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* Results as of 30 October 2005





Competition Sequence

The Olympic Basketball tournament in the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games lasted 15days, from 14 to 28 August.

Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat	Sun
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

After being launched as a demonstration sport at the 1904 Olympic Games in St. Louis, Basketball made its first appearance as a medal sport in 1936 in Berlin. In the 1970s, women's Basketball was added to the programme. The year 1992 was a landmark in Olympic Basketball. A historic decision was made by FIBA, in Munich in 1989, that eliminated the distinction between amateurs and professionals, thereby allowing the best players in the world to participate in the Olympic Games. This decision turned the Basketball tournament of the 1992 Olympic Games into the crowning event in Barcelona. The appearance of the legendary "dream team" with stars such as Michael JORDAN, Magic JOHNSON and Larry BIRD made the tournament very special. In addition, the USA men's team dominated the Olympic tournament in Atlanta and in Sydney Games.

In Basketball, there are women's and men's tournaments. Both tournaments have the same format and rules. In the Preliminary Round teams are divided into two groups of six teams. Each team will play all the other team within its own group. The four best-placed teams in each group progress to quarterfinals, semi-finals, and medal-round games and the rest play for classification for places 9th to 12th. In the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Basketball Tournament participated:

Competitors		
Event	Players	NOC
Men	144	12
Event	Players	NOC
Women	144	12

Description

Basketball is played by two teams. Each team consists of 5 players on the field and 7 on the bench. The main purpose of each team is to score into the opponent's basket, and to prevent the other team from doing so. The team, who scores the higher number of points, wins the game. Basketball is played on a wooden floor. The playing court is a rectangular surface, 28m long and 15m wide. The duration of a basketball game is 40 minutes (competition time), divided into four ten-minute periods. The first two periods make up the first half and the last two the second half of the games, with a ten-minute break between the two halves. There is a 24-second time limit for each ball possession. The scoring rules allow one, two, or three points. One point is counted for the free-throw line, two within 6,25 metres (from all positions) and three beyond the 6,25 metre lines. Each player is allowed five personal fouls after which he/she is disqualified from the game.

Venue

The preliminary rounds and the classification games for places 9 & 10 and 11 & 12 took up eleven game days (14-24 August). They were held in the Indoor Arena of the Helliniko Olympic Complex, which had a total capacity of 15.000 seats. The quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals were held on the four final game days (25-28 August) at the 19.250-seat Olympic Indoor Hall, within OAKA, located at Maroussi, a northern Athens suburb.

Games Highlights

Men's Basketball

The Olympics Men's Basketball tournament will go down as perhaps the most exciting international tournament ever held, and the least predictable. A first-time gold medallist, Argentina, came out on top after two weeks, during which the most successful countries in

Left page:

Argentina's Luis Alberto Scola removes the basket net after beating Italy in the men's basketball gold medal match 84-69. © AFP/T. Clary

Right page:

US team members celebrate on the podium after their Olympic Games women's basketball gold medal match against Australia. USA won 74-63.
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basketball history struggled more than ever before. The owner of the previous three gold medals, the United States, went down against Argentina in the semi-finals and suffered three defeats altogether in Athens. USA salvaged bronze in the end to preserve a streak of 15 medals in as many Olympic appearances. The world champions from 1998 and 2002, Serbia and Montenegro, didn't even reach the quarterfinals, finishing 11th out of 12 teams. Argentina overcame injury to starter Fabricio OBERTO, who suffered a broken hand late in the semi-final victory, to win without him, over Italy in the final. Argentina boasts a worldwide crossover artist, Emanuel David GINOBILI, the tournament's fourth best scorer with 19.3 points per game. Nevertheless, for the first time in Olympic history, there were multiple gold medal candidates in Athens: USA rallied to stop another hopeful, previously undefeated Spain, in the quarterfinals. Lithuania had made it through the quarters undefeated in six games, but ran hard into Italy, another would-be winner, in the semis. Host Greece, the victim of Argentina in the quarters, matched its best Olympics finish, fifth. Puerto Rico, which ended sixth, lit the fuse on a spectacular show by doling USA its first loss by 19 points in their opening game. And China rallied into the quarterfinals with a last minute win over Serbia and Montenegro. Among the individual highlights was a miraculous game-winning shot by GINOBILI and the 10 points scored in 69 seconds by Sarunas JASIKEVICIUS that sent USA to its second preliminary round defeat against Lithuania.

Men		
	Team	NOC
Gold	Argentina	ARG
Silver	Italy	ITA
Bronze	United States of America	USA
4th	Lithuania	LTU
5th	Greece	GRE
6th	Puerto Rico	PUR
7th	Spain	ESP
8th	People's Republic of China	CHN

Women's Basketball

Unlike on the men's side, the traditional powers in Olympic Women's Basketball reaffirmed their status in Athens. The United States won its third straight gold and fifth in seven Olympic appearances; Australia repeated its silver medal; and Russia took away the bronze medal from Brazil. Lisa LESLIE, Dawn STALEY and Sheryl SWOOPES all made major contributions to become the only players in women's basketball besides their former teammate, Teresa EDWARDS, to surpass two gold medals. STALEY, who was also the USA flag bearer at the Opening Ceremonies in Athens, announced her retirement from the national team after the victory. Defence was the key in the final, however, as USA stopped the tournament's top scorer with 22,9 points per game, Lauren JACKSON of Australia. Mfon UDOKA of Nigeria, which finished 11th, was the tournament's second best scorer, averaging 21.7 points. With Russia's 71-62 victory over Brazil for bronze, Russia ended Brazil's streak of medals at two, silver in Atlanta and bronze in Sydney. The Brazilians had begun the tournament by setting an Olympic record in scoring with 128 points against Japan, and tying the best winning margin ever, 66 points, in the same game. In addition, the Women's Basketball tournament offered some interesting sidelights: Czech Republic finished fifth; Spain took the sixth place; the host Greece, battled all the way to seventh place; while New Zealand ended eighth.

Women		
	Team	NOC
Gold	United States of America	USA
Silver	Australia	AUS
Bronze	Russian Federation	RUS
4th	Brazil	BRA
5th	Czech Republic	CZE
6th	Spain	ESP
7th	Greece	GRE
8th	New Zealand	NZL

Abbreviation Codes of National Olympic Committees

Code	
AFG	Afghanistan
AHO	Netherlands Antilles
ALB	Albania
ALG	Algeria
AND	Andorra
ANG	Angola
ANT	Antigua and Barbuda
ARG	Argentina
ARM	Armenia
ARU	Aruba
ASA	American Samoa
AUS	Australia
AUT	Austria
AZE	Azerbaijan
BAH	Bahamas
BAN	Bangladesh
BAR	Barbados
BDI	Burundi
BEL	Belgium
BEN	Benin
BER	Bermuda
BHU	Bhutan
BIH	Bosnia-Herzegovina
BIZ	Belize
BLR	Belarus
BOL	Bolivia
BOT	Botswana
BRA	Brazil
BRN	Bahrain
BRU	Brunei Darussalam
BUL	Bulgaria
BUR	Burkina Faso
CAF	Central African Republic
CAM	Cambodia
CAN	Canada
CAY	Cayman Islands
CGO	Congo
CHA	Chad
CHI	Chile
CHN	People's Republic of China
CIV	Cote d'Ivoire
CMR	Cameroon
COD	Democratic Republic of the Congo
COK	Cook Islands
COL	Colombia
COM	Comoros
CPV	Cape Verde
CRC	Costa Rica
CRO	Croatia
CUB	Cuba
CYP	Cyprus

Code	
CZE	Czech Republic
DEN	Denmark
DJI	Djibouti
DMA	Dominica
DOM	Dominican Republic
ECU	Ecuador
EGY	Egypt
ERI	Eritrea
ESA	El Salvador
ESP	Spain
EST	Estonia
ETH	Ethiopia
FIJ	Fiji
FIN	Finland
FRA	France
FSM	Federated States of Micronesia
GAB	Gabon
GAM	Gambia
GBR	Great Britain
GBS	Guinea-Bissau
GEO	Georgia
GEQ	Equatorial Guinea
GER	Germany
GHA	Ghana
GRE	Greece
GRN	Grenada
GUA	Guatemala
GUI	Guinea
GUM	Guam
GUY	Guyana
HAI	Haiti
HKG	Hong Kong, China
HON	Honduras
HUN	Hungary
INA	Indonesia
IND	India
IRI	Islamic Republic of Iran
IRL	Ireland
IRQ	Iraq
ISL	Iceland
ISR	Israel
ISV	Virgin Islands
ITA	Italy
IVB	British Virgin Islands
JAM	Jamaica
JOR	Jordan
JPN	Japan
KAZ	Kazakhstan
KEN	Kenya
KGZ	Kyrgyzstan
KIR	Kiribati

Code	
KOR	Korea
KSA	Saudi Arabia
KUW	Kuwait
LAO	Lao People's Democratic Republic
LAT	Latvia
LBA	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
LBR	Liberia
LCA	Saint Lucia
LES	Lesotho
LIB	Lebanon
LIE	Liechtenstein
LTU	Lithuania
LUX	Luxembourg
MAD	Madagascar
MAR	Morocco
MAS	Malaysia
MAW	Malawi
MDA	Republic of Moldova
MDV	Maldives
MEX	Mexico
MGL	Mongolia
MKD	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
MLI	Mali
MLT	Malta
MON	Monaco
MOZ	Mozambique
MRI	Mauritius
MTN	Mauritania
MYA	Myanmar
NAM	Namibia
NCA	Nicaragua
NED	Netherlands
NEP	Nepal
NGR	Nigeria
NIG	Niger
NOR	Norway
NRU	Nauru
NZL	New Zealand
OMA	Oman
PAK	Pakistan
PAN	Panama
PAR	Paraguay
PER	Peru
PHI	Philippines
PLE	Palestine
PLW	Palau
PNG	Papua New Guinea
POL	Poland
POR	Portugal
PRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Code	
PUR	Puerto Rico
QAT	Qatar
ROM	Romania
RSA	South Africa
RUS	Russian Federation
RWA	Rwanda
SAM	Samoa
SCG	Serbia & Montenegro
SEN	Senegal
SEY	Seychelles
SIN	Singapore
SKN	Saint Kitts and Nevis
SLE	Sierra Leone
SLO	Slovenia
SMR	San Marino
SOL	Solomon Islands
SOM	Somalia
SRI	Sri Lanka
STP	Sao Tome and Principe
SUD	Sudan
SUI	Switzerland
SUR	Suriname
SVK	Slovakia
SWE	Sweden
SWZ	Swaziland
SYR	Syrian Arab Republic
TAN	United Republic of Tanzania
TGA	Tonga
THA	Thailand
TJK	Tajikistan
TKM	Turkmenistan
TLS	Timor-Leste
TOG	Togo
TPE	Chinese Taipei
TRI	Trinidad and Tobago
TUN	Tunisia
TUR	Turkey
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UGA	Uganda
UKR	Ukraine
URU	Uruguay
USA	United States of America
UZB	Uzbekistan
VAN	Vanuatu
VEN	Venezuela
VIE	Vietnam
VIN	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
YEM	Yemen
ZAM	Zambia
ZIM	Zimbabwe

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