

= Haiti at the 2008 Summer Olympics =

Haiti sent a delegation to compete in the 2008 Summer Olympics , held in Beijing , People 's Republic of China from August 8 to August 24 , 2008 . Its participation in Beijing marked its seventh consecutive appearance at the summer Olympics and its fourteenth appearance overall , with its first being at the 1900 Summer Olympics in Paris . The Haitian Olympic team included seven athletes (three men and four women) participating in track and field (Barbara Pierre , Ginou Etienne , Nadine Faustin @-@ Parker , and Dudley Dorival) , boxing (Azea Austinama) , and judo (Joel Brutus and Ange Jean Baptiste) . More women participated for Haiti in 2008 than at any single Olympic games prior . Although Pierre and Dorival advanced to quarterfinals in their events , there were no Haitian medalists in Beijing . Brutus carried his countries flag at the ceremonies .

= = Background = =

For Haiti , the 2008 Beijing Olympics marked its fourteenth appearance at any Olympic games and its seventh consecutive appearance since the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles . Between that and its debut at the 1900 Summer Olympics in Paris , Haitian teams competed at the Olympics that took place during 1924 (Paris) , 1928 (Amsterdam) , 1932 (Los Angeles) , 1960 (Rome) , 1972 (Munich , West Germany) , and 1976 (Montréal , Canada) . As of 2008 , Haiti had not participated at a Winter Olympics . The delegation that Haiti sent to Beijing included seven athletes across three sports . With four female athletes , more women participated for Haiti in Beijing than at any single Olympic games before . Prior to Beijing , athletes from Haiti had won one silver medal (by Silvio Cator in 1928) and one bronze medal (by five athletes in 1924) . Between then and including the 2008 Olympics , Haitian athletes had not won medals in any event . Moise Joseph , an athlete of the University of Florida , was destined to participate for Haiti in Beijing , but did not compete .

Joel Brutus , a heavyweight judoka , was the flag bearer for Haiti at both the opening and closing ceremonies .

= = Athletics = =

= = = Women 's competition = = =

= = = = Women 's 100 meters = = = =

Then 21 @-@ year @-@ old athlete of Raleigh 's St. Augustine 's College Barbara Pierre participated in the women 's 100 meters dash on Haiti 's behalf in Beijing , marking her first appearance at any Olympic games . She was the only Haitian participating in the event . Pierre competed during the qualification round of the event , which took place on August 15 , where she was placed in the tenth heat . Pierre placed fourth with a time of 11 @.@ 52 seconds , placing directly behind Laverne Jones of the United States Virgin Islands (11 @.@ 41 seconds) and ahead of Russia 's Natalia Murinovich (11 @.@ 55 seconds) . The leaders of Pierre 's heat were Jamaica 's Kerron Stewart (11 @.@ 28 seconds) and Norway 's Ezinne Okparaebo (11 @.@ 32 seconds) . Overall , Pierre placed 30th out of the 85 athletes who participated in the qualification round . She advanced to quarterfinals , which took place on August 16 .

During quarterfinals , Pierre participated in the fifth heat , where she ran her event in a time of 11 @.@ 56 seconds . In doing so , Pierre placed fifth , ahead of Italy 's Anita Pistone (11 @.@ 56 seconds) and behind Okparaebo (11 @.@ 45 seconds) . The heat 's leaders were Torri Edwards of the United States (11 @.@ 31 seconds) and Lithuania 's Lina Grincikaite (11 @.@ 33 seconds) . Pierre did not advance to semifinals .

===== Women 's 400 meters =====

Ginou Etienne , who was 23 years old at the time of her participation in the Beijing Olympics , participated in the women 's 400 meters event . She was the only Haitian participating in the event . Etienne had not previously appeared at any Olympic games . Etienne participated in the August 16 qualification round , where she was placed in the third heat . Etienne completed the event in 53 @.@ 94 seconds , placing sixth in an event of seven participants . She defeated Rachidatou Seini Maikido of Niger (1 : 03 @.@ 19) but fell behind the fifth @-@ place finalist , Puerto Rico 's Carol Rodriguez (53 @.@ 08 seconds) . The leaders of Etienne 's heat were Russia 's Anastasia Kapachinskaya (51 @.@ 32 seconds) and the United States ' Mary Wineberg (51 @.@ 46 seconds) . Out of the 50 athletes who participated in the qualification round , Etienne placed 41st . She did not advance to later rounds .

===== Women 's 100 meters hurdles =====

Brussels @-@ born Haitian athlete Nadine Faustin @-@ Parker participated on Haiti 's behalf at the Beijing Summer Olympics . She was 32 years old at the time , and was the only Haitian participating in the women 's 100 meters hurdles . Faustin @-@ Parker previously competed in the same event at both the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney and at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens . Faustin @-@ Parker participated in the fifth heat during the August 17 preliminary round , completing her event in 13 @.@ 25 seconds . She finished sixth out of eight athletes , ahead of Indonesia 's Dedeh Erawati (13 @.@ 49 seconds) and behind the Ukraine 's Yevgeniya Snihur (13 @.@ 06 seconds) . Faustin @-@ Parker finished in 29th place out of the 40 participating athletes . She did not advance to further rounds .

===== Men 's competition =====

===== Men 's 110 meters hurdles =====

New Jersey @-@ born Dudley Dorival was the only male track athlete to participate on Haiti 's behalf at the Beijing Olympics , where he participated in the men 's 110 meters hurdles . His appearance at Beijing marked his third appearance ; he previously participated in the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and the Athens Olympics in 2004 , reaching the finals round and ranking seventh in the 110 meters hurdles in Sydney . Dorival participated in the third heat of the August 17 qualification round , completing his event in 13 @.@ 78 seconds ahead of Pakistan 's Abdul Rashid (14 @.@ 52 seconds) and behind Puerto Rico 's Héctor Cotto (13 @.@ 72 seconds) . The leaders of Dorival 's heat were Colombia 's Paulo Villar (13 @.@ 37 seconds) and Barbados ' Ryan Brathwaite (13 @.@ 38 seconds) . Overall , Dorival ranked 30th out of the 43 athletes who participated in the qualification round . Dorival advanced to quarterfinals .

At the August 19 quarterfinals , Dorival participated in the third heat and finished last out of seven finishing athletes , completing his event in 13 @.@ 71 seconds . The eighth athlete in his heat , Mohamed Issa Al @-@ Thawadi of Qatar , was disqualified . Dorival finished behind British athlete Allan Scott (13 @.@ 66 seconds) . The heat leaders of Dorival 's quarterfinals heat were Jamaica 's Maurice Wignall (13 @.@ 36 seconds) and Brathwaite (13 @.@ 44 seconds) . Dorival finished 25th out of the 32 remaining athletes . He did not advance to semifinals .

===== Summary =====

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