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**Places where past games have been held:**

Montreal	1976	Atlanta	1996
Moscow	1980	Sydney	2000
Los Angeles	1984	Athens	2004
Seoul	1988	Beijing	2008
Barcelona	1992	London	2012

**The Summer Olympic Games**

The Summer Olympics are held every four years.

They are held in different cities around the world.





Athletes walk in a parade at the start of the Games.

**Athletes** at the Games **compete** to win medals for their countries.

They participate in hundreds of **events**.

Let's look at some events.





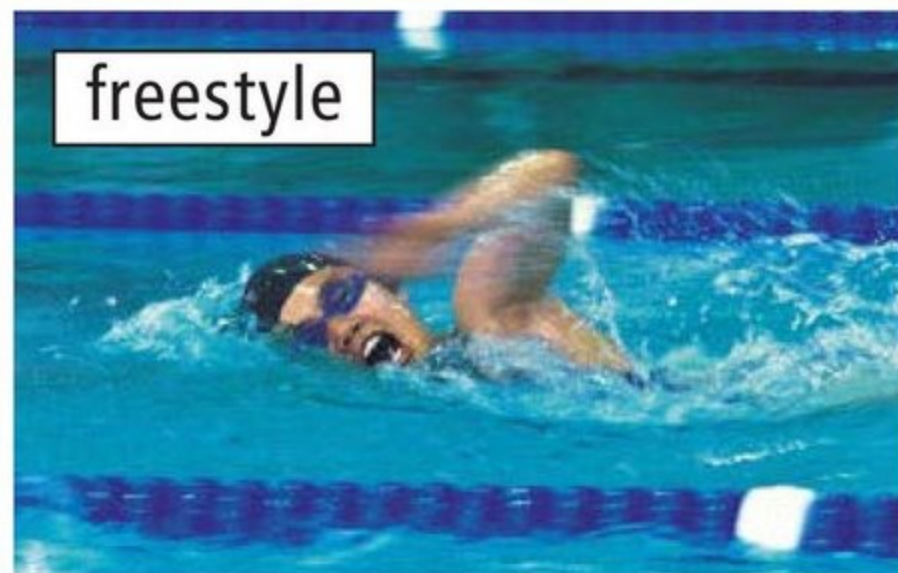
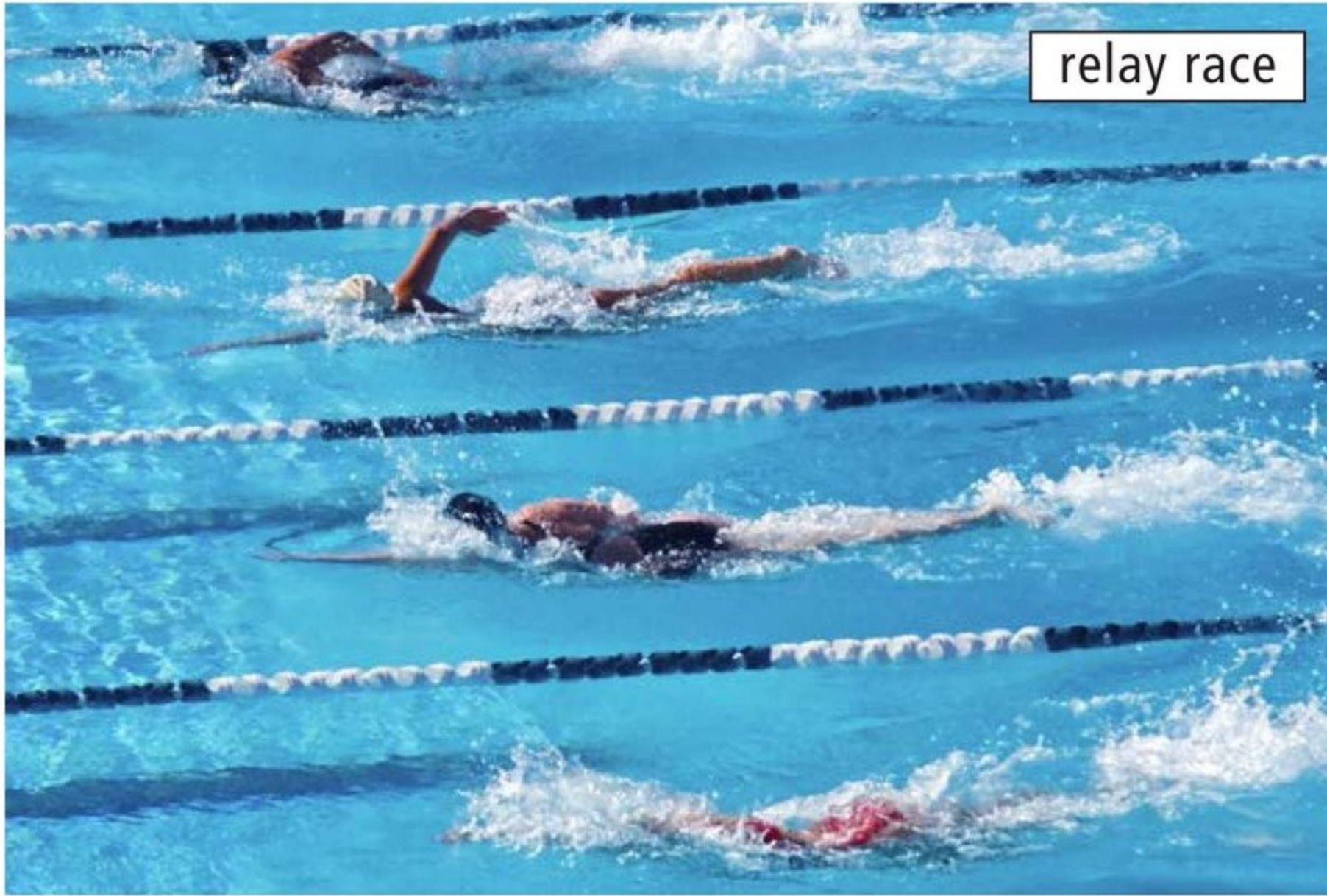
## Water Sports

One water sport is swimming.

Some swimming races are short,  
and swimmers swim only two  
lengths of the pool.

Other races are longer.





Some swimming races use only one kind of **stroke**.

In one race, swimmers can choose the type of stroke they want to use.





Divers twist and flip before hitting the water.

Diving is another water sport. In diving events, divers jump from high above the water. They twist, flip and turn while in the air. They get points for how well they dive.





Many Olympic events take place on the track and field.

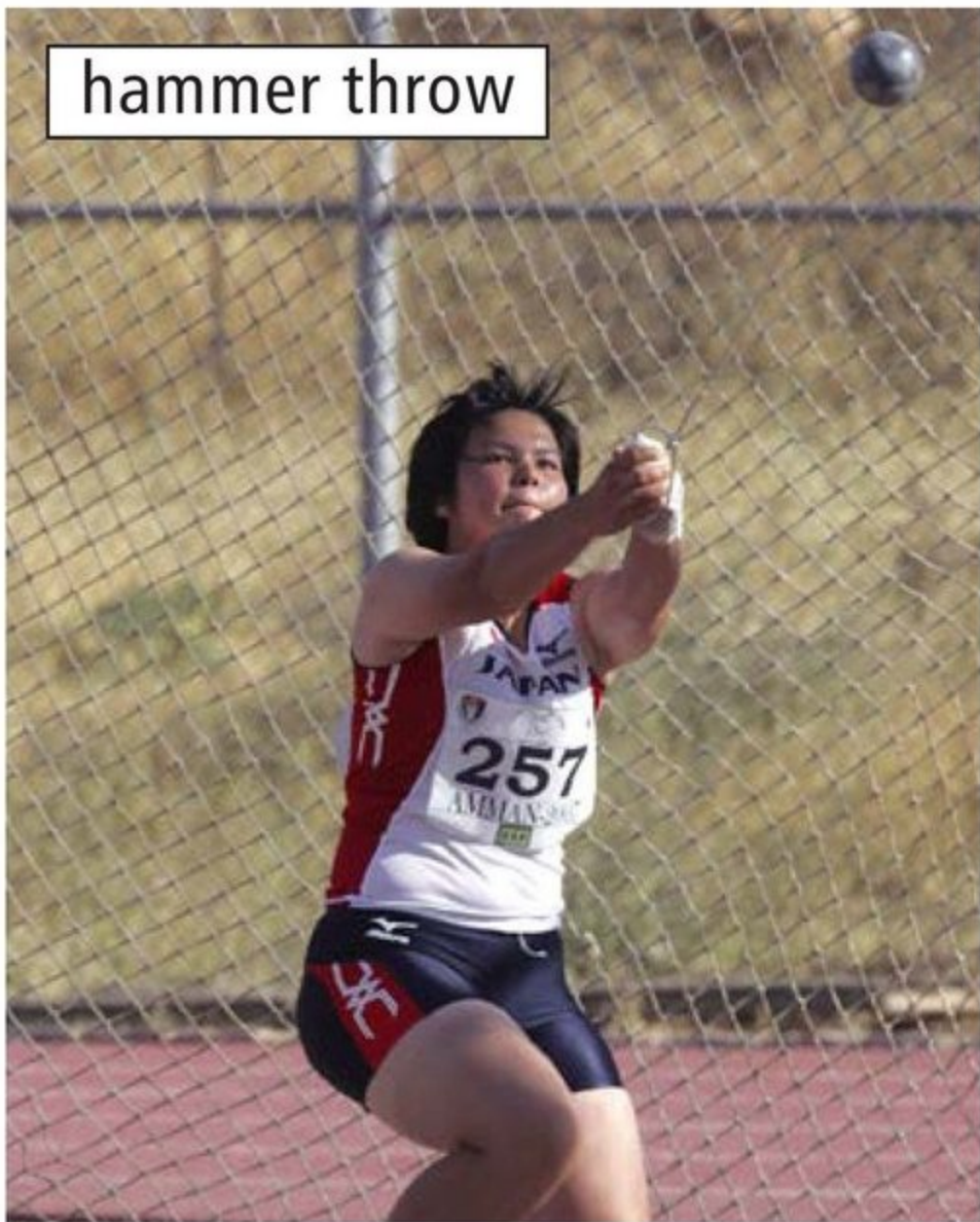
## Track and Field

Track and field events include running, throwing, and jumping competitions.

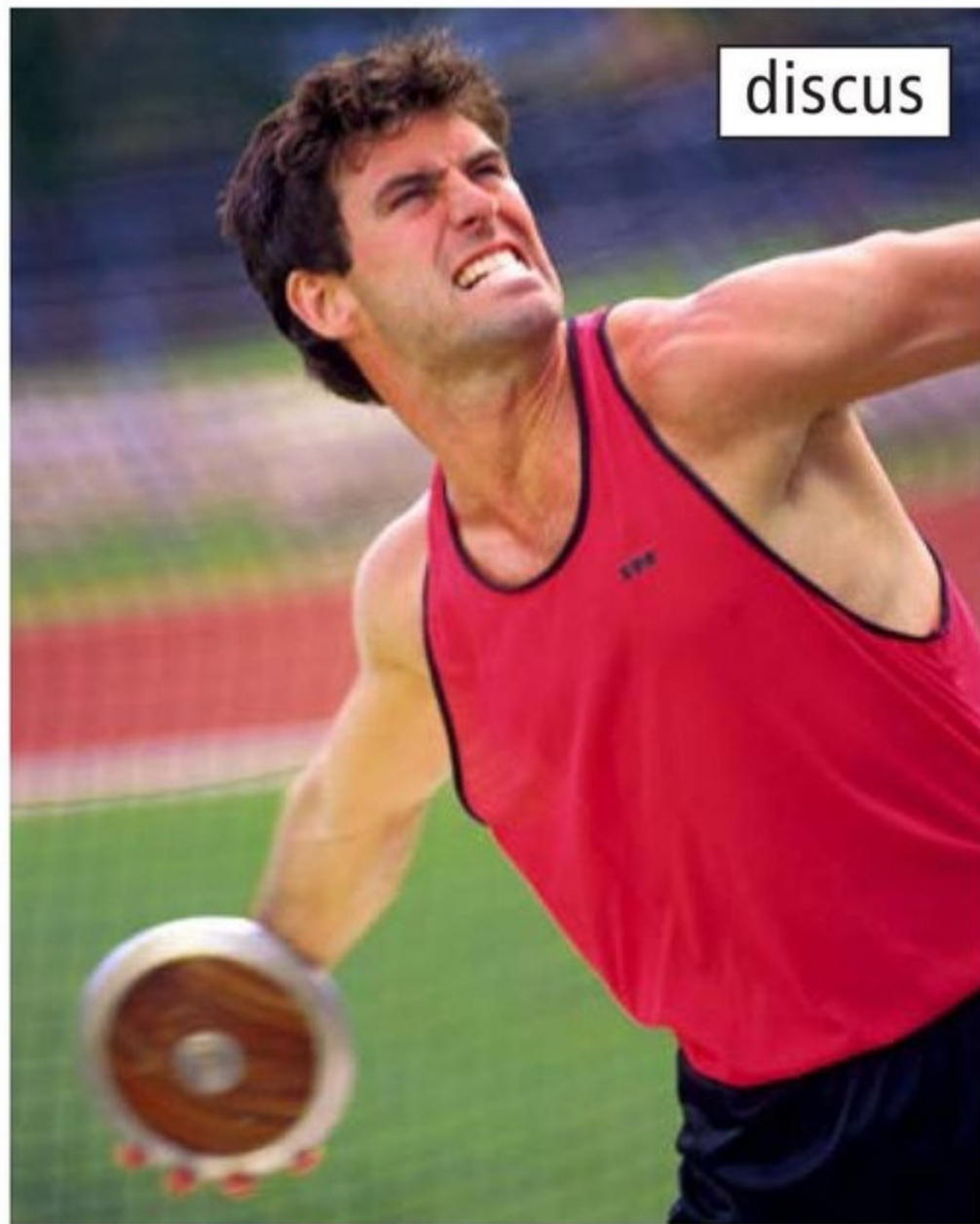
The **marathon** is the longest running event.

The shortest races are called **dashes**.





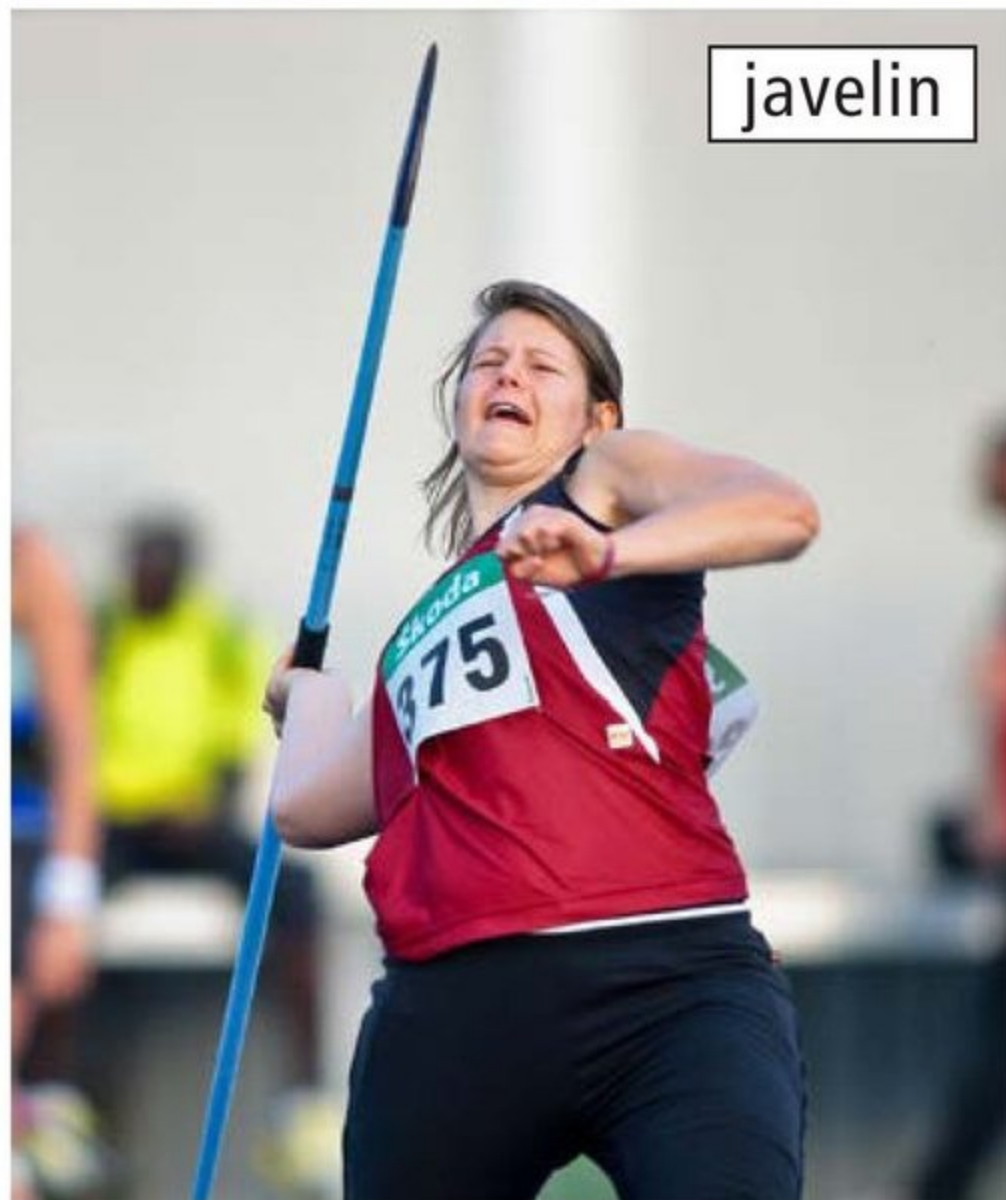
hammer throw



discus



shot put



javelin

In throwing events, athletes throw objects as far as they can. People competing in these events must be very strong.





In jumping events,  
athletes jump high or far.

In the high jump, athletes leap over  
a bar.

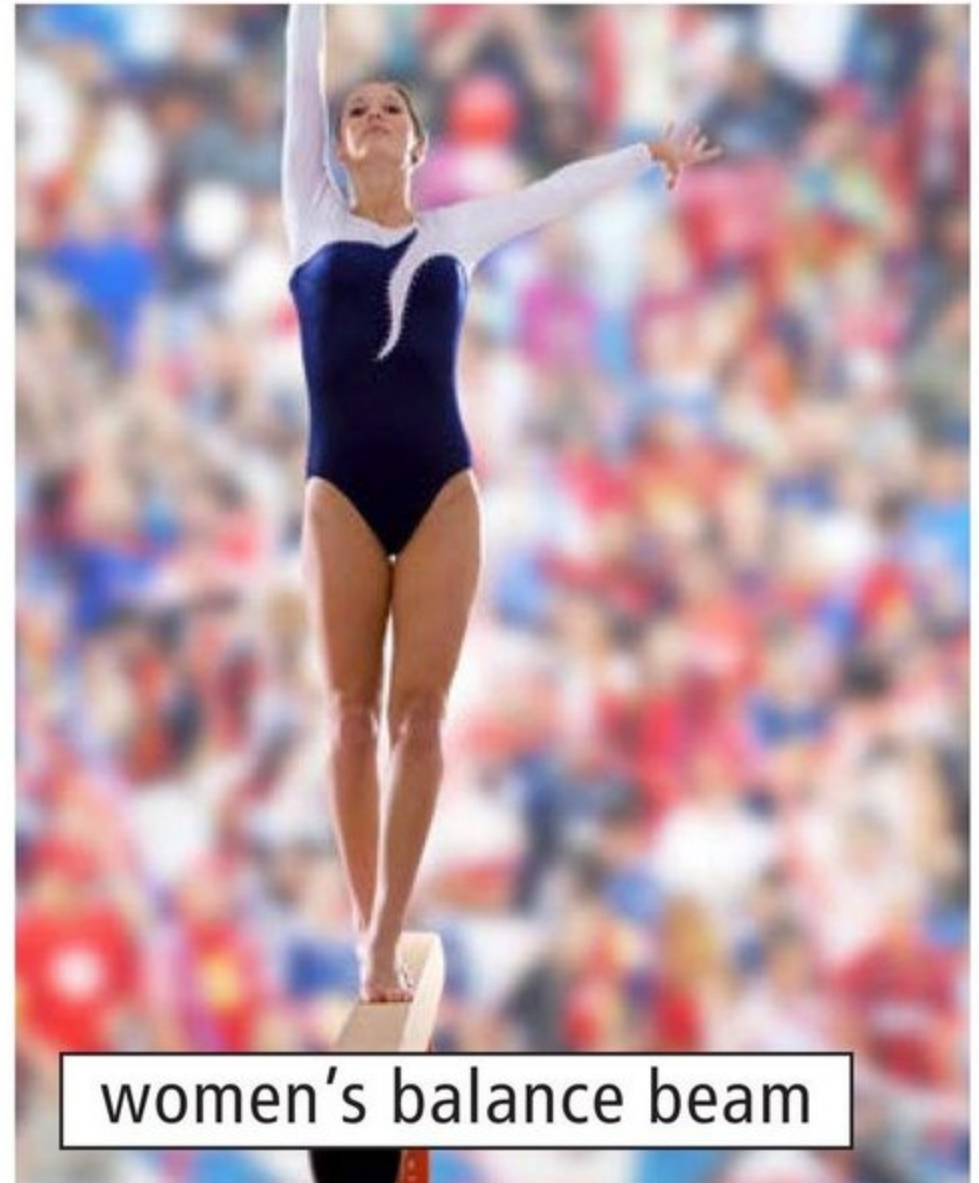
The bar is raised higher and higher  
until only one person can jump it.

In the long jump, athletes leap as  
far as they can.





men's rings



women's balance beam



women's uneven bars



men's pommel horse

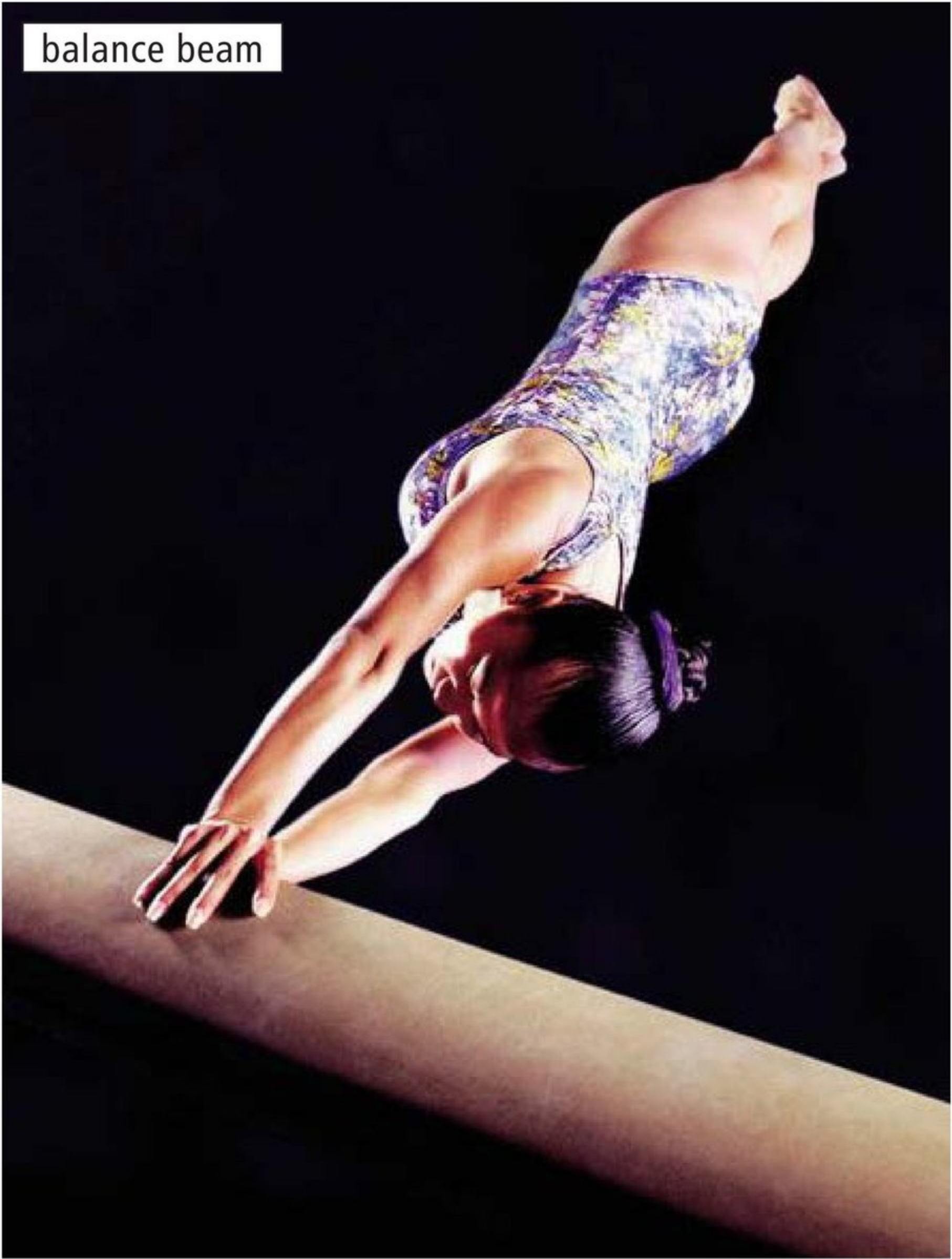
## Gymnastics

Gymnasts leap, flip, and twirl through the air.

They need strength, skill, and perfect timing.



balance beam



Only women compete in the balance beam event.

They must balance on the beam while they turn and flip.





A gymnast's arms and shoulders need to be strong to do the rings.

Only men compete in the rings event.

They hold onto the rings and flip their bodies in circles.



## Summer Olympic Sports in 2012

Archery	Rowing
Badminton	Sailing
Basketball	Shooting
Boxing	Table Tennis
Canoe/Kayak	Taekwondo
Cycling	Tennis
Equestrian	Track and Field
Fencing	Trampoline
Field Hockey	Triathlon
Football	Volleyball
Gymnastics	Water sports
Handball	Weightlifting
Judo	Wrestling
Modern Pentathlon	

### Event Categories

The Summer Olympics include 27 sports with hundreds of events.

Which events do you like?



## **Glossary**

<b>athletes</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	people who play sports (p. 5)
<b>compete</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	to do something for the purpose of winning (p. 5)
<b>dashes</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	short running events (p. 9)
<b>events</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	important happenings (p. 5)
<b>gymnasts</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	people who leap, flip, and twirl through the air (p. 12)
<b>marathon</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a very long running race (p. 9)
<b>stroke</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a series of repeated movements (p. 7)

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