

= Timor @-@ Leste at the 2008 Summer Olympics =

Timor @-@ Leste competed at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing , China which was held from August 8 to August 24 . The country 's participation at Beijing marked its second appearance in the Summer Olympics since its debut in the 2004 Summer Olympics . The delegation included Augusto Ramos Soares and Mariana Diaz Ximenez , both of whom were marathoners that qualified via wildcard places as the nation had no athletes that met the " A " or " B " qualifying standards . Ximenez was selected as flag bearer for the opening ceremony . Neither of the two athletes finished their events ; Soares did not even start .

= = Background = =

Timor @-@ Leste participated in two Summer Olympic games between its debut in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens , Greece and the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing . The Timor @-@ Leste National Olympic Committee (NOC) selected two athletes via wildcards . Usually , an NOC would be able to enter up to 3 qualified athletes in each individual event as long as each athlete met the " A " standard , or 1 athlete per event if they met the " B " standard . However , since Timor @-@ Leste had no athletes that met either standard , they were allowed to select two athletes , one of each gender , as wildcards . The two athletes that were selected to compete in the Beijing games were Augusto Ramos Soares in the Men 's marathon and Mariana Diaz Ximenez in the Women 's marathon . Ximenez was flag bearer for the opening ceremony .

= = Athletics = =

Making his Summer Olympic debut , Augusto Ramos Soares qualified for the Beijing Games after being granted a wildcard place without competing in any notable sporting event . He was to compete against 97 other athletes in the Men 's Marathon but he was one of 3 athletes to not start the event .

Competing at her first Summer Olympics , Mariana Diaz Ximenez was notable for carrying the Timor @-@ Leste at the opening ceremony . She qualified for the Beijing Games via being granted a wildcard place , after her best time , 3 minutes and 22 @.@ 03 seconds , was 40 @.@ 03 seconds slower than the " B " qualifying standard for her event . Ximenez competed against 81 other athletes in the Women 's marathon on August 17 . Ximenez was one of 13 athletes to not finish the event after suffering a bruised left foot at approximately the 26 @-@ kilometre (16 mi) mark .

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