

Timeline of athletics history



If you want to find out more about this athletics event, type in 'Ancient Olympics' into your search engine or try these websites:

www.olympics.org

www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greek-olympics.html

www.ancientgreece.com/s/Olympics

8 th Century BC
The Ancient Olympics
History of Athletics Timeline

Here are some research questions to get you started:

Where was the first Modern Olympics held?

Why was it organised?

Who organised it?

What sort of races were there?

How many nations took part?



1896
The First Modern Olympics

Find out about the International Amateur Athletic Federation at www.iaaf.org



How many events are they in charge of?

How important are they to UK and international athletics?

1912
The International Amateur Athletic Federation



Why were trust funds for amateur athletes important to the sport of athletics?

Find out at: www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/history

1985

The International Amateur Athletic Federation created trust funds for amateur athletes.

Until the 1970s, athletes only had the Olympic Games to compete in every 4 years.
Today, the official IAAF (The International Amateur Athletic Federation) now includes:

World Championships
World Junior Championships
World Youth Championships
World Indoor Championships
Continental Cup
World Cross Country Championships
World Race Walking Cup
World Half Marathon Championships
The International Diamond League
World Challenge series
Combined Events Challenge
Race Walking Challenge
Hammer Throw Challenge
Road Race Labels

Can you choose one of these events and research it?

Find out where it is held, who competes and how long it has been a recognised event within athletics .

Are there any other events not listed that interest you?