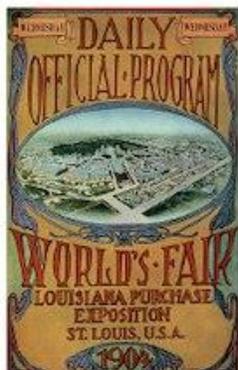




History of the Olympic Games in the United States



St. Louis 1904 – summer

- St. Louis held the third modern Olympics to take place after Pierre de Coubertin revitalized the Olympic Games in 1896.
- It was the first Olympics to take place outside of Europe.
- It occurred as a sideshow to the St. Louis World's Fair, formally known as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

III Olympic Winter Games



Lake Placid 1932 – winter

- American Eddie Eagan became the first, and is still the only, Olympian to win a gold in both the summer and winter Olympics. He won a gold medal in boxing in 1920 and a gold medal in bobsled in 1932.
- These were the first Winter Games to occur outside of Europe.



Los Angeles 1932 – summer

- American football and lacrosse were both competed in as demonstration events.
- The iconic Rose Bowl was converted to a velodrome and hosted the track cycling competition.



Squaw Valley 1960 – winter

- This was the first Winter Olympics to be broadcast in the United States after CBS paid for the rights. It is also said that the instant replay was born when ski officials asked to review a tape to see if a skier missed a marker.
- Walt Disney oversaw the Pageantry Committee, which included organizing the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.



Lake Placid 1980 – winter



- Lake Placid became the first U.S. city to host more than one Olympic Games.
- American Eric Heiden won five gold medals in speedskating, the most gold medals for a single athlete at a Winter Games.
- The “Miracle on Ice” occurred at the Lake Placid Olympics, one of the most famous moments in American sports history. The young American team, consisting entirely of amateurs, beat the four-time defending gold medalist Soviet Union team in the semifinals. The Americans went on to win the gold medal.

Los Angeles 1984 – summer



- Synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics debuted at these Games.
- 16-year-old Mary Lou Retton became the first American woman to win the gymnastics all-around gold medal.

Atlanta 1996 – summer



- Were dubbed the Centennial Games, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympic Games.
- World-famous boxer Muhammad Ali lit the Olympic Cauldron to mark the beginning of the Games.
- Softball made its Olympic debut, and the United States won the gold medal.

Salt Lake City 2002 – winter



- The 1980 Miracle on Ice team lit the Olympic Flame.
- Women’s bobsled debuted with Americans Vonetta Flowers and Jill Bakken winning the gold medal.
- Skeleton rejoined the Olympic program for the first time since 1948 and Americans won both the men’s and women’s events (Jim Shea, Jr., and Tristan Gale).

Los Angeles 2028 – summer



- In September 2017, the IOC announced that Los Angeles will host the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- LA – hosting in 1932, 1984 and 2028 – will become only the third city to host the Olympics three times (London and Paris).