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= = Shooting = =

Team GB had a total of five competitors for the shooting disciplines at the 2008 Olympics , with four entered in the shotgun events and one in the rifle events .

Men

Women

= = Swimming = =

Thirty @-@ seven athletes represented Team GB in the swimming events . Selection followed the 2008 British Olympic Swimming Trials in Sheffield in April , with open water event swimmers selected after performance in the 2008 World Open Water Swimming Championships , in Seville , Spain . In winning six medals (two gold , two silver and two bronze) the team bettered the target of three medals set by UK Sport . The most successful swimmer was Rebecca Adlington who won two gold medals . Her 400 m freestyle success was Britain 's first Olympic swimming title since 1988 , and the first swimming gold by a British woman since 1960 . Her second gold , in the 800 m freestyle , meant she also equalled the best performance by a British woman , from any sport , at the summer Olympics and was the best swimming performance by a Briton at the Olympics for 100 years .

Men

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= = Synchronised swimming = =

Team GB was represented by two athletes in synchronised swimming , competing in the duet event .

= = Taekwondo = =

Team GB entered three athletes into the taekwondo competition in Beijing . Sarah Stevenson won Team GB 's first ever medal in Olympic taekwondo ? a bronze in the women 's + 67 kg .

* After a successful appeal by the British , judges reversed the result of the match , granting Sarah Stevenson two points for a final round kick to her opponent 's head which the judges had previously missed . The reversal of the decision , after video footage was considered , is thought to be a first for the sport . Another British hopeful , Aaron Cook , was also unhappy with the judges after losing out on bronze in the men 's -80 kg .

= = Tennis = =

The Murray brothers were the sole tennis players on Team GB . Andy Murray qualified due to his world ranking and Jamie Murray was nominated for the doubles by the International Tennis Federation , the governing body of world tennis .

= = Triathlon = =

A total of five competitors were selected by Team GB for the triathlon events in Beijing , with three

in the men 's event and two in the women 's . Four qualified through the Olympic Qualification rankings of the International Triathlon Union , the body responsible for organizing official world championship series races , while Helen Tucker qualified by winning the 2008 World Championships .

= = Weightlifting = =

The only British weightlifter to qualify for the games was Michaela Breeze who competed in her second Olympic Games . She battled through a back injury to finish 15th out of 20 competitors in her event .

= = Sports not contested in Beijing = =

British representatives participated in the qualifying tournaments of a number of other Olympic sports in the lead up to the 2008 games , only for events outside of the athletes ' control to prevent their further participation in the games .

= = = Baseball = = =

The GB baseball team finished 2nd in the 2007 European Baseball Championship behind the Netherlands , guaranteeing them a place at the Olympic qualifying tournament in Taiwan . However , a lack of funding forced the team to withdraw , with their place being taken by Germany .

= = = Football = = =

The award of the 2012 Summer Olympics to London has brought the question of British participation in the football tournaments to the fore , given that there is traditionally no single British national football team . The British Olympic Association initially refused to rule out the possibility of entry for 2008 , but were unable to come to an agreement with the Scottish Football Association . The 2007 European Under @-@ 21 Championship , which served as the European qualifying tournament for the men 's competition , saw the England U @-@ 21 team reach the semifinals , which would have meant a place at the Olympics . Because at the Olympics the team is representative of the entire UK , England were thus prevented from taking this place , with instead a play @-@ off taking place between Portugal and Italy . A similar situation occurred with the England Women 's team who , by virtue of being one of the top three European sides at the 2007 World Cup , would have been granted a place at the Olympics . Instead , there was a play @-@ off between Denmark and Sweden .

= = Media coverage = =

The main rights to Olympic coverage in the United Kingdom are held by the BBC , under the Ofcom Code on Sports and Other Listed and Designated Events . An extensive range of broadcasting options was used to provide over 2 @,@ 500 hours of coverage .

For the first time , Olympic coverage was broadcast in high @-@ definition on BBC HD . Digital television viewers had access to up to six streamed channels covering the games on BBC Red Button , whilst the BBC 's website permitted British broadband users to view live streams from a variety of events . Live broadcasts ran overnight and throughout the day on BBC One and BBC Two , starting at 0200 daily ; a highlights programme , Games Today , was broadcast on BBC One following the close of each day 's events .

The opening and closing ceremonies were anchored by Sue Barker and Huw Edwards , whilst general coverage was anchored (at various times of the day) by Adrian Chiles , Clare Balding , Gabby Logan , Jake Humphrey , Sue Barker , Hazel Irvine and John Inverdale . Former Olympic contenders ? including gold medallists Michael Johnson , Shirley Robertson , Adrian Moorhouse ,

Steve Redgrave , Jonathan Edwards and Chris Boardman ? provided analysis .

Eurosport also broadcast coverage of the Games viewable in the United Kingdom . In accordance with the ITC Code , it can show live events , provided that such events can also be broadcast by the BBC (although the BBC can choose not to do so) .

Radio coverage was provided by BBC Radio 5 Live , and BBC Radio 5 Live Sports Extra on digital radio .