



OLYMPIC GAMES



ATHENS
August 13 - 29, 2004



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The 2004 Summer Olympic Games (Greek: *Therinoí Olympiakoi Agónes 2004*), officially known as the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad and commonly known as Athens 2004, were held in Athens, Greece, from 13 to 29 August 2004 with the motto *Welcome Home*. 10,625 athletes competed, some 600 more than expected, accompanied by 5,501 team officials from 201 countries. There were 301 medal events in 28 different sports. Athens 2004 marked the first time since the 1996 Summer Olympics that all countries with a National Olympic Committee were in attendance. 2004 also marked the return of the games to the city where they began. Having previously hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1896, Athens became one of only a handful of cities to have hosted the Summer Games twice or more (together with London, Paris, and Los Angeles).

The 2004 Summer Games were hailed as "unforgettable, dream games" by IOC President Jacques Rogge, and left Athens with a significantly improved infrastructure, including a new airport, ring road, and subway system. The cost of the 2004 Athens Summer Games has been cited as a contributor to the Greek government-debt crisis. Some of the venues lie vacant and rotting, while others are in use; the ones at the Olympic Park and others in the coastal area are in regular use.

Athens was chosen as the host city during the 106th IOC Session held in Lausanne on 5 September 1997. After leading all voting rounds, Athens easily defeated Rome in the 5th and final vote. Cape Town, Stockholm, and Buenos Aires, the three other cities that made the IOC shortlist, were

eliminated in prior rounds of voting. Six other cities submitted applications, but their bids were dropped by the IOC in 1996. These cities were Istanbul, Lille, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan, Seville, Saint Petersburg and Cali.



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There were officially 301 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)**

***BOXING (11 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)
- 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 event)
- *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 (11 events)
 - GRECO-ROMAN (7 events)

THE MASCOTS

Mascots have been a tradition at the Olympic Games since the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France. The Athens games had two official mascots: *Athena* and *Phivos* (Greek pronunciation: Athina and Fivos). The sister and brother were named after Athena, the goddess of wisdom, strategy and war, and Phoebus, the god of light and music, respectively. They were inspired by the ancient daidala, which were toy dolls that also had religious connotations.



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Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Athens Olympic Aquatic Centre	Diving / Swimming / Synchronized swimming / Water polo
Athens Olympic Tennis Centre	Tennis
Athens Olympic Velodrome	Track cycling
Nikos Gallis Olympic Indoor Hall	Basketball / Gymnastics
Olympic Stadium	Ceremonies / Athletics / Football
Fencing Hall	Fencing
Helliniko Indoor Arena	Basketball / Handball
Olympic Baseball Centre	Baseball
Olympic Canoe/Kayak Slalom Centre	Canoeing
Olympic Hockey Centre	Field hockey
Olympic Softball Stadium	Softball
Faliro Olympic Beach Volleyball Centre	Beach volleyball
Faliro Sports Pavilion Arena	Handball / Taekwondo
Peace and Friendship Stadium	Volleyball
Goudi Olympic Hall	Badminton
Olympic Modern Pentathlon Centre	Modern pentathlon
Markopoulo Olympic Equestrian Centre	Equestrian
Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre	Shooting
Kaftanzoglio Stadium (Thessaloniki)	Football
Karaiskakis Stadium (Athens)	Football
Pampeloponnisiako Stadium (Patras)	Football
Pankrito Stadium (Heraklion)	Football
Panthessaliko Stadium (Volos)	Football
Agios Kosmas Olympic Sailing Centre	Sailing
Ano Liosia Olympic Hall	Judo / Wrestling
Galatsi Olympic Hall	Gymnastics / Table tennis
Kotzia Square	Road cycling
Marathon	Athletics
Nikaia Olympic Weightlifting Hall	Weightlifting
Panathenaic Stadium	Archery / Athletics
Parnitha Olympic Mountain Bike Venue	MT biking
Peristeri Olympic Boxing Hall	Boxing
Schinas Olympic Rowing & Canoeing Centre	Canoeing / Rowing
Stadium at Olympia	Athletics
Vouliagmeni Olympic Centre	Cycling / Triathlon



HIGHLIGHTS

- The shot put event was held in ancient Olympia, site of the ancient Olympic Games (that is the very first time women athletes competed in Ancient Olympia), while the archery competition was held in the Panathenaic Stadium, in which the 1896 games were held.
- Greece had its best ever medal tally, 6 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze, since hosting the 1896 games, and also won Euro 2004 in July.
- The marathon was held on the same route as the 1896 games, beginning in the site of the Battle of Marathon to the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens.
- Australia became the first country in Olympic history to win more gold medals (17) immediately after hosting the Olympics in Sydney 2000 where they won 16 gold medals.
- While leading in the men's marathon with less than 10 kilometres to go, Brazilian runner Vanderlei Cordeiro de Lima is attacked by Irish priest Neil Horan and dragged into the crowd. De Lima recovered to take bronze, and was later awarded the Pierre de Coubertin medal for sportsmanship.
- Liu Xiang wins gold in the 110 m hurdles, equalling Colin Jackson's 1993 world record time of 12.91 seconds. This was China's first ever gold in men's track and field.
- Kenyan runners swept the medals in the 3000 meters steeple chase.
- Hicham El Guerrouj wins gold in the 1500 m and 5000 m. He is the first person to accomplish this feat at the Olympics since Paavo Nurmi in 1924.
- Greek athlete Fani Halkia comes out of retirement to win the 400 m hurdles.
- The United States lost for the first time in Olympic men's basketball since 1992, the first time NBA players were allowed to participate in the Games. This defeat came at the hands of Puerto Rico 92–73.
- Windsurfer Gal Fridman wins Israel's first-ever gold medal.
- Dominican athlete Félix Sánchez won the first ever gold medal for the Dominican Republic in the 400 m hurdles event.
- German kayaker Birgit Fischer wins gold in the K-4 500 m and silver in the K-2 500 m. In so doing, she became the first woman in any sport to win gold medals at 6 different Olympics, the first woman to win gold 24 years apart and the first person in Olympic history to win two or more medals in five different Games.
- Swimmer Michael Phelps wins 8 medals (including a record 6 gold and 2 bronze), becoming the first athlete to win 8 medals in non boycotted Olympics.
- Chilean Tennis players Nicolás Massu and Fernando Gonzalez won the gold medal in the Doubles Competition, while Massu won the gold and Gonzalez the bronze on the Singles competition. These were Chile's first-ever gold medals.

All National Olympic Committees (NOCs) participated in the Athens Games, as was the case in 1996. Two new NOCs had been created since 1996 and made their debut at these Games (Kiribati and Timor-Leste). Therefore, with the return of Afghanistan (who had been banned from the 2000 Summer Olympics), the number of participating nations increased from 199 to 202. Also since 2000, Yugoslavia had changed its name to Serbia and Montenegro and its code from YUG to SCG. The number in parentheses indicates the number of participants each NOC contributed.

**AFGHANISTAN 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 KIRIBATI 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
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO 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
EAST TIMOR TOGO TONGA TRINIDAD & TOBAGO TUNISIA TURKEY
TURKMENISTAN UGANDA UKRAINE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES UNITED
STATES URUGUAY UZBEKISTAN VANUATU VENEZUELA VIETNAM VIRGIN
ISLANDS YEMEN ZAMBIA ZIMBABWE**

Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	UNITED STATES	36	39	26	101
2.	CHINA	32	17	14	63
3.	RUSSIA	28	26	36	90
4.	AUSTRALIA	17	16	17	50
5.	JAPAN	16	9	12	37
6.	GERMANY	13	16	20	49
7.	FRANCE	11	9	13	33
8.	ITALY	10	11	11	32
9.	SOUTH KOREA	9	12	9	30
10.	GREAT BRITAIN	9	9	12	30
11.	CUBA	9	7	11	27
12.	HUNGARY	8	6	3	17
13.	UKRAINE	8	5	9	22
14.	ROMANIA	8	5	6	19
15.	GREECE	6	6	4	16
16.	BRAZIL	5	2	3	10
17.	NORWAY	5	0	1	6
18.	NETHERLANDS	4	9	9	22
19.	SWEDEN	4	2	1	7
20.	SPAIN	3	11	6	20
21.	CANADA	3	6	3	12
22.	TURKEY	3	3	5	11
23.	POLAND	3	2	5	10
24.	NEW ZEALAND	3	2	0	5
25.	THAILAND	3	1	4	8
26.	BELARUS	2	5	6	13
27.	AUSTRIA	2	4	1	7
28.	ETHIOPIA	2	3	2	7
29.	IRAN	2	2	2	6
	SLOVAKIA	2	2	2	6
31.	CHINESE TAIPEI	2	2	1	5
32.	GEORGIA	2	2	0	4
33.	BULGARIA	2	1	9	12
34.	DENMARK	2	1	5	8
35.	JAMAICA	2	1	2	5
	UZBEKISTAN	2	1	2	5
37.	MOROCCO	2	1	0	3
38.	ARGENTINA	2	0	4	6
39.	CHILE	2	0	1	3
40.	KAZAKHSTAN	1	4	3	8
41.	KENYA	1	4	2	7
42.	CZECH REPUBLIC	1	3	5	9
43.	SOUTH AFRICA	1	3	2	6
44.	CROATIA	1	2	2	5
45.	LITHUANIA	1	2	0	3
46.	EGYPT	1	1	3	5
	SWITZERLAND	1	1	3	5
48.	INDONESIA	1	1	2	4
49.	ZIMBABWE	1	1	1	3
50.	AZERBAIJAN	1	0	4	5
51.	BELGIUM	1	0	2	3
52.	BAHAMAS	1	0	1	2
	ISRAEL	1	0	1	2
54.	CAMEROON	1	0	0	1
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1	0	0	1
	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1	0	0	1

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Medal count - continuation

57.	NORTH KOREA	0	4	1	5
58.	LATVIA	0	4	0	4
59.	MEXICO	0	3	1	4
60.	PORTUGAL	0	2	1	3
61.	FINLAND	0	2	0	2
	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	0	2	0	2
63.	SLOVENIA	0	1	3	4
64.	ESTONIA	0	1	2	3
65.	HONG KONG	0	1	0	1
	INDIA	0	1	0	1
	PARAGUAY	0	1	0	1
68.	COLOMBIA	0	0	2	2
	NIGERIA	0	0	2	2
	VENEZUELA	0	0	2	2
71.	ERITREA	0	0	1	1
	MONGOLIA	0	0	1	1
	SYRIA	0	0	1	1
	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0	0	1	1
		301	300	326	927

MAJOR STARS

PARK Sung-hyun (South Korea) - archery - two golds

Jeremy WARNER (USA) - athletics - two golds

Hicham EL GUERROUJ (Morocco) - athletics - two golds (total: 2-1-0) - *photo on the right*

Robert KORZENIOWSKI (Poland) - athletics - he won his fourth gold medal

Veronica CAMPBELL (Jamaica) - athletics - two golds and one bronze

Kelly HOLMES (Great Britain) - athletics - two golds (total: 2-0-1)

Natasa JANICS (Hungary) - canoeing - two golds

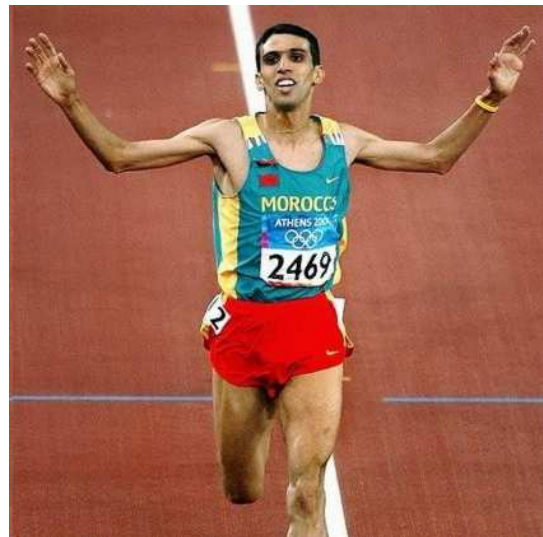
Birgit FISCHER (Germany) - canoeing - one gold and one silver (total: 8-4-0) - *photo on the right*

Ryan BAYLEY (Australia) - track cycling - two golds

GUO Jingjing (CHINA) - diving - two golds (total: 2-2-0)

Anastasia DAVYDOVA, Anastasiya

YERMAKOVA (RUSSIA) - synchronized swimming - two golds



MAJOR STARS (continued)

Valentina VEZZALI (Italy) - fencing - she won fourth gold medal (total: 4-1-0)

Cătălina PONOR (Romania) - gymnastics - three golds

Monica ROȘU (Romania) - gymnastics - two golds

Tadahiro NOMURA (Japan) - judo - he won his third gold medal

Georgeta DAMIAN (Romania) - rowing - two golds (total: 4-0-0)

Viorica SUSANU (Romania) - rowing - two golds (total: 3-0-0)

Ralf SCHUMANN (Germany) - shooting - he won his third gold (total: 3-1-0)

ZHANG Yining (China) - table tennis - 2 golds

WANG Nan (China) - table tennis - she won her third gold medal

Nicolás MASSÚ (Chile) - tennis - two gold medals - *photo below*



HALIL Mutlu (Turkey) - weightlifting - he won his third consecutive gold

Gary HALL, Jr. (USA) - swimming - gold and silver (total: 5-3-2)

Ian THORPE (Australia) - swimming - 2 golds, silver and bronze (total: 5-3-1)

Aaron PEIRSOL (USA) - swimming - three golds (total: 3-1-0)

Kosuke KITAJIMA (Japan) - swimming - two golds and one bronze

Michael PHELPS (USA) - swimming - **SIX** gold medals and 2 bronzes - *photo below*



Inge DE BRUIJN (Netherlands) - swimming - she won her fourth gold (total: 4-2-2)

Jodie HENRY (Australia) - swimming - three golds

Natalie COUGHLIN (USA) - swimming - two golds, two silvers and 1 bronze

Petria THOMAS (Australia) - swimming - three golds and one silver (total: 3-4-1)

Yana KLOCHKOVA (Ukraine) - swimming - two gold medals (total: 4-1-0)

Alice MILLS (Australia) - swimming - two gold medals



POLISH PARTICIPATION

The Polish Olympic Committee sent a total of 194 athletes to the Games, 132 men and 62 women, to compete in 21 sports.

GOLD MEDALISTS:

Otylia JĘDRZEJCZAK – swimming – women’s 200m butterfly
Tomasz KUCHARSKI, Robert SYCZ – rowing – men’s lightweight double sculls
Robert KORZENIOWSKI – athletics – men’s 50km walk - *photo on the right*

SILVER MEDALISTS:

Otylia JĘDRZEJCZAK – swimming – women’s 400m freestyle
Otylia JĘDRZEJCZAK – swimming – women’s 100m butterfly - *photo below*

BRONZE MEDALISTS:

Sylwia GRUCHAŁA – fencing – women’s foil - *photo on the right*
Mateusz KUSZNIEREWICZ – sailing – Finn class
Agata WRÓBEL – weightlifting – women’s +75kg
Anna ROGOWSKA – athletics – women’s pole vault
Aneta PASTUSZKA, Beata SOKOŁOWSKA-KULESZA – canoeing – women’s K-2 500m



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