

= Brunei at the 2004 Summer Olympics =

Brunei , as Brunei Darussalam , competed at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens , Greece , which took place between 13 to 29 August 2004 . The country 's participation in Athens marked its fourth appearance at the Summer Olympics since its debut in the 1988 Summer Olympics .

The Brunei delegation included only one track and field athlete , meaning Brunei , along with British Virgin Islands and Liechtenstein , sent the lowest number of athletes to the 2004 Summer Games at one . The athlete selected was Jimmy Anak Ahar , who was a middle @-@ distance runner that was selected via a wildcard as the nation had no athletes that met the " A " or " B " standards in any event . Ahar was also selected as flag bearer for the opening ceremony . Ultimately , Ahar did not progress beyond the heats , meaning Brunei won no medals at this Summer Olympics .

= = Background = =

Although Brunei first participated in the Summer Olympic in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul , South Korea , it was only represented by one official . It would not be until the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta , United States that the country would send athletes to the Games . Since then , it has participated in four Summer Olympics between its debut and the 2004 Summer Olympics . No Brunei athlete had ever won a medal at the Summer Olympics before the 2004 Athens Games .

The Brunei National Olympic Committee (NOC) selected one athlete via a wildcard . Usually , a NOC would be able to enter up to three qualified athletes in each individual event as long as each athlete met the " A " standard , or one athlete per event if they met the " B " standard . However , since Brunei had no athletes that met either standard , they were allowed to select an athlete as a wildcard . The one athlete that was selected to compete in the Athens Games was Jimmy Anak Ahar in the Men 's 1500 meters . Sending only one athlete to the Athens Games meant that the country , along with British Virgin Islands and Liechtenstein , was notable for sending the lowest number of athletes to the 2004 Summer Games . Ahar was flag bearer for the opening ceremony . Among officials , sports official Sofian Ibrahim represented the country .

= = Athletics = =

Making his Summer Olympic debut , Jimmy Anak Ahar was notable for becoming the youngest ever competitor to represent Brunei at the Olympics aged 22 . The age record stood until the 2012 Summer Olympics , when Anderson Chee Wei Lim surpassed it . Ahar qualified for the 2004 Athens Games as a wildcard , as his best time , three minutes , 59 @.@ 81 seconds at the 2003 Southeast Asian Games Men 's 1500 meters , was 21 @.@ 81 seconds slower than the " B " qualifying standard required . He competed on 20 August in the Men 's 1500 meters against thirteen other athletes in the third heat . He ran a time of 4 minutes , 14 @.@ 11 seconds , finishing 13th . He ranked ahead of Tanzania 's Samwel Mwera (who did not start) , and behind Guam 's Neil Weare (4 minutes , 5 @.@ 86 seconds) , in a heat led by Great Britain 's Michael East (3 minutes , 37 @.@ 37 seconds) . Overall , Ahar placed 39th out of the 41 athletes that competed , and was 32 @.@ 97 seconds behind the slowest athlete that progressed to the next round . Therefore , that was the end of his competition .

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