

# The Modern Olympics

The Modern Olympics is the biggest sporting event. It was held in Athens first. They are held once every 4 years. That's called an Olympiad.

## Who was the Founder?

The person who invented the Modern Olympics was Pierre de Coubertin from France. Many people tried to revive the games but failed. It started in 1896 and has been going over a century ago.

## Who can take part?

Pro athletes can take part but there's no age limit so olympians have been as young as 10. It's a dream for young people to represent their country at the Olympic games. It's not the winning, it's the taking part that matters: that's what the Olympics is for.

## What sports take place?

Unlike the ancient Olympic games there are over 30 sport and 339 events. In the winter Olympic games there are 15 sports in the winter Olympic games and 109 events. Some of the most famous sports are athletics and swimming.

## Awards

The original prizes were an olive leaf wreath and for the runners up they got a different wreath. Now they get a gold medal for the winners, a silver medal for the runners up and a bronze medal for 3rd place.

Even though the Olympics is supposed to happen once every 4 years, in 2020 they were cancelled because of coronavirus. Hopefully, they will be going ahead in 2021.



