

# THE OLYMPICS

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## THE HISTORY OF THE OLYMPICS

The very first Olympics were in Olympia, Ancient Greece. The winner would not get a bronze, silver or even gold medal. Instead the winners got a crown of celery leaves. This was all over 2,700 years ago.

The events in the first Olympics included: running, long jump, shot put, javelin, boxing, pankration and equestrian. The first modern Olympics were held on April 6, 1896. The man who re-created it was named Baron Pierre de Coubertin, a Frenchman.



## THE MEANING OF THE OLYMPIC RINGS

Baron Pierre de Coubertin designed the modern Olympic flag. This is what it looks like: a plain white background draws all the attention to the rings. The rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red and overlapping. Each ring represents a different continent, Asia, the Americas, Europe, Africa and Australia.



## THE LAST 10 OLYMPICS

The Olympic games are held every 2 years. The Summer Olympics are held every 4 years, same as the Winter Games. The last 10 Summer Games were held in and situated in: Rio 2016, London 2012, Beijing 2008, Athens 2004, Sydney 2000, Atlanta 1996, Barcelona 1992, Seoul 1988, Los Angeles 1984 and Moscow 1980. The last 10 Winter Games were Pyeongchang 2018, Sochi 2014,

Vancouver 2010, Turin 2006, Salt Lake City 2002, Nagano 1998, Lillehammer 1994, Albertville 1990, Calgary 1986 and Sarajevo 1982.

## EVENTS IN THE OLYMPICS

In the Summer Olympics 2020 some of the events will include: Aquatics, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball/softball (NEW), Basketball, Boxing and Canoeing. The events in the Winter Olympics are a lot different than the Summer ones. For instance, some of them include: Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Bobsled, Cross-Country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Freestyle Skating, Ice Hockey, Longtrack Speedskating and Luge. There is a huge difference between the two.





## IRISH OLYMPIANS

All of the Olympians are from different countries and each represent their country. Here are 4 Irish Olympians that won medals.

NAME	MEDAL	SPORT
Bob Tisdall	Gold	Athletics
Pat O'Callaghan	Gold	Athletics
John McNally	Silver	Boxing
Ronnie Delany	Gold	Athletics

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Olympic torch is a huge thing in the Olympics. It is a symbol used in the Olympic movement. Several months before the Olympics, the Olympic flame is lit at Olympia, Greece in honour of the very first Olympics.



DID YOU KNOW?

This is the first time since World War 2 that the Olympics have been cancelled.

**THE END!**