



OLYMPIC GAMES



SYDNEY

September 15 - October 01, 2000



MILLENIUM OLYMPICS

The 2000 Summer Olympic Games, officially known as the Games of the XXVII Olympiad and commonly known as Sydney 2000 or the Millennium Olympic Games/Games of the New Millennium, were held between 15 September and 1 October 2000 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. It was the second time that the Summer Olympics were held in Australia, and also the Southern Hemisphere.

Sydney was selected as the host city for the 2000 Games in 1993. Teams from 199 countries participated. The United States won the most medals with 93, while Australia came in 4th with 58. The Games cost was estimated to be A\$6.6 billion. The Games received universal acclaim, with the organisation, volunteers, sportsmanship and Australian public being lauded in the international media. Bill Bryson from *The Times* called the Sydney Games "one of the most successful events on the world stage", saying that they "couldn't be better".

In preparing for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Lord Coe declared the Sydney Games the "benchmark for the spirit of the Games, unquestionably" and admitting that the London organising committee "attempted in a number of ways to emulate what the Sydney Organising Committee did. These were the final Olympic Games under the IOC presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch. These were also the second Olympic Games to be held in spring and is to date the most recent games not to be held in its more traditional July or August summer slot.

The final medal tally was led by the United States, followed by Russia and China with host Australia at fourth place overall. Several World and Olympic records were broken during the games. With little or no controversies, the games were deemed generally successful with the rising standard of competition amongst nations across the world.

Although the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony was not scheduled until 15 September, the football competitions began with preliminary matches on 13 September. Among the pre-ceremony fixtures, host nation Australia lost 1–0 to Italy at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, which was the main stadium for the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.



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- RHYTHMIC (2 events)
- TRAMPOLINE (2 events)
- *HANDBALL (2 events)
- *JUDO (14 events)
- *MODERN PENTATHLON (2 events)
- *ROWING (14 events)
- *SAILING (11 events)
- *SHOOTING (17 events)
- *SOFTBALL (1 events)
- *TABLE TENNIS (4 events)
- *TAEKWONDO (8 events)
- *TENNIS (4 events)
- *TRIATHLON (2 events)
- *VOLLEYBALL:
 - VOLLEYBALL (2 events)
 - BEACH VOLLEYBALL (2 events)
- *WEIGHTLIFTING (15 events)
- *WRESTLING:
 - FREESTYLE (8 events)
 - GRECO-ROMAN (8 events)

There were 300 events in 28 sports

- *AQUATICS:
 - DIVING (8 events)
 - SWIMMING (32 events)
 - SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING (2 events)
 - WATER POLO (2 events)
- *ARCHERY (4 events)
- *ATHLETICS (46 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 (12 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)

THE MASCOTS

The official mascots chosen for the 2000 Summer Olympics were Syd the platypus, Millie the echidna, and Olly the kookaburra and were designed by Matthew Hattan and Jozef Szekeres and named by Philip Sheldon of agency Weekes Morris Osborn in response to the original SOCOG recommendation of Murray, Margery and Dawn after famous Australian athletes.



Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
NSW Tennis Centre	Tennis
Olympic Stadium	Ceremonies / Athletics / Football
State Hockey Centre	Field hockey
State Sports Centre	Table tennis / Taekwondo
Sydney Baseball Stadium	Baseball / Modern pentathlon
Sydney International Archery Park	Archery
Sydney International Aquatic Centre	Diving / Modern pentathlon / Swimming / Synchronized swimming / Water polo
Sydney Super Dome	Basketball / Gymnastics
The Dome and Exhibition Complex	Badminton / Basketball / Gymnastics / Handball / Modern pentathlon / Volleyball
Blacktown Olympic Park	Baseball / Softball
Bondi Beach	Beach volleyball
Centennial Parklands	Road cycling
Dunc Gray Velodrome	Track cycling
Marathon course	Athletics
North Sydney	Athletics
Olympic Sailing Shore Base	Sailing
Penrith Whitewater Stadium	Canoeing
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre	Water polo
Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre	Boxing / Fencing / Judo / Weightlifting / Wrestling
Sydney Entertainment Centre	Volleyball
Sydney Football Stadium	Football
Sydney International Equestrian Centre	Equestrian
Sydney International Regatta Centre	Canoeing / Rowing
Sydney International Shooting Centre	Shooting
Sydney Opera House	Triathlon
Western Sydney Parklands	MTB cycling
Brisbane Cricket Ground	Football
Bruce Stadium, Canberra	Football
Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	Football
Melbourne Cricket Ground	Football

Special quarantine conditions were introduced to allow entry of horses into Australia to participate in equestrian events, avoiding the need for such events to take place elsewhere as had happened at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne.



HIGHLIGHTS

A record 199 nations entered the stadium, with a record 80 of them winning at least one medal. The only missing IOC member was Afghanistan (banned due to the extremist rule of the Taliban's oppression of women and its prohibition of sports). The ceremony featured a unified entrance by the athletes of North and South Korea, using a specially designed unification flag: a white background flag with a blue map of the Korean Peninsula. However, the two teams competed separately. Four athletes from East Timor also marched in the parade of nations as Individual Olympic Athletes and marched directly before the Host country. Although the country-to-be had no National Olympic Committee then, they were allowed to compete under the Olympic Flag with country code IOA.

The first medals of the Games were awarded in the women's 10 metre air rifle competition, which was won by Nancy Johnson of the United States.

The Triathlon made its Olympic debut with the women's race.

The first star of the Games was Ian Thorpe. The 17-year-old Australian first set a new world record in the 400 m freestyle final before competing in an exciting 4 × 100 m freestyle final.

Samaranch had to leave for home, as his wife was severely ill. Upon arrival, his wife had already died. Samaranch returned to Sydney four days later. The Olympic flag was flown at half-staff during the period as a sign of respect to Samaranch's wife.

Controversy erupted at the Women's Gymnastics All-Around final, when gymnast after gymnast fell on the vault. Some gymnasts were physically injured, and all were shaken, but nothing was done to try to discover the reason most gymnasts were having severe problems. Finally, in the middle of the third round (out of four), it was determined that the vault horse had been set 5 cm too low – enough of a difference to throw off the impeccable timing of many of these world-class athletes. While athletes were allowed to vault again, the remedy did not fully repair injuries and shaken confidence.

By rowing in the winning coxless four, Steve Redgrave of Great Britain became a member of a select group who had won gold medals at five consecutive Olympics.

Rulon Gardner, never a NCAA champion or a world medalist, beat Alexander Karelin of Russia to win gold in the super heavyweight class, Greco-Roman wrestling. Karelin had won gold in Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta. Before this fight he had never lost in international competition, had been unbeaten in all competitions in 13 years, and had not surrendered a point in a decade.

Australian Cathy Freeman won the 400 metre final. Freeman's win made her the first competitor in Olympic Games history to light the Olympic Flame and then go on to win a Gold Medal.

Cameroon won a historic gold medal over Spain in the Men's Olympic Football Final at the Olympic Stadium. The game went to a penalty shootout, which was won by Cameroon 5–3.

In honour of her gold medal win during the games, Cathy Freeman represented Oceania in carrying the Olympic flag, joining Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Africa), John Glenn (The Americas), Kazuyoshi Funaki (Asia), Lech Wałęsa (Europe), Jean-Michel Cousteau (Environment), Jean-Claude Killy (Sport), and Steven Spielberg (Culture) when it was raised again, at the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City; the opening ceremony there took place on 8 February 2002.



199 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) participated in the Sydney Games, two more than in the 1996 Summer Olympics. In addition, there were four Timorese Individual Olympic Athletes at the 2000 Summer Olympics. Eritrea, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau made their Olympic debut this year.

Afghanistan was the only 1996 participant that did not participate in 2000, having been banned due to the extremist rule of the Taliban's oppression of women and its prohibition of sports.

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

**Athletes from Timor-Leste*

Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	UNITED STATES	37	24	32	93
2.	RUSSIA	32	28	29	89
3.	CHINA	28	16	14	58
4.	AUSTRALIA	16	25	17	58
5.	GERMANY	13	17	26	56
6.	FRANCE	13	14	11	38
7.	ITALY	13	8	13	34
8.	NETHERLANDS	12	9	4	25
9.	CUBA	11	11	7	29
10.	GREAT BRITAIN	11	10	7	28
11.	ROMANIA	11	6	9	26
12.	SOUTH KOREA	8	10	10	28
13.	HUNGARY	8	6	3	17
14.	POLAND	6	5	3	14
15.	JAPAN	5	8	5	18
16.	BULGARIA	5	6	2	13
17.	GREECE	4	6	3	13
18.	SWEDEN	4	5	3	12
19.	NORWAY	4	3	3	10
20.	ETHIOPIA	4	1	3	8
21.	UKRAINE	3	10	10	23
22.	KAZAKHSTAN	3	4	0	7
23.	BELARUS	3	3	11	17
24.	CANADA	3	3	8	14
25.	SPAIN	3	3	5	11
26.	TURKEY	3	0	2	5
27.	IRAN	3	0	1	4
28.	CZECH REPUBLIC	2	3	3	8
29.	KENYA	2	3	2	7
30.	DENMARK	2	3	1	6
31.	FINLAND	2	1	1	4
32.	AUSTRIA	2	1	0	3
33.	LITHUANIA	2	0	3	5
34.	AZERBAIJAN	2	0	1	3
	BAHAMAS	2	0	1	3
36.	SLOVENIA	2	0	0	2
37.	SWITZERLAND	1	6	2	9
38.	INDONESIA	1	3	2	6
39.	SLOVAKIA	1	3	1	5
40.	MEXICO	1	2	3	6
41.	NIGERIA	1	2	0	3
42.	ALGERIA	1	1	3	5
43.	UZBEKISTAN	1	1	2	4
44.	LATVIA	1	1	1	3
	YUGOSLAVIA	1	1	1	3
46.	NEW ZEALAND	1	0	3	4
47.	ESTONIA	1	0	2	3
	THAILAND	1	0	2	3
49.	CROATIA	1	0	1	2
50.	CAMEROON	1	0	0	1
	COLOMBIA	1	0	0	1
	MOZAMBIQUE	1	0	0	1
53.	BRAZIL	0	6	6	12
54.	JAMAICA	0	6	3	9
55.	BELGIUM	0	2	3	5
	SOUTH AFRICA	0	2	3	5
57.	ARGENTINA	0	2	2	4
58.	CHINESE TAIPEI	0	1	4	5
	MOROCCO	0	1	4	5
60.	NORH KOREA	0	1	3	4

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Medal count - continuation

61.	MOLDOVA	0	1	1	2
	SAUDI ARABIA	0	1	1	2
	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0	1	1	2
64.	IRELAND	0	1	0	1
	URUGUAY	0	1	0	1
	VIETNAM	0	1	0	1
	SRI LANKA	0	1	0	1
68.	GEORGIA	0	0	6	6
69.	COSTA RICA	0	0	2	2
	PORTUGAL	0	0	2	2
71.	ARMENIA	0	0	1	1
	BARBADOS	0	0	1	1
	CHILE	0	0	1	1
	ICELAND	0	0	1	1
	INDIA	0	0	1	1
	ISRAEL	0	0	1	1
	KUWAIT	0	0	1	1
	KYRGYZSTAN	0	0	1	1
	MACEDONIA	0	0	1	1
	QATAR	0	0	1	1
		300	300	327	927

MAJOR STARS

XIONG Ni (China) – diving – two golds (total: 3-1-1)

Dmitri SAUTIN (Russia) – diving – 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronzes (total: 2-1-3)

FU Mingxia (China) – diving – one gold and one silver (total: 4-1-0)

Gary HALL Jr. (USA) – swimming – two gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze (total: 4-3-1)

Pieter VAN DEN HOOGENBAND (Netherlands) – swimming – two golds and two bronzes

Ian THORPE (Australia) – swimming – 3 golds and 2 silvers (*photo on the right*)

Gary HACKETT (Australia) – swimming – 2 gold medals

Lenny KRAYZELBURG (USA) – swimming – three golds

Domenico FIOVARANTI (Italy) – swimming – 2 gold medals

Todd PEARSON (Australia) – swimming – two golds

Michael KLIM (Australia) – swimming – 2 golds and 2 silvers (total: 2-2-1)

Inge DE BRUIJN (Netherlands) – swimming – 3 golds and 1 silver

Susie O'NEILL (Australia) – swimming – one gold and 3 silvers (total: 2-4-2)

Brooke BENNETT (USA) – swimming – two golds (total: 3-0-0)

Diana MOCANU (Romania) – swimming – 2 gold medals



MAJOR STARS (continued)

Megan QUANN (USA) – swimming – 2 golds

Yana KLOCHKOVA (Ukraine) – swimming – two golds and 1 silver

Amy VAN DYKEN (USA) – swimming – 2 golds (total: 6-0-0)

Courtney SHEALY (USA) – swimming – two gold medals

Dara TORRES (USA) – swimming – 2 golds and 3 bronzes (total: 4-1-4)

Ashley TAPPIN (USA) – swimming – 2 golds (total: 3-0-0)

Olga BRUSNIKINA (Russia) – synchronized swimming – two golds

YUN Mi-jin (South Korea) – archery – two golds

KIM Soo-nyung (South Korea) – archery – gold and bronze (total: 4-1-1)

Maurice GREENE (USA) – athletics – two golds

Michael JOHNSON (USA) – athletics – he won his 4th Olympic gold

Robert KORZENIOWSKI (Poland) – athletics – two golds (total: 3-0-0) (*photo below*)

Pauline DAVIS-THOMPSON (Bahamas) – athletics – two golds (total: 2-1-0)

Félix SAVÓN (Cuba) – boxing – he won his 3rd Olympic gold

Kunt HOLLMANN (Norway) – canoeing – two golds (total: 3-2-1)

Zoltán KAMMERER / Botond STORCZ (Hungary) – canoeing – two golds

Birgit FISCHER (Germany) – canoeing – two golds (total: 7-3-0)

Katrin WAGNER (Germany) – canoeing – two gold medals

Leontien ZIJLAARD (Netherlands) – road cycling / track cycling – three golds and 1 silver

Robert BARTKO (Germany) – track cycling – two golds

Florian ROUSSEAU (France) – track cycling – two golds and 1 silver (total: 3-1-0)

Félicia BALLANGER (France) – track cycling – two golds (total: 3-0-0)

Isabell WERTH and GigoloFRH (Germany) – equestrian/dressage – one gold and one silver (total: 4-2-0)

Andrew HOY and Darien Powers (Australia) – equestrian/eventing – he won his third gold (total: 3-1-0)

Ludger BEERBAUM and Goldfever (Germany) – equestrian/jumping – he won his fourth gold (total: 4-1-0)

Stanislav POZDNYAKOV (Russia) – fencing – he won his fourth gold in sabre

Valentina VEZZALI (Italy) – fencing – two golds (total: 3-1-0)

LI Xiaopeng (China) – gymnastics – 2 golds

Alexei NEMOV (Russia) – gymnastics – 2 golds, 1 silver, 3 bronzes (total: 4-2-6)

Simona AMANAR (Romania) – gymnastics – 2 golds and 1 bronze (total: 3-1-3)

Elena ZAMOLODCHIKOVA (Russia) – gymnastics – 2 golds and 1 silver

Steve REDGRAVE (Great Britain) – rowing – he won his fifth gold (total: 5-0-1)

Elisabeta LIPĂ (Romania) – rowing – one gold (total: 4-2-1)

Georgeta DAMIAN (Romania) – rowing – 2 golds

WANG Nan (China) – table tennis – two golds

Venus WILLIAMS (USA) – tennis – two golds

Pyrros DIMAS (Greece) – weightlifting – he won his third gold



*Beata SOKOŁOWSKA, Aneta PASTUSZKA
(canoeing) – women’s K-2 500m

POLISH PARTICIPATION

There were 187 competitors (129 men / 58 women) in 20 sports

GOLD MEDALS:

- *Robert KORZENIOWSKI (athletics) – 20km walk
- *Robert KORZENIOWSKI (athletics) – 50km walk
- *Tomasz KUCHARSKI, Robert SYCZ (rowing) – lightweight double sculls
- *Renata MAUER (shooting) – 50m rifle three positions
- *Kamila SKOLIMOWSKA (athletics) – women’s hammer throw
- *Szymon ZIÓŁKOWSKI (athletics) – men’s hammer throw

SILVER MEDALS:

- *Sylwia GRUCHAŁA, Magdalena MROCZKIEWICZ, Anna RYBICKA, Barbara WOLNICKA-SZEWCZYK (fencing) – women’s team foil
- *Daniel JĘDRASZKO, Paweł BARASZKIEWICZ (canoeing) – men’s C-2 500m
- *Szymon KOŁECKI (weightlifting) – 94kg
- *Krzysztof KOŁOMAŃSKI, Michał STANISZEWSKI (canoeing) – men’s slalom C-2
- *Agata WRÓBEL (weightlifting) – +75kg

BRONZE MEDALS:

- *Leszek BLANIK (gymnastics) – men’s vault
- *Grzegorz KOTOWICZ, Adam SEROCZYŃSKI, Dariusz BIAŁKOWSKI, Marek WITKOWSKI (canoeing) – men’s K-4 1000m



Kamila SKOLIMOWSKA



Robert SYCZ - Tomasz KUCHARSKI



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