

All about...

The Olympic Games

When did the Olympics begin?

Over two thousand seven hundred years ago the Olympics began in Olympia in ancient Greece.



Ancient Greek Games

The Greeks took part in the Olympic Games to celebrate the Greek gods Zeus and Hera. Only men and boys were allowed to take part in events such as wrestling, boxing, long jump, throwing the javelin and discus, and chariot racing.

Modern Olympics

In 1894, the games were resurrected and the International Olympic Committee was formed. The Olympic Games have taken place every four years since.

Olympic Medals

Olympic medals are awarded to athletes who come 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their event. Gold is awarded to the winner who comes 1st, silver is awarded to 2nd place and bronze to 3rd place.

The Olympic Torch

An Olympic torch is lit and travels around Greece and then to the country where the games will be taking place.

Olympic Rings

The symbol of the modern Olympic Games is five rings. The five rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.

Paralympic Games

The Paralympic Games take place after the Olympic Games. Sportsmen and women who have a disability meet up and compete in different sports.

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2. What were the names of the ancient Greek god and goddess which the Olympics were held for?

3. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

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2. What were the names of the ancient Greek god and goddess which the Olympics were held for?

The names of the ancient Greek god and goddess which the Olympics were held for are Zeus and Hera.

3. Who was allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics?

Only men and boys were allowed to take part in the ancient Greek Olympics.

4. How often do the Olympic Games take place?

The Olympic Games take place every four years.

5. What do athletes who come first, second or third receive?

If an athlete comes first in an event, they are awarded with the gold medal. If they are second they receive the silver medal and if they are third they receive the bronze medal.

6. Where does the Olympic flame travel?

The Olympic flame travels around Greece and then to the country where the games will be taking place.

7. What colour are the Olympic rings?

The colours of the Olympic rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.

8. When do the Paralympic Games take place?

The Paralympic games take place after the Olympic Games.