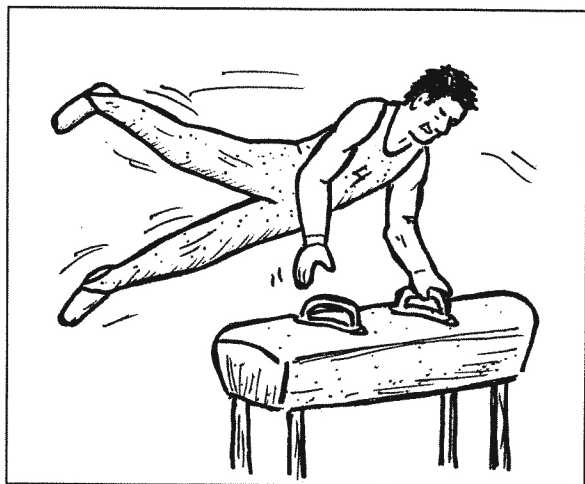


# OLYMPIC NEWS

## Volume 2 Issue 1 – Artistic Gymnastics



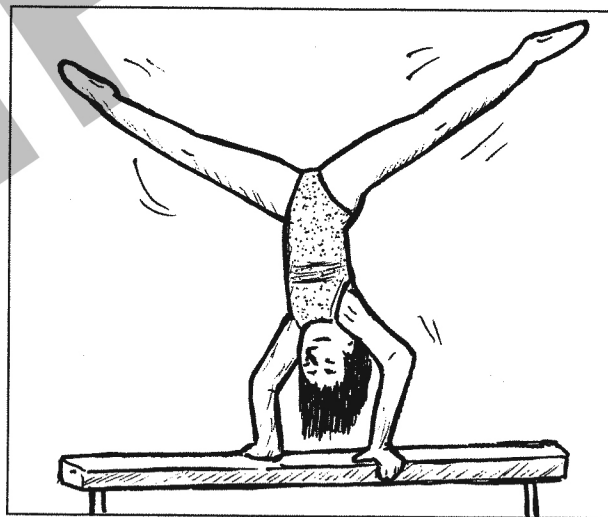
### ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS POPULAR EVENT AT SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

The artistic gymnastics events at the Summer Olympic Games are popular spectator events. Gymnastics, in some form, has always been a part of the Olympic Games. The Olympic artistic gymnastics program, as we know it today, began in 1924 for the men at the Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France and for women in 1928 at the Summer Olympic Games in Amsterdam, Holland.

### ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS PERFORMED ON APPARATUS

All the artistic gymnastics events are performed on some

type of apparatus. There are six individual events for men and four individual events for women in artistic gymnastics at the Summer Olympic Games. The men participate in events on the floor, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, and horizontal bars. The women participate in events on the vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor.



### THREE PART ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

There are three parts to the artistic gymnastics competition at the Summer Olympic Games. There is a team competition, an individual all-round competition, and individual apparatus finals.

## LESSON #2 – BASEBALL

### Student Objectives and Activities

- Lesson Two provides students with an overview of baseball at the Summer Olympic Games.
- Students read about baseball.
- Students complete an activity entitled, “**Baseball Fact or Opinion**”.

### Suggested Teaching Strategies

- Provide each student or pair of students with a copy of the *Olympic News – Volume 2 Issue 2* newspaper. Encourage the students to read over the newspaper a number of times.
- Discuss the terms ‘fact’ and ‘opinion’ with the students. Explain to the students that a fact is something that is true or has really happened. The statement, “*There are nine innings in a baseball game*” is a fact because that is how long a baseball game at the Olympics lasts. An opinion is what someone thinks about a topic or an event. The statement, “*Baseball is the greatest sport on earth*” is an opinion because not everyone would agree with this statement. People may have different opinions about the same topic or event.
- Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Tell the students they must read each statement and decide whether the statement is a ‘fact’ or an ‘opinion’. They write the correct answer on the line.

1. Opinion
2. Fact
3. Opinion
4. Opinion
5. Fact
6. Fact
7. Fact
8. Opinion
9. Fact
10. Opinion



Answer Key:

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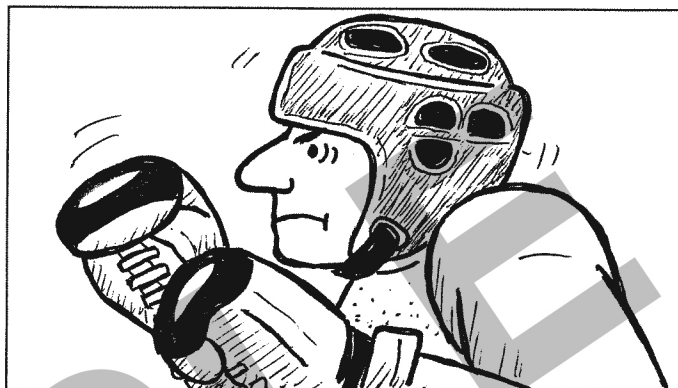
## **Volume 2 Issue 3 - Boxing**

### **BOXING INTRODUCED AT SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN ST. LOUIS, USA**

Boxing was not included in the first modern Summer Olympic Games in 1896 as the sport was considered to be too dangerous. It was introduced as a medal sport at the 1904 Summer Olympic Games in St. Louis, USA, due to the popularity of boxing in the United States. Boxing was again banned at the 1912 Summer Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden because the sport of boxing was prohibited in Sweden. In 1920 at the Summer Olympic Games in Antwerp, Belgium, boxing returned as a medal sport and has been a part of the Olympics ever since.

### **TWELVE EVENTS MAKE UP BOXING AT SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES**

There are twelve weight divisions that boxers can compete in. The weight divisions include: light flyweight, flyweight, bantam weight, featherweight, lightweight, light welterweight, welterweight, light middleweight, middleweight, light heavyweight, heavyweight, and super heavyweight.



### **ONLY AMATEUR BOXERS ALLOWED AT SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES**

Boxing at the Summer Olympic Games is an individual sport that only allows men to compete. Two boxers compete against each other in a boxing ring. One boxer emerges as the winner.

Professionals are not allowed to box at the Olympics. Amateur boxers are the only boxers allowed to compete. However, the Summer Olympic Games have seen a number of amateur boxers go on to have successful careers as professional boxers. Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, and Sugar Ray Leonard are the names of a few amateur boxers that participated in the Summer Olympic Games and then went on to have successful boxing careers.

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## Volume 2 Issue 8 – Triathlon



### NEW SPORT AT 2000 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Triathlon became a medal sport at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. There is a men's individual triathlon event and a women's individual triathlon event.

### ATHLETES REQUIRE HIGH LEVELS OF ENDURANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIATHLON

Athletes participating in triathlon events require high levels of endurance as they must move quickly from one part of the triathlon to the next part. There are three parts to

the triathlon. Athletes swim, bike, and run during the triathlon.

Athletes begin the triathlon with a 1.5 kilometre open water swim. After the swim, athletes bike for 40 kilometres and then run for 10 kilometres to finish the race. All athletes start the triathlon at the same time and move from one part of the triathlon to the next part without stopping.



### SWIMMING CAPS, BICYCLE HELMETS, AND RUNNING SHOES REQUIRED EQUIPMENT IN TRIATHLON

Athletes are required to wear swimming caps during the