

## = Saint Lucia at the 2008 Summer Olympics =

Saint Lucia sent a delegation to compete at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing , China . The 2008 Saint Lucian team included four athletes that competed in two sports : swimming and athletics . Of these four athletes , Danielle Beaubrun , at age 18 , was the youngest of the competitors . Dominic Johnson , at age 32 , was the oldest , and was the only man sent as part of the 2008 delegation ; additionally , Johnson was the only Saint Lucian athlete in the 2008 delegation who had previously participated in the Olympics .

None of the four athletes advanced past the qualifying stages , and thus did not win any medals . Evans ranked thirtieth overall in the qualifying round for javelin ; Johnson also ranked thirtieth overall in the pole vault qualifying round ; and Spencer ranked twenty @-@ seventh in the qualifying round for high jump . Additionally , Beaubrun ranked forty @-@ second in the swimming qualifying stages .

## = = Background = =

The Saint Lucia Olympic Committee sent President Richard Peterkin , Minister of Youth and Sports Lenard Montoute , Chief de Mission Alfred Emmanuel , Coach Henry Bailey , and Coach Karen Beaubrun to Beijing alongside the four @-@ person athletic delegation . Saint Lucia was the 67th nation in line at the 2008 Summer Olympics opening ceremony , in which high jumper Lavern Spencer was the flagbearer . Saint Lucians were unable to view the 7 : 00 am opening ceremony because of issues with the local cable provider .

## = = Athletics = =

Three of Saint Lucia 's four athletes competed in athletics : Dominic Johnson , Lavern Spencer , and Erma @-@ Gene Evans . Johnson , at age 32 , was the oldest of Saint Lucia 's athletes to participate in the 2008 Summer Olympics .

Erma @-@ Gene Evans participated in athletics as a javelin thrower . The 2008 Summer Olympics was her Olympic debut . Evans moved forward through two rounds after qualifying under the B standard during her event on 18 August 2008 , but did not rank in the third qualifying round . With a best mark distance of 56 @.@ 27 , Evans ranked thirtieth overall . She did not advance .

Dominic Johnson participated in athletics as a pole vaulter , returning to the Olympics for his third time ; Johnson had previously participated as a pole vaulter ( and , at one time , a relay runner ) on behalf of Saint Lucia in the 2000 Summer Olympics and 1996 Summer Olympics . Johnson flew to San Diego days before the competition cutoff and made the qualifying preliminary height for the Olympics shortly after winning a silver medal at the Central American and Caribbean Championships in Cali , Columbia . Johnson 's event took place on 20 August 2008 . With a height of 5 @.@ 30 metres , Johnson did not qualify , although he tied for seventeenth place in his qualifying group . As such , he did not advance . Johnson tied with the Czech pole vaulter ?t?pán Janá?ek for thirtieth place overall .

Lavern Spencer participated in athletics as a high jumper , making her first appearance in the Olympics . Spencer trained with Coach Wayne Norton of the University of Georgia to hone her skills in the time preceding her performance in the Olympics . Lavern Spencer 's personal best time has been compared to medal winners in the event from the 2004 Summer Olympics . Spencer 's best height cleared was 1 @.@ 85 , placing fourteenth in Qualifying Group B. However , during her event on 20 August 2008 , Spencer placed twenty @-@ seventh overall , and did not advance .

## Key

Note ? Ranks given for track events are within the athlete 's heat only