

# The Summer Olympic Games

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The Summer Olympic Games are held every four years. It is a major sporting event in which thousands of competitors from almost every nation in the world compete.

Originally, the ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD. Then for 1500 years the Olympic Games weren't held until Baron Pierre de Coubertin founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894.

The Olympic Games have taken place every four years since 1894, except for when World Wars I and II led to the cancellation of the 1916, 1940 and 1944 games.

The decision-making body for the games is the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC is responsible for choosing the host city for each Olympic Games. Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (Rio) is hosting the Olympic Games in 2016.

More than 10,000 athletes from 207 nations will compete in over 300 events during the Rio Olympic Games. The top three athletes in each event receive Olympic medals; gold for first place, silver for second place and bronze for third place.

The Olympic Games are a remarkable event with so many memorable moments. It is an event where dreams are achieved and sporting heroes made.



1. How often are the summer Olympic Games held?

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2. In which three years did World Wars cause the cancellation of the Olympic Games?

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3. What does IOC stand for?

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4. What does the winner of each event receive?

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5. Who founded the IOC in 1894?

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6. In which country were the first Olympic Games (the ancient Olympics) held?

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7. Approximately how many competitors will compete at the Rio Olympic Games?

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