



# OLYMPIC GAMES



**LILLEHAMMER**  
February 12 - 27, 1994



## COEXISTENCE WITH NATURE

*Motto of the Olympics*

under the IOC Presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch.

The **1998 Winter Olympics**, officially the **XVIII Olympic Winter Games** (Japanese: *Dai Jūhachi-kai Orinpikku Tōkikyōgi Taikai*), and commonly known as **Nagano 1998**, were celebrated from 7 to 22 February 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

72 nations and 2,176 participants contested in 7 sports and 68 events at 15 venues. The Games saw the introduction of women's ice hockey, curling and snowboarding. National Hockey League players were allowed to participate in the men's ice hockey.

The host was selected on June 15, 1991, over Salt Lake City, Östersund, Jaca and Aosta. They were the third Olympic Games and second Winter Olympics to be held in Japan, after the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo and the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo. Nagano is so far the southernmost city to host a Winter Olympics, next to Squaw Valley, host of the 1960 Winter Olympics. The games were succeeded by the 1998 Winter Paralympics from 5 to 14 March. These were the final Winter Olympic Games



*Based on [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)*



Funded by the  
Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union



## SPORTS

There were 68 events in 7 sports (14 disciplines)

- \*ALPINE SKIING (10 events)
- \*BIATHLON (6 events)
- \*BOBSLEIGH (2 events)
- \*CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (10 events)
- \*CURLING (2 events)
- \*FIGURE SKATING (4 events)
- \*FRESTYLE SKIING (4 events)
- \*ICE HOCKEY (2 events)
- \*LUGE (3 events)
- \*NORDIC COMBINED (2 events)
- \*SNOWBOARDING (4 events)
- \*SKI JUMPING (3 events)
- \*SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING (6 events)
- \*SPEED SKATING (10 events)

## HIGHLIGHTS:

The flu outbreak spread across Japan, with many schools across the country being closed. Then-Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's wife, Kumiko, were hospitalized with the virus. Nearly 900,000 people took ill and at least 20 people, including 17 schoolchildren and three elderly people, died from complications of flu. Many athletes withdrew because of the flu, including Alexei Yagudin, who was infected. The flu even spread to 8,000 journalists covering the games. The Country's Television Channel apologized to the viewers.

## MASCOTS

Sukki, Nokki, Lekki and Tsukki, also known as the Snowlets are the 1998 Winter Olympic mascots and are four snowy owls. They represent respectively fire (Sukki), air (Nokki), earth (Lekki) and water (Tsukki) and together they represent the four major islands of Japan. Originally, the mascot for the 1998 Winter Olympics was going to be a weasel called Snowple.

Nagano 1998



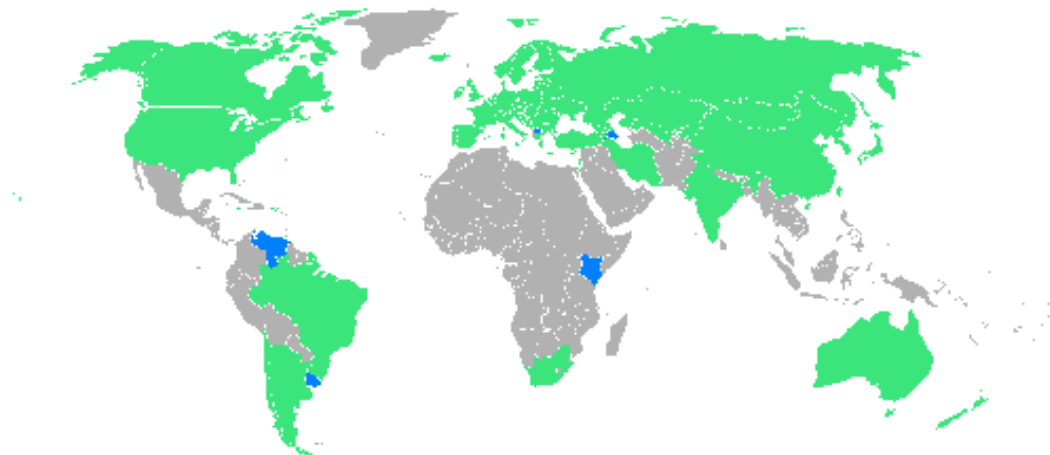
Sukki, Nokki, Lekki y Tsukki

## Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Aqua Wing	Ice hockey
Big Hat	Ice hockey
Hakuba Ski Jumping Stadium	Nordic combined / Ski jumping
Happo'one Resort	Alpine skiing
Iizuna Kogen Ski Arena	Freestyle skiing
Kanbayashi Snowboard Park	Snowboarding
Kazakoshi Park Arena	Curling
M-Wave	Speed skating
Minami Nagano Sports Park	Ceremonies
Mount Higashidate	Alpine skiing
Mount Yakebitai	Alpine skiing / Snowboarding
Nozawa Onsen Ski Resort	Biathlon
Snow Harp	Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined
Spiral	Bobsleigh / Luge
White Ring	Figure skating / Short track speed skating

72 nations participated in the 1998 Winter Olympic Games. The nations Azerbaijan, Kenya, Macedonia, Uruguay, and Venezuela participated in their first Winter Olympic Games.

ANDORRA	DENMARK	KENYA	ROMANIA
ARGENTINA	ESTONIA	NORTH KOREA	RUSSIA
ARMENIA	FINLAND	SOUTH KOREA	SLOVAKIA
AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	KYRGYZSTAN	SLOVENIA
AUSTRIA	GEORGIA	LATVIA	SOUTH AFRICA
AZERBAIJAN	GERMANY	LIECHTENSTEIN	SPAIN
BELARUS	GREAT BRITAIN	LITHUANIA	SWEDEN
BELGIUM	GREECE	LUXEMBOURG	SWITZERLAND
BERMUDA	HUNGARY	MACEDONIA	CHINESE TAIPEI
BOSNA HERZEGOVINA	ICELAND	MOLDOVA	TRINIDAD TOBAGO
BRAZIL	INDIA	MONACO	TURKEY
BULGARIA	IRAN	MONGOLIA	UKRAINE
CANADA	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	UNITED STATES
CHILE	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND	URUGUAY
CHINA	ITALY	NORWAY	UZBEKISTAN
CROATIA	JAMAICA	POLAND	VENEZUELA
CYPRUS	JAPAN	PORTUGAL	VIRGIN ISLANDS
CZECH REPUBLIC	KAZAKHSTAN	PUERTO RICO	YUGOSLAVIA



# POLISH PARTICIPATION

## RESULTS:

### 39 competitors(24 men, 15 women) in 10 sports

#### ALPINE SKIING:

\*Andrzej BACHLEDA – 22 (downhill); 24 (giant slalom); DNF (slalom); **5 (men's combined)**

#### BIATHLON:

\*Tomasz SIKORA – 28 (10km); 47 (20km)

\*Wiesław ZIEMIANIN – 26 (10km); 47 (20km)

\*Wojciech KOZUB – 23 (10km); 30 (20km)

\*Wiesław ZIEMIANIN, Tomasz SIKORA, Jan ZIEMIANIN, Wojciech KOZUB – **5 (4x7.5km relay)**

\*Agata SUSZKA – 45 (7.5km); 42 (15km)

\*Halina NOWAK-GUŃKA – 42 (7.5km)

\*Anna STERA-KUSTUCZ – **6 (7.5km)**; 17 (15km)

\*Halina PITOŃ – 51 (15km)

\*Agata SUSZKA, Halina PITOŃ, Iwona DANILUK, Anna STERA-KUSTUCZ – 13 (4x7.5km relay)

#### BOBSLEIGH:

\*Tomasz ŻYŁA, Dawid KUPCZYK, Krzysztof SIENKO, Tomasz GATKA – 22 (four-man)

#### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:

\*Janusz KRĘŻELOK – 76 (10km); 53 (15km); 40 (50km)

\*Dorota KWAŚNY – 61 (5km); 49 (10km); 50 (15km); DNF (30km)

\*Katarzyna GĘBALA – 60 (5km); 59 (10km)

\*Bernadetta BOCEK-PIOTROWSKA – 39 (5km); 43 (10km); 33 (15km); 33 (30km)

\*Małgorzata RUCHAŁA – 33 (5km); 35 (10km)

\*Eliza SURDYKA – 58 (15km)

\*Katarzyna GĘBALA, Małgorzata RUCHAŁA, Dorota KWAŚNY, Bernadetta BOCEK-PIOTROWSKA – 13 (4x5km relay)

#### FIGURE SKATING:

\*Anna RECHNIO – 19 (women)

\*Dorota ZAGÓRSKA, Mariusz SIUDEK – 10 (pairs)

\*Sylwia NOWAK, Sebastian KOLASIŃSKI – 12 (ice dancing)

#### LUGE:

\*Piotr ORSŁOWSKI, Robert MIESZAŁA – 15 (doubles)

#### SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING:

\*Maciej PRYCZEK – 24 (500m); 27 (1000m)

#### SKI JUMPING:

\*Krzystian DŁUGOPOLSKI – 62 (normal hill)

\*Adam MAŁYSZ – 51 (normal hill); 52 (large hill)

\*Wojciech SKUPIEŃ – 32 (normal hill); 11 (large hill)

\*Robert MATEJA – 21 (normal hill); 20 (large hill)

\*Łukasz KRUCZEK – 45 (large hill)

\*Adam MAŁYSZ, Łukasz KRUCZEK, Wojciech SKUPIEŃ, Robert MATEJA – **8 (team large hill)**

#### SNOWBOARDING:

\*Łukasz STAROWICZ – 19 (giant slalom); 27 (half-pipe)

\*Jagna MARCZUŁAJTIS – DNF (giant slalom)

\*Małgorzata ROSIAK – 19 (giant slalom)

#### SPEED SKATING:

\*Tomasz ŚWIST – 26 (500m); 41 (1000m)

\*Paweł ABRATKIEWICZ – 22 (500m); 26 (1000m)

\*Paweł ZYGMUNT – 34 (1500m); 18 (5000m)

## Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	GERMANY	12	9	8	29
2.	NORWAY	10	10	5	25
3.	RUSSIA	9	6	3	18
4.	CANADA	6	5	4	15
5.	UNITED STATES	6	3	4	13
6.	NETHERLANDS	5	4	2	11
7.	JAPAN	5	1	4	10
8.	AUSTRIA	3	5	9	17
9.	SOUTH KOREA	3	1	2	6
10.	ITALY	2	6	2	10
11.	FINLAND	2	4	6	12
12.	SWITZERLAND	2	2	3	7
13.	FRANCE	2	1	5	8
14.	CZECH REPUBLIC	1	1	1	3
15.	BULGARIA	1	0	0	1
16.	CHINA	0	6	2	8
17.	SWEDEN	0	2	1	3
18.	DENMARK	0	1	0	1
	UKRAINE	0	1	0	1
20.	BELARUS	0	0	2	2
	KAZAKHSTAN	0	0	2	2
22.	AUSTRALIA	0	0	1	1
	BELGIUM	0	0	1	1
	GREAT BRITAIN	0	0	1	1
		69	68	68	205

### MAJOR STARS

**Hermann MAIER (AUSTRIA)** – alpine skiing  
– two golds

**Katja SEIZINGER (GERMANY)** – alpine skiing  
– 2 golds and 1 bronze (total: 3-0-2)

**Bjørn DÆHLIE (Norway)** – cross-country skiing – 3 golds and 1 silver (total: 8-4-0)

**Thomas ALSGAARD (Norway)** – cross-country skiing – 2 golds (total: 3-1-0)

**Larisa LAZUTINA (Russia)** – cross-country skiing – 3 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze (total: 4-1-1)

**Olga DANILOVA (Russia)** – cross-country skiing – 2 golds and 1 silver

**Yelena VÄLBE (Russia)** – cross-country skiing  
– she won her 3rd gold

**Dominik HAŠEK (Czech Republic)** – ice hockey – led its team to its first and only Olympic gold medal

**Georg HACKL (Germany)** – luge – he won third gold medal (total: 3-1-0)

**Bjarte Engen VIK (Norway)** – nordic combined – two gold medals (total: 2-1-1)

**Kazuyoshi FUNAKI (Japan)** – ski jumping – two golds and one silver

**CHUN Lee-kyung (South Korea)** – short track – two golds (total: 4-0-1)

**Gianni ROMME (Netherlands)** – speed skating – two golds

**Marianne TIMMER (Netherlands)** – speed skating – two golds

**Gunda NIEMANN-STIRNEMANN (Germany)** – speed skating – gold and 2 silvers (total: 3-4-1)