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# Introduction



- The Olympics are a major international event, with summer sports and winter, when thousands of athletes participate in various competitions. Currently the Games are held every two years in even-numbered years, with the Olympics, summer and winter alternating, although they occur every four years under their seasonal games. Originally, the ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece, the eighth century BC to fifth century AD.

# The Ancient Olympic Games

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- The first Olympic Games were held every four years ago over 2,700 years in Ancient Greece. The competition was a celebration of tribute to the gods. The emperor Theodosius I ended up with the Games between the years 393 and 394. All references of pagan antiquity should be discontinued.
- Only men could participated in the Olympics.



# Sports of the Ancient Olympics

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- The sports held in the Olympic Games of classical times, were the: boxing, the pentathlon (which consists of throwing hard (stone or metal.)), dart, long jump, race (athletes run barefoot and naked, smeared with oil and running down a trail of stone.) wrestling (was executed without any precautions to hurt the opponent.); rowing, equestrian races and, finally, running messengers and trumpeters .

# The Modern Olympics

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Baron de  
Coubertin

# The Modern Olympics

- Fifteen centuries after their extinction, the Games were restored thanks to the efforts of the French educator Pierre de Fredi, Baron de Coubertin. The baron began a campaign to convince several countries to support the restoration of the Games. He convinced them that would benefit with the implementation of international competitions in which they give equal conditions to amateur athletes from around the world. Two years after the Baron de Coubertin to launch his idea at a conference in Paris and set up the IOC (International Olympic Committee), held in 1896, the first Games of the modern era, with the participation of 285 athletes from 13 countries.

# Sports of the Modern Olympics



- Some of the famous Olympics' sports are:
- Athletics;
- Kayaking;
- Football;
- Gymnastics;
- Volleyball;
- Pentathlon;
- Swimming;
- ...

# Symbols and Traditions



- The Olympic flag with five interlocking rings on a white background, was designed in 1914 by Baron de Coubertin, the color of each ring representing a continent: blue, Europe; yellow, Asian, black, African, green, Australia; and red America. Only in 1920 the flag appeared in the Olympics.
- Another tradition of the Olympic Games is to carry the Olympic flame, which since 1936 after being lit in Olympia, Greece, is driven by athletes, in rotation, to the location of the Games, after crossing roads, mountains and seas. The flame is extinguished only in the closing ceremony of the Games.



# International Olympic Committee

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- The coordination of the Olympic Games is the responsibility of the IOC, which is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- The winning athletes, to the third place are awarded gold, silver and bronze, respectively. Entries are free to host the Olympics, the city chosen to compose the anthem of the Olympics, running in the main ceremonies. On delivery of the medals, running up the national anthem of the country where the champion was born.



# 2021 OLYMPIC GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO.

Each Olympic Games takes place in a different city across the world.

- In 2012, London, UK was the host city.
- In 2016, the Olympics were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- The next Olympics are being held in 2021 in Tokyo, Japan.

## London



## Rio



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## OLYMPIC MASCOTS

Each Olympic Games has a different mascot. Lots of merchandise is made and sold including cuddly toys, key rings, mugs, badges and towels. Here are the mascots for this year's Olympics.



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## INTERESTING FACTS.

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There have been 28 summer Olympics held in 23 countries and 23 winter Olympics held in 20 countries. The Olympic Games have been held in London 3 times. There have been no Olympic Games held in Africa or Antarctica, but they have been held in all other continents.

