

## = Guyana at the 2008 Summer Olympics =

Guyana sent a team to compete at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing , China . Four representatives of Guyana qualified to take part in the Beijing Games ? Adam Harris , Marian Burnett , and Aliann Pompey in track , and Niall Roberts in swimming ? and Pompey advanced past the first round in her event , progressing to semifinals . Meanwhile , Alike Morgan ( track & field ) and Geron Williams ( cycling ) took part in the Games ? Youth Olympics camp , held in Beijing at the same time as the Olympics . Along with coaches and administrative members , Guyana sent a total of ten people to Beijing . The appearance of Guyana 's delegation in Beijing marked the fifteenth Guyanese Olympic delegation to appear at an Olympic games , which started with their participation as British Guiana in the 1948 Summer Olympics . There were no medalists from Guyana at the Beijing Olympics . Roberts was Guyana 's flagbearer at the ceremonies in Beijing .

## = = Background = =

Guyana is a former British colony that extends from the northern coast of South America . It is adjacent to Venezuela , Brazil , and Suriname , and is within the vicinity of the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago . Athletes from Guyanese delegations have appeared at the Olympics since the 1948 Summer Olympics in London , and have participated at every Summer Olympic games between 1948 and 2008 except for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montréal . Guyana declared independence from the British Empire in 1966 , and participated in all previous games ( from 1948 to 1964 ) under its colonial name , British Guiana . Overall , Guyana 's appearance in Beijing marked its fifteenth Olympic appearance . The country has not sent delegations to participate in any Winter Games .

In all of its history , the only case in which a Guyanese athlete has medaled at the Olympics was when Michael Anthony won a bronze medal at the 1980 Summer Olympics in the Soviet Union . The size of Guyana 's delegation peaked at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles when it sent ten athletes , but ( as of Beijing ) had never risen past seven athletes other than in the 1980s . In Beijing , swimmer Niall Roberts bore Guyana 's flag at the ceremonies .

A total of ten people constituted the Guyanese delegation to Beijing : the four Olympic athletes , two Youth Olympic athletes ( sprinter Alike Morgan and cyclist Geron Williams ) , chef @-@ de @-@ mission Noel Adonis , swimming coach Stephanie Fraser , track and field team manager Cornel Rose , and track and field coach Joseph Ryan . Six of the delegation 's members were based in Guyana and departed from their nation on 2 August 2008 for Beijing .

## = = Athletics = =

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

#### = = = = Men 's 200 meters = = = =

Adam Harris , who was 21 at the time of the Beijing Olympics , was the sole male track athlete participating on Guyana 's behalf in 2008 . Born in the Chicago area , Harris previously participated as an athlete at the University of Michigan . In Beijing , Adam Harris participated in the men 's 200 meters dash , marking the first time he ever participated in any Olympic event . Harris participated in the first heat during the 17 August qualification round of his event , and finished the race in sixth place at 21 @.@ 36 seconds . Harris placed ahead of Jordan 's Khalil Al Hanahneh ( 21 @.@ 55 seconds ) and behind Botswana 's Fanuel Kenosi ( 21 @.@ 09 seconds ) . The leaders of Harris ' heat included the United States ' Shawn Crawford ( 20 @.@ 61 seconds ) and Poland 's Marcin Jedrusinski ( 20 @.@ 64 seconds ) . Out of the 62 finishing athletes , Harris ranked 50th . He did not advance to later rounds .

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