IOC decided that it would cover all expenses for one male and one female athlete, per country. This allowed countries with smaller athletic budgets to participate in the Games.

NATION	NATION	NATION
Andorra (2) 	East Germany (57) 	New Zealand (6) 
Argentina (18) 	West Germany (84) 	Norway (58) 
Australia (10) 	Great Britain (30) 	Poland (30) 
Austria (65) 	Greece (6) 	Puerto Rico (1) 
Belgium (4) 	Hungary (9) 	Romania (19) 
Bolivia (3) 	Iceland (5) 	San Marino (3) 
British Virgin Islands (1) 	Italy (74) 	Senegal (1) 
Bulgaria (16) 	Japan (39) 	Soviet Union (99) 
Canada (67) 	North Korea (6) 	Spain (13) 
Chile (4) 	South Korea (15) 	Sweden (60) 
China (37) 	Lebanon (4) 	Switzerland (42) 
Costa Rica (4) 	Liechtenstein (10) 	Chinese Taipei (12) 
Cyprus (5) 	Mexico (1) 	Turkey (7) 
Czechoslovakia (50) 	Monaco (1) 	United States (107) 
Egypt (1) 	Morocco (4) 	Yugoslavia (71) 
Finland (45) 	Netherlands (13) 	
France (32) 		

## THE MASCOT

Readers of Yugoslav newspapers were asked to choose the mascot for the 1984 Winter Olympics from a list of six finalists. The winner was Vučko, the little wolf, designed by Slovenian designer and illustrator Jože Trobec. The other finalists were a chipmunk, a lamb, a mountain goat, a porcupine, and a snowball. The Vučko is a long-time symbol of Sarajevo.



## POLISH PARTICIPATION

There were 30 competitors (24 men and 6 women) in 6 sports

### RESULTS:

#### ALPINE SKIING:

Ewa GRABOWSKA – 33 (giant slalom); 13 (slalom)

Dorota TLAŁKA – 30 (giant slalom); DNF (slalom)

**Małgorzata TLAŁKA – 6** (slalom)

#### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:

Józef ŁUSZCZEK – 36 (15km); 41 (30km); 27 (50km)

#### FIGURE SKATING:

Grzegorz FILIPOWSKI – 12 (men)

#### ICE HOCKEY:

**8th** – Gabriel SAMOLEJ, Włodzimierz OLSZEWSKI, Andrzej UJWARY, Andrzej NOWAK, Henryk GRUTH, Ludwik SYNOWIEC, Marek CHOLEWA, Robert SZOPIŃSKI, Andrzej CHOWANIEC, Andrzej HACHUŁA, Andrzej ZABAWA, Henryk PYTEL, Jan PIECKO, Jan STOPCZYK, Janusz ADAMIEC, Jerzy CHRIST, Krystian SIKORSKI, Leszek JACHNA, Stanisław KLOCEK, Wiesław JOBCZYK

*RESULTS: USSR 1:12, FRG 5:8; ITALY 1:6; SWEDEN 1:10, YUGOSLAVIA 8:1, USA 4:7*

#### SKI JUMPING:

Janusz MALIK – 30 (normal hill); 46 (large hill)

**Piotr FIJAS – 7** (normal hill); 17 (large hill) - *photo*

#### SPEED SKATING:

Lilianna MORAWIEC – 15 (500m); 10 (1000m); 30 (1500m)

Zofia TOKARCZYK – 14 (500m); 14 (1000m)

**Erwina RYŚ-FERENS – 9** (500m); **7** (1000m); **5** (1500m); 14 (3000m)



Małgorzata and Dorota Tlałka

## Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	EAST GERMANY	9	9	6	24
2.	SOVIET UNION	6	10	9	25
3.	UNITED STATES	4	4	0	8
4.	FINLAND	4	3	6	13
5.	SWEDEN	4	2	2	8
6.	NORWAY	3	2	4	9
7.	SWITZERLAND	2	2	1	5
8.	CANADA	2	1	1	4
	WEST GERMANY	2	1	1	4
10.	ITALY	2	0	0	2
11.	GREAT BRITAIN	1	0	0	1
12.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	0	2	4	6
13.	FRANCE	0	1	2	3
14.	JAPAN	0	1	0	1
	YUGOSLAVIA	0	1	0	1
16.	LIECHTENSTEIN	0	0	2	2
17.	AUSTRIA	0	0	1	1
		39	39	39	117

### MAJOR STARS

**Wolfgang HOPPE and Dietmar SCHAUERHAMMER (GDR)** – two gold medals in bobsleigh

**Nikolay ZIMYATOV (USSR)** – one gold and one silver in cross-country skiing (then: 4-1-0)

**Gunde SVAN (Sweden)** – two golds, one silver and one bronze in cross-country skiing

**Thomas WASSBERG (Sweden)** – two golds in cross-country skiing (then: 3-0-0)

**Maja-Liisa HÄMÄLÄINEN (Finland)** – three golds and one bronze in cross-country skiing

**Vladislav TRETAK (USSR)** – he won third consecutive gold in ice hockey

**Gaétan BOUCHER (Canada)** – two golds, one silver and one bronze in speed skating

**Karin ENKE (GDR)** – two golds and two silvers in speed skating (then: 3-2-0)

**Jayne TORVILL and Christopher DEAN (Great Britain)** – gold medal in ice dancing; their free program performed to the music of Maurice Ravel's *Boléro*, became world-famous. They received nine 6.0 marks for artistic impression, (three more for technical merit for a total of twelve 6.0 marks) the highest possible score and the only time ever that an all-perfect score was achieved. Since the time limit was four minutes and ten seconds and their music was four minutes 28 seconds, they moved their bodies to the music for 18 seconds before starting to skate.

