

= Egypt at the 2012 Summer Olympics =

Egypt competed at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London , from 27 July to 12 August 2012 , sending one of its largest delegations ever . A total of 110 Egyptian athletes participated in 83 events across 20 sports , with more women taking part than ever before . The nation 's flagbearer in the opening ceremonies was Hesham Mesbah , a judoka who was its only medalist from the 2008 Summer Olympics . Egypt won two medals in London : Alaaeldin Abouelkassem earned silver in the men 's foil , becoming the first competitor from an African nation to win a fencing medal , while Karam Gaber captured silver in the men 's 84 kg Greco @-@ Roman wrestling event . Among other achievements , Mostafa Mansour was the nation 's first competitor in sprint canoeing while fencer Shaimaa El @-@ Gammal became the first Egyptian female to appear in four editions of the Olympics .

Prior to 2012 , Egypt had sent athletes to nineteen editions of the Summer Olympic Games , the 1906 Intercalated Games , equestrian at the 1956 Summer Olympics , and the 1984 Winter Olympics . Before the Games began , the Egyptian Olympic Committee distributed counterfeit Nike gear to its athletes , due to its financial troubles following the Egyptian Revolution of 2011 . Nike , however , ended up donating legitimate equipment to the Egyptians . In addition to the success of the silver medalists , one weightlifter , Tarek Yehia , finished just off the podium in fourth in the men 's 85 kg event , while three others , Ibrahim Ramadan , Abeer Abdelrahman , and Nahla Ramadan , were fifth in their respective events . Tamer Bayoumi , a 2004 Olympic bronze medalist and the nation 's most successful taekwondo practitioner at the 2012 edition , was chosen to carry Egypt 's flag at the closing ceremony .

Aside from the team sport of football , which had 16 participants , fencing and wrestling were the sports in which Egypt participated the most , sending 12 representatives to each . Of them , wrestling was almost exclusively male with only one female , Rabab Eid , taking part . The sport with the most Egyptian female participation was synchronized swimming , an all @-@ woman tournament at the Olympics , with eight , while the nation sent six women to fencing , the highest amount for a mixed sport . Among tournaments with the potential for both men and women to take part , Egypt qualified females , but not males , for badminton , and males , but not females , for track and field athletics , boxing , canoeing , equestrian , football , judo , and sailing .

= = Medalists = =

= = Background = =

Prior to 2012 , Egypt had sent athletes to nineteen editions of the Summer Olympic Games ( three times as the United Arab Republic ) , the 1906 Intercalated Games , equestrian at the 1956 Summer Olympics , and the 1984 Winter Olympics . With the exception of the Soviet @-@ boycotted 1984 Summer Olympics , Egypt 's 2012 delegation was the largest ever , and chose Hesham Mesbah , a 2008 Olympic medalist in judo , as its flagbearer in the opening ceremony . A total of 110 Egyptians , 76 men and 34 women , travelled to London and competed in 20 different sports . It was the largest delegation of women in the country 's Olympic history . Prior the start of the Olympic Games , the Egyptian Olympic Committee ( EOC ) distributed counterfeit Nike gear from a Chinese distributor to its athletes , due to its financial troubles following the Egyptian Revolution of 2011 . Nike ended up donating equipment to the Egyptians , despite the EOC 's eventual willingness to pay .

= = Competitors = =

Shaimaa El @-@ Gammal became the nation 's first female to appear in her fourth Olympic games , while former Olympic medalists Tamer Bayoumi ( taekwondo ) , Karam Gaber ( Greco @-@ Roman wrestling ) , and Hesham Mesbah ( judo ) returned to compete again . Middleweight boxer

Mohamed Hikal and skeet shooter Mostafa Hamdy also made a fourth appearance at the Games , while Gaber , Mesbah , and six other athletes made their third Olympic appearance : discus thrower Omar Ahmed El Ghazaly , modern pentathlete Aya Medany , table tennis player El @-@ sayed Lashin , Greco @-@ Roman wrestlers Ashraf El @-@ Gharably and Mohamed Abdelfatah , and judoka Islam El Shehaby . Skeet shooter Mona El @-@ Hawary , aged 49 , was the oldest athlete on the team , while sprint freestyle swimmer Farida Osman was the youngest at age 17 . Bayoumi was selected as Egypt 's flagbearer for the closing ceremony .

= = Archery = =

Two Egyptian archers , one male and one female , qualified for the Olympics , both of whom earned their berths at the 2012 African Archery Championships . Ahmed El @-@ Nemr finished second at that tournament , behind Philippe Kouassi of Côte d 'Ivoire , and entered the men 's individual event . El @-@ Nemr had won three medals at the 2011 Pan Arab Games , gold in the individual recurve 90 metres and silver in the individual recurve FITA and the team event . In London he scored 644 points in the ranking round and placed 57th overall out of 64 competitors . In the round of 64 he defeated eighth @-@ ranked Crispin Duenas of Canada three sets to one and then faced Kuo Cheng @-@ wei , who was representing Chinese Taipei . El @-@ Nemr lost this round three sets to one and was eliminated from the tournament , leaving with a final ranking of 17th . Nada Kamel , who had earned seven medals at the 2011 Pan Arab Games , won the women 's event at the 2012 African Championships and entered the individual tournament . There she scored 611 points in the ranking round and placed 56th overall out of 64 participants . She was defeated by Ksenia Perova of Russia three sets to none in the opening round and finished the event joint @-@ 33rd and last .