

= Grenada at the 2008 Summer Olympics =

Grenada competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics , held in Beijing , People 's Republic of China from 8 to 24 August 2008 . The country was represented by eight track and field athletes and one boxer ; of the eight track and field competitors , five were women , and three were men . Although there were no medalists , runners Allison George and Neisha Bernard @-@ Thomas progressed past the qualification rounds , and participated on behalf of Grenada in the quarterfinals of their events . Grenada 's Beijing delegation held the largest number of athletes yet sent from Grenada , encompassing nine athletes , and marked the seventh consecutive appearance of Grenada at the Summer Olympics .

Despite controversy surrounding Chinese activities in Tibet , Grenada continued to support the upholding of the Chinese Olympic Games . As thanks , the People 's Republic of China constructed a new cricket stadium on the island , among other activities .

= = Background = =

Grenada 's debut was at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles , where it entered six athletes (five men and one woman) across two sports ; since its 1984 Los Angeles Olympics appearance and up to the 2008 Beijing appearance , Grenada sent athletes to seven consecutive Olympic games . Its appearance in Beijing marked its largest appearance yet , with nine Olympic participants ; additionally , more women participated in the Beijing Olympics on behalf of Grenada than any previous year , with five female athletes . This accounts for slightly less than half of all women who have participated in the Olympics between the 2008 Games and the Grenadan debut . Although the majority of athletes competing on Grenada 's behalf participated in track and field (athletics) events , Rolande Moses participated as a boxer in the welterweight category . Although Neisha Bernard @-@ Thomas and Allison George progressed to the semifinals in their respective events , further than the seven other athletes , no Grenadans medaled during the 2008 Summer Olympics .

= = Athletics = =

= = = Women 's 100 m = = =

Sherry Fletcher was the only Grenadan participant in the 2008 Olympic women 's 100m sprint event . She participated in the second heat of the 15 August qualification match against seven other competitors , including American finalist Lauryn Williams . Fletcher ran her event in 11 @.@ 65 seconds , ranking fifth place . She completed the event 0 @.@ 28 seconds slower than French runner Christine Arron , who ranked first in the heat . Overall , Fletcher ranked 40th out of the 85 athletes who ranked in the qualification round , tying with British runner Laura Turner and Vietnamese runner Thi Huong Vu . Damola Osayomi of Nigeria , who ranked first in the qualification round , was 0 @.@ 52 seconds faster than Fletcher , who did not advance to further rounds .

= = = Women 's 200 m = = =

Allison George competed for Grenada in the women 's 200 meter sprint on behalf of its delegation to the 2008 Beijing Olympics . She was placed in the sixth heat of six during the 18 August qualification round . George completed the event in 23 @.@ 45 seconds , ranking sixth in her heat . Semifinalist Natalia Pygda of the Ukraine ranked first in the heat , finishing 0 @.@ 54 seconds ahead of George . Out of the 46 athletes who ranked during the qualification round , Allison George ranked 30th place . She qualified for semifinals .

George was placed in heat four of four during the 19 August semifinals round . She completed the event in 23 @.@ 77 seconds , ranking eighth of eighth in her heat , 1 @.@ 17 seconds behind finalist Sherone Simpson of Jamaica , who lead the heat . Overall , George ranked last of 31 ranking

athletes during the semifinal round , tying with Eleni Artymata of Cyprus . George did not advance to finals .

== Men 's 400 m ==

Grenada sent two athletes , Alleyne Francique and Joel Phillip , as part of their delegation to represent it in the Men 's 400m sprint . Francique participated in the fifth heat during the 17 August qualification round , ranking sixth of eight athletes . Francique earned a time of 46 @. @ 15 seconds , which was 1 @. @ 19 seconds slower than American runner Lashawn Merritt , the first @-@ place runner in the heat , who would later earn gold in the event . Overall , Francique ranked 35th of 55 athletes . He did not progress to quarterfinals .

Meanwhile , Joel Phillip was placed in the sixth heat during the 17 August qualification race . Phillip also ranked sixth out of eight athletes in his heat , scoring a time of 46 @. @ 30 seconds , which was 1 @. @ 36 seconds behind heat leader Andrew Steele of the United Kingdom . Overall during the qualification match , Phillip ranked 39th of 55 athletes . He did not progress to quarterfinals .

== Women 's 400 m ==

Trish Bartholomew represented Grenada in the women 's 400 meter run . During the 16 August qualification round , Bartholomew participated in the sixth of seven heats . She completed her event in 52 @. @ 88 seconds , taking fifth place out of eight athletes . Bartholomew was one millisecond behind Kineke Alexander of St. Vincent and the Grenadines , who ranked fourth ; and was 1 @. @ 36 seconds behind Jamaica 's Novelene Williams , who took first in the heat . Bartholomew tied with India 's Mandeep Kaur for 33rd place out of 50 athletes . She did not advance to semifinals .

== Men 's triple jump ==

Randy Lewis was the only athlete who represented Grenada in the men 's triple jump event of track and field during the 2008 Olympics . Lewis was placed in the second heat of two during the 17 August qualification round . During the round , Lewis completed his event with a final distance of 17 @. @ 06 meters , ranking fifth in a heat of 18 competitors . Lewis was 0 @. @ 24 meters short of Chinese triple jumper Li Yanxi , who ranked first in the heat and later ranked tenth in finals . Overall , Lewis ranked 15th out of 37 competitors in the qualification round , and did not proceed to finals .

== Women 's 800 m ==

Neisha Bernard @-@ Thomas represented Grenada in the women 's 800 meter event during the Beijing Olympics . Placed in heat four of the 14 August qualification round , Bernard @-@ Thomas ranked fifth place out of six with a time of 2 : 00 @. @ 09 . She was within a second of British runner Marilyn Okoro , Slovakian Lucia Klocova , and Australian Tamsyn Lewis , who respectively ranked second , third , and fourth place in the event . Finalist Maria Mutola of Mozambique , who ranked first in the heat , was 1 @. @ 18 seconds faster than Bernard @-@ Thomas . Overall , Bernard @-@ Thomas ranked 7th out of 40 qualifying runners .

Progressing to the semifinal round , Bernard @-@ Thomas was placed in the third heat of three on 16 August . She completed the run in 2 : 01 @. @ 84 , ranking last in her heat and falling 4 @. @ 56 seconds behind heat leader Janeth Jepkosgei Busienei of Kenya . Overall , Neisha Bernard @-@ Thomas ranked 21st out of 23 semifinalist runners , and did not advance to the final round .

== Women 's long jump ==

Patricia Sylvester represented Grenada in the women 's long jump event during the 2008 Summer Olympics . Placed in the first of two heats during the 18 August qualification round , Sylvester jumped a distance of 6 @. @ 44 meters . This placed her at 11th of 19 ranking athletes in her heat .

Sylvester 's performance was 0 @.@ 35 meters shorter than Maurren Higa Maggi of Brazil , who ranked first in the heat . Of 38 athletes , Patricia Sylvester tied the time of Viorica Tigau of Romania , ranking 21st . She did not advance to semifinals .

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