



OLYMPIC GAMES



ATLANTA
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Centennial Olympics

The **1996 Summer Olympics**, officially known as the **Games of the XXVI Olympiad** and unofficially referred to as the **Centennial Olympic Games**, were celebrated from July 19 to August 4, 1996, in Atlanta, Georgia, United States. A record 197 nations, all current IOC member nations, took part in the Games, fielding a total of 10,318 athletes. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) had voted in 1986 to separate the Summer and Winter Olympics (which had been held in the same year, every four years, since 1924) and to place them in alternating even-numbered years, beginning with the Winter Olympics in 1994. Thus, the 1996 Summer Games were the first to be staged in a different year from the Winter Games. Atlanta became the fifth American city to host the Olympic Games and the third to host the Summer Olympics.

Atlanta was selected on September 18, 1990, in Tokyo, Japan, over Athens, Belgrade, Manchester, Melbourne, and Toronto. Atlanta's bid to host the Summer Games that began in 1987 was considered a long-shot, since the U.S. had hosted the Summer Olympics 12 years earlier in Los Angeles. If Melbourne was awarded the games, 1996 would mark the 40th anniversary of the 1956 Summer Olympics, which were held in the same city. This would be Toronto's fourth failed attempt since 1960 (tried in 1960, 1964, and 1976, but defeated by Rome, Tokyo and Montreal). The Athens bid was based on the fact that 1996 marked 100 years since the first Summer Games in Greece in 1896, though Athens would eventually host the 2004 Summer Olympics.



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The 1996 Summer Olympic programme featured 271 events in the 26 sports.

***AQUATICS:**

- diving (4 events)
- swimming (32 events)
- synchronized swimming (1 event)
- water polo (1 event)

***ARCHERY (4 events)**

***ATHLETICS (44 events)**

***BADMINTON (5 events)**

***BASEBALL (1 event)**

***BASKETBALL (2 events)**

***BOXING (12 events)**

***CANOEING:**

- sprint (12 events)
- slalom (4 events)

***CYCLING:**

- road (4 events)
- track (8 events)

- mountain biking (2 events)

***EQUESTRIAN:**

- dressage (2 events)
- eventing (2 events)
- show jumping (2 events)

***FENCING (10 events)**

***FIELD HOCKEY (2 events)**

***FOOTBALL (2 events)**

***GYMNASTICS:**

- artistic (14 events)
- rhythmic (2 events)

***HANDBALL (2 events)**

***JUDO (14 events)**

***MODERN PENTATHLON (1 event)**

***ROWING (14 events)**

***SAILING (10 events)**

***SHOOTING (15 events)**

***SOFTBALL (1 event)**

***TABLE TENNIS (4 events)**

***TENNIS (4 events)**

***VOLLEYBALL:**

- volleyball (2 events)
- beach volleyball (2 events)

***WEIGHTLIFTING (10 events)**

***WRESTLING:**

- freestyle (10 events)
- Greco-Roman (10 events)

Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Alexander Memorial Coliseum	Boxing
Atlanta – Fulton County Stadium	Baseball
Clark Atlanta University Stadium	Field hockey
Cycling road course	Road cycling
Georgia Dome	Basketball / Gymnastics / Handball
Georgia State University Stadium	Badminton
Georgia Tech Aquatic Center	Diving / Modern pentathlon / Swimming / Synchronized swimming / Water polo
Georgia World Congress Center	Fencing / Handball / Judo / Modern pentathlon / Table tennis / Weightlifting / Wrestling
Marathon course	Athletics
Morehouse College Gymnasium	Basketball
Morris Brown College Stadium	Field hockey
Olympic Stadium	Athletics / Ceremonies
Omni Coliseum	Volleyball
Walking course	Athletics
Atlanta Beach	Beach volleyball
Georgia International Horse Park	Cycling / Equestrian / Modern pentathlon
Lake Lanier	Canoeing / Rowing
Stone Mountain Park Archery Center and Velodrome	Archery / Track cycling
Stone Mountain Tennis Center	Tennis
Wolf Creek Shooting Complex	Shooting
Orlando Citrus Bowl	Football
Golden Park, Columbus GA	Softball
Legion Field, Birmingham	Football
Ocoee Whitewater Center, Ducktown	Canoeing
Orange Bowl, Miami	Football
Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, Washington	Football
Sanford Stadium, Athens GA	Football
Stegeman Coliseum, Athens GA	Gymnastics / Volleyball
Wassaw Sound, Savannah	Sailing

Izzy was the official mascot of the Atlanta 1996 Summer Olympics. Initially named Whatizit ("What is it?") at its introduction at the close of the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, the animated character with the ability to morph into different forms was a departure from the Olympic tradition in that it did not represent a nationally-significant animal or human figure.



HIGHLIGHTS

In women's gymnastics, Lilia Podkopayeva became the all-around Olympic champion. Podkopayeva also won a second gold medal in the floor exercise final and a silver on the beam – becoming the only female gymnast since Nadia Comăneci to win an individual event gold after winning the all-round title in the same Olympics.

Amy Van Dyken won four gold medals in the Olympic swimming pool, the first American woman to win four titles in a single Olympiad.

Penny Heyns, swimmer of South Africa, won the gold medals in both the 100 metres and 200 metres breaststroke events.

Michelle Smith of Ireland won three gold medals and a bronze in swimming. She remains her nation's most decorated Olympian. However, her victories were overshadowed by doping allegations even though she did not test positive in 1996. She received a four-year suspension in 1998 for tampering with a urine sample, though her medals and records were allowed to stand.

In track and field, Donovan Bailey of Canada won the men's 100 m, setting a new world record of 9.84 seconds at that time. He also anchored his team's gold in the 4 × 100 m relay.

Michael Johnson won gold in both the 200 m and 400 m, setting a new world record of 19.32 seconds in the 200 m. Johnson afterward began disputing Bailey's unofficial title as the "world's fastest man", which later culminated in a 150-metre race between the two to settle the issue.

Marie-José Pérec equaled Johnson's performance, although without a world record, by winning the rare 200 m/400 m double.

Carl Lewis won his 4th long jump gold medal at the age of 35.

In tennis, Andre Agassi won the gold medal, which would eventually make him the first man and second singles player overall (after his eventual wife, Steffi Graf) to win the career Golden Slam, which consists of an Olympic gold medal and victories in the singles tournaments held at professional tennis' four major events (Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and US Open).

There were a series of national firsts realized during the Games. Deon Hemmings became the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal for Jamaica and the English-speaking West Indies.

Lee Lai Shan won a gold medal in sailing, the only Olympic medal that Hong Kong ever won as a British colony (1842–1997). This meant that for the only time, the colonial flag of Hong Kong was raised to the accompaniment of the British national anthem "God Save the Queen", as Hong Kong's sovereignty was later transferred to China in 1997.

The US women's soccer team won the gold medal in the first ever women's soccer event.

For the first time, Olympic medals were won by athletes from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burundi, Ecuador, Georgia, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Mozambique, Slovakia, Tonga, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Another first in Atlanta was that this was the first Olympics ever that not a single nation swept all three medals in a single event.



A total of 197 nations were represented at the 1996 Games, and the combined total of athletes was about 10,318. Twenty-four countries made their Olympic debut this year, including eleven of the ex-Soviet countries that competed as part of the Unified Team in 1992. Russia competed independently for the first time since 1912, when it was the Russian Empire. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia competed as Yugoslavia.

The 14 countries making their Olympic debut were: Azerbaijan, Burundi, Cape Verde, Comoros, Dominica, Guinea-Bissau, Macedonia, Nauru, Palestinian Authority, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The ten countries making their Summer Olympic debut (after competing at the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer) were: Armenia, Belarus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Slovakia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The Czech Republic and Slovakia attended the games as independent nations for the first time since the breakup of Czechoslovakia, while the rest of the nations that made their Summer Olympic debut were formerly part of the Soviet Union.

AFGHANISTAN	DENMARK	LEBANON	ST. VINCENT GRENADINES
ALBANIA	DJIBOUTI	LESOTHO	SAN MARINO
ALGERIA	DOMINICA	LIBERIA	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
AMERICAN SAMOA	DOMINICAN REP.	LIBYA	SAUDI ARABIA
ANDORRA	ECUADOR	LIECHTENSTEIN	SENEGAL
ANGOLA	EGYPT	LITHUANIA	SEYCHELLES
ANTIGUA BARBUDA	EL SALVADOR	LUXEMBOURG	SIERRA LEONE
ARGENTINA	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	MACEDONIA	SINGAPORE
ARMENIA	ESTONIA	MADAGASCAR	SLOVAKIA
ARUBA	ETHIOPIA	MALAWI	SLOVENIA
AUSTRALIA	FIJI	MALAYSIA	SOLOMON ISLANDS
AUSTRIA	FINLAND	MALDIVES	SOMALIA
AZERBAIJAN	FRANCE	MALI	SOUTH AFRICA
BAHAMAS	GABON	MALTA	SPAIN
BAHRAIN	THE GAMBIA	MAURITANIA	SRI LANKA
BANGLADESH	GEORGIA	MAURITIUS	SUDAN
BARBADOS	GERMANY	MEXICO	SURINAME
BELARUS	GHANA	MOLDOVA	SWAZILAND
BELGIUM	GREAT BRITAIN	MONACO	SWEDEN
BELIZE	GREECE	MONGOLIA	SWITZERLAND
BENIN	GRENADA	MOROCCO	SYRIA
BERMUDA	GUAM	MOZAMBIQUE	TAIWAN
BHUTAN	GUATEMALA	MYANMAR	TAJIKISTAN
BOLIVIA	GUINEA	NAMIBIA	TANZANIA
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	GUINEA-BISSAU	NAURU	THAILAND
BOTSWANA	GUYANA	NEPAL	TOGO
BRAZIL	HAITI	NETHERLANDS	TONGA
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	HONDURAS	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	TRINIDAD TOBAGO
BRUNEI	HONG KONG	NEW ZEALAND	TUNISIA
BULGARIA	HUNGARY	NICARAGUA	TURKEY
BURKINA FASO	ICELAND	NIGER	TURKMENISTAN
BURUNDI	INDIA	NIGERIA	UGANDA
CAMBODIA	INDONESIA	NORWAY	UKRAINE
CAMEROON	IRAN	OMAN	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
CANADA	IRAQ	PAKISTAN	UNITED STATES
CAPE VERDE	IRELAND	PALESTINE	URUGUAY
CAYMAN ISLANDS	ISRAEL	PANAMA	UZBEKISTAN
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.	ITALY	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	VANUATU
CHAD	IVORY COAST	PARAGUAY	VENEZUELA
CHILE	JAMAICA	PERU	VIETNAM
CHINA	JAPAN	PHILIPPINES	VIRGIN ISLANDS
COLOMBIA	JORDAN	POLAND	SAMOA
COMOROS	KAZAKHSTAN	PORTUGAL	YEMEN
CONGO	KENYA	PUERTO RICO	YUGOSLAVIA
COOK ISLANDS	NORTH KOREA	QATAR	ZAIRE
COSTA RICA	SOUTH KOREA	ROMANIA	ZAMBIA
CROATIA	KUWAIT	RUSSIA	ZIMBABWE
CUBA	KYRGYZSTAN	RWANDA	
CYPRUS	LAOS	ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	
CZECH REPUBLIC	LATVIA	SAINT LUCIA	

Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	UNITED STATES	44	32	25	101
2.	RUSSIA	26	21	16	63
3.	GERMANY	20	18	27	65
4.	CHINA	16	22	12	50
5.	FRANCE	15	7	15	37
6.	ITALY	13	10	12	35
7.	AUSTRALIA	9	9	23	41
8.	CUBA	9	8	8	25
9.	UKRAINE	9	2	12	23
10.	SOUTH KOREA	7	15	5	27
11.	POLAND	7	5	5	17
12.	HUNGARY	7	4	10	21
13.	SPAIN	5	6	6	17
14.	ROMANIA	4	7	9	20
15.	NETHERLANDS	4	5	10	19
16.	GREECE	4	4	0	8
17.	CZECH REPUBLIC	4	3	4	11
18.	SWITZERLAND	4	3	0	7
19.	DENMARK	4	1	1	6
	TURKEY	4	1	1	6
21.	CANADA	3	11	8	22
22.	BULGARIA	3	7	5	15
23.	JAPAN	3	6	5	14
24.	KAZAKHSTAN	3	4	4	11
25.	BRAZIL	3	3	9	15
26.	NEW ZEALAND	3	2	1	6
27.	SOUTH AFRICA	3	1	1	5
28.	IRELAND	3	0	1	4
29.	SWEDEN	2	4	2	8
30.	NORWAY	2	2	3	7
31.	BELGIUM	2	2	2	6
32.	NIGERIA	2	1	3	6
33.	NORTH KOREA	2	1	2	5
34.	ALGERIA	2	0	1	3
	ETHIOPIA	2	0	1	3
36.	GREAT BRITAIN	1	8	6	15
37.	BELARUS	1	6	8	15
38.	KENYA	1	4	3	8
39.	JAMAICA	1	3	2	6
40.	FINLAND	1	2	1	4
41.	INDONESIA	1	1	2	4
	YUGOSLAVIA	1	1	2	4
43.	IRAN	1	1	1	3
	SLOVAKIA	1	1	1	3
45.	ARMENIA	1	1	0	2
	CROATIA	1	1	0	2
47.	PORTUGAL	1	0	1	2
	THAILAND	1	0	1	2
	BURUNDI	1	0	0	1
49.	COSTA RICA	1	0	0	1
	ECUADOR	1	0	0	1
	HONG KONG	1	0	0	1
	SYRIA	1	0	0	1
54.	ARGENTINA	0	2	1	3
55.	NAMIBIA	0	2	0	2
	SLOVENIA	0	2	0	2
57.	AUSTRIA	0	1	2	3
58.	MALAYSIA	0	1	1	2
	MOLDOVA	0	1	1	2
	UZBEKISTAN	0	1	1	2
	AZERBAIJAN	0	1	0	1
61.	BAHAMAS	0	1	0	1
	TAIWAN	0	1	0	1
	LATVIA	0	1	0	1
	PHILIPPINES	0	1	0	1
	TONGA	0	1	0	1
	ZAMBIA	0	1	0	1
68.	GEORGIA	0	0	2	2
	MOROCCO	0	0	2	2
	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	0	0	2	2
71.	INDIA	0	0	1	1
	ISRAEL	0	0	1	1
	LITHUANIA	0	0	1	1
	MEXICO	0	0	1	1
	MONGOLIA	0	0	1	1
	MOZAMBIQUE	0	0	1	1
	PUERTO RICO	0	0	1	1
	TUNISIA	0	0	1	1
	UGANDA	0	0	1	1
		271	273	298	842

MAJOR STARS

FU Mingxia (China) – diving – two gold medals (total in Olympics: 3-0-0)

Alexander POPOV (Russia) – swimming – two golds and two silvers (total: 4-4-0)

Danyon LOADER (New Zealand) – swimming – two gold medals (total: 2-1-0)

Jeff ROUSE (USA) – swimming – two gold medals (total: 3-1-0)

Denis PANKRATOV (Russia) – swimming – two gold medals (total: 3-1-0)

Jon OLSEN (USA) – swimming – two gold medals (total: 4-0-1)

Josh DAVIS (USA) – swimming – three golds

Brad SCHUMACHER (USA) – swimming – two golds

Gary HALL Jr. (USA) – swimming – two gold and two silver medals

Amy VAN DYKEN (USA) – swimming – 4 gold medals!

Michelle SMITH (Ireland) – swimming – three gold medals and one silver

Penelope HEYNS (South Africa) – swimming – two gold medals

Beth BOTSFORD (USA) – swimming – 2 golds

Krisztina EGRSZEGI (Hungary) – swimming – she won her fifth gold medal (total: 5-1-1)

Angel MARTINO (USA) – swimming – two golds and two bronzes (total: 3-0-3)

Jenny THOMPSON (USA) – swimming – three gold medals (total: 5-1-0)

Catherine FOX (USA) – swimming – two golds

Lisa JACOB (USA) – swimming – two gold medals

Justin HUISH (USA) – archery – two gold medals

KIM Kyung-wook (South Korea) – archery – two gold medals

Donovan BAILEY (Canada) – athletics – two golds

Michael JOHNSON (USA) – athletics – two gold medals (total: 3-0-0)

Carl LEWIS (USA) – athletics – he won his ninth gold medal (total: 9-1-0)

Marie-José PÉREC (France) – athletics – two gold medals (total: 3-0-0)

Svetlana MASTERKOVA (Russia) – athletics – two gold medals

Gail DEVERS (USA) – athletics – two gold medals (total: 3-0-0)

Charles BARKLEY (2nd gold), Penny HARDAWAY, Grant HILL, Hakeem OLAJUWON, Karl MALONE (2nd gold), Reggie MILLER, Shaquille O'NEAL, Gary PAYTON, Scottie PIPPEN (2nd gold), Mitch RICHMOND (bronze in 1988), David ROBINSON (2nd gold, bronze in 1988), John STOCKTON (2nd gold) (USA) – basketball – gold medal (so-called 'Second Dream Team')

Félix SAVÓN (Cuba) – boxing – he won 2nd gold

Héctor VINENT (Cuba) – boxing – he won his second gold medal

Ariel HERNÁNDEZ (Cuba) – boxing – he won his second gold

Martin DOKTOR (Czech Republic) – canoeing – two gold medals

Kay BLUHM, Torsten GUTSCHE (Germany) – canoeing – they won third gold medal

Birgit FISCHER (Schmidt) (Germany) – canoeing – one gold and one silver (total: 5-3-0)

Isabell WERTH on *Gigolo* (Germany) – equestrian – two golds in dressage (total: 3-1-0)

Ulrich KIRCHHOFF on *Jus De Pommes* (Germany) – equestrian – two golds in dressage

Ludger BEERBAUM on *Ratina Z* (Germany) – equestrian – he won his third gold in jumping

Stanislav POZDNYAKOV (Russia) – fencing – two gold medals (total: 3-0-0)

Laura FLESSEL (France) – fencing – two golds

Sergei KHARKOV (Russia) – gymnastics – he won his third gold

Alexei NEMOV (Russia) – gymnastics – two golds, 1 silver, 3 bronzes

Shannon MILLER (USA) – gymnastics – two gold medals (total: 2-2-3)

Lilia PODKOPAYEVA (Ukraine) – gymnastics – two golds and one silver

Steve REDGRAVE (Great Britain) – rowing – he won his fourth gold medal

Elisabeta LIPĂ (Romania) – rowing – she won her third gold (total: 3-2-1)

Naim SÜLEYMANOĞLU (Turkey) – weightlifting – he won his third gold medal

Aleksandr KARELIN (Russia) – wrestling – he won his third gold medal

LIU Guoliang (China) – table tennis – two golds

DENG Yaping (China) – table tennis – two golds

POLISH PARTICIPATION

There were 165 competitors (126 men and 39 women) in 20 sports

GOLD MEDALS

- *Robert KORZENIOWSKI – athletics (50km walk)
- *Paweł NASTULA – judo (95kg)
- *Renata MAUER – shooting (air rifle)
- *Włodzimierz ZAWADZKI – wrestling (Greco-Roman 62kg)
- *Ryszard WOLNY - wrestling (Greco-Roman 68kg)
- *Andrzej WROŃSKI - wrestling (Greco-Roman 100kg)
- *Mateusz KUSZNIEREWICZ – sailing (Finn)

SILVER MEDALS

- *Artur PARTYKA – athletics (high jump)
- *Aneta SZCZEPAŃSKA – judo (66kg)
- *Piotr KIELPIKOWSKI, Adam KRZESIŃSKI, Ryszard SOBCZAK, Jarosław RODZEWICZ – fencing (foil team)
- *Mirosław RZEPKOWSKI – shooting (skeet)
- *Jacek FAFIŃSKI - wrestling (Greco-Roman 90kg)

BRONZE MEDALS

- *Joanna NOWICKA, Katarzyna KLATA, Iwona DZIĘCIOŁ – archery (team)
- *Piotr MARKIEWICZ – canoeing (K1 500m)

*Renata MAUER - shooting (small-bore rifle, 3 positions)

*Andrzej COFALIK – weightlifting (83kg)

*Józef TRACZ - wrestling (Greco-Roman 74kg)



Paweł NASTULA



Mateusz KUSZNIEREWICZ



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