



# OLYMPIC GAMES



**BARCELONA**  
**July 25 - August 05, 1992**



## Without boycotts ... at last

The 1992 Summer Olympic Games (Spanish: *Juegos Olímpicos de Verano de 1992*; Catalan: *Jocs Olímpics d'estiu de 1992*), officially known as the Games of the XXV Olympiad, were held in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain in 1992. Beginning in 1994, the International Olympic Committee decided to hold the games in alternating even-numbered years; as a result, the 1992 Summer Olympics were the last competition to be staged in the same year as the Winter Olympics. The games were the first to be unaffected by boycotts since 1972 and the first summer games since the end of the Cold War.

Barcelona is the second-largest city in Spain, and the birthplace of then-IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch. The city was also a host for the 1982 FIFA World Cup. On October 17, 1986, Barcelona was selected to host the 1992 Summer Games over Amsterdam, Belgrade, Birmingham, Brisbane, and Paris, during the 91st IOC Session in Lausanne, Switzerland. Barcelona had previously bid for the 1936 Summer Olympics, but they ultimately lost to Berlin.

There were two main musical themes for the 1992 Games. The first one was "Barcelona", a classical crossover song composed five years earlier by Freddie Mercury and Mike Moran; Mercury was an admirer of lyric soprano Montserrat Caballé, both recorded the official theme as a duet. Due to Mercury's death eight months earlier, the duo was unable to perform the song together during the opening ceremony. A recording of the song instead played over a travelogue of the city at the start of the opening ceremony, seconds before the official countdown. "Amigos Para Siempre" (*Friends for Life*) was the other musical theme. It was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black, and sung by Sarah Brightman and José Carreras during the closing ceremonies.





**The 1992 Summer Olympic programme featured 257 events in the following 25 sports:**

**\*AQUATICS:**

- DIVING (4 events)
- SWIMMING (31 events)
- SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING (2 events)
- WATER POLO (1 event)

**\*ARCHERY (4 events)**

**\*ATHLETICS (43 events)**

**\*BADMINTON (4 events)**

**\*BASEBALL (1 event)**

**\*BASKETBALL (2 events)**

**\*BOXING (12 events)**

**\*CANOEING:**

- SPRINT (12 events)
- SLALOM (4 events)

**\*CYCLING:**

- ROAD (3 events)
- TRACK (7 events)

**\*EQUESTRIAN:**

- DRESSAGE (2 events)

- EVENTING (2 events)

- SHOW JUMPING (2 events)

**\*FENCING (8 events)**

**\*FIELD HOCKEY (2 events)**

**\*FOOTBALL (1 event)**

**\*GYMNASTICS:**

- ARTISTIC (14 events)

- RHYTHMIC (1 event)

**\*HANDBALL (2 events)**

**\*JUDO (14 events)**

**\*MODERN PENTATHLON (2 events)**

**\*ROWING (14 events)**

**\*SAILING (10 events)**

**\*SHOOTING (13 events)**

**\*TABLE TENNIS (4 events)**

**\*TENNIS (4 events)**

**\*VOLLEYBALL (2 events)**

**\*WEIGHTLIFTING (10 events)**

**\*WRESTLING:**

- FREESTYLE (10 events)

- GRECO-ROMAN (10 events)

***DEMONSTRATION SPORTS:***

**\*BASQUE PELOTA (10 events)**

**\*ROLLER HOCKEY (QUAD) (1 event)**

**\*TAEKWONDO (16 events)**



The official mascot was "Cobi" - a Catalan sheepdog - designed in a cubist style by Javier Mariscal

## Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Cross-country course	Modern pentathlon
Estadi Olímpic de Monjuïc	Athletics / Ceremonies
Institut Nacional d'Educació Física de Catalunya	Wrestling
Marathon course	Athletics
Mataró	Athletics
Palau de la Meralúrgia	Fencing / Modern pentathlon
Palau dels Esports de Barcelona	Gymnastics / Volleyball
Palau Sant Jordi	Gymnastics / Handball / Volleyball
Pavelló de l'Espanya Industrial	Weightlifting
Piscina Municipal de Montjuïc	Diving / Water polo
Piscines Bernat Picornell	Modern pentathlon / Swimming / Synchronized swimming / Water polo
Walking course	Athletics
Camp Nou	Football
Palau Blaugrana	Judo / Roller hockey / Taekwondo
Estadi de Sarrià	Football
Real Club de Polo de Barcelona	Equestrian / Modern pentathlon
Camp Olímpic de Tir amb Arc	Archery
Pavelló de la Vall d'Hebron	Basque pelota / Volleyball
Tennis de la Vall d'Hebron	Tennis
Velòdrom d'Horta	Track cycling
Estació del Nord Sports Hall	Table tennis
Olympic Harbour	Sailing
Pavelló de la Mar Bella	Badminton
A-17 highway	Road cycling
Banyoles Lake	Rowing
Camp Municipal de Beisbol de Viladecans	Baseball
Canal Olímpic de Catalunya	Canoeing
Circuit de Catalunya	Road cycling
Club Hípic El Montanyà	Equestrian
Estadi de la Nova Creu Alta (Sabadell)	Football
Estadi Olímpic de Terrassa	Field hockey
Estadio Luís Casanova (Valencia)	Football
La Romareda (Zaragoza)	Football
L'Hospitalet de Llobrecht Baseball Stadium	Baseball
Mollet del Vallés Shooting Range	Modern pentathlon / Shooting
Palau D'Esports de Granollers	Handball
Parc Olímpic del Segre	Canoeing
Pavelló Club Joventut Badalona	Boxing
Pavelló de l'Ateneu de Sant Sadurní	Roller hockey
Pavelló del Club Patí Vic	Roller hockey
Pavelló d'Esports de Reus	Roller hockey
Pavelló Olímpic de Badalona	Basketball
Sant Sadurní Cycling Circuit	Road cycling



## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Olympic flame cauldron was lit by a flaming arrow, shot by Paralympic archer Antonio Rebollo. The arrow had been lit by the flame of the Olympic Torch. Rebollo overshot the cauldron as this was the original design of the lighting scheme.
- South Africa was allowed to compete in the Olympic Games for the first time since the 1960 Summer Olympics, after a long suspension for its apartheid policy.
- Following its reunification in 1990, Germany sent a single, unified Olympic team for the first time since the 1964 Summer Olympics.
- As the Soviet Union was dissolved in 1991, the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania sent their own teams for the first time since 1936. Other former Soviet republics competed as the Unified Team. This team consisted of present-day Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.
- The separation of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia led to the Olympic debuts of Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Due to United Nations sanctions, athletes from Federal Republic of Yugoslavia were not allowed to participate with their own team. However, some individual athletes competed under the Olympic flag as Independent Olympic Participants.
- In basketball, the admittance of NBA players led to the formation of the "Dream Team" of the United States, featuring Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and other NBA stars.
- Fermín Cacho won the 1,500 metres in his home country, earning Spain's first-ever Olympic gold medal in a running event.
- Chinese diver Fu Mingxia, age 13, became the youngest Olympic gold medalist of all time.
- In men's artistic gymnastics, Vitaly Scherbo from Belarus, (representing the Unified Team), won six gold medals, including four in a single day. Scherbo tied Eric Heiden's record for individual gold medals at a single Olympics, winning five medals in an individual event.
- Evelyn Ashford won her fourth Olympic gold medal in the 4×100-metre relay, making her one of only four female athletes to have achieved this in history.
- The young Krisztina Egerszegi of Hungary won three individual swimming gold medals.
- In women's 200 metre breaststroke, Kyoko Iwasaki of Japan won a gold medal at age of 14 years and six days, making her the youngest-ever gold medalist in swimming competitions at the Olympics.
- Algerian athlete Hassiba Boulmerka, who was frequently criticized by Muslim groups in Algeria who thought she showed too much of her body when racing, received death threats and was forced to move to Europe to train, won the 1,500 metres, also holding the African women's record in this distance.
- After demonstrated in six previous Summer Olympic Games, baseball officially became an Olympic sport. Badminton and women's judo also became part of the Olympic program, while slalom canoeing returned to the Games after a 20-year absence.
- Several of the U.S. men's volleyball gold medal team from the 1988 Olympics returned to vie for another medal. In the preliminary round, they lost a controversial match to Japan, sparking them to shave their heads in protest. This notably included player Steve Timmons, sacrificing his trademark red flattop for the protest. That didn't prevent the U.S. team from progressing to the playoffs and winning bronze.
- Gail Devers won the 100-meter dash in one of the closest races in history. Five women finished within 0.06 seconds of each other. In the 100 meter hurdles, Devers was a clear favorite to win, though finished in fifth place when she hit the final hurdle and stumbled over the finish line. Voula Patoulidou from Greece won the event.
- Jennifer Capriati won the singles tennis competition at the age of 16. She had previously earned a spot in the semifinals of two grand slams at the age of 14.
- Indonesia won its first-ever gold medal, after winning a silver medal at 1988 Olympics. Susi Susanti won the gold in badminton women's singles after defeating Bang Soo-hyun in the final round. Alan Budikusuma won the badminton men's singles competition, earning a second gold medal for Indonesia. Several years later, Susanti and Budikusuma married and she received the nickname golden bride or Olympic bride.

A total of 169 nations sent athletes to compete in the 1992 Summer Games.

With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, twelve of the fifteen new states formed a Unified Team, while the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania each had their own teams for the first time since 1936. For the first time, Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina competed as independent nations after their separation from Socialist Yugoslavia, and Namibia and the unified team of Yemen (previously North and South Yemen) also made their Olympic debuts.

The 1992 Summer Olympics notably marked Germany competing as a unified team for the first time since 1964, while South Africa returned to the Games for the first time in 32 years.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was banned due to UN sanctions, but individual Yugoslav athletes were allowed to take part as Independent Olympic Participants. Four National Olympic Committees did not send any athletes to compete: Afghanistan, Brunei, Liberia and Somalia.

ALBANIA	DJIBOUTI	KUWAIT	QATAR
ALGERIA	DOMINICAN REP.	LAOS	ROMANIA
AMERICAN SAMOA	ECUADOR	LATVIA	RWANDA
ANDORRA	EGYPT	LEBANON	ST. VINCENT**
ANGOLA	EL SALVADOR	LESOTHO	SAN MARINO
ANTIGUA BARBUDA	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	LIBYA	SAUDI ARABIA
ARGENTINA	ESTONIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	SENEGAL
ARUBA	ETHIOPIA	LITHUANIA	SEYCHELLES
AUSTRALIA	FIJI	LUXEMBOURG	SIERRA LEONE
AUSTRIA	FINLAND	MADAGASCAR	SINGAPORE
BAHAMAS	FRANCE	MALAWI	SLOVENIA
BAHRAIN	GABON	MALAYSIA	SOLOMON ISLANDS
BANGLADESH	THE GAMBIA	MALDIVES	SOUTH AFRICA
BARBADOS	GERMANY	MALI	SPAIN
BELGIUM	GHANA	MALTA	SRI LANKA
BELIZE	GREAT BRITAIN	MAURITANIA	SUDAN
BENIN	GREECE	MAURITIUS	SURINAME
BERMUDA	GRENADA	MEXICO	SWAZILAND
BHUTAN	GUAM	MONACO	SWEDEN
BOLIVIA	GUATEMALA	MONGOLIA	SWITZERLAND
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	GUINEA	MOROCCO	SYRIA
BOTSWANA	GUYANA	MOZAMBIQUE	CHINESE TAIPEI
BRAZIL	HAITI	MYANMAR	TANZANIA
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	HONDURAS	NAMIBIA	THAILAND
BULGARIA	HONG KONG	NEPAL	TOGO
BURKINA FASO	HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	TONGA
CAMEROON	ICELAND	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	TRINIDAD TOBAGO
CANADA	INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	TUNISIA
CAYMAN ISLANDS	IOP*	NICARAGUA	TURKEY
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.	INDONESIA	NIGER	UGANDA
CHAD	IRAN	NIGERIA	UNIFIED TEAM
CHILE	IRAQ	NORWAY	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
CHINA	IRELAND	OMAN	UNITED STATES
COLOMBIA	ISRAEL	PAKISTAN	URUGUAY
CONGO	ITALY	PANAMA	VANUATU
COOK ISLANDS	IVORY COAST	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	VENEZUELA
COSTA RICA	JAMAICA	PARAGUAY	VIETNAM
CROATIA	JAPAN	PERU	VIRGIN ISLANDS
CUBA	JORDAN	PHILIPPINES	SAMOA
CYPRUS	KENYA	POLAND	YEMEN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	NORTH KOREA	PORTUGAL	ZAIRE
DENMARK	SOUTH KOREA	PUERTO RICO	ZAMBIA
			ZIMBABWE

\*INDEPENDENT OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS

\*\*SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Brunei participated in the Opening Ceremony, but its delegation consisted of only one official. This also occurred in the 1988 Games
- Afghanistan didn't send their athletes to compete, but the country took part in the Parade of Nations.
- Liberia and Somalia also participated in the Opening Ceremony, but its accredited athletes (five and two, respectively) did not enter to compete.

# Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	UNIFIED TEAM	45	38	29	112
2.	UNITED STATES	37	34	37	108
3.	GERMANY	33	21	28	82
4.	CHINA	16	22	16	54
5.	CUBA	14	6	11	31
6.	SPAIN	13	7	2	22
7.	SOUTH KOREA	12	5	12	29
8.	HUNGARY	11	12	7	30
9.	FRANCE	8	5	16	29
10.	AUSTRALIA	7	9	11	27
11.	CANADA	7	4	7	18
12.	ITALY	6	5	8	19
13.	GREAT BRITAIN	5	3	12	20
14.	ROMANIA	4	6	8	18
15.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	4	2	1	7
16.	NORTH KOREA	4	0	5	9
17.	JAPAN	3	8	11	22
18.	BULGARIA	3	7	6	16
19.	POLAND	3	6	10	19
20.	NETHERLANDS	2	6	7	15
21.	KENYA	2	4	2	8
22.	NORWAY	2	4	1	7
23.	TURKEY	2	2	2	6
24.	INDONESIA	2	2	1	5
25.	BRAZIL	2	1	0	3
26.	GREECE	2	0	0	2
27.	SWEDEN	1	7	4	12
28.	NEW ZEALAND	1	4	5	10
29.	FINLAND	1	2	2	5
30.	DENMARK	1	1	4	6
31.	MOROCCO	1	1	1	3
32.	IRELAND	1	1	0	2
33.	ETHIOPIA	1	0	2	3
34.	ALGERIA	1	0	1	2
	ESTONIA	1	0	1	2
	LITHUANIA	1	0	1	2
37.	SWITZERLAND	1	0	0	1
38.	JAMAICA	0	3	1	4
40.	NIGERIA	0	3	1	4
	LATVIA	0	2	1	3
41.	AUSTRIA	0	2	0	2
	NAMIBIA	0	2	0	2
	SOUTH AFRICA	0	2	0	2
44.	BELGIUM	0	1	2	3
	CROATIA	0	1	2	3
	IOP	0	1	2	3
48.	IRAN	0	1	2	3
	ISRAEL	0	1	1	2
49.	CHINESE TAIPEI	0	1	0	1
	MEXICO	0	1	0	1
	PERU	0	1	0	1
52.	MONGOLIA	0	0	2	2
	SLOVENIA	0	0	2	2
54.	ARGENTINA	0	0	1	1
	BAHAMAS	0	0	1	1
	COLOMBIA	0	0	1	1
	GHANA	0	0	1	1
	MALAYSIA	0	0	1	1
	PAKISTAN	0	0	1	1
	PHILIPPINES	0	0	1	1
	PUERTO RICO	0	0	1	1
	QATAR	0	0	1	1
	SURINAME	0	0	1	1
THAILAND	0	0	1	1	
		260	257	298	815

## MAJOR STARS

**Alexander POPOV (USSR)** – swimming – two golds and two silver medals

**Yevgeny SADOVYI (USSR)** – swimming – three gold medals

**Nelson DIEBEL (USA)** – swimming – two gold medals

**Pablo MORALES (USA)** – swimming – two gold medals (total olympic record: 3-2-0)

**Melvin STEWART (USA)** – swimming – two golds and one bronze

**Tamás DARNYI (Hungary)** – swimming - two gold medals (total: 4-0-0)

**Matt BIONDI (USA)** – swimming – two golds and one silver (total: 8-2-1)

**Jon OLSEN (USA)** – swimming – two gold medals

**Nicole HAISLETT (USA)** – swimming – three gold medals

**Janet EVANS (USA)** – one gold and one silver (total: 4-1-0)

**Krisztina EGRSZEGI (Hungary)** – swimming - three gold medals (total: 4-1-0)

**Summer SANDERS (USA)** – swimming – two golds, one silver, one bronze

**Janet THOMPSON (USA)** – swimming – two golds and one silver

**Crissy AHMANN-LEIGHTON (USA)** – swimming – two golds and one silver

**CHO Youn-jeong (South Korea)** – archery – two gold medals

**KIM Soo-nyung (South Korea)** – archery – one gold and one silver (total: 3-1-0)

**Michael MARSH (USA)** – athletics – two gold medals

**Quincy WATTS (USA)** – athletics – two gold medals

**Carl LEWIS (USA)** – athletics – two gold medals (in total: 8-1-0)

**Steve LEWIS (USA)** – athletics – one gold and one silver (total: 3-1-0)

**Gwen TORRENCE (USA)** – athletics – two golds and one silver

**Evelyn ASHFORD (USA)** – athletics – she won her fourth gold medal

**Olga BRYZGINA (Unified Team)** – athletics – she won her 3rd gold medal

**Jackie JOYNER-KERSEE (USA)** – athletics – she won her 3rd gold medal

**Christian LAETTNER, David ROBINSON, Patrick EWING, Larry BIRD, Scottie PIPPEN, Michael JORDAN, Clyde DREXLER, Karl MALONE, John STOCKTON, Chris MULLIN, Charles BARKLEY, Earvin 'Magic' JOHNSON (USA)** – basketball – gold medal as "Dream Team"

**Nikolay BUKHALOV (Bulgaria)** – canoeing – two gold medals (total: 2-0-1)

**Kay BLUHM, Torsten GUTSCHE (Germany)** – canoeing – two gold medals

**Birgit SCHMIDT (Germany)** – canoeing – one gold medal (total: 4-2-0)

**Nicole UPHOFF on Rembrandt (Germany)** – equestrian – two gold medals in dressage (total: 4-0-0)

**Matthew RYAN on Kibah Tic Toc (Australia)** – equestrian – two golds in eventing

**Giovanna TRILLINI (Italy)** – fencing – two gold medals

**Grigory MISUTIN (Unified Team)** – gymnastics – one gold and four silver medals

**Vitaly SCHERBO (Unified Team)** – gymnastics – SIX GOLD MEDALS!

**Svetlana BOGINSKAYA (Unified Team)** – gymnastics – one gold medal (total: 3-1-1)

**Tatiana GUCU (Unified Team)** – gymnastics – two golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze

**Tatiana LYSENKO (Unified Team)** – gymnastics – two golds and one bronze

**Lavinia MILOȘOVICI (Romania)** – gymnastics – two golds, one silver, one bronze

**Waldemar LEGIŃ (Poland)** – judo – he won his second gold in different weight class; he was the first person to win back-to-back two Olympic medals in judo

**Arkadiusz SKRZYPASZEK (Poland)** – modern pentathlon – two gold medals

**Steve REDGRAVE (Great Britain)** – rowing – he won his third gold

**Kirsten BARNES, Jessica MONROE, Brenda TAYLOR, Kay WORTHINGTON (Canada)** – rowing – two gold medals

**DENG Yaping (China)** – table tennis – two gold medals

## POLISH PARTICIPATION

**There were 201 competitors (149 men and 52 women) in 21 sports**

### **GOLD MEDALISTS (3):**

- \*Waldemar LEGIEŃ – judo (86kg)
- \*Arkadiusz SKRZYPASZEK – modern pentathlon
- \*Arkadiusz SKRZYPASZEK, Dariusz GOŹDZIAK, Maciej CZYŻOWICZ – modern pentathlon (team)

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

- \*Maciej FREIMUT, Wojciech KURPIEWSKI – canoeing, K-2 500m
- \*Aleksander KŁAK, Tomasz ŁAPIŃSKI, Marek KOŹMIŃSKI, Tomasz WAŁDOCH, Dariusz ADAMCZUK, Marek BAJOR, Marcin JAŁOCHA, Dariusz GĘSIOR, Piotr ŚWIERCZEWSKI, Jerzy BRZĘCZEK, Ryszard STANIEK, Andrzej JUSKOWIAK, Wojciech KOWALCZYK, Grzegorz MIELCARSKI, Andrzej KOBYLAŃSKI, Mirosław WALIGÓRA, Dariusz KOSEŁA, Arkadiusz ONYSZKO, Dariusz SZUBERT, Tomasz WIESZCZYCKI (coach: Janusz WÓJCİK) – football
- \*Rafał SZUKAŁA – swimming, 100m butterfly
- \*Krzysztof SIEMION – weightlifting (light heavyweight)
- \*Józef TRACZ – wrestling (Greco-Roman welterweight)
- \*Piotr STĘPIEŃ – wrestling (Greco-Roman middleweight)

### **BRONZE MEDALISTS (10):**

- \*Artur PARTYKA – athletics (high jump)
- \*Wojciech BARTNIK – boxing (light heavyweight)
- \*Izabella DYLEWSKA-ŚWIATOWIAK – canoeing (K-1 500m)
- \*Grzegorz KOTOWICZ, Dariusz BIAŁKOWSKI – canoeing (K-2 1000m)
- \*Marian SYPNIEWSKI, Piotr KIEŁPIKOWSKI, Cezary SIESS, Adam KRZESIŃSKI, Ryszard SOBCZAK – fencing (team foil)
- \*Sergiusz WOŁCZANIECKI – weightlifting (middle heavyweight)

- \*Waldemar MALAK – weightlifting (first heavyweight)
- \*Wojciech JANKOWSKI, Maciej ŁASICKI, Jacek STREICH, Tomasz TOMIAK, Michał CIEŚLAK – rowing (coxed four)
- \*Kajetan BRONIEWSKI – rowing (single scull)
- \*Małgorzata KSIĄŻKIEWICZ – shooting (50m rifle three positions)

*The results of our football "silver team":*

24.07.1992 Zaragoza: POLAND - KUWAIT 2:0  
Juskowiak 7' 80' (Waligóra missed a penalty)

27.07.1992 Barcelona: ITALY – POLAND 0:3  
Juskowiak 5' Staniek 48' Mielcarski 90'

29.07.1992 Zaragoza: USA – POLAND 2:2  
Koźmiński 31' Juskowiak 40'

01.08.1992 Barcelona: POLAND – QATAR 2:0  
Kowalczyk 42' Jałocha 74'

05.08.1992 Barcelona: POLAND – AUSTRALIA 6:1  
Kowalczyk 27' 88' Juskowiak 43' 52' 78'  
Murphy 67' (own goal)

08.08.1992 Barcelona: POLAND – SPAIN 2:3  
Kowalczyk 44' Staniek 76'

*Andrzej JUSKOWIAK became the top scorer of the tournament with 7 goals*



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