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Rise of Women

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RISE OF WOMEN

THE JOURNEY OF EQUALITY IN SPORTS



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Ancient Greece

FESTIVAL FOR HERA



FUN FACT: The artwork *Attic Red Figure Amphora* is assumed to be the prize for winning these games.

Odysseus and Athena at the meeting with Nausicaa, Attic red-figured amphora from Vulci, 440 BC. Posted on <https://www.flickr.com/photos/carolemage/8957437815/in/album-72157633944771984/> CC BY-NC-SA 2.0.

For the Festival of Hera, unmarried women were **allowed** to participate in foot races. They were awarded for winning. However, married women were **punished by death** if they attended or participated in the games.

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Paris 1900

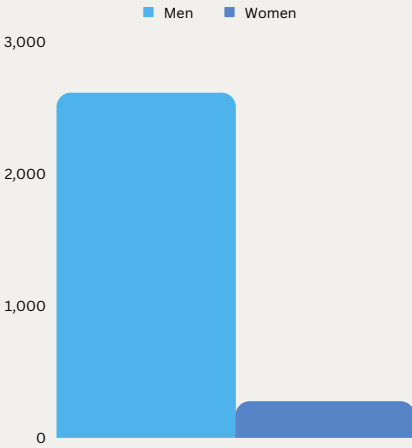


22 BRAVE WOMEN

22 women competed in the Paris 1900 games. A woman dressed in fencing attire is featured on a flyer signifying that women would be making their presence at the games. Media such as this flyer, encourages more women to participate in sports. These 22 women **set a precedent** for future women in sports. Hélène de Pourtalès was the first female Olympic gold medalist and an inspiration to many women.

10:1

ratio of men to women athletes



AMSTERDAM 1928

LINA RADKE, GERMANY

Women were only allowed to compete in athletics in 5 events:

- 100m
- 4x100m relay
- high jump
- discus
- 800m



"TOO FATIGUED TO COMPETE IN A RACE AS LONG AS 800M"

German runner, Lina Radke, appeared to be too *fatigued* after winning gold in the 800m. They then declared women unfit to run for such a distance and banned the women's 800m from the Olympics for **32 years**.



Munich 1972

Shane Gould dominated women's swimming events winning a gold, a silver, and a bronze medal.

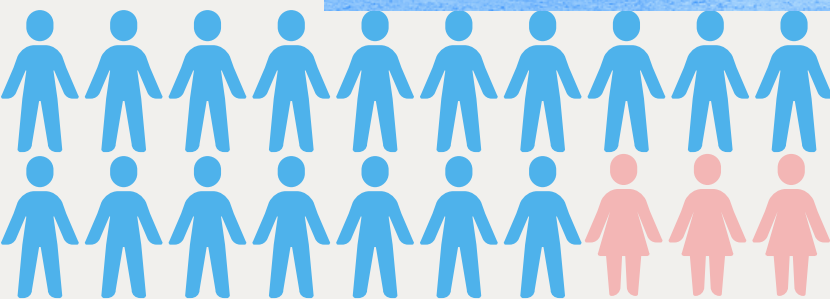
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MUNICH GAMES

1972

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With the exception of 1984, women won the co-ed equestrian dressage event every year from 1974 until 2012.



Men made up the majority of those in the games this year, with 85.4% of them being men, compared to 14.6% of women athletes.



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Title IX

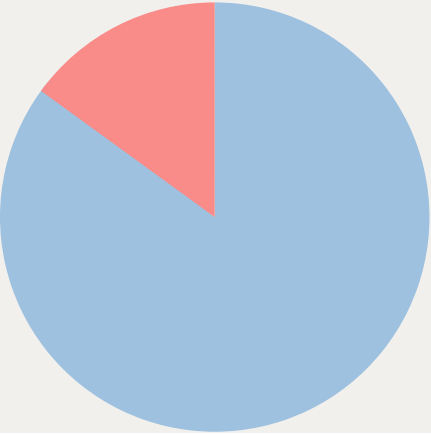
TITLE IX

In order for an education program and activities (including athletics) to receive federal funding, there must be no discrimination based on sex

EST. 1972

Even after it was established, it is still estimated that today 80-90% of school athletics do not comply with Title IX, with no penalty to go along with it.

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ATLANTA '96

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE ATHLETES

34%

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE ATHLETES

ON TEAM USA

56%

Of the 552 member U.S. team, 292 were female. This included gymnasts, women's basketball, and women's soccer: all of whom won the

Gold Medal



"TITLE IX COMING TO FRUITION"



<https://www.amny.com/sports/1996-us-womens-basketball-team-what-to-know/>



<https://www.ajc.com/sports/women-blazed-trail-with-inaugural-soccer-gold/LhErJ3xkvD2UFsY225UNM/>

One of the first generation of women athletes to grow up under the Influence of Title IX, these athletes showed the world that given equal opportunity, **they will thrive**

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

KERRI STRUG

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/2021/07/22/kerri-strug-gymnastics-olympics-1996/7878888002/>

AMERICAN GYMNAST - ATLANTA '96



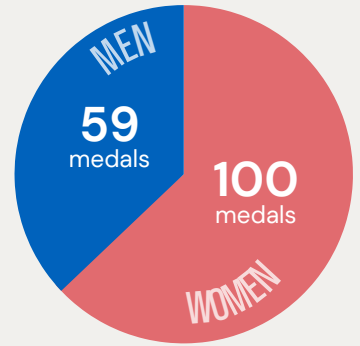
"I WASN'T GOING TO STOP"

2 TORN LIGAMENTS AND A
SPRAINED ANKLE LATER...

The athlete who triumphed over pain to win a historic Olympic Gold for her and the team

~~WEAK~~
RESILIENT

"The Year of the Women for the United States"



**GOLD MEDALS FOR THE
UNITED STATES
BY GENDER**

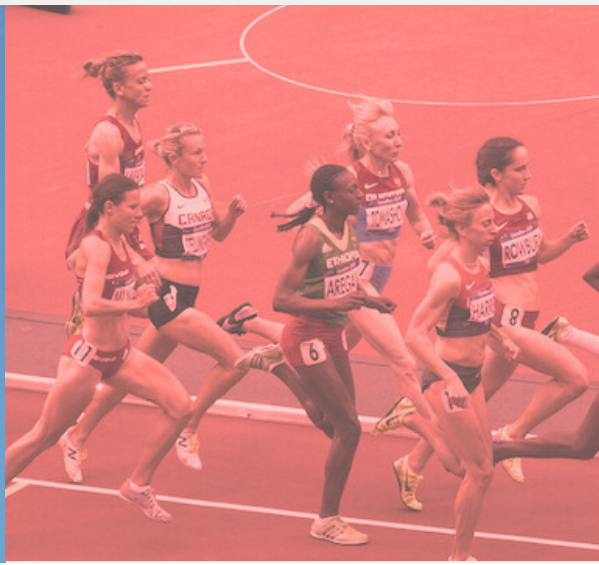
LONDON 2012

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FOR WOMEN

the first Summer Olympics where every nation competing sent at least one female athlete!

44%

of athletes participating in these Olympic games were **women**.





TOKYO 2020

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FLAG BEARERS

Tokyo 2020 saw the implementation of a rule change that allowed for a female and male athlete to jointly carry their country's flag.

91% of countries had a female flag bearer.

USA FLAG BEARERS:
SUE BIRD
(basketball)
EDDY ALVAREZ
(baseball)



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The percentage of female athletes participating in Olympic games rose from

44%

in 2012 to

48%

in 2020

"THE MOST GENDER-BALANCED SUMMER GAMES IN HISTORY"

MOVING FORWARD

EXACTLY
50%

of athletes will be **female**.
This makes Paris 2024
the first Olympic Games
in **history** to achieve
numerical gender parity

Gender equality and
youth at the heart of the
Paris 2024 Olympic
Sports Programme

“The Olympic Games Paris 2024 will
be more inclusive, more youthful,
more urban, more sustainable”
-Thomas Bach, IOC President

PARIS 2024

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