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General Knowledge – Part 3

SPORT TERMS

Athletics	Relay, Photofinish, Track, Lane, Hurdles, Shotput, Discuss Throw, Hammar Throw, Triple Jump, High Jump, Cross Country, etc.
Badminton	Drop, deuce, smash, double-touch, clash, service, love, service-line, etc.
Base Ball	Bunting, hole, pitcher, put-out, strike, etc.
Baseball	Pinching, Home run, Base runner, Throw, Perfect game, Strike, Put out, etc.
Billiards	Cue, cannon, baulk, pot scratch, long jenny, short jenny, frame, spider, short and long rest, in-off, etc.
Boxing	Round, knock-outs, countdown, flyweight, jab, uppercut, hook, punch, etc.
Bridge	Contract bridge, duplicate bridge, tricks, suite, rubber, trump, grand slam, little slam, etc.
Billiards & Snooker	Pull, Cue, Hit, Object ball, Break shot, Scoring, Cushion billiards, etc., etc.
Boxing	Knock. out, Round, Ring Stoppage, Punch, Upper-cut, Kidney punch, Timing, Foot work, etc.
Chess	Gambit, stalemate, move, resign, checkmate, etc.
Cricket	Hat-trick, maiden, follow-on, declare, bowled, caught, run-out, leg before wicket(LBW), stumped, striker, slips, gully, short leg, silly, mid-on, point, cover, mid-off, bouncer, beamer, googly, full toss, drive, cut, pull, hook, flick, etc.
Cycling	Sprint, Time trial, Point race, Trackrace, etc.
Football	Kick off, goal, corner-kick, throw-in, penalty, offside, red card, yellow card, foul, hat trick, dribble, pass, forward, defender, half, goalkeeper, tie-breaker, trapping, heading, etc.
Golf	Course, links, tee, hole, caddie, threesome, foursome, niblic, club, putt, iron, birdie, eagle, etc.
Gymnastics	Parellal bar, Horizontal bar, Floor exercise, Uneven bar, Push up, Sit up. etc.
Hockey	Centre, defender, forward, half, penalty-stroke, penalty corner, push-in, free-hit, striking circle goal, goal-line, touch-line, goal keeper, off-side, foul, stick, carry, dribble, tiebreaker, trapping, etc.
Horse Racing	Race course, steeplechase, bets, bookies, jockey, punter, etc.
Judo	Cocoa, Blue, white, Green belt, etc.
Polo	Mallet, bunker, chukker, handicap, goal, sixty yarder, etc.
Shooting	Bag, bull's eye, marksmanship, plug, skeet, etc.
Swimming	Freestyle, Breast stroke, Back stroke, Butterfly, Lane, Pool, Crawl, etc.
Table Tennis	Smash, drop, deuce, spin, let, service, etc.
Tennis	smash, cross-court, passing shot, backhand, forehand, slice, top-spin, serve,

	dropshot, lob, down-the-line, deuce, tie-breaker, set, game, grand slam, ace, volley, etc.
Volleyball	Blocking, doubling, heave, smash, point, serve, volley, etc.
Weight Lifting	Snatch, Jerk, etc.
Wrestling	Free style, Hal Nelson, Point, Heave, etc.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. The 2016 Olympics will be held in – **Rio (Brazil)**
2. Free-style, Back stroke and Butterfly are the styles of – **Swimming**
3. The first World Cup Cricket for blind was won by – **South Africa**
4. Rugby is the national game of – **New Zealand**
5. Archery is the national sport of – **Bhutan**
6. The winner of the 58th Senior National Championship in squash is – **Saurav Ghosal**
7. Where were the Olympic Games of 2004 held ? – **Athens**
8. Meenal Thakur is a famous player of – **Snooker/Billiards**
9. Sanya Richards-a world famous athlete is associated with – **Sprint**
10. Wang Yihan is the famous player of – **Badminton**
11. The national sport of Indonesia is – **Badminton**
12. The English batsman who recently took retirement from Test Cricket is – **Paul Collingwood**
13. Sports person Asafa Powell is well known as – **100 m Sprinter**
14. Jenson Button-the famous formula one racer is the citizen of – **United Kingdom**
15. Thomas Cup is related to – **Badminton**
16. The first Indian cricket player who scored' a magnificent 184 and scalped five for 196 against England at Lords' in 1952 was – **Vinoo Mankad**
17. Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi is associated with – **Football**
18. India's youngest grandmaster in chess at present is – **Parimarjan Negi**
19. The well-known Tennis player Nicha Lertpitaksinchai is the citizen of – **Thailand**
20. Davis Cup is associated with – **Lawn Tennis**
21. Famous Golf player Vijay Singh is from – **Fiji**
22. The first cricketer to take 500 catches in Test cricket is – **Mark Boucher**
23. Battery, Bunting and Catcher are the terms associated with – **Baseball**
24. Eisenhower Cup is related to – **Golf**
25. Which day in India is observed as 'National Sports Day'? – **August 29**
26. Rovers Cup is associated with – **Football**
27. Cop a Cup is associated with – **Football**
28. In 2014-15 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award was given to – **Sania Mirza**
29. Gurmit Memorial Trophy is associated with – **Hockey (India)**
30. Jawaharlal Nehru International Gold Cup is associated with – **Football -**

STANDARD MEASUREMENTS

BASEBALL

Home plate to pitcher's box:	60 feet 6 inches.
Plate to second base:	127 feet 3 3/8 inches.
Distance from base to base (home plate included):	90 feet.

Size of bases:	15 inches by 15 inches.
Pitcher's plate:	24 inches by 6 inches.
Batter's box:	4 feet by 6 feet.
Home plate:	Five-sided, 17 inches by 8 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches by 12 inches by 12 inches, cut to a point at rear.
Home plate to backstop:	Not less than 60 feet (recommended).
Weight of ball:	Not less than 5 ounces nor more than 5 1/4 ounces.
Circumference of ball:	Not less than 9 inches nor more than 9 1/4 inches.
Bat:	Must be one piece of solid wood, round, not over 2 3/4 inches in diameter at thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length.

BASKETBALL

(National Collegiate A.A. Men's Rules)

Playing court:	College: 94 feet long by 50 feet wide (ideal dimensions). High School: 84 feet long by 50 feet wide (ideal dimensions).
Baskets:	Rings 18 inches in inside diameter, with white cord 12-mesh nets, 15 to 18 inches in length. Each ring is made of metal, is not more than 5/8 of an inch in diameter, and is bright orange in color.
Height of basket:	10 feet (upper edge).
Weight of ball:	Not less than 20 ounces nor more than 22.
Circumference of ball:	Not greater than 30 inches and not less than 29 1/2.
Free-throw line:	15 feet from the face of the backboard, 2 inches wide.
Three-point field goal line:	19 feet, 9 inches from the center of the basket. In the National Basketball Association, the distance is 22 feet.

SOCCER

Playing field:	Minimum 100 yards long by 50 yards wide; maximum: 130 yards long by 100 yards wide. International matches: Minimum 110 yards long by 70 yards wide; Maximum: 120 yards long by 80 yards wide. Longer boundary lines are called touchlines or sidelines, and shorter boundary lines are called goal lines.
Goal area:	Two lines drawn at right angles to a goal line, 6 yards from the inside of each goalpost. Lines extend into playing field for 6 yards, and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
Goals:	Distance between posts is 8 yards. Distance from crossbar to the ground is 8 feet. Width and depth of bars not to exceed 5 inches.
Weight of ball:	Not more than 16 ounces nor less than 14.
Circumference of ball:	Not greater than 28 inches nor less than 27.
Penalty area:	Two lines drawn at right angles to the goal line, 18 yards from the inside of each goalpost. Lines extend into playing field for 18 yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
Center circle:	Radius of 10 yards. Center at midpoint of halfway line.
Flagposts:	Not less than 5 feet high, and not less than 1 yard outside the touchline.
Corner arc:	Quarter circle with a radius of 1 yard from each corner flagpost drawn inside playing field.

BOWLING

Lane dimensions: Overall length 62 feet 10 3/16 inches, measuring from foul line to pit (not including tail plank), with $\pm 1/2$ inch tolerance permitted. Foul line to center of No. 1 pinspot 60 feet, with $\pm 1/2$ inches with a tolerance of $\pm 1/2$ inch permitted. Approach, not less than 15 feet. Gutters, 9 5/16 inches wide with plus 3/16 inch or minus 5/16 inch tolerances permitted.

Ball: Circumference, not more than 27.002 inches. Weight, 16 pounds maximum.

BOXING

Ring: Professional matches take place in an area not less than 18 nor more than 24 feet square including apron. It is enclosed by four covered ropes, each not less than one inch in diameter. The floor has a 2-inch padding of Ensolite (or equivalent) underneath ring cover that extends at least 6 inches beyond the roped area in the case of elevated rings. For USA Boxing or Olympic-style boxing, not less than 16 nor more than 20 feet square within the ropes. The floor must extend beyond the ring ropes not less than 2 feet. The ring posts shall be connected to the four ring ropes with the extension not shorter than 18 inches and must be properly padded.

Gloves: In professional fights, not less than 8-ounce gloves generally are used. USA Boxing, 10 ounces for boxers 106 pounds through 156 pounds; 12-ounce for boxers 165 pounds through 201+ pounds; for international competition, 8 ounces for lighter classes, 10 ounces for heavier divisions.

Headguards: Mandatory in Olympic-style boxing.

FOOTBALL**(NCAA)**

Length of field: 120 yards (including 10 yards of end zone at each end).

Width of field: 53 1/3 yards (160 feet).

Height of goal posts: At least 30 feet.

Height of crossbar: 10 feet.

Width of goal posts (above crossbar): 18 feet 6 inches, inside to inside.

Length of ball: 10 7/8 to 11 7/16 inches (long axis).

Circumference of ball: 20 3/4 to 21 1/4 inches (middle); 27 3/4 to 28 1/2 inches (long axis).

GOLF

Specifications of ball: Broadened to require that the ball be designed to perform as if it were spherically symmetrical. The weight of the ball shall not be greater than 1.620 ounces avoirdupois, and the size shall not be less than 1.680 inches in diameter.

Velocity of ball: Not greater than 250 feet per second when tested on USGA apparatus, with 2 percent tolerance.

Hole: 4 1/4 inches in diameter and at least 4 inches deep.

Clubs: 14 is the maximum number permitted.

Overall distance standard: A brand of ball shall not exceed a distance of 280 yards plus 6% when tested on USGA apparatus under specified conditions, on an outdoor range at USGA Headquarters.

HOCKEY

Size of rink:	200 feet long by 85 feet wide surrounded by a wooden wall not less than 40 inches and not more than 48 inches above level of ice.
Size of goal:	6 feet wide by 4 feet in height.
Puck:	1 inch thick and 3 inches in diameter, made of vulcanized rubber; weight 5 1/2 to 6 ounces.
Length of stick:	Not more than 60 inches from heel to end of shaft nor more than 12 1/2 inches from heel to end of blade. Blade should not be more than 3 inches in width but not less than 2 inches—except goal keeper's stick, which shall not exceed 3 1/2 inches in width except at the heel, where it must not exceed 4 1/2 inches, nor shall the goalkeeper's stick exceed 15 1/2 inches from the heel to the end of the blade.

TENNIS

Size of court:	120 feet long by 60 feet wide, with rectangle marked off at 78 feet long by 27 feet wide (singles) and 78 feet long by 36 feet wide (doubles).
Height of net:	3 feet in center, gradually rising to reach 3-foot 6-inch posts at a point 3 feet outside each side of court.
Ball:	Shall be more than 2 1/2 inches and less than 2 5/8 inches in diameter and weigh more than 2 ounces and less than 2 1/6 ounces.
Service line:	21 feet from net.

CUPS AND TROPHIES

Sport	Cups and Trophies
Hockey	Aga Khan Cup, Begam Rasul Trophy (women's), Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup, Lady Ratan Tata Trophy (women's), Gurunanak Championship (women's), Dhyanchand Trophy, Nehru Trophy, Sindhia Gold Cup, Muruggappa Gold Cup, Wellington Cup etc
Football	Beghum Hazarat Mahal Cup, BILT Cup, Bordoloi Trophy, Colombo Cup, Confederation Cup, DCM Trophy, Durand Cup, Rovers Cup, BC Rai Trophy (National Championship), FIFA World Cup, Jules Rimet Trophy, Kalinga Cup, Santosh Trophy (National Championship), IFA Shield, Scissor Cup, Subroto Mukherjee Cup, Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee Trophy, Todd Memorial Trophy, Vittal Trophy, etc.
Cricket	Anthony D' Mellow Trophy, Ashes, Asia Cup, Benson and Hedges Cup, Bose Trophy, Champions Trophy, Charminar Challenger Cup, CK Naidu Trophy, Cooch - Behar Trophy, Deodhar Trophy, Duleep Trophy, Gavaskar - Border Trophy, GD Birla Trophy, Gillette Cup, Ghulam Ahmand Trophy, Hakumat Rai Trophy, ICC World Cup, Irani Trophy, Interface Cup, Jawaharlal Nehru Cup, Lomboard World Challenge Cup, Mc Dowells Challenge Cup, Merchant Cup, Moin-ud-Dowla Cup, Nat West Trophy, Prudential Cup (World Cup), Rani Jhansi Trophy, Ranji Trophy, Rohinton Baria Trophy, Rothmans Cup, Sahara Cup, Sharjah Cup, Sheesh Mahal Trophy, Sheffield Shield, Singer Cup, Sir Frank Worrel Trophy, Texaco Cup, Titan Cup, Vijay Hazare Trophy, Vijay Merchant Trophy, Vizzy Trophy, Wisden Trophy, Wills Trophy, World Series Cup.
Table	Berna Bellack Cup (men), Corbillion Cup (women), Jai Laxmi Cup (women),

Tennis	Rajkumari Challenge Cup (women junior), Ramanuja Trophy (men junior), Travancore Cup (women), Swathling Cup (men), etc
Badminton	Aggarwal Cup, Amrit Diwan Cup, Asia Cup, Australasia Cup, Chaddha Cup, European Cup, Harilela Cup, Ibrahim Rahimatollah Challenger Cup, Konica Cup, Narang Cup, SR Ruia Cup, Sophia Cup, Kitiakara Cup, Thomas Cup, Tunku Abdulrahman Cup, Uber Cup, World Cup, Yonex Cup etc
Basketball	Basalat Jha Trophy, BC Gupta Trophy, Federation Cup, SM Arjuna Trophy, Todd Memorial Trophy, William Jones Cup, Bangalore Blues Challenge Cup, Nehru Cup, Federation Cup etc.
Bridge	Basalat Jha Trophy, Holkar Trophy, Ruia Gold Cup, Singhanian Trophy, etc
Polo	Ezra Cup, Gold Cup, King's Cup, Prithi Cup, Schneider Cup etc.
Athletics	Charminar Trophy, Federation Cup etc
Air Racing	Jawaharlal Challenge Trophy, King's Cup, Schneider Cup etc
Billiards	Arthur Walker Trophy, Thomas Cup etc
Boxing	Aspy Adjahia Trophy, Federation Cup, Val Baker Trophy etc.
Golf	Canada Cup, Eisenhower Trophy, Muthiah Gold Cup, Nomura Trophy, President's Trophy, Prince of Wales Cup, Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, Topolino Trophy, Walker Cup, World Cup etc
Chess	Naidu Trophy, Khaitan Trophy, Limca Trophy, Lin Arc City Trophy, World Cup, etc
Horse Racing	Beresford Cup, Blue Raiband Cup, Derby, Grand National Cup etc.
Netball	Anantrao Pawar Trophy, etc
Rugby	Bledisloe Cup, Calcutta Cup, Webb Ellis Trophy, etc
Football	
Shooting	North Wales Cup, Welsh Grand Pix etc
Volleyball	Centennial Cup, Federation Cup, Indira Pradhan Trophy, Shivanthi Gold Cup, etc
Yatching	America Cup, etc

CUPS AND TROPHIES

INTERNATIONAL

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Cup : Yacht Racing • Ashes : Cricket • Benson and Hedges : Cricket • Canada Cup : Golf • Colombo Cup : Football • Corbitton Cup : Table Tennis (Women) • Davis Cup : Lawn Tennis • Derby : Horse Race • Grand National : Horse Strephe Chase Race • Jules Rimet Trophy : World Soccer Cup • King's Cup : Air Races • Merdeka Cup : Football • Ryder Cup : Golf • Swaythling Cup : Table Tennis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U. Thant Cup : Tennis • Uber Cup : Badminton (Women) • Walker Cup : Golf • Westchester Cup : Polo • Wightman Cup : Lawn Tennis • World Cup : Cricket • World Cup : Hockey • Reliance Cup : Cricket • Rothman's Trophy : Cricket • William's Cup : Basketball • European Champions Cup : Football • Eisenhower Cup : Golf • Essande Champions Cup : Hockey • Rene Frank Trophy : Hockey • Grand Prix : Table Tennis • Edgbaston Cup : Lawn Tennis • Grand Prix : Lawn Tennis |
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- (Men)
- Thomas Cup : Badminton
- World Cup : Weight-lifting

SPORTS AND STADIUM

Stadium	Sports	Place
In India		
Indraprastha Stadium	Indoor Games	Delhi
Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium	Athletics	Delhi
Ferozeshah Kotla Ground	Cricket	Delhi
Ambedkar Stadium	Football	Delhi
Shivaji Stadium	Hockey	Delhi
National Stadium	Hockey	Delhi
National Stadium	Hockey and Others	Mumbai
Wankhede Stadium	Cricket	Mumbai
Brabourne Stadium	Cricket	Mumbai
Eden Gardens	Cricket	Kolkata
Green Park Stadium	Cricket	Kanpur
Keenan Stadium	Cricket	Jamshedpur
Nehru (Chepak) Stadium	Cricket	Chennai
Varabati Stadium	Cricket	Cuttack
In World		
Aintree, Doncaster, Epsom	Horse racing	England (UK)
Flemington	Horse racing	Melbourn (Australia)
Headingley Manchester	Cricket	England (UK)
Lords, Oval, Leeds	Cricket	England (UK)
Black Heath	Rugby Football	London (UK)
Wimbledon	Lawn Tennis	London (UK)
Wembley Stadium	Football	London (UK)
Brookland	Football	England (UK)
Twickenham	Rugby Football	England (UK)
Putney Mart Lake	Boat Race	England (UK)
Trent Bridge	Cricket	England (UK)
White City	Dog race	England (UK)
Hurlington	Polo	England (UK)
Henlay	Regata	England
Brisbane, Melbourne	Cricket	Australia
Perth, Sydney	Cricket	Australia
Yankee Stadium	Boxing	New York (USA)
Brooklyn	Baseball	New York (USA)
Forest Hill	Tennis	USA
Sendy Lodge	Golf	Scotland

NATIONAL GAMES OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

USA – Baseball
 Spain – Bull Fighting
 Canada – Ice Hockey
 New Zealand – Rugby Union
 India – Hockey

- Pakistan – Hockey
- Bangladesh – Kabbadi
- Srilanka – Volley ball
- Russia – Football and Chess
- China – Table Tennis
- Brazil – Football
- France – Football
- England – Cricket
- Japan – Judo
- Australia – Cricket
- Malaysia – Badminton
- Scotland – Rugby Football
- Indonesia – Badminton
- Bhutan – Archery
- Switzerland – Shooting and Gymnastics
- Turkey – Wrestling and Jereed

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Sports	Number of Players
Baseball	9
Rugby football	15
Polo	4
Water Polo	7
Kho Kho	9
Kabaddi	7
Hockey	11
Football (Soccer)	11
Cricket	11
Netball	7
Volleyball	6
Badminton	1 or 2 (Singles & Doubles respectively)
Tennis	1 or 2 (Singles & Doubles respectively)
Table Tennis	1 or 2 (Singles & Doubles respectively)
Basketball	5
Gymnastic	Several individuals compete simultaneously
Billiards/Snooker	1
Boxing	1
Chess	1
Bridge	2
Croquet	13 or 15
Golf	Several individuals compete simultaneously
Lacrosse	12

Court/Campus/Field	Games/Sports
Court	Tennis, Badminton, Net Ball, Handball, Volleyball, Squash, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi
Diamond	Baseball
Ring	Skating, Boxing

Course	Golf
Pool	Swimming
Board	Table Tennis
Mat	Judo, Karate, Taikwondo
Arena	Horse riding
Vellodrome	Cycling
Field	Polo, Football, Hockey
Track	Athletics
Pitch	Cricket
Greens	Bowls
Rink	Curling, Ice Hockey
Range	Shooting, Archery

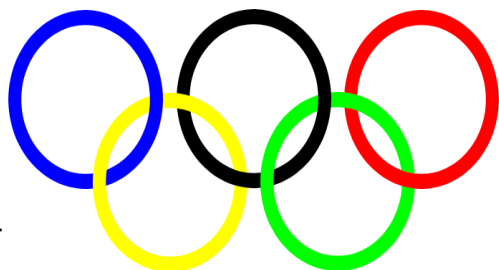
OLYMPICS

The origin of the ancient Olympic Games is lost in the midst of pre-history, but for many centuries they were only a festival of the Greek people. The Games were first held in honour of the Greek god, Zeus in 776 BC in the plain of the kingdom of Elis, nestled in a lush valley between the Alpheus River and Mount Kronion, 15 km from the Ionian Sea. The Olympiad celebrated that year was considered as the first and was used to date subsequent historic events. But religious ceremonies and games were held in Olympia before that time. The oldest sanctuary of Greece was there, the altar of the Great Mother of Gods, Rhea (Earth). On the day of the feast, the priest stood in front of the altar, ready to perform a sacrifice. Women were forbidden to be present on one stadium (about 200 yds.) As soon as a signal was given they ran and the first to arrive at the altar received the torch from the priest's hand and lit the sacrifice fire.

The old Olympiads were held after every four years and the Greeks measured time in terms of Games started on the first new moon after the summer solstice, around mid July. The ancient Olympic Games lasted for five days and the events took place in a precise order. On the first day, there were sacrifices and opening ceremonies. On the second day there were special competitions for the 'ephebeians'. The third day was devoted to events for adult competitors: dromos, diaulos, dolichos, pugilism, wrestling, race with arms.

The games came to a sudden end when the Rome Emperor Theodosius banned the competitions and their attendant sacrificial offerings as pagan manifestations. From 395 AD onwards the fall of Olympia was very rapid. In that year the first damage was caused by the invasion of Alaric's barbarians. A year earlier the famous crysele-phante statue of Zeus had been taken to Constantinople. It was destroyed in 475 AD during the great fire. Following the attacks on the Goths, a fire destroyed the temple of Zeus; earthquakes from 522 to 551 and the most severe of all in 580 brought down whatever had remained standing. Glory had vanished and of the vast riches there were now left but a few ruins and the name of Olympia. Something immortal remained, however, and that was the Olympic spirit.

Modern Olympic Games: The revival work of the Games was undertaken by Baron Pierre de Coubertin nearly 1,500 years after the last of the ancient Games. He was born into a family of Italian origin which had settled in France. It was on November 25, 1892, during a conference at Sorbonne about the history of physical exercises, that the first pronounced those



famous six words in public "The Restoration of the Olympic Games" He said that the Games would ennoble and strengthen amateur sports to give them strength and lasting quality for an essential role in the world of modern education.

It was at the International Congress for the Study of the Propagation of the Principles of Amateurism held in Paris in June 1894 that the delegates led by Baron Pierre de Coubertin and associates unanimously voted to restore the Olympic Games and to create an International Olympic Committee to oversee them. De Coubertin had planned to propose Paris for the site of the first modern Olympics in 1900 but the enthusiasm and zeal of the delegates was so great that they insisted the first Games to be held in 1896. Since then these Games are held every four years.

Olympic Symbol: It comprises five rings or circles, linked together to represent the sporting friendship of all people. The rings also symbolise the continents- Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and America. Each ring is of a different colour i.e. blue, yellow, black, green and red. The rings are meant to represent five continents viz., Africa (black), America (red), Asia (yellow), Australia (green) and Europe (Blue).

Olympic Flag: The Olympic flag, created in 1913 at the suggestion of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, was solemnly inaugurated in Paris in June 1914 but it was raised over an Olympic stadium for the first time at the Antwerp used for the Winter Games. These flags are made of white silk and contain above mentioned five intertwined rings. From left to right the rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.

Olympic Flame(Torch): It was at the Amsterdam Games in 1928 that for the first time an Olympic flame was ceremonially lighted and burned in a giant torch at the entrance of the stadium. The modern version of the flame was adopted in 1936 at the Berlin Games. The Olympic flame symbolises the continuity between the ancient and modern games. The torch, used to kindle the flame, is first lit by the sun's rays at Olympia, Greece, and then carried to the site of the Games by relay of runners. Ships and planes are used when necessary. On July 15, 1976, space age technology was used to transport the flame from one continent to another.

Olympic Motto: The Olympic motto is "Citius-Altius-Fortius" (faster, higher, stronger). Rev. Father Didon (1840-1900), headmaster of a school near Paris and a great promoter of sports in the French Catholic colleges first used the motto and had it embroidered on the pennants of his school clubs. This succinct definition of the philosophy of sport appealed to father Didon's friend, Baron Pierre de Coubertin who was responsible for the revival of the Olympic Games nearly 1,500 years after the last of the ancient Games. It was adopted at his suggestion at the International congress for the "Study and Propagation of the Principles of Amateurism" on June 23, 1894, the same day on which the restoration of the Olympic Games and the creation of the International Olympic Committee were also decided.

Olympic Prizes, Medals and Certificates: While in ancient times the Olympic heroes received a crown of olive branches for their exploits, modern Olympics Champions are rewarded with medals and certificates. The winning athlete now receives a Gold medal, the athlete in the second place is awarded a silver medal and the third placed athlete in the second place is awarded a Silver medal and the third placed athlete wins a Bronze medal. In addition, all athletes ranking from first to sixth receive a certificate. Each medal is 60 mm in diameter and 3 mm thick. The first and second place medals are made of 92.5 percent silver and the medals

for the first winner is then plated with 6 gram of fine gold. Thus this medal is not full gold. The third place medal is of bronze.

Olympic Mascot: It was introduced in 1972 at the 20th Olympics Games held at Munich and since then an Olympic Mascot is selected for a particular year and venue. The following have been the Mascot so far :-

Year	Mascot	Venue
1972	Waldi (Dachshund)	Munich
1976	Amik (Beaver)	Montreal
1980	Misha (Bear)	Mascow
1984	Sam (Eagle)	Los Angeles
1988	Hodori (Cub Tiger)	Seoul
1992	Cobi (Spain)	Barcelona
1996	Lzzy (Space Creature)	Altanta
2000	Ollie, Syd and Mille (a bird, a platypuss, and a hedge hog)	Sydney
2004	Phevos and Athena (Two brother & sister inspired by Greek dolls)	Athens
2008	The Fuwa consisting of five figures: Beibei, Jing Jing, Huan Huan, Yingying and Nini	Beijing
2012	Wenlock and Mandeville , animations depicting two drops of steel from a steelworks in Bolton	London

Olympic Order Instituted in 1974, the Olympic Order in a gold, silver or bronze decoration, awarded to a person who has rendered outstanding services or displayed the Olympic ideals. Mrs Indira Gandhi was awarded this Order in 1983 by the IOC for her contribution to the organisation of the New Delhi Asiad (1982.)

The Olympic Cup: Olympic Cup Instituted in 1906 by Coubertin. Its reproduction is awarded to an institution which contributes to the development of sports in general and the Olympic cup remains at the Chateau de vivy in France.

Sir Thomas Fearnley: Cup is awarded to a club or a local sport association for remarkable achievement in the service of the Olympics. It was instituted in 1950 by Sir Thomas Fearnley, a former IOC member.

Mohammed Toher Trophy: Awarded to an amateur athlete, not necessarily an Olympian. It was instituted in 1950 by the former IOC member Mohammed Toher.

Count Alberta Banacossa Trophy: Awarded to a national Olympic Committee for outstanding work. It was instituted in 1954 by the Italian National Olympic Committee in honour of its IOC member Count Alberto Bonacossa.

Tokyo Trophy: It is given for exemplary conduct displayed by an athelete during the Games. It was instituted in 1964 and presented by Tokyo City.

Introduction of Events in the Olympics

Events	Year
Archery	1900 at Paris (but not held from 1924-1968)
Athletics	1896 at Athens

Badminton	1992 at Barcelona
Basketball	1904 and 1928 - a demonstration event 1936 at Berlin as a medal event
Boxing	1904 at St Louis
Canoeing	1936 at Berlin (for men) 1948 at London (for women)
Cycling	1896 at Athens (but not held in 1904)
Equestrian	1900 at Paris (but not held in 1904 and 1908)
Fencing	1896 at Athens (for men) 1924 at Paris (for women)
Football	1900 at Paris (but not held in 1932)
Gymnastics	1896 at Athens
Handball	1936 at Berlin as outdoor handball 1952 at Helsinki as demonstration games 1972 at Munich as a medal event
Hockey	1908 at London (but not held in 1912 and 1924) for men 1980 at Moscow for women
Judo	1964 at Tokyo (but not held in 1968)
Modern Pentathlon	1912 at Stockholm as individual competition 1952 at Helsinki as team event
Rowing	1896 at Athens 1976 at Montreal for women
Shooting	1896 at Athens (but not held in 1904 and 1928)
Swimming	1896 at Athens for men 1908 at London, diving for men 1912 at Stockholm, swimming and diving for women 1900 at Paris (waterpolo)
Tennis	1924 at Paris (but not held later) 1988 at Seoul (returned as medal event)
Table Tennis	1988 at Seoul
Volleyball	1964 at Tokyo for men and women
Weightlifting	1896 at Athens
Wrestling	1896 at Athens (Greco-Roman) 1904 at St Louis (Free style)
Yachting	1900 at Paris

OLYMPICS

First Olympics		Second Olympics	
Year	1896	Year	1900
Date	April 4 to 15	Date	May 20 to October 28
Place	Athens (Greece)	Place	Paris (France)
Participating Countries	13	Participating Countries	22
Players	311 (all males)	Players	1330 (11 females)

Game Competitions	42	Game Competitions	60
India's Position	Not Participated	India's Position	2 Silver medals (Won by Norman Prichard-Athletics)
Third Olympics		Fourth Olympics	
Year	1904	Year	1908
Date	July 1 to Nov 3	Date	April 27 to October 31
Place	St. Louis (America)	Place	London (Britain)
Participating Countries	12	Participating Countries	22
Players	625 (8 females)	Players	2035 (36 females)
Game Competitions	67	Game Competitions	104
India's Position	Not Participated	India's Position	Not Participated
Fifth Olympics		Sixth Olympics	
Year	1912	Year	1916
Date	May 5 to July 22	Date	Cancelled due to World War I
Place	Stockholm (Sweden)	Place	-
Participating Countries	28	Participating Countries	-
Players	2547 (57 females)	Players	-
Game Competitions	106	Game Competitions	-
India's Position	Not Participated	India's Position	-
Seventh Olympics		Eighth Olympics	
Year	1920	Year	1924
Date	April 20 to Sept 12	Date	May 4 to July 27
Place	Antverp (Belgium)	Place	Paris (France)
Participating Countries	29	Participating Countries	44
Players	2607 (64 females)	Players	3090 (136 females)
Game Competitions	104	Game Competitions	137
India's Position	Did not win any medal	India's Position	Did not win any medal

Ninth Olympics		Tenth Olympics	
Year	1928	Year	1932
Date	May 17 to August 12	Date	July 30 to August 14
Place	Amsterdam (Holland)	Place	Los Angels (USA)
Participating Countries	46	Participating Countries	47
Players	3014 (290 females)	Players	1408 (127 females)
Game Competitions	120	Game Competitions	124
India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey)	India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey)
Eleventh Olympics		Twelfth Olympics	
Year	1936	Year	1940
Date	August 1 to 16	Date	Cancelled due to World War II
Place	Berlin (Germany)	Place	Tockyo, later on Helsinki
Participating Countries	49	Participating Countries	-
Players	4066 (328 females)	Players	-
Game Competitions	142	Game Competitions	-
India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey)	India's Position	-
Thirteenth Olympics		Fourteenth Olympics	
Year	1944	Year	1948
Date	Cancelled due to World War II	Date	July 29 to August 14
Place	London (Britain)	Place	London (Britain)
Participating Countries	-	Participating Countries	59
Players	-	Players	4099 (385 females)
Game Competitions	-	Game Competitions	138
India's Position	-	India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey)
Fifteenth Olympics		Sixteenth Olympics	
Year	1952	Year	1956
Date	July 19 to August 3	Date	Nov 22 tp Dec 8

Place	Helsinki (Finland)	Place	Melbourne (Australia)
Participating Countries	69	Participating Countries	71
Players	4925 (518 females)	Players	3342 (384 females)
Game Competitions	149	Game Competitions	145
India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey) 1 Bronze medal (in wrestling)	India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey)

Seventeenth Olympics		Eighteenth Olympics	
Year	1960	Year	1964
Date	August 25 to September 11	Date	October 10 to 24
Place	Rome (Italy)	Place	Tokyo (Japan)
Participating Countries	83	Participating Countries	93
Players	5348 (61 females)	Players	5140 (683 females)
Game Competitions	150	Game Competitions	163
India's Position	1 Silver medal (in Hockey)	India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey)

Nineteenth Olympics		Twentieth Olympics	
Year	1968	Year	1972
Date	October 12 to 27	Date	August 26 to September 10
Place	Mexico City (Mexico)	Place	Munich (Germany)
Participating Countries	112	Participating Countries	122
Players	5531 (781 females)	Players	7147 (1070 females)
Game Competitions	182	Game Competitions	195
India's Position	1 Bronze medal (in Hockey)	India's Position	1 Bronze medal (in Hockey)

Twenty First Olympics		Twenty Second Olympics	
Year	1976	Year	1980
Date	July 17 to August 1	Date	July 19 August 3
Place	Montreal (Canada)	Place	Moscow (Soviet)

Participating Countries	88	Participating Countries	81
Players	6152 (1261 females)	Players	5326 (1088 females)
Game Competitions	198	Game Competitions	203
India's Position	Did not win any medal At 7th position in Hockey	India's Position	1 Gold medal (in Hockey)

Twenty Third Olympics		Twenty Fourth Olympics	
Year	1984	Year	1988
Date	July 28 to August 12	Date	September 17 to October 2
Place	Los Angeles (USA)	Place	Seoul (Korea)
Participating Countries	140	Participating Countries	160
Players	7078 (1620 females)	Players	13,850 (including the officials)
Game Competitions	221	Game Competitions	237
India's Position	Did not win any medal At 5th position in Hockey	India's Position	Did not win any medal At 6th position in Hockey

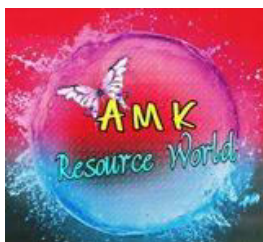
Twenty Fifth Olympics		Twenty Sixth Olympics	
Year	1992	Year	1996
Date	July 25 to August 9	Date	July 19 to August 4
Place	Barcelona (Spain)	Place	Atlanta (USA)
Participating Countries	170	Participating Countries	197
Players	12,000 (including the officials)	Players	10,700
Game Competitions	31	Game Competitions	25
India's Position	Did not win any medal	India's Position	Leander Paes won a Bronze medal (Lawn Tennis)

Twenty Seventh Olympics		Twenty Eighth Olympics	
Year	2000	Year	2004
Date	September 15 to October 1	Date	August 13 to 29

Place	Sydney (Australia)	Place	Athens (Egypt)
Participating Countries	199	Participating Countries	202
Players	10,500	Players	10,500
Game Competitions	28	Game Competitions	28
India's Position	Karnam Malleshwari won a Bronze medal in the weightlifting (69 kg category)	India's Position	Major Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore won a Silver medal (in Shooting)

Twenth Ninth Olympics		Thirtyth Olympics	
Year	2008	Year	2012
Date	August 8 to August 24	Date	July 27 to August 12
Place	Beijing (China)	Place (Proposed)	London
Participating Countries	204	Participating Countries	204
Players	11,028	Players	10,820
Game Competitions	28	Game Competitions	26
India's Position	Abhinav Bindra won gold medal in rifle shooting.	India's Position	Olympic bronze medalist Sushil Kumar managed to claim another medal by winning silver in the men's freestyle wrestling.(Total 6 medals by India.)

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