



How the Olympic Games began

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2700 YEARS AGO . .

- The Olympic games began over 2700 years ago in Olympia, in south west Greece.
- They occurred every four years.
- Around 50,000 people came to watch.
- They were held in honour of the king of gods, Zeus.

Sacred Games

Before and during the games there was a sacred truce – all walls were called off.

The main event was a sacrifice – 100 oxen were killed and burnt on the altar of Zeus.

Married women were not allowed to go to the games

Sporting Events



Running

Discus

Javelin

Long jump

Wrestling and boxing

Horse racing

Modern Day Olympics

- The last ancient Olympic games was held in A.D 393
- The modern Olympic games took place in Athens, Greece, in 1896.
- There were 60,000 spectators
- There were 280 participants, from 13 nations
- There were 43 events

