



OLYMPIC GAMES



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option for whitelisted athletes to compete independently during the 2018 Winter Olympics.

The 2014 Winter Olympics, officially called the XXII Olympic Winter Games (Russian: *Olimpiyskiye zimniye igry*) and commonly known as Sochi 2014, were held from 7 to 23 February 2014 in Sochi, Krasnodar Krai, Russia, with opening rounds in certain events held on the eve of the opening ceremony, 6 February 2014. Sochi was selected as the host city in July 2007, during the 119th IOC Session held in Guatemala City. It was the first Olympics in Russia since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991. The Soviet Union was previously the host nation for the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

A total of 98 events in fifteen winter sport disciplines were held during the Games. A number of new competitions—a total of twelve accounting for gender—were held during the Games, including biathlon mixed relay, women's ski jumping, mixed-team figure skating, mixed-team luge, half-pipe skiing, ski and snowboard slopestyle, and snowboard parallel slalom. The events were held around two clusters of new venues: an Olympic Park constructed in Sochi's Imeretinsky Valley on the coast of the Black Sea, with Fisht Olympic Stadium, and the Games' indoor venues located within walking distance, and snow events in the resort settlement of Krasnaya Polyana.

The 2014 Winter Olympics were the most expensive Olympics in history. While originally budgeted at US\$12 billion, various factors caused the budget to expand to US\$51 billion, which is more than three times the cost of the Olympics in London and surpassing the estimated \$44 billion cost of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

In 2016, an independent report commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency confirmed allegations that the Russian Olympic team had been involved in a state-sponsored doping program, active from at least late-2011 through August 2015. The program was active during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, and athletes had benefited from the cover-up. In December 2017, the IOC voted to suspend the Russian Olympic Committee, with an



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SPORTS

98 events over 15 disciplines in 7 sports were included in the 2014 Winter Olympics.

- *ALPINE SKIING (10 events)
- *BIATHLON (11 events)
- *BOBSLEIGH (3 events)
- *CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (12 events)
- *CURLING (2 events)
- *FIGURE SKATING (5 events)
- *FREESTYLE SKIING (10 events)
- *ICE HOCKEY (2 events)
- *LUGE (4 events)
- *NORDIC COMBINED (3 events)
- *SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING (8 events)
- *SKELETON (2 events)
- *SKI JUMPING (4 events)
- *SNOWBOARDING (10 events)
- *SPEED SKATING (12 events)

MASCOTS



A nationwide design contest was held in Russia, from September 1 to December 5, 2010. The winners were a leopard, a polar bear and a hare.

DOPING SCANDAL

In May 2016, *The New York Times* published allegations by the former director of Russia's anti-doping laboratory, Dr. Grigory Rodchenkov, that a conspiracy of corrupt anti-doping officials, FSB intelligence agents, and compliant Russian athletes used banned substances to gain an unfair advantage during the Games. Rodchenkov stated that the FSB tampered with over 100 urine samples as part of a cover-up, and that at least fifteen of the Russian medals won at Sochi were the result of doping. According to the second part of the McLaren Report released in December 2016, the lab director Grigory Rodchenkov tampered with urine samples at the Olympics and provided cocktails of performance-enhancing drugs and members of the FSB broke into sample bottles holding urine. In addition, a deputy sports minister for years ordered cover-ups of top athletes' use of banned substances.



Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Bolshoy Ice Dome	Hockey
Fisht Olympic Stadium	Ceremonies
Shayba Arena	Hockey
Ice Cube Curling Center	Curling
Adler Arena Skating Center	Speed skating
Iceberg Skating Palace	Figure skating / Short track speed skating
Sochi Medals Plaza	Victory ceremonies
Laura Biathlon & Ski Complex	Biathlon / Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined
Rosa Khutor Extreme Park	Freestyle skiing / Snowboarding
Rosa Khutor Alpine Resort	Alpine skiing
RusSki Gorki Jumping Center	Nordic combined / Ski jumping
Sliding Center Sanki	Bobsleigh / Luge / Skeleton

A record 88 nations qualified to compete, which beat the previous record of 82 set at the previous Winter Olympics in Vancouver. The number of athletes who qualified per country is listed in the table below (number of athletes shown in parentheses). Seven nations made their Winter Olympics debut: Dominica, Malta, Paraguay, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, and Zimbabwe.

Kristina Krone qualified to compete in her second consecutive games for Puerto Rico, but the island's Olympic Committee once again chose not to send her to compete. Similarly, South Africa decided not to send alpine skier Sive Speelman to Sochi. Algeria also did not enter its only qualified athlete, Mehdi-Selim Khelifi.

India's athletes originally competed as Independent Olympic Participants and marched under the Olympic flag during the opening ceremony, as India was originally suspended in December 2012 over the election process of the Indian Olympic Association. On 11 February, the Indian Olympic Association was reinstated and India's athletes were allowed the option to compete under their own flag from that time onward.^[a] Although Shiva Keshavan competed as an Independent athlete and is recorded as such, he was permitted to walk under the flag of India at the Closing Ceremony.

ALGERIA	DENMARK	LATVIA	PORTUGAL
ANDORRA	DOMINICA	LEBANON	ROMANIA
ARGENTINA	EAST TIMOR	LIECHTENSTEIN	RUSSIA
ARMENIA	ESTONIA	LITHUANIA	SAN MARINO
AUSTRALIA	FINLAND	LUXEMBOURG	SERBIA
AUSTRIA	FRANCE	MACEDONIA	SLOVAKIA
AZERBAIJAN	GEORGIA	MALTA	SLOVENIA
BELARUS	GERMANY	MEXICO	SOUTH KOREA
BELGIUM	GREAT BRITAIN	MOLDOVA	SPAIN
BERMUDA	GREECE	MONACO	SWEDEN
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	HONG KONG	MONGOLIA	SWITZERLAND
BRAZIL	HUNGARY	MONTENEGRO	TAJIKISTAN
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	ICELAND	MOROCCO	THAILAND
BULGARIA	INDIA	NEPAL	TOGO
CANADA	IRAN	NETHERLANDS	TONGA
CAYMAN ISLANDS	IRELAND	NEW ZEALAND	TURKEY
CHILE	ISRAEL	NORWAY	UKRAINE
CHINA	ITALY	PAKISTAN	UNITED STATES
CHINESE TAIPEI	JAMAICA	PARAGUAY	UZBEKISTAN
CROATIA	JAPAN	PERU	VENEZUELA
CYPRUS	KAZAKHSTAN	PHILIPPINES	VIRGIN ISLANDS
CZECH REPUBLIC	KYRGYZSTAN	POLAND	ZIMBABWE



Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	RUSSIA	11	9	9	29
2.	NORWAY	11	5	10	26
3.	CANADA	10	10	5	25
4.	UNITED STATES	9	7	12	28
5.	NETHERLANDS	8	7	9	24
6.	GERMANY	8	6	5	19
7.	SWITZERLAND	6	3	2	11
8.	BELARUS	5	0	1	6
9.	AUSTRIA	4	8	5	17
10.	FRANCE	4	4	7	15
11.	POLAND	4	1	1	6
12.	CHINA	3	4	2	9
13.	SOUTH KOREA	3	3	2	8
14.	SWEDEN	2	7	6	15
15.	CZECH REPUBLIC	2	4	2	8
16.	SLOVENIA	2	2	4	8
17.	JAPAN	1	4	3	8
18.	FINLAND	1	3	1	5
19.	GREAT BRITAIN	1	1	2	4
20.	UKRAINE	1	0	1	2
21.	SLOVAKIA	1	0	0	1
22.	ITALY	0	2	6	8
23.	LATVIA	0	2	2	4
24.	AUSTRALIA	0	2	1	3
25.	CROATIA	0	1	0	1
26.	KAZAKHSTAN	0	0	1	1
		97	95	99	291

MAJOR STARS

Tina MAZE (Slovenia) – alpine skiing – two golds (total: 2-2-0)

Martin FOURCADE (France) – biathlon – 2 golds and 1 silver (total: 2-2-0)

Ole Einer BJØRNDALEN (Norway) – biathlon – two golds (total: 8-4-1)

Emil Hegle SVENDSEN (Norway) – biathlon – two golds (total: 4-1-0)

Darya DOMRACHEVA (Belarus) – biathlon – three golds (total: 3-0-1)

Dario COLOGNA (Switzerland) – cross-country skiing – two golds (total: 3-0-0)

Marit BJØRGEN (Norway) – cross-country skiing – three golds (total: 6-3-1)

Tatiana VOLOSOZHAR, Maxim TRANKOV (Russia) – figure skating – two golds

Felix LOCH (Germany) – luge – two golds (total: 3-0-0)

Natalie GEISENBERGER (Germany) – luge – two golds (total: 2-0-1)

Tobias WENDL, Tobias ARLT (Germany) – luge – two golds

Jørgen GRAABAK (Norway) – nordic combined – two gold medals

Viktor AHN (Russia) – short track speed skating – three golds and 1 bronze (total: 6-0-2 – earlier medals for South Korea)

PARK Seung-hi (South Korea) – short track speed skating – 2 golds, 1 bronze (total: 2-0-3)

Kamil STOCH (Poland) – ski jumping – 2 gold medals

Vic WILD (Russia) – snowboarding – two golds

Sven KRAMER (Netherlands) – speed skating – two golds and one silver (total: 3-2-2)

Jorien TER MORS (Netherlands) – speed skating – two golds

POLISH PARTICIPATION

59 competitors (35 men + 24 women) in 11 disciplines

GOLD MEDALS:

- *Zbigniew BRÓDKA – speed skating (1500m) - *photo*
- *Justyna KOWALCZYK – cross-country skiing (10km classical)
- *Kamil STOCH – ski jumping (normal hill individual) - *photo below*
- *Kamil STOCH – ski jumping (large hill individual)



SILVER MEDAL:

- *Katarzyna BACHLEDA-CURUŚ, Natalia CZERWONKA, Luiza ZŁOTKOWSKA, Katarzyna WOŹNIAK – speed skating (women’s team pursuit) - *photo below*

BRONZE MEDAL:

- *Zbigniew BRÓDKA, Konrad NIEDŹWIEDZKI, Jan SZYMAŃSKI – speed skating (men’s team pursuit)

Other notable results

4 – Maciej Kot, Piotr Żyła, Jan Ziobro, Kamil Stoch (ski jumping – team large hill)

5 – Monika Hojnisz (biathlon – mass start)

5 – Sylwia Jaśkowiec, Justyna Kowalczyk (cross-country skiing – team sprint)

6 – Justyna Kowalczyk (cross-country skiing – 15km skiathlon)

6 – Katarzyna Bachleda-Curuś (speed skating – 1500m)

7 – Monika Hojnisz (biathlon – sprint)

7 – Kornelia Kubińska, Justyna Kowalczyk, Sylwia Jaśkowiec, Paulina Maciuszek (cross-country skiing – 4x5km relay)

7 – Maciej Kot (ski jumping – normal hill)

8 – Maciej Kurowski, Karol Mikrut, Patryk Poręba, Natalia Wojtuściszyn (luge – team relay)

