

## Olympic Athletes Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Olympic Athletes trivia explores the medalists, record-breakers, and global icons who have shaped the modern Olympics since the Games were revived in 1896. From family-friendly facts to tougher challenges about historic performances and memorable personalities, it offers a lively way to revisit athletic achievement on the world's biggest stage.

### HARD OLYMPIC ATHLETES TRIVIA

1. What medal is often described as the International Olympic Committee's highest honor for sportsmanship?

Answer: The Coubertin Medal

2. Which Olympic athlete captured four straight discus titles spanning 1956 through 1968?

Answer: Al Oerter

3. Name the hammer thrower who won Olympic gold in 2012, 2016, and 2021.?

Answer: Anita Włodarczyk

4. Who won six Olympic dressage gold medals?

Answer: Reiner Klimke

5. Which fencer completed a three-Games run of individual Olympic foil golds in 2000, 2004, and 2008?

Answer: Valentina Vezzali

6. Who set Olympic records in both of his triple jump gold-medal victories, in 1952 and 1956?

Answer: Adhemar Ferreira da Silva

7. Which swimmer left the 1976 Montreal Olympics with four gold medals?

Answer: Kornelia Ender

8. Which figure skater won Olympic gold in women's singles in both 1984 and 1988?

Answer: Katarina Witt

9. Which speed skater won Olympic medals at five different Winter Games?

Answer: Claudia Pechstein

10. Who claimed Olympic wrestling gold in 1988, 1992, and 1996?

Answer: Alexander Karelin

11. Playful one: if an Olympic timeline needed someone to bookend it with canoe sprint gold in 1980 and 2004, who would be the human bracket?

Answer: Birgit Fischer

12. Three Olympic hammer throw golds, spread across 2012, 2016, and 2021, belong to whom?

Answer: Anita Włodarczyk

13. Which athlete's Olympic medal r'sum' stretches across seven different Games in equestrian competition?

Answer: Isabell Werth

14. Name the athlete whose individual Olympic foil reign ran through three straight Games: 2000, 2004, and 2008.?

Answer: Valentina Vezzali

#### FUNNY OLYMPIC ATHLETES TRIVIA

1. Which Olympic year turned the marathon into the oddly specific 42.195 kilometers, as if someone measured it with a very stubborn ruler?

Answer: 1908

2. True or false: the official marathon distance was set after the route used at the 1908 London Olympics.?

Answer: True

3. Which race walker was photographed training with a saucepan balanced on his head, proving posture drills can also look like kitchen prep?

Answer: Ivan Ptsenko

4. Who rang a giant cowbell after winning his second gold medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics?

Answer: Martin Fourcade

5. Which Australian swimmer got into trouble in Tokyo in 1964 after allegedly taking an Olympic flag from the Emperor's Palace?

Answer: Dawn Fraser

6. Who delivered the line, 'My country did not send me 5,000 miles to start the race; they sent me 5,000 miles to finish it,' after completing an Olympic marathon with an injured leg?

Answer: John Stephen Akhwari

7. The famous 'Agony of Defeat' ski-jump crash clip on ABC's Wide World of Sports featured which athlete?

Answer: Vinko Bogataj

8. Which Mexican walker celebrated what he thought was Olympic gold in the 2000 20 km walk, only to be disqualified afterward?

Answer: Bernardo Segura

9. Who described the Olympic Village as 'a cross between Disneyland and military barracks'?

Answer: James Cracknell

10. At the 1952 Winter Olympics in Oslo, who carried the Olympic flame down a slope before the opening ceremony?

Answer: Egil Nansen

11. Which Japanese pole vaulter was one of the athletes whose medals were literally cut and remade into half-silver, half-bronze pieces after the 1932 Olympics?

Answer: Shuhei Nishida

12. True or false: after the 1932 Olympics, Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe had their medals remade into hybrid half-silver, half-bronze medals.?

Answer: True

13. Which British snowboarder joked that his Olympic moustache in 2018 got more attention than some of his runs?

Answer: Billy Morgan

#### FUN OLYMPIC ATHLETES TRIVIA

1. Which Indian shooter made history in 2008 by winning the country's first individual Olympic gold medal?

Answer: Abhinav Bindra

2. Who turned the Winter Olympics into an annual gold habit by winning at least one gold medal at five straight Games from 2006 through 2022?

Answer: Ireen W...st

3. Which swimming star was famous for wearing size 17 shoes and collecting five Olympic gold medals?

Answer: Ian Thorpe

4. At the 1988 Winter Olympics, which lovable underdog finished last in both ski jumping events?

Answer: Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards

5. Whose 2002 Winter Olympic gold for Australia came after every skater in front of him crashed in the final?

Answer: Steven Bradbury

6. Which figure skater pulled off a backflip on one blade at the 1998 Olympics even though the move was illegal in competition?

Answer: Surya Bonaly

7. Which Irish-born policeman won Olympic tug-of-war gold with the U.S. team in 1920?

Answer: Matt McGrath

8. Who became the oldest Olympic medalist by taking a shooting silver at age 72 in 1920?

Answer: Oscar Swahn

9. Which athlete is recognized as the youngest known Olympic medalist, having won a medal at age 10 in 1896?

Answer: Dimitrios Loundras

10. Who was just 13 years old when she won Olympic diving gold in 1992?

Answer: Fu Mingxia

11. Which skier won Olympic gold in slalom at age 18 in Sochi in 2014?

Answer: Mikaela Shiffrin

12. Which javelin thrower delivered India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics in 2021?

Answer: Neeraj Chopra

13. Who became the first female individual Olympic champion in 1900?

Answer: Charlotte Cooper

#### OLYMPIC ATHLETES FAMILY TRIVIA

1. Which gymnast famously stuck a vault on an injured ankle at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics?

Answer: Kerri Strug

2. Who swept to five gold medals in speed skating at the 1980 Winter Olympics?

Answer: Eric Heiden

3. True or false: Dorando Pietri was officially the winner of the 1908 Olympic marathon.?

Answer: False

4. Which figure skater won three straight Olympic gold medals in women's singles?

Answer: Sonja Henie

5. Who earned five Olympic gold medals in speed skating, becoming one of the sport's biggest stars?

Answer: Bonnie Blair

6. Which U.S. soccer legend won Olympic gold in both 1996 and 2004?

Answer: Mia Hamm

7. What beach volleyball duo won three straight Olympic gold medals together: Misty May-Treanor and whom?

Answer: Kerri Walsh Jennings

8. Nadia Comaneci competed at the Olympics for which country?

Answer: Romania

9. Jesse Owens competed for which nation at the 1936 Olympics?

Answer: United States

10. Which British middle-distance runner later became a neurologist?

Answer: Roger Bannister

11. Who won Olympic gold in the 400 meters at the 2000 Sydney Games?

Answer: Cathy Freeman

12. In what year did Phelps win eight gold medals in Beijing to pass Mark Spitz's

single-Games record?

Answer: 2008

#### EASY OLYMPIC ATHLETES TRIVIA

1. Which swimmer won 23 Olympic gold medals?

Answer: Michael Phelps

2. Who won the Olympic 100 meters at Beijing 2008, London 2012, and Rio 2016?

Answer: Usain Bolt

3. Which track star won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics?

Answer: Jesse Owens

4. Who scored the first perfect 10 in Olympic gymnastics at the 1976 Montreal Games?

Answer: Nadia Comaneci

5. At the 2016 Rio Olympics, which gymnast won four gold medals?

Answer: Simone Biles

6. Which American track and field legend won nine Olympic gold medals?

Answer: Carl Lewis

7. Which Finnish distance runner was nicknamed the "Flying Finn"?

Answer: Paavo Nurmi

8. Which gymnast won 18 Olympic medals?

Answer: Larisa Latynina

9. Who won seven gold medals at the 1972 Munich Olympics?

Answer: Mark Spitz

10. Which marathon runner won Olympic gold in 1960 while running barefoot?

Answer: Abebe Bikila

11. Which sprinter won three gold medals at the 1960 Rome Olympics?

Answer: Wilma Rudolph

12. Who set a long jump world record of 8.90 meters at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics?

Answer: Bob Beamon

13. Who won the Olympic all-around gymnastics title in 1984?

Answer: Mary Lou Retton

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