

1928 Summer Olympics in Amsterdam



- * The 1928 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the IX Olympiad, was an international multi-sport event that was celebrated from 28 July to 12 August 1928 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The city of Amsterdam had previously bid for the 1920 and 1924 Olympic Games, but was obliged to give way to war-torn Antwerp in Belgium for the 1920 Games and Pierre de Coubertin's Paris for the 1924 Games.
- * The only other candidate city for the 1928 Olympics was Los Angeles, which would eventually be selected to host the Olympics four years later.

Host city selection

- ▶ Dutch nobleman, Frederik van Tuyl van Serooskerken, first proposed Amsterdam as host city for the Summer Olympic Games in 1912, even before the Netherlands Olympic Committee was established.
- * The Olympic Games were cancelled in 1916 due to World War I. In 1919, the Netherlands Olympic Committee abandoned the proposal of Amsterdam in favor of their support for the nomination of Amsterdam as host city for the 1920 Summer Olympics. In 1921, Paris was selected for the 1924 Summer Olympics on the condition that the 1928 Summer Olympics would be organized in Amsterdam. This decision, supported by the Netherlands Olympic Committee, was announced by the International Olympic Committee on 2 June 1921.
- * The International Olympic Committee decision was disputed by the Americans, but their request to allocate the 1928 Summer Olympics to Los Angeles was without success in 1922 and again in 1923. Los Angeles was eventually selected as host city for the 1932 Summer Olympics.

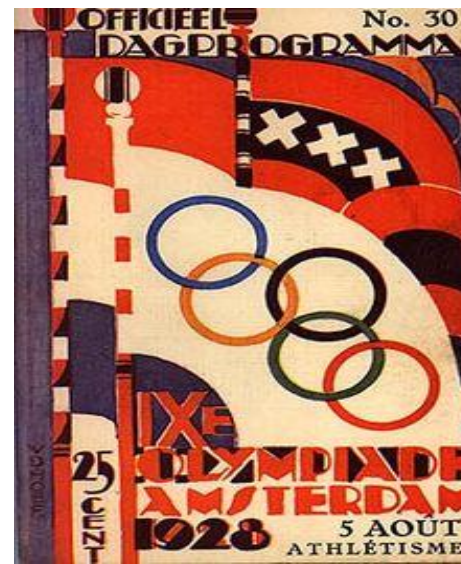


Highlights

- * The Olympic Flame was lit for the first time for the duration of the Olympics, a tradition that continues to this day. The torch relay, however, would not take place until the 1936 Summer Olympics.

- * For the first time, the parade of nations started with Greece, which holds the origins of the Olympics, and ended with the host country, a tradition which has also continued ever since.

- * The Games were officially opened by Prince Hendrik, consort of Queen Wilhelmina, who had authorized her husband to deputise for her. The Queen was unable to attend the opening ceremony as she was on holiday in Norway and did not want to disrupt her trip. This was the second time a head of state had not personally officiated at an Olympic opening ceremony. The Queen had initially refused to make an appearance at either the opening or closing ceremony; it is thought that she objected to the Netherlands hosting the 1928 Games as she considered the Olympics to be a demonstration of paganism. However, she returned from Norway before the conclusion of the Games, to be present at the closing ceremony, and she presented the first prizes at the prize distribution which was held immediately beforehand.



Sports

* During the 1928 Summer Olympics, there were 14 sports, 20 disciplines and 109 events in the tournament.

Aquatics

Diving

Swimming

* Water polo

* Athletics

* Boxing

* **Cycling**

* Road

* Track

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Equestrian

Dressage

Eventing

Show jumping

Fencing

Football

Gymnastics

Modern pentathlon

Rowing

Field hockey

Sailing

Weightlifting

Wrestling

Freestyle

Greco-Roman



Women's athletics and team gymnastics debuted at these Olympics, in spite of criticism. Halina Konopacka of Poland became the first female Olympic track and field champion. Reports that the 800 meter run ended with several of the competitors being completely exhausted were widely circulated. As a result, the IOC decided that women were too frail for long distance running, and women's Olympic running events were limited to 200 meters until the 1960s.

Tennis disappeared from the program, only to reappear in 1968 as a demonstration sport.



Participating National Olympic Committees

- * Argentina
- * Australia
- * Austria
- * Belgium
- * Bulgaria
- * Canada
- * Chile
- * Cuba
- * Czechoslovakia
- * Denmark
- * Egypt
- * Estonia
- * Finland
- * France
- * Germany
- * Great Britain
- * Greece
- * Haiti
- * Hungary
- * India



- * Ireland
- * Italy
- * Japan
- * Latvia
- * Lithuania
- * Luxembourg
- * Malta
- * Mexico
- * Monaco
- * Netherlands
- * Zealand
- * Norway
- * Panama
- * Philippines
- * Poland
- * Portugal
- * Rhodesia
- * Romania
- * South Africa
- * Spain
- * Sweden
- * Switzerland
- * Turkey
- * Uruguay
- * Yugoslavia



Questions

- * 1) Which city was the new candidate for the Olympic Games in 1928?
- * 2) Why the Olympic Games were canceled in 1916?
- * 3) How many meters was the track for track and field athletics?
- * 4) How many countries have participated in the Olympic Games?