

## = Cayman Islands at the 2008 Summer Olympics =

The Cayman Islands sent a delegation to compete at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing , China . The delegation included fifteen people ; of the delegation , four athletes participated under the Caymanian flag . In the track and field events was Ronald Forbes , who also served as the Cayman Islands ' flag bearer during the Opening Ceremony and reached quarterfinals in the 110m hurdles , and Cydonie Mothersille , who reached finals and ranked eighth in the 200m dash . Brothers Shaune and Brett Fraser , both swimmers , participated in the 100 and 200m freestyle and in the 200m backstroke , respectively . The Cayman Islands ' appearance at the Beijing Olympics marked its ninth appearance since its debut at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal . The Cayman Islands , up to and including Beijing , have yet to medal .

## = = Background = =

The Cayman Islands first participated in the Olympics when they sent two male athletes to compete in the Montréal 1976 Summer Olympic Games . Between then and Beijing , the Cayman Islands participated in eight Olympic games , including every summer Olympic competition excluding the Moscow 1980 Summer Olympics . The number of Caymanian athletes participating in Olympic events peaked at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona with ten athletes , but has since fallen . In the Beijing Olympics , the Cayman Islands sent four athletes ? three men and a woman ? to participate in two distinct sports . Two athletes progressed to post preliminary rounds ( Ronald Forbes and Cydonie Mothersille ) in their events , and Mothersille , ranked eighth in the final round of her event . However , as of and including its participation in Beijing , the Cayman Islands had yet to medal . Ronald Forbes carried the Caymanian flag at ceremonies .

The Cayman Islands Olympic Committee financed the participation of Brett Fraser in swim meets to prepare for the Beijing Olympics . Runner Cydonie Mothersill and swimmer Shaune Fraser were recipients of the Beijing Olympic Scholarship , which was awarded by the International Olympic Committee and paid for their training expenses . The Caymanian Olympic delegation received donations from the Cayman Islands Post Office , Atlantic Star , Ltd , and its director , Fahad Al Rashid , in addition to sponsorships that the athletes garnered . In addition to the athletes , the delegation to Beijing included eleven people . Among the rest of the delegation was CIOC president Donald McLean , athletics coach Kendrick Williams , swimming coaches Dominic Ross and Mark Block , and past president Jerris Miller .

In addition to the actual Olympic delegation , the Cayman Islands sent two 17 year old athletes ? Courtney Stafford , a squash player , and Joseph Jackson , a sailor ? to attend the Olympic Youth Camp in Beijing and witness the opening ceremony , torch relay , and various Olympic events .

## = = Athletics = =

### Key

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